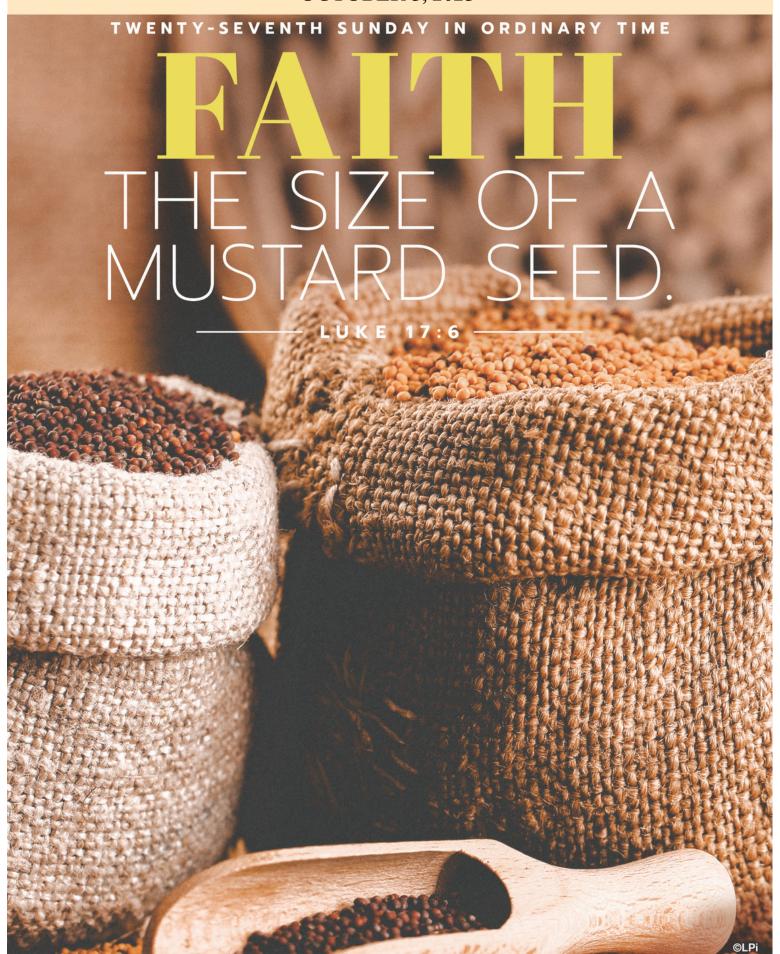
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SATURDAY LITURGY

Vigil: 5:00 PM

**SUNDAY LITURGY** 

7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 AM Livestream 9:30 AM mass

**DAILY LITURGY** 

Weekdays 7:00 AM Saturday 8:00 AM

**HOLY DAY LITURGY** 

See page 9 of the bulletin

**CHAPEL HOURS:** 

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 8:00 AM-3:00 PM

Wednesdays

8:00 AM-4:00 PM

Saturday

9:00 AM-3:00 PM

**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION** 

Wednesdays

1:00-4:00 PM in the Chapel

#### SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

**Sacrament of Penance**...Saturday 3:30 PM-4:30 PM

**Baptisms...**First time parents at St. Michael must attend a Baptism Prep session before the baptism date can be scheduled. Please call Janice at ext. 8241 to schedule the prep session and/or baptism date.

Marriage....The bride, groom or their parents/grandparents must be active registered members of the parish for at least one year prior to reserving a date for the wedding. The diocese requires that arrangements must be made at least six months in advance of the wedding date in order for the proper personal, spiritual and liturgical preparations of the couple to be completed.

Sacrament of the Sick...Please call the office until 4:00 PM. After 4:00 PM, please call 322-6623 Monday-Friday and anytime on the weekend. Names of the sick are placed in the bulletin for a period of four weeks after which time they are either removed or placed in the Book of Intentions in the Chapel.

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If you are interested in participating in any of these ministries, please visit the website for Ministry Coordinator information.

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Deacon Gary Wolfe......Permanent Deacon

October 5th, 2025

#### From the Pastor's Desk

**Politeness Does Not Equal Respect.** The propriety of polite behavior can many times mask disrespect. That is why someone can smile to your face and be all sweet and stab you behind your back. Politeness without respect is less than honest.

