

Tropical Magic 2026

MAS DOUBLE FEATURE

with

Killie Karnival 2026

56th Annual • All Species Show, Swap and Auction
Saturday, April 25th & Sunday, April 26th

Resurrection Lutheran Academy

6840 Nimtz Parkway, South Bend, IN 46628

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS (EDT)

Friday, Apr. 24th	Show Setup	7:00 pm
Saturday, Apr. 25th	Show Registration	8:30 am - 12:00 pm
	Swap Set-up	8:30-10:00
	Swap Meet	10am – 12:30 pm
	Guest Speakers	1:30 pm – 3:00 pm
	Show Judging	3:00 pm – 5:30 pm
	Awards Party (exhibitors, workers, and family)	6:30 pm – 8:00 pm
.....	Show Tear-Down	8:30 pm
Sunday, Apr 26th	Show Tear-Down (out of town exhibitors)	8:30 am - 10:30am
	Auction Registration	8:30 am – 11:00 am
	Ten Table Auction Starts.....	11:00 am
	Raffle Drawing (must be present to win).....	2:00 pm

Concessions will be available both days

SHOW SPEAKERS

Jason Adams – Prime Time Aquatics

Myths in Fish Keeping Exposed

Ben Van Dinther – Watercolors Aquarium Gallery

Live podcast on Killifish

SHOW AWARDS

2nd in Class, Award	1st in Class, Award	4th in Class, Award
Best Cichlid, Plaque	3rd in Class, Award	Best Egglayer, Plaque
Best Livebearer, Plaque	Best Catfish, Plaque	High Point, Plaque
Peoples Choice, Plaque	Best Display, Plaque	Best Fish in Show, Plaque

SHOW CLASSES

..... FIRST TIER (Rule 8)

1. Betta splendens 2. Anabantoids-AOV 3. Botias & Loaches 4. Catfish - Cory types 5. Catfish-Pleco types
6. Catfish-AOV 7. Characins 8. Cichlids-New World 9. Cichlids-Old World 10. Guppy types
11. Goodeids 12. Livebearers-AOV 13. Cyprinids-AOV 14. Killifish 15. Rainbowfish 16. Egglayers-AOV

..... SECOND TIER (Rule 8)

17. Cichlids-Dwarf 18. Native Fishes (Rule 16) 19. Brackish & Saltwater 20. Pairs-Livebearers (Rule 17)
21. Pairs-Egglayers-New World (Rule 17) 22. Pairs-Egglayers-Old World (Rule 17) 23. Family (Rule 18)
24. Schooling group (Rule 19) 25. CARES (Rule 20)

..... MISCELLANEOUS (Rule 8)

26. Aquatic Animals (non-fish) (Rule 21) 27. Aquatic Plants (Rule 22) 28. Arts, Crafts, & Photography (Rule 23)
29. Aquarium Beautiful (Rule 24) 30. Bowl Beautiful (Rule 25) 31. Novelty (Rule 26) 32. Junior-Arts, Crafts,
Photography, & Displays (Rule 27) 33. Junior-Fishes, Aquatic Plants, & Aquatic Animals (Rule 27)

