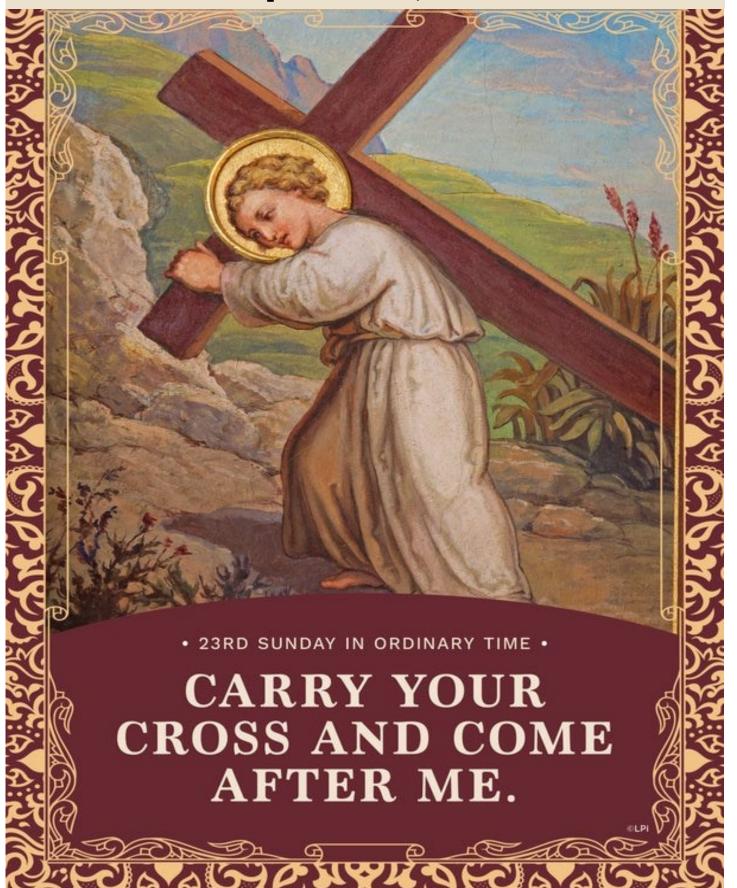
Welcome to St. Michael The Archangel Catholic Community September 7th, 2025





### 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

## **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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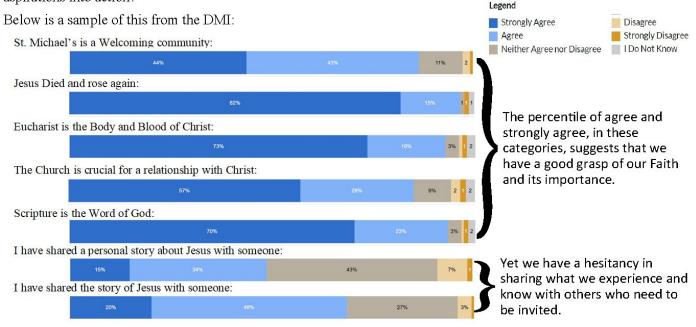
"The Survey says..." Remember these lines from the game show Family Feud? Today Fr. Robert and I would like to share with you some of the highlights of the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) that you all participated in a few months ago. The vigorous response rate (85%) has provided us with a fairly detailed picture of where we are and where we need to go in the years ahead. We would like to thank you all, once again, for your willingness to participate in the DMI. The response rate, nearly four times as much for some parishes, shows a good level of activity and enthusiasm amongst parishioners.

Participants gave high marks (84%) for the hospitality, communication of information, and the music used in worship. These are major highlights of our parish. In addition, participants showed that they possess a strong level of belief in Catholic teachings and their participation in Catholic practices and devotions (87%). On the flip side of this it appears that many are either reluctant or unaware of their need to speak about the Faith to others.

We would urge every parishioner to be confident in their Catholicism, you have many of the tools you need to bring others to Christ. As a parish we need to invigorate an attitude of being missionaries right here in Schererville. Most are satisfied to very satisfied in the Sunday worship and community experience (81%). The time has arrived to share that sense of joy and satisfaction with others. It is not as easy as inviting a friend or neighbor to try your favorite restaurant, but an invitation does not mean one has to be an expert in theology to invite a friend or neighbor to Sunday Mass. You just want others to share the goodness you have found.

