

Welcome to St. Michael The Archangel Catholic Community
September 14th, 2025

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

THAT THE WORLD
MIGHT BE
SAVED.

— JOHN 3:17 —





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

9:00-3:00 PM

EUCCHARISTIC 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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From the Pastor's Desk

The Sign of the Cross. A distinctively Catholic gesture is the practice of signing ourselves with the sign of the Cross. You and I sign ourselves with Christ's cross when we ready ourselves to pray and when we bring our prayer to an end. We sign ourselves when we enter the church and when we leave. I remember having a holy water font at my bedroom door and my brothers and me signing ourselves before we sunk into sleep and before we left the room in the morning. All of these "signings" flow from the first sign of the Cross traced on our foreheads at the time of our baptism.

One cannot help but to notice that we sign ourselves with Christ's cross mostly when we are in a moment of transition. We mark our comings and goings, our beginnings and endings with the sign of our salvation, the Cross. Why do we need to remind ourselves of the power of the Cross at these (and other) transition times? Perhaps to give us courage to accept our cross as a share in Jesus' Cross. Maybe we do this to remind ourselves that Jesus watches over us especially in the uneasy time of transitions. Certainly, when we sign ourselves with Christ's Cross we call to mind that we belong to Christ and so all our actions must flow from the love of the Cross and return to the feet of our loving Lord on the Cross.

One thing is for certain, gestures speak louder than words. To sign ourselves with the Cross shouts out to others that we are not ashamed of the Cross. Early Christians had a hard time accepting the cross as something of which to be proud. They saw the cross as a terrible and insulting way to die and so were ashamed of its presence in the passion of Jesus. But St. Paul reminded them, and he reminds us, that it is God's choice to take what society sees as disgusting and make it into something of beauty. God has changed the instrument of death into the path to Life. The wood we venerate today and on Good Friday and indeed every time we sign ourselves with the Cross is our only way to the fullness of Life.

When adults who wish to be baptized begin their journey to the Font they are installed into the Order of Catechumens. During the Rite of Entrance into that Order they are signed with the cross in the most ancient fashion, not just on the forehead but on their whole body. Here is what is said to them (and to us, as a reminder) when this takes place.

Receive the Cross on your forehead.
Christ himself strengthens you with the sign of his love.
Receive the sign of the Cross on your ears,
that you may hear the voice of the Lord.
Receive the sign of the Cross on your eyes,
that you may see the glory of God.
Receive the sign of the Cross on your lips,
that you may respond to the word of God.
Receive the sign of the Cross on your chest,
that Christ may dwell in your heart by faith.
Receive the sign of the Cross on your shoulders,
that you may bear the gentle yoke of Christ.
Receive the sign of the Cross on your hands,
that Christ may be known in the work which you do.
Receive the sign of the Cross on your feet,
that you may walk in the way of Christ.

I encourage you to use these signs this week as a starting point for your daily prayer. Trace the Cross on your ears, eyes, lips, etc.. and as you do pray the words that accompany the gesture. This is also a prayerful activity to do with your children as well. Certainly, each one of these proclamations can provide good fodder for several minutes of thought and prayer.



Ministry Outreach

Meet Miranda!



Miranda Muñoz

Music Ministry
Cantor

Miranda has been a parishioner of St. Michael for over two years, but her journey in music ministry began much earlier. She first stepped up as a cantor in 4th grade, and from the start her love for singing in church was pure and genuine. For Miranda, singing was never about recognition or glory—it was always about offering back to God the gift He placed in her heart.

That gift has since grown into a calling. Miranda pursued her passion as a Classical Voice Performer, and now, in a beautiful unfolding of God's plan, she is returning that gift to others. This year, Miranda joins the staff at St. Michael School as the new Music Teacher, where she will help students discover their own voices and passions.

She understands that standing at the altar before others can feel intimidating, but her encouragement is simple: "Put your faith before your fear, and you will light up the room. Jesus loves a great song."

Miranda is grateful for the opportunity to serve, to inspire, and to lead others closer to God through music. Her journey is a reminder that when we share our gifts, God multiplies them in ways we never imagined.