SHOW RULES

1. Entry fee is \$1.00 per entry. All fees (nonrefundable) must be paid at registration by cash, check or credit card.
2. All exhibits must be the property of the exhibitor.
3. All tanks (including bowls, pet keepers) must have:
 - a. An opaque background.
 - b. A flat viewing window
 - c. A lid
4. A light is recommended. Gravel and decorations (plants, rocks, etc.) are allowed. Each exhibit may be equipped with filters, aeration, etc., to the extent that all physical requirements of the entries are met. Air is provided if desired. Fish deemed to be too large and/or stressed in any way by container size will be disqualified.
5. Judging will be performed by qualified and impartial persons. The judges' decisions are final. Awards will be presented for first through fourth place.
6. Multiple entries in each tank are allowed, and encouraged, but each entry must be absolutely distinct as to species, sex, or color variety.
7. Fish may be entered in one 1st Tier (Classes 1 to 16), and/or as many 2nd Tier (Classes 17 to 25), or Miscellaneous (Classes 26 to 33), as they can validly be placed. For example, a pair of *Jordanella floridae* (Florida Flag Fish) may be entered in the Killifish, Native, Brackish, Pairs, Family (with fry) Classes, and/or as inhabitants of a Display.
8. Fish will be entered singly, except for Pairs (Classes 20, 21, & 22), Family (Class 23) and Schooling group (Class 25, see Rule 20).
9. Maximum size of tabled tank is 30 gallons, maximum length is 36" (see Rule 15).
10. Tampering with any tank other than one's own is strictly forbidden and will result in disqualification. Chairperson only will make or direct any adjustments to light, air, etc.
11. "AOV": All Other Varieties. "MAS": Michiana Aquarium Society.
12. No spray-type glass cleaners will be allowed in the show area.
13. Any extra equipment, buckets, towels, etc., must be stored out of sight beneath the show tables or completely removed from the area by setup deadline.
14. Fish to be judged must be shown in flat-fronted containers. Entrants must provide air, stands and extension cord for tanks over the 30 gallon/36" limit. Placement authority will be granted by the Show Chairperson.
15. Native Fishes (Class 18), shall be defined as those species of fish that are found naturally within the borders of the United States ("Wild" Goldfish, for example, would not qualify).
16. Pairs (Classes 20, 21, & 22), are defined as a male and female of the same species. These fish may also be entered individually in the appropriate Class. (both fish must be displayed in the same, or adjoining containers).
17. Family (Class 23), both parents and fry are mandatory. Parents and six or more fry (less than one year old) must be present and viewable.
18. A schooling group (Class 24) is a group of five or more fish that naturally form schools in the wild and may not be discernible from one another to allow for individual entries (i.e. rasboras, tetras,

corys, etc.). Fish that are distinct from the rest of the group (large or showy male/female) may also be entered as an individual as long as they can be properly identified by a judge (approval from the Show Chairperson is required).

19. Any fish listed on the CARES website as of the first day of the show may be entered in this class.
20. Aquatic Animals (non-Fish) (Class 25), shall be displayed in arrangements suitable to the species exhibited. A confinement device (screening, secure lid, etc.) is mandatory.
21. Aquatic Plants (Class 26), are defined as those which, in the wild or native state, require constant contact (either submerged or partially emerged) with a body of water. Aquatic Plants may also be included in a Species and/or Display tank or bowl.
22. Arts, Crafts, & Photography (Class 27), may include drawings, paintings, photo prints and handicrafts which depict aquatic life forms. These items must be the handiwork of the entrant.
23. Aquarium Beautiful (Class 28), consists of a conventional aquarium (large tanks, including freestanding entries, are acceptable). Any combination of natural and/or artificial components is permitted. Fish must be used in the display. A light is recommended.
24. Bowl Beautiful (Class 29), consists of a standard, flat-sided round drum bowl. Any combination of natural and/or artificial components is permitted. Fish must be used in the display. A light is recommended.
25. Novelty (Class 30), may be of any shape or size, (see size part of Rule 14). Entries must be in good taste, have a central theme and/or create a specific impression. At least one fish must be used in the display (See Rule 15). A light is recommended.
26. Junior (Classes 31 & 32), are special competitive Classes in which only Aquarists fifteen years of age or under may enter with no entry fees. The awards in this Class will be earned on the comparative merit (by point judging) of each entry. Entries in this Class may also be entered in the particular species Class in which they fall, subject to the rules of those Classes, and in competition with all other entrants in that Class.
27. Exhibitors of living creatures will compete for a "High Point Award" for all Classes except 27, 31, & 32. Points will be awarded as follows: 4 points for each 1st place plus number of entries in Class; 3 points for each 2nd place plus number of entries in Class; 2 points for each 3rd place plus number of entries in Class; 1 point for each 4th place plus number of entries in Class; 0 points for each non-placing entry. If there is a tie, the number of 1st places will be used as a tiebreaker.
28. Aquatic Plants (Class 26), Aquarium Beautiful (Class 28), Bowl Beautiful (Class 29), Novelty (Class 30), then "Best Display" will be judged before species judging.
29. A special award, "Best Display" will be presented for the most outstanding entry from Classes, 28, 29, 30.
30. A special award, "Best Catfish" will be presented for the most outstanding entry from Classes 4, 5, & 6.
31. A special award, "Best Cichlid" will be presented for the most outstanding entry from Classes 8 & 9.
32. A special award, "Best Livebearer" will be presented for the most outstanding entry from Classes 10, 11 & 12.
33. A special award, "Best Egg layer" will be presented for the most outstanding entry from Classes 1, 2, 3, 7, 13, 14, 15 & 16.
34. A special award, "Best Fish in Show" will be presented for the most outstanding entry from "Best Catfish" (see Rule 31) "Best Cichlid" (see Rule 32) "Best Livebearer" (see Rule 33) "Best Egg layer" (see Rule 34).
35. All matters pertaining to every exhibit will be under the full control of the Show Chairperson.
36. All Displays must remain setup until show tear-down.
37. The Michiana Aquarium Society, its officers and members, and the Resurrection Lutheran Academy and its employees, will not be held responsible for any damage, loss, theft, accident, or injury occurring before, during, after, or as a result of the Show.
38. A special award, 'People's Choice' is presented to the fish or aquatic animal (classes 1-25) who gets the most votes from show visitors.

