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JANUARY 12, 2025
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

THE HOLY GHOST DESCENDED LIKE A TOTAL

-LUKE 3:21-



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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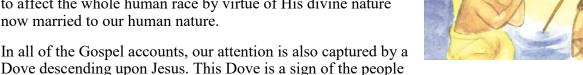
From the Pastor's Desk

A picture is worth a thousand words. Picture taking today, via our smart phones, is not nearly deliberate as it was 20 years ago when you would have to buy film and pay for it to be developed. Picture taking back then was decidedly more thoughtful. Each shot needed to be done with some skill otherwise you would waste a lot of money. Today, being freed from the burden of film and developing, you and I can take and store thousands of pictures. The sheer increase in images tends to dilute their importance. Also, because the existence of "the cloud," they really do not have a life of their own. Unlike a physical picture, nearly all of my pictures will pass into oblivion as I leave this world to go to God.

Yet it still remains that a picture is worth a thousand words. Why? Because a picture conjures up emotions connected with the event pictured. It is those emotions that are harbored in our memory. It is those emotions that give meaning to what was captured on film years before. When our memory fades, a person can look at a picture of a very happy moment and not remember it at all. They have no feeling or emotion attached to the event. Thus, there is nothing left for them to engage.

Jesus, at the Jordan today and the happenings surrounding His baptism, are for us a picture, a snapshot, taken for us to identify with and enter into with all the feelings that accompany the moment the picture was taken. Our picture for the event of Jesus' baptism is an oral picture, one told to us, like the radio shows of a century ago, when you let your imagination paint the picture of what was being narrated. It is a picture with sound. In a sense, we enter into the mind of Jesus as He experiences this event. We are given the privilege of being participants in a vision full of meaning.

It is a full picture too. In Matthew's Gospel, we see John the Baptist in the water and Jesus approaching him. We hear the words of protest from John and assurance from Jesus in return. We see that this is no ordinary baptism; for through it, Jesus turns the table. We know He is the Creator of the water and the one giving the baptism. By His submission to the act of John the Baptist, He sanctifies the water used and directs the grace of God to affect the whole human race by virtue of His divine nature now married to our human nature.



of Israel, a people set apart as God's possession. It is also an outward sign of the inward reality; that the fullness of the Godhead dwells in Jesus, a real human person that can be seen, heard and touched. God made visible. We then hear God the Father pronounce His approval of the entire enterprise. Jesus didn't need to hear it, but we do.

At your baptism, the same realities happened. Granted, no one saw the sky torn open in a literal way, but your heart was torn open to receive the grace of the Holy Spirit and the approbation of God, calling you His beloved son/daughter. You too have now become God's possession, the new Israel.

We are shown this picture to remind us of our own baptism that has turned the table leading you and me from sin and death to obedience and life eternal. This is a picture we should look at often because we do not want to forget the deep feeling of belonging to God as His beloved. It is that realization that helps to carry you through the difficult times, the uncertain times and enables you to rejoice more readily during the good times.



Be Transformed as a Disciple of Christ

The Adult Catholic Education Ministry will present the series of "Into His Likeness"

Thursday Evenings, March 6th-April 5th

Into His

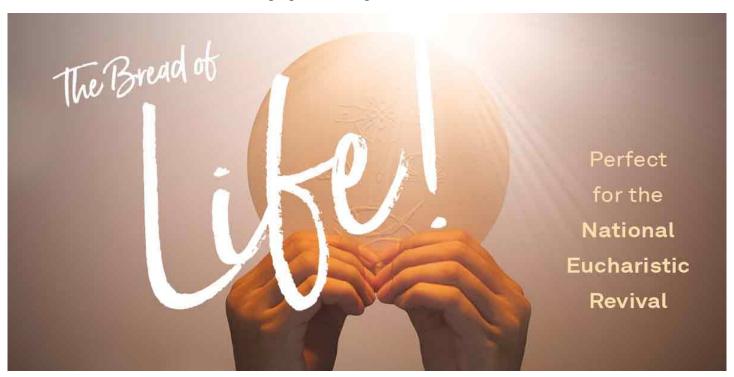
Likeness

Into His Likeness provides an approachable but in-depth exploration of how to live as a disciple and experience the transformation Jesus wants to work in our lives. We might desire to live more like Christ, but we know we fall short. These sessions simply helps us follow those initial promptings of the Holy Spirit, so that we may more intentionally encounter Jesus anew each day and be more disposed to his grace changing us ever more into his likeness. Submitted by Janice Gatons

Save the Date Parish Mission 2025 March 2nd,3rd & 4th

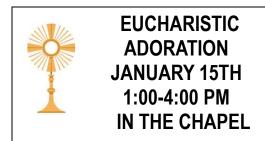
DRAMA HUMOR INSPIRATION

THE BREAD OF LIFE starring Frank Runyeon, translator and performer of Bibilical texts, is an entertaining 3-day mission, great for the whole family, highlighting the Scriptures that help us to recognize the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist, and prepare us to "go on mission."



Emmy-nominated Frank Runyeon has starred in over 1,000 TV shows in the last 30 years...opposite Meg Ryan as As the World Turns, on Santa Barbara, Falcon Crest, General Hospital, LA Law and Melrose Place. After studying acting in New York and Los Angeles for 15 years, he attended Fuller Seminary in preparation for the writing and performance of his first one-man play, AFRAID!: The Gospel of Mark. He continued his studies at Yale Divinity School and General Theological Seminary, from which he received his Masters, with honors. He workshopped his first productions in cooperation with the faculty of Holy Cross College in Worcester, MA, and the University of Dayton (Catholic). (www.frankrunyeon.com)

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Art & Environment Ministry will be taking down Christmas décor on **January 14th** at 6:00 PM. All helping hands are welcome. Many hands make the job

easy. Any questions don't hesitate to ask. Call Tina at 219-865-8663. Submitted by the Art & Environment Ministry

It's time to "Radiate" with our Teen Ministry!
We have a lot of fun: Themed Nights, Group Activities and Faith.
All high schoolers are invited to join us - YOU are welcome!

Upcoming Calendar:

January 12th: COOK WITH CHEF JACK VALESQUEZ Night! Come for the Fun & Yum!!"They broke

bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts." - Acts 2:46

The Sweet and Savory Bake-Off: Biscuits vs. Scones, 6:00-8:00 PM in St. Patrick Hall

January 26th: GYM Night, 6:00-8:00 PM **February 9th:** GYM Night, 6:00-8:00 PM

February 23rd: St Patrick Hall Night, 6:00-8:00 PM

Any questions, please contact Mrs. Jeannine Quigley (219) 775-5356 or Mrs. Marisa

Richardson (219) 730-4735.

Sign up for our Group Text Messaging: Send text to 81010, Then text this message to: @stmrad

Submitted by Jeannine Quigley





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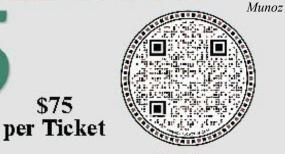


I have been attending SMS since I