Prayer Requests



LIFE IS PRECIOUS; HANDLE WITH PRAYER

Emelia Williams, **Theresa Nordyke**, Marisia Adams, **Mary Ann Adam**, Nicole Villanueva, Ruth Marie Sarros, **Timothy Benchek**, **Tim & Helen Hazard**, Marjorie Celik, Soledad S., **Geraldine Heintz**, **Karla Lesko**, Phyllis Leyba, **Angela Koutsis**, **Sherry Lazzaro**, **Joan Gillespie**, Gerry Scheub, Maria Weller, Jennifer Grish, **Michelle Lamb**, **Phil Przyblinski**, Jerry Palko, Kaitlyn Ryndak, Joan Hamnik, Rose Ilgin and all those in need of the healing touch of God. Please call 219-322-4505, ext. 8220 to place a loved one on the Prayer List. Please see page 2 for guidelines regarding requests. ***St. Michael's parishioners are in bold, italic print.***

Bereavement Sessions

Have You Lost a Loved One?

Join us on Thursday evenings starting Sept. 25th-Nov. 6th in the SW Meeting Room of St. Patrick Hall at 7:00-8:30 PM

At these sessions, you will be actively listened to and ***nonjudgmental support*** will be offered. As you grieve the loss of a loved one, trained ministers are present to assist you by giving you tools that will help you move forward in life. To register, please call Janice at 219-322-4505, ext. 8241.



**New Member registration
Sunday, September 21st after
7:30 AM and 9:30 AM masses
in Saint Patrick's Hall.**

Eucharistic Adoration

The best kind of friend is one you can simply be with in silence, enjoying the moment together. **Come and Spend Time with the Lord—Wednesdays, 1:00 - 4:00 PM in the Chapel**



For Those Who Have Died...



Sarah O'Brien
Kenneth Nitz
Michael Paul Wisniewski

Life has changed, not ended.

Catholic Bible Study Book of Revelation



Registration: Weekends of September 13, 14, 20, 21 after 5:00 pm, 7:30 and 9:30 am Masses and BEFORE 11:30 Mass. If you want to join us after September 21, you will have to secure your own book through Amazon. For more information, call Linda Hansen @ 219-682-7072 or Deacon Ron Pyle @ 219-742-8263

St. Michael Parish Ministry Fair and Feast Day

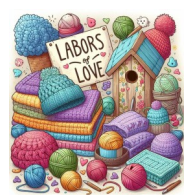
On **Sunday, September 28**, we joyfully celebrate the Solemnity of St. Michael the Archangel with a day full of prayer, fellowship, and community.

- Mass followed by donuts and conversation (visit the Ministry Fair)
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament throughout the afternoon
- Benediction and Evening Prayer at 4:00 PM
- Traditional Feast Day Dinner to close our celebration

A light dinner will be provided, and we warmly encourage everyone to bring a favorite dessert to share—a sweet way to end a beautiful day together. Join us as we honor our patron, rejoice in community, and sweeten the moment with faith and fellowship



The weekend of the 27/28 we will have all 32 of our ministries represented in St. Patrick's Hall after each mass, along with our donut Sunday. We hope everyone will take time to check out our wonderful ministries and consider signing up for one or a few of them. Each of us has unique talents that we can use to serve others! We will once again hold a drawing from all ministry card signups after the 11:30 am mass for a \$100 cash prize! (winner need not be present).



Labors of Love Meetings—Join us as we knit, crochet & craft items for those in need. Work at your own pace, on your own project. Connect with others while contributing to a cause you care about. All skill levels are welcome. Yarn etc. is graciously donated or purchased by the group through the kindness of product/monetary donations or grant funds.

Please join us on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month in St. Patrick Hall at 10am. In the event of a 5th Tuesday in the month the group enjoys a luncheon at a selected location (on your own).

Join us for Chair Yoga!
September 19 at 8:00 AM

St. Patrick Hall.
Please call
Ursula at
219-741-3276
to register.



Marion Devotions
Sunday, September 21 at 7:00 PM
Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine

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



Those 50+ Parishioner or Non-Parishioner

The next for meeting for Senior Gems is our quarterly Bingo game on September 23 at 10 AM in SPH. Please bring a wrapped white elephant gift for prizes!