All entrants' inquiries concerning the above rules must be presented to the Show Chairperson before the closing of registration. While every attempt will be made to qualify every entry, including reclassification of those entered improperly, disqualification for noncompliance with rules relevant to a particular entry may be the only recourse open to the Show Chairperson to insure a fair and equitable show for all entrants and/or the safety of that entry. The decisions of the Show Chairperson are the final authority in all matters.

AUCTION RULES

1. Auction registration will be from 8:30am to 10:30am.
2. Anyone may buy or sell at the auction.
Sellers may pre-register for the auction to reduce wait time for bags. Please fill in the registration form with an estimated number of bags and email your form to **ericscarby20@hotmail.com**
(we will print an extra 5 tags from your estimate)
3. Buyers should register and receive a bidding number before the start of the auction.
4. Buyers must have a bidding number to purchase an auction item.
5. All auction items must be properly bagged and labeled (as to species, sex, number, seller info, etc).
6. Labels containing the seller designated initials and bag number will be provided. **BAGS WITH WRITTEN SELLER INITIALS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**
7. Any auction items deemed unfit for sale, will be rejected by the auction chairperson.
8. Dry goods, and each fish or plant variety, will be limited to 10 items per seller.
9. No wholesalers are permitted.
10. No federal, state, or St Joseph County prohibited aquatic plant, prohibited aquatic animal, or prohibited fish will be auctioned.
11. All auction items will be placed in the auction-item area by auction personnel only. Bags will be placed in auction area based on the last digit of the bag label number.
12. Access to the auction-item area will be regulated.
13. Auction items cannot be removed from the auction-item area once the auction begins.
14. Show entries up for auction will be sold first.
15. Ten-Table Auction:
 - a. All auction items will be placed by label number on one of ten tables.
 - b. After show items, tables 1 and 2 will be auctioned next.
 - c. Tables 3 through 10 will be auctioned in random order.
16. After auction starts, late items will be auctioned last at the discretion of the auction chairman.
17. The minimum bid per auction item will be \$1.00.
18. Bidding will be in whole dollar increments.
19. After table 1 & 2 are auctioned any item may be called up for priority auction for a \$2.00 fee.
20. The Auctioneer's decisions are final.
21. Once bought, all auction items become the responsibility of the buyer.
22. All auction items not sold and/or unclaimed at the end of the auction become the property of the MAS.
23. Purchases will be by a running account, settled in cash, check or credit card after the buyer's last purchase.
24. Any buyer whose check is returned will be charged a \$25.00 fee.
25. Auction splits will be 30% to the Club and 70% to the Seller.
26. Sellers' net proceeds will be mailed within five days of the auction.
27. The Michiana Aquarium Society, the Resurrection Lutheran Academy, and their representatives will not be held responsible for damage, loss, theft, accident, or injury to any item, before, during, or after the auction or for personal damage, loss, theft, accident, or injury to any person.