This profoundly impacts our weekly Sunday Mass attendance and consequently the ability of the Gospel to be heard. Unlike some parishes in our area, we have not yet recovered to our pre-Covid levels. This also holds true for the religious education of the children within the parish boundaries. The assistance of every faithful parishioner is needed to help our brothers and sisters return. Your enthusiasm for your relationship with the Lord can draw many back to Christ. Whether you are at the Stracks, Target, a game with the kids, or spending some time with the neighbor.

Finally, it is telling that the number one thing that parishioners are seeking and finding in our homilies is "the desire to grow spiritually," yet many do not avail themselves of the other significant aids offered by the parish, like: confession, Eucharistic adoration, daily Mass, pastoral counseling, Bible studies, or retreats. The data shows that parishioners know we offer these things and that they like and desire them, yet they don't utilize them. So the question is: How do we turn aspirations into action?



These results plus other data from our parish records, other parishes and the diocese will be shared at a meeting to which you are invited. The all-parish meeting for south Lake County will be at Our Lady of Consolation on Tuesday, September 9 at 6:00 PM.

What is all this for? The parishes of south Lake County have embarked on a pastoral planning process. Why? Because, as the DMI demonstrates, many of our present structures do not correspond to the actual Catholic reality. We are working from a play book from the 1980's which is not fitted for the present realities. Each pastor was asked to put together a team of 3 lay persons referred to as Key Leaders. Our team is Bob Solorio, Pastoral Council Chair, Jesica Cherry, our Parish Finance Director and Gary Krieps, our former Operations Director, me and Fr. Robert.

If you want to understand more the "Wiseman" table in the Gathering Space, which includes wise women, is more than happy to walk you though a more detailed analysis.

## Ministry Outreach

## Meet Marge!



Marge Swanson Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)

In 1997, after moving from Chicago, Marge and her husband joined St. Michael Parish with their three daughters, all of whom graduated from St. Michael School. It was through the school community that their family gradually became more involved in parish life. She later enrolled in the Diocese of Gary's Ministry Formation Program and later, she was hired as the Director of Faith Formation for the Children's Program. She treasured the opportunity to help prepare young hearts to receive Jesus in the sacraments and to accompany them as they grew in faith toward Confirmation.

Her journey with OCIA began when Janice Gatons asked her to sponsor a young man seeking baptism. She agreed, thinking it would be only once—but nearly twenty years later, she continues to serve in this ministry.

Over time, she came to understand that it was truly Jesus inviting her to walk with those who long to know His love and grace. Through OCIA, she has witnessed the beauty of faith unfolding in the lives of those who seek Christ, and she counts it a privilege to accompany them on their journey.

Marge warmly encourages others to consider becoming part of this meaningful ministry—helping seekers discover the joy of Christ and the richness of our Catholic faith.

## Those 50+ Parishioner or Non-Parishioner

Next meeting for the whole parish, as well as non-parishioners, is September 9th at 10 AM. We are discussing the ins and outs of Medicare presented by Senior Life of Franciscan Hospitals. Get your questions answered. The next meeting is Our Quarterly Bingo game on September 23 at 10 AM with wrapped white elephant prizes. Come join the fun!

## **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, from 1:00 - 4:00 PM in the Chapel

## Catholic Bible Study - Book of Revelation this fall. (Join us on Tuesday nights in St. Patrick Hall)

**Registration:** Weekends of September 13,14, and 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. You may pay \$20 at registration and we'll order your book for you (we have to cover shipping) OR you can save money and purchase your own book through Amazon. For more information, call Linda Hansen @ 219-682-7072 or Deacon Ron Pyle @ 219-742-8263.