Radiate Upcoming Calendar:
Sun, September 21:

DIVINE CONNECTION & PRAYER Night. Meet in St Patrick's Hall (6-8pm) Any questions about Radiate? Please feel free to contact Mrs. Jeannine Quigley 219-775-5356 or Mrs. Marisa Richardson 219-730-4735



Young Adults Group

On September 16th at 7 PM all young adults ages 18-35 are invited to the SW meeting room at St. Michael's to hear a life changing talk from Fr. Mike Schmitz about the Eucharist. We will play a video of one of the keynote talks he gave at the annual Seek Conference. Bring a friend and snacks! For more information and to be added to the Young Adults GroupMe, text or call AnnMarie Hemmerling at 219-798-3248.

Faith Formation News

Important Dates

Sept 14th: First Family Class/Parent Orientation in SMS gym, 9:30 -11 AM

Sept 16th/17th: Traditional Classes, 6 -7:30 PM in SMS Classroom

Register your child **now** for Faith Formation classes for grades 1-8.



125th Anniversary Celebration

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Looking Back!



St. Michael Feast
Day Fun Run
September 2016.

Recognize Anyone?



Friday, September 26th at Innsbrook Country Club

\$100 a Ticket - Dinner, Full Bar, Auction and Special Presentation! Buy Tickets Here!



St. Michael School's 125th Anniversary Celebration is underway!
Our planning committee is moving full steam ahead to create a joyful, faith-filled year of celebration – and we want YOU to be part of it!

Are you a St. Michael School alumnus?

We'd love to reconnect with you!

Share your contact info so we can keep you updated on all the exciting events and announcements.



Scan Here

Have old photos or unforgettable memories from your time at St. Michael?

We'd be honored to include them in our celebration!

Upload your photos and stories here and help us tell the incredible story of St. Michael School through the years.



Upload Photos Here



St. Michael the Parish Tasting Event

Sunday, November 9, 2025

3-6 pm, St. Patrick Hall



- Order Wine & Bourbon
- Exclusive Auction Items
- Delicious Food

Scan Here to
Order Tickets Online or
call 219-322-4505.

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Praying Together and Staying Together

Thursday, October 2nd

6:00-7:30 pm

in St. Patrick Hall

Guest Speakers: Jim & Sofia Bilder

Appetizers will be served at 6:00 pm
Speaker to begin at 6:30 pm.

Register by September 25th by using
QR Code or contact Lynn & Todd Schmitt
email: schmitt0826@gmail.com




Free Seminar.
Registration is
Requested.

Free childcare will be available.
Please indicate the number of children.

Become an Altar Server

New Altar Server Training in
the Church for those in 4th to
12th grade.



Tuesday September 16, 6:30-8:00 PM
Monday September 22, 6:30-8:00 PM
Wednesday September 24, 6:30-8:00 PM
Parents please plan on staying for the first 15
minutes for information and some paperwork.
Any Questions please contact
Deacon Ron: pyleron12@gmail.com
Deacon Gary: gwolfe@stmichaelparish.life

Fall Penance Service

Wednesday September 17th, 2025

Begins at 7pm

Ten priests will be present
for confessions.





ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL
OF
TRUNK
TREAT

OCTOBER 18
11AM-1PM

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Blood Pressure, Glucose and Oxygen
Level Screenings next weekend in the
east coat room after the 5:00
PM, 7:30 AM and 9:30 AM
masses.



Stewardship in Action

"If you do not have a crucifix in your home acquire one and hang it in a predominate place. Also, each day this week trace the Cross on one of your senses, eyes, hands, heart, feet, etc... and then act accordingly — use your ears to listen as Jesus listens, your eyes to see as Jesus sees, your hands to help as Jesus helps, etc...."

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STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also"
Matthew 6:21

September 7th, 2025

Adult Collection	\$16,044.00
Children's Collection	\$164.50
Loose Collection	\$415.05
EFT's	\$7,235.32
Vietnamese Mass	\$1416.00

Total Weekly Offering
\$25,274.87

Thank you for your generosity!