It is far better to seek respect from others rather than just polite behavior. God is most interested in our respect, that is, or recognition that He is God and there is no other. Respect means you can be frank and honest. Husbands and wives know that their marriages will not last if they are merely polite to each other. They have to show respect for each other. When something creates tension and frustration, they have to speak about it and how it is affecting them. To be polite and say nothing is to demonstrate a lack of respect for the other, even a lack of trust that ones partner would not be willing to listen and offer understanding.



The same holds true for our relationship with God. He does not take delight in polite Christians. God is there to listen and to comfort. Being angry at what you or I perceive as God's inactivity on our behalf is just fine. How will we ever understand our place in God's larger plan unless we ask why? The answer might not be as concise or simple as we would like, but we are reminded that God is in charge in the end. Be ready, though, for honesty on your part too. God doesn't decided to pick on this person or that person. We often, either directly or indirectly, use our free will to pursue our own agenda and not God's. This has its consequences, consequences; we create both individually and collectively as a society. At times, too, our present suffering can be the best path to enter into a deeper trust of God's plan for us.

Praying to God and being honest with God about our anger, our fear, or confusion is what builds a strong relationship with Him. Such a relationship, like any healthy human relationship, challenges us to grow far beyond what we might think is possible. This is why politeness with God is really not respecting God, it actually places God on the sideline of your life.

#### Pastoral Planning-St Michael Church Parishioners

Join together on October 8th at 6:30 PM in the Social Hall for information regarding "Our Pastoral Planning"

Pastoral planning is a prayerful strategic process by which our parish or group of parishes take inventory of the current human and financial resources of the community and realign them to meet the current sacramental and pastoral needs. For more information, please call the office at 219-322-4505.

Together we must embrace Christ's vision for missionary discipleship so our parishes can thrive and be a place for others to grow together in faith.

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### Spirituality and Worship

## Ministry Outreach

#### Meet Rowan!



Rowan Banas Altar Server

Rowan Banas, an 8th grader at St. Michael School, enjoys fishing, hanging out with friends, and serving at Mass. He first noticed how altar servers could help the priest during Mass and thought it looked like something he could try.

At first, Rowan was a little nervous—he worried he might mess something up. But after some clear instructions and practice, he quickly realized it wasn't as hard as he thought. With each Mass he served, his confidence grew.

Rowan admits one unexpected perk of altar serving at funerals—the luncheons afterward!

Still, beyond the good food, he has found real joy in being part of the Mass and helping the parish community.

For Rowan, serving at Mass fits easily into his schedule—he's already there, so why not help? He encourages other students to give it a try, because serving is not only fun but also a great way to learn more about the church and grow in faith.

#### LIFE IS PRECIOUS: HANDLE WITH PRAYER



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# LIVING ROSARY

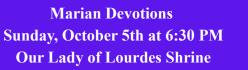
Join us for a Living Rosary and Eucharistic Adoration with Benediction on October 6 at 7:00 PM in honor of Our Lady of the Rosary Feast Day and Respect Life Month. We need 60 volunteers to serve as "Living Beads". Volunteers will stand with a candle lit, no solo

We need 60 volunteers to serve as "Living Beads". Volunteers will stand with a candle lit, no solo prayers are required. Please arrive by 6:30 PM if you wish to participate. All are welcome!

#### **Eucharistic Adoration**

The best kind of friend is one you can simply be with in silence, enjoying the moment together. That's the kind of quiet, deep connection you share with Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration.

Come and Spend Time with the Lord—Wednesdays, 1:00 - 4:00 PM in the Chapel



Blessed Mother Mary, thank you for your love and intercession.



#### **For Those Who Have Died**

Joan Gillespie John Boyle Mary Lavecchia

Life has changed, not ended.

#### Learn More about Labors of Love

We come together to knit, crochet, and craft for those in need. Bring your own project and work at your own pace while connecting with others who share your passion for giving back. All skill levels are welcome! The next meeting is October 7 in St. Patrick Hall at 10 AM. Hope to see you then!



#### RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY - ROSE SALE

Respect Life Sunday is this weekend. In honor of the day, the Respect Life Ministry will be selling roses after all Masses the weekend of October 4 and October 5. Please make a donation. The roses are \$1 each or a dozen for \$10. Proceeds help to support Lake County Right to Life and the Women's Care Center.

Cursillo Retreat - Mass, Spiritual Direction, and group discussions. Open to Catholics 18+.

Men's Weekend: Oct. 23–26

Location: Camp Lawrence, Valparaiso Contact: Carol Slager, 219-765-8600

Already attended? Join Ultreya every 2nd Tuesday at Holy Spirit Parish.

