

Saint Michael's to celebrate Sesquicentennial- 1860-2010

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Saint Michael's Catholic Church invites all to come and enjoy the special events planned for their sesquicentennial. The church was founded in 1860 by Father James Andrew Michael and has served the people of Charlestown and Clark County for 150 years.

The parish community will have the main celebration on Sunday, September 12 with a Bilingual Mass at 11 a.m. The Most Reverend Daniel M. Buechlein, OSB, Archbishop of Indianapolis, will be the main celebrant along with former pastors and priests who served the spiritual needs of the parish community. Afterwards there will be a luncheon held in the parish hall.

There will be two events leading up to the September celebration. The first event will be in July when they host a one-hour Chamber Music Concert with members from the Louisville Symphony Orchestra. This one-hour musical event with five talented musicians led by Matthew Karr from the Louisville Symphony Orchestra will perform 'classical music from the era' on Sunday, July 18, at St. Michael Church at 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The Chamber Music Concert is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served after the concert. This event is co-sponsored by Larry and Judy Lynn, Chuck and Kay Ledbetter and by St. Michael Catholic Church and the Sesquicentennial Committee.

The second event will be a "50's and 60's Sock Hop Dance" held on St. Michael's church grounds, 101 St. Michael Drive, Saturday, August 28. This will be a sock-hop with "Chuck the Classic Deejay and John Wall of Music Mixer" spinning those golden-classic oldies of the 50's and 60's. The street dance is from 7 to 9 p.m. and is free and open to the public. (If there is inclement weather the dance will be moved inside the St. Michael Parish Hall.) Come and enjoy a night of dancing under the stars! Concessions will be provided by the St. Michael Young Adult Group.

If you know of any former parishioner (s) who attended St. Michael's through the years and has moved from the area, they need to contact them.

Please go to www.stmichaelstfrancis.com and e-mail the information to the St. Michael Sesquicentennial Committee or leave a message at the rectory during business hours Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon.

For more information and updates go to www.st.michaelstfrancis.com.