Weekly Schedule

GS-Gathering Space SPH-St. Patrick Hall

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 14

Registration for CBS, 7:30 AM-12:30 PM, GS
125th Ann. Celebration Ticket Sale, 7:30 AM-12:30 PM, GS
OCIA, 9:30 AM-12:00 PM, SE and SW Rooms
Faith Formation Sunday Class, 9:30-11:00 AM, Gym
The Rosary is said after 7:00 AM weekday Mass except Tuesday-after OLPH Devotions

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 15

Wine Event Meeting, 4:30-6:00 PM, SPH
Centering Prayer 6:00-7:00 PM, SW Room
Parish Council Meeting, 7:00-8:00 PM, SE Room

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 16

Labors of Love, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM, SPH
Passport Meeting, 6:00-8:00 PM, SPH
Faith Formation, 6:00-7:30 PM, Gym
Altar Server Training, 6:30-8:30 PM, Church
Bible Study Pizza Party 6:30-8:30 PM, St. Amand Room
Young Adult Group, 6:30-8:30 PM, SW Room

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 17

Eucharistic Adoration, 1:00-4:00 PM, Chapel
Faith Formation, 6:00-7:30 PM, Gym
Penance Service, 7:00-8:00 PM, Church

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 18

Music Ministry Practice, 7:00-8:00 PM, Church

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 19

Chair Yoga 8:00-9:00 AM, SPH

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 20

Anointing Mass, 8:00-9:00 AM, Chapel
Confessions, 3:30-4:30 PM, Chapel
125th Ann. Celebration Ticket Sale, 4:30-6:00 PM, GS
Blood Pressure Screening, After 5:00 Mass, Cloak Room
Registration for CBS, 4:30-6:00 PM, GS

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 21

Blood Pressure Screening, After all Masses, Cloak Room
New Member Registration, 7:30 AM-12:30 PM, SPH
Registration for CBS, 7:30 AM - 12:30 PM, GS
125th Ann. Celebration Ticket Sale, 7:30 AM-12:30 PM, GS
OCIA, 9:30 AM- 12:00 PM, SE and SW Rooms
Radiare, 6:00-8:00 PM, SPH
Marian Devotions, 7:00-7:30 PM, Cemetery

**TAKE UP YOUR CROSS
AND FOLLOW JESUS**



Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



SATURDAY	SEPTEMBER 13
5:00 PM	✠ Henry Sr. and Patricia Lyza
SUNDAY	SEPTEMBER 14 24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
7:30 AM	✠ Domenick Scaramella End to Abortion ✠ Irene Macaya
9:30 AM	✠ Bridget D'Souza
11:30 AM	St. Michael Parish
MONDAY	SEPTEMBER 15
7:00 AM	✠ Janice Barg Edwards
TUESDAY	SEPTEMBER 16
7:00 AM	✠ Gerald and John Verdeyen ✠ Joseph Craven
WEDNESDAY	SEPTEMBER 17
7:00 AM	✠ Kristin and John Finley
8:55 AM	✠ Victoria and Norbert Klekot

THURSDAY	SEPTEMBER 18
7:00 AM	✠ Deacon Jack Krol
FRIDAY	SEPTEMBER 19
7:00 AM	✠ Deceased Members of Schaughnessy family
SATURDAY	SEPTEMBER 20
8:00 AM	✠ Souls in Purgatory
5:00 PM	Mike and Ginny Seljan 60 yrs. Anniversary
SUNDAY	SEPTEMBER 21 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
7:30 AM	✠ Jeff Tuskan
9:30 AM	St. Michael Parish
11:30 AM	✠ William Wright ✠ Matt Balcer ✠ Emily Watroba



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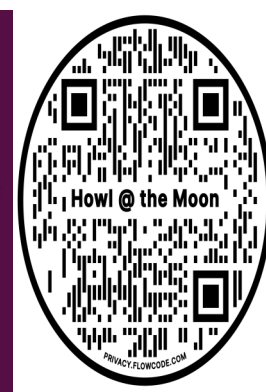
(Readings for September 21, 20125, Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

- I. *Amos 8:4-7* Amos the prophet of God warned that greedy people who cheat the poor or take advantage of others' misfortune do not escape God's justice.
- II. *1 Timothy 2:1-8* Paul urged Timothy to preach truth and justice: leaders should respect the dignity of all, and everyone should pray to God with blameless hands.
- III. *Luke 16:1-13* Jesus encouraged His disciples to have an enterprising spirit. He also warned them: "No servant can serve two masters...you cannot serve both God and mammon."

St. Matthias






St. Matthias Parish in Crown Point, Indiana, is hiring a part-time Coordinator of Religious Education. Position could develop into a full-time position for the right candidate. Interested candidates can send a letter of interest and/or resume to St. Matthias Church, Attn: Jackie Gentry, 101 W Burrell Drive Crown Point, Indiana 46307 or email jackiemgentry@yahoo.com.



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