#### **Education and Formation**





St. Michael School is hosting a Trunk or Treat event on October 18 from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM in the school parking lot. This free event is open to the public and features candy, costumes, music, contests, and family-friendly fun. Interested in decorating a trunk? Sign up using the QR code on the flyer. Please note that costumes and decorated trunks must reflect Christian values—no weapons, satanic, or overly graphic costumes/themes. Come enjoy a festive and safe celebration for all ages!

### The Essentials of Catholic Liturgy

A Foundational Course for Pastoral, Liturgical, and Music Ministers

The Essentials of Catholic Liturgy is a foundational course exploring the Mass, the liturgical calendar, sacramental celebrations, and devotions of the Church. If you missed last week's meeting join us on October 8 at 6:30 PM in the St. Amand Room for our 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. We will continue to have open group discussions about liturgy led by Danette Lashbrook.



Collect your receipts from Strack & Van Til and submit them to St. Michael School. Ask your family and friends to save their receipts as well so that your school can maximize the points that they earn. Every dollar spent earns a point towards earning educational equipment. Receipts need to be dated from September 1, 2025, through Students March 31, 2026. Receipts are due by April 8, 2026. Please drop your receipts off at the school, parish office, or the collection towers.

# ST. MICHAEL PARISH FEAST DAY

















St. Michael Parish Tasting Event

Sunday, November 9, 2025

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Wednesday, October 15, 2025

6:15 - 8:30 PM in St. Patrick Hall

Presentation by Father Marty Dobrzynski

"Liturgical Vestments" starting at 7:00 PM

**Registration Preferred** 

Registration after all masses Oct. 5 & 12 Or call 219-322-4505, ext. 8241 to register

Wine, Water and Pop will be available Please bring own snacks as desired

## All High School Teens are invited to be a part of Radiate! Experience Jesus!

<u>Upcoming Calendar</u>:

October 5: PRAYER NIGHT Part II &

DIY Rosary (6-8 PM, Meet in St Patrick Hall)

October 19: HAYRIDE & BONFIRE NIGHT! (6-8 PM, Meet at

Oak Ridge Prairie: 301 S Colfax St, Griffith, IN)

Questions about Radiate? Please feel free to contact Mrs. Jeannine Quigley 219-775-5356 or Mrs. Marisa Richardson 219-730-4735

Please join the
Senior Gems on
October 14th at
10 AM in the SE
meeting room for our
next meet to plan for
our fall activities.
Come join the fun.





#### Join us for Chair Yoga!

October 10 at 8:00 AM St. Patrick Hall. Please call Ursula at 219-741-3276 to register.



# YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

For the next St. Michael Young Adults
Group event, we will be taking part in the
"Life Chain" that Lake County Right to Life
is hosting on October 5. The life chain
consists of hundreds of pro-life activists who
stand peacefully along Ridge Road from
Munster to Lansing. Right to Life will
provide us with non-confrontational, pro-life
signs to hold as we pray for an end to
abortion.

#### WE WILL:

- -Meet at St. Mike's at 1 PM
- -Carpool to Wicker Park in Highland
- -Get signs from Lake County Right to Life
- -Get to our spot on Ridge Road
- -Pray for an hour (2-3 PM)
- -Afterwards, walk around Wicker Park and play sand volleyball!
- -Bring snacks if you want!

## **Wheelchair Ramp Ministry**





Members of the St. Michael's Wheelchair Ramp Ministry finished its 98th installation that included both a ramp, and a wheelchair elevator. Members included Deacon Tom Kubik of Holy Name of Jesus, Bill Marvel of St. John the Evangelist, and Jim Koeling of St. Michael. This installation was a referral from Catholic Charities for Raymond Miles. Raymond's sister has been the liaison for her brother, so that he could return home. If you would like to participate in this ministry in any way please contact St Michael's Parish Office at219-322-4505. If you know of anyone who may benefit from our services please have them contact Catholic Charities at outreach@catholic-charities.org or call 219-886-3549 and ask for Daniela Ocanas.

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### **OCTOBERFEST**

October 26, 2025 11:30 AM - 2:30 PM

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#### **FILIPINO MASS**

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs (North Campus)

(Formerly St. Andrew's)
801 West 73rd Ave, Merrillville, IN, 46410, United States
October 12, 2025
Sunday, 5:00PM

Rev. Fr. DANTE QUIDAYAN, RCJ Celebrant

For more details,
please get in touch with the
FILIPINO MINISTRY ADVISORYTEAM
at 2197712068
he Filipino mass will be held every 2™ Sunday of
the month except in December 2025.