RULES FOR BUY NOW AUCTION ITEMS

1. Each seller may list up to 6 items as BUY NOW.
2. BUY NOW items are subject to the same rules as regular auction items.
3. BUY NOW items must be placed on the BUY NOW table.
4. The label on each BUY NOW item must be CLEARLY MARKED with:
 - a. BUY NOW PRICE: \$??'
 - b. SPECIES: <species>
 - c. SELLER ID & BAG NUMBER: <seller id> + <bag number>
5. Buyers can purchase a BUY NOW item immediately by taking the item to the BUY NOW table attendant (BUY NOW items are first come, first served).
6. The BUY NOW table will be open from 11AM to 12:30PM, after which time all unsold BUY NOW items must be removed by the seller or they will be placed in the normal auction and sold beginning at 1PM.
7. A \$1 fee will be charged for each item removed from the BUY NOW table and not sold in the auction.

All registrants' inquiries concerning the above rules must be presented to the Auction Chairperson before the closing of registration. While every attempt will be made to qualify every auction item, including re-bagging, disqualification for noncompliance with rules relevant to a particular item may be the only recourse open to the Auction Chairperson to insure a fair and equitable auction for all participants. The decisions of the Auction Chairperson are the final authority in all matters.

SWAP MEET RULES

1. The price per Table will be \$10 dollars to members and \$15 to nonmembers.
2. Set up will be from 8:30 to 10 am
3. Registration will be open until the tables sell out or the night before the swap.
4. Seller must abide by Indiana, Federal, and St Joseph County species restrictions.

MAS MEMBER SWAP TABLE:

If any paid member does not have enough items for a table of their own, they are welcome to participate in the MAS Member Swap Table:

- . Cost is \$1 per item placed on the table. A max of 10 items per household. \$1 is not refundable
- . Item must be clearly marked with seller's name and item price
- . All sellers and items must be registered with MAS member watching the table before items are left
- . MAS members will keep track as items are sold and checks will be sent within 2 weeks.
Payment may be done the day of the swap ONLY after the swap is closed.
- . All items not retrieved by the seller at the conclusion of the swap will become the property of MAS
- . MAS is not responsible for any lost or stolen items

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**Tropical Magic 2025
Show Classes 1-16**

1. **Betta splendens**
2. **Anabantoids-AOV**
3. **Botias & Loaches**
4. **Catfish-Cory Types**
5. **Catfish-Pleco Types**
6. **Catfish-AOV**
7. **Characins**
8. **Cichlids-New World**
9. **Cichlids-Old World**
10. **Guppy Types**
11. **Goodeids**
12. **Livebearers-AOV**
13. **Cyprinids-AOV**
14. **Killifish**
15. **Rainbowfish**
16. **Egg Layers-AOV**

**Tropical Magic 2025
Show Classes 17-33**

17. **Cichlids-Dwarf**
18. **Native Fishes**
19. **Brackish & Saltwater**
20. **Pairs-Livebearers**
21. **Pairs-Egg Layers (New World)**
22. **Pairs-Egg Layers (Old World)**
23. **Family**
24. **Schooling Group**
25. **CARES**
26. **Aquatic Animals (non-fish)**
27. **Aquatic Plants**
28. **Arts, Crafts & Photography**
29. **Aquarium Beautiful**
30. **Bowl Beautiful**
31. **Novelty**
32. **Junior-Arts, Crafts, Photography, Displays**
33. **Junior-Fish, Aquatic Plants, Aquatic Animals**