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

Blessed Mother Mary, thank you for your love and intercession. Members of St. Michael's Wheelchair Ramp Ministry installed its 96th Wheelchair Ramp for parishioner Patricia Matz of Schererville, IN. This installation was a referral from one of our Ministers of Care who takes her Communion. If you would like to participate in this ministry in any way was please contact St. Michael's Parish Office at 219-322-4505. If you know of anyone who may benefit from our services please have them contact Catholic Charities at <a href="mailto:outreach@catholic-charities.org">outreach@catholic-charities.org</a> or call 219-886-3549 and ask for Danielam Ocanas.



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## Wanting to know more about the process of OCIA as a catechist?

We have a *great* opportunity for you to do just that! Come spend time with Fr. Marty, who will share an OCIA 101 introduction session for those interested. A catechist is someone who will share their faith life and break open the Gospel Messages weekly with our OCIA Candidates and Catechumen. (Those wishing to seek a full Catholic faith life) This process is NOT a classroom setting, but rather a personal faith journey, exploring and living out the Gospel Message.

Where: St. Michael Parish - St. Patrick Hall

When: September 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>

Time: Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 PM - 8:30PM

Time: Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup> - 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM - (Starting with

Mass at 8:00 AM)



## **Faith Formation News**

## **Important Dates**

Sept. 9th/10th: First Class/Parent Orientation in SMS gym from 6 -7:30 PM

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

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

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

## Radiate Upcoming Calendar.

**Sun, September 21**: DIVINE CONNECTION & PRAYER Night.

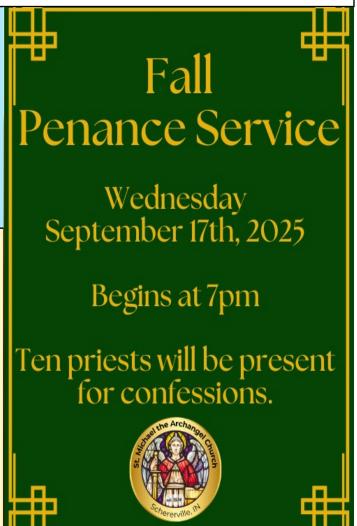
Meet in St Patrick's Hall (6-8pm)

Sun, October 5: Meet in St Patrick's Hall (6-8pm) Sun, October 19: HAYRIDE & BONFIRE NIGHT! (6-8pm) (Meet at Oak Ridge Prairie: 301 S Colfax St,

Griffith, IN)

Sun, October 26: HALLOWEEN PARTY Night at Adam Nowinski's HIDDEN CREEK PUMPKIN PATCH (5:30-8:00 PM), (LOCATION: 7211 W. 87th Ave, Crown Point, IN 46307)Dress up in Costume / Carve Pumpkins / Bonfire / Corn Maze / "Scary" Movie Clips

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





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 10 AM. 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 12 at 8:00 AM

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lines regarding Pray for the Sick List.

# 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 for the sessions.

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.

## YOUNG ADULT GROUP

St. Michael the Archangel Parish

# Why do Catholics Believe that the Eucharist is Jesus's Body and Blood?

Could it be that we believe it because Jesus told us it was? On September 16th at 7:00 PM, all young adults ages 18-35 are invited to the SW meeting room at St. Michael to hear a life changing talk from Fr. Mike Schmitz. We will play a video of one of the keynote talks that he gave at the annual Seek Conference. Bring snacks! To be added to the young adults GroupMe to receive regular updates, text or call AnnMarie Hemmerling at 219-798-3248.

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Cursillo Retreat – which means "short course in Christianity" in the Spanish language. This retreat provides daily prayer, Mass, Spiritual Direction, and group discussions and is open to female Catholics or male Catholics

CURSILLO according to the weekend presentation.

Women's Weekend: Sept 11–14

Men's Weekend: Oct 23–26

Location: Camp Lawrence, Vaparaiso

Contact: Carol Slager for additional information at

219-765-8600



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## **August 31st, 2025**

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Vietnamese Mass 8/18 \$1059.00

> Total Weekly Offering \$18,465.07

# **Weekly Schedule**

**GS-Gathering Space** Hall

## **SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 7**

125th Anniversary Gala Tickets, 7:30AM-12:30 PM, GS OCIA, 9:30 AM-12:00 PM, SE and SW Rooms Vietnamese Confession, 5:00-5:45 PM, Church Vietnamese Mass, 6:00-7:00, Church Vietnamese Reception, 7:00-8:30 PM, SPH Marion Devotions, 7:00-7:30 PM, Cemetery The Rosary is said after 7:00 AM weekday Mass except Tuesday - after OLPH Devotions

## **MONDAY SEPTEMBER 8**

Conference 25, 5:00 - 6:00, SE Room Centering Prayer 6:00 - 7:00 PM, SW Room Parish Council Meeting, 7:00 - 8:00 PM, SE Room

## TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 9

Mass and Our Lady of Perpetual Help and Devotion, 7:00 - 8:00 AM, Chapel SMS Fall Picture Day 8:00 AM -1:30 PM, Library Senior Gems Meeting 10:00 AM -12:00PM, SPH Labors of Love, 10:00 AM -12:00 PM, SPH Faith Formation, 6:00 -7:30 PM, Gym

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 10 SMS Mass, 9:00 AM, Church Eucharistic Adoration, 1:00 - 4:00 PM, Chapel Faith Formation, 6:00-7:30 PM, Gvm Good Samaritan Meeting 6:30 -7:30 PM, SE Room

## THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 11

Parent Info & Teacher Night - School, 6 PM - 8 PM Baptismal Prep, 6:00—8:00 PM, SW Room Marriage Prep, 6:00 -7:30 PM, SE Room Our Lady of Guadalupe, 6:00 -7:30 PM, St. Amand Room Music Ministry Practice, 7:00 - 8:00 PM, Church 125th Anniversary Meeting, 7:00-9:00 PM, SPH Music Ministry Social Hour, 8:00 - 9:30 PM, SPH

## FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 12

Chair Yoga 8:00-9:00 AM, SPH Respect Life Meeting 1:30-2:00 PM

## **SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 13**

Confessions, 3:15-4:30 PM, Chapel 125th Ann. Celebration Ticket Sale, 4:30-6:-30 PM, GS Registration for CBS, 4:40-6:00 PM, GS

## **SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 14**

Registration for CBS, 7:30 AM-12:30 PM, GS 125th Ann. Celebration Ticket Sale, 7:30 AM - 12:30 PM,

OCIA, 9:30 AM -12:00 PM, SE and SW Rooms Faith Formation Sunday Class, 9:30 -11:00 AM, Gym

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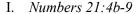


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5:00 PM	♥Kyle Arnold
SUNDAY	SEPTEMBER 7 23RD SUNDAY
	<u>IN ORDINARY TIME</u>
7:30 AM	St. Michael Parish
9:30 AM	†Dorothy Drabik
11:30 AM	♦ Michael and Thomas Cwiklinski         ♦ Mary Marsh         ♦ Elizabeth Oberman
MONDAY	SEPTEMBER 8
9:00 AM	†Departed Souls in Congregation
	of Mother of Carmel
TUESDAY	SEPTEMBER 9
7:00 AM	† Kay Parker
WEDNESDAY	SEPTEMBER 10
7:00 AM	Charlene Soy
8:55 AM	†Doris Schneider

THURSDAY	SEPTEMBER 11	
7:00 AM	♦Walter Zdonek	
FRIDAY 7:00 AM	SEPTEMBER 12  †Ann Ayersman	
SATURDAY 8:00 AM	SEPTEMBER 13  ◆Joanne and Arthur Janowski ◆Barbara Cierny	
5:00 PM	♦Henry Sr. and Patricia Lyza	
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## THE WORD

(Readings for September 14, 2025, Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, The Exultation of the Holy Cross)



Numbers 21:4b-9 The Israelites complained against God, so He sent serpents among them. When they repented, God told Moses to make a bronze serpent, and all who looked at it in faith were healed.

II. Philippians 2:6-11 Christ humbled Himself by taking on human form, becoming obedient even to death on a cross. Because of His sacrifice, God exalted Him and gave Him the name above every name.

III. John 3:13-17

Jesus told Nicodemus that the Son of Man must be lifted up so that all who believe in Him may have eternal life. God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that no one who believes in Him should perish.

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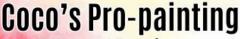




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