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Total Weekly Offering \$18,523.68 Thank you for your generosity!

# Stewardship Weekly Schedule

GS-Gathering Space

SPH-St. Patrick Hall

#### **SUNDAY OCTOBER 5**

Wine Event Ticket Sales, 7:30 AM-1:00 PM, GS Respect Life Rose Sale, 7:30 AM-1:00 PM, GS OCIA, 9:30 AM-12:00 PM, SE and SW Rooms Vietnamese Confessions, 5:00-5:45 PM, Church Vietnamese Mass, 6:00 PM, Church Radiate, 6:00-8:00 PM, St. Amand Room Marian Devotions, 6:30 PM, Cemetery Vietnamese Reception After Mass, SPH

The Rosary is said after 7:00 AM weekday Mass except Tuesday-after OLPH Devotions

#### **MONDAY OCTOBER 6**

Centering Prayer 6:00 PM, SW Room Liturgy Committee, 6:00 PM, SE Room Living Rosary, 7:00 PM, Church

#### **TUESDAY OCTOBER 7**

Bereavement Sessions 1:30 PM, SW Room Faith Formation, 6:00-7:30 PM, SMS Catholic Bible Study 7:00-8:30 PM, SPH Good Samaritans Meeting, 6:30 PM, SE Room

#### WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 8

Eucharistic Adoration, 1:00-4:00 PM, Chapel Parish Wide Pastoral Planning, 6:00 PM, SPH Faith Formation, 6:00-7:30 PM, Gym Children's Choir Practice, 5:00-5:55 PM, Library Basics of Liturgy Webinar, 6:30 PM, St. Amand Room

#### THURSDAY OCTOBER 9

Music Ministry Practice, 7:00 PM, Church Unbound Training, 7:30 PM, St. Amand Room

#### FRIDAY OCTOBER 10

Chair Yoga 8:00 AM, St. Amand Room

#### **SATURDAY OCTOBER 11**

Confessions, 3:30-4:30 PM, Chapel Wine Event Ticket Sales, 4:30-6:30 PM, GS

#### **SUNDAY OCTOBER 12**

Wine Event Ticket Sales, 7:30 AM-1:00 PM, GS FF Sunday Class, 9:30-11:00 AM, Gym OCIA, 9:30 AM- 12:00 PM, SE and SW Rooms







SATURDAY	OCTOBER 4	THURSDAY	OCTOBER 9
5:00 PM	<b>★</b> Kyle Arnold	7:00 AM	<b>+</b> William "Billy" Frantz
SUNDAY	OCTOBER 5 27TH SUNDAY	FRIDAY	OCTOBER 10
	IN ORDINARY TIME	7:00 AM	Departed Souls in Congregation of
7:30 AM	St. Michael Parish		Mother of Carmel
			<b>+</b> Mary Marsh
9:30 AM	<b>∔</b> Arthur Janowski		<b>+</b> Paula Flores
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MONDAY	OCTOBER 6	5:00 PM	♣ Henry Sr. and Patricia Lyza
7:00 AM	<b>+</b> Philip and Beverly Mullaney		·
	1 3	SUNDAY	OCTOBER 12 28TH SUNDAY IN
TUESDAY	OCTOBER 7		ORDINARY TIME
7:00 AM	★ Kristin and John Finley	7:30 AM	<b>∔</b> Ann Ayersman
			<b>+</b> Domingo and Margarita Brasileno
WEDNESDAY	OCTOBER 8		
7:00 AM	+ Beverly Talluto	9:30 AM	St. Michael Parish
		11:30 AM	+ Mary Marsh

#### The Word

#### (Readings for October 12, 2025, Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

II. 2 Kings 5:14-17

II. 2 Timothy 2:8-13

III. Luke 17:11-19

Through the word of Elisha, the prophet, God cured Naaman the leper. Naaman's gratitude changed his life, and he refused to offer worship to any other god except the Lord.

Paul told Timothy that the resurrection of Christ makes preaching the gospel worthwhile: "If we have died with him we shall also live with him: if we persevere we shall also reign with him.".

Jesus cured ten people and one, a Samaritan, returned to give God thanks and praise. Jesus said to him, "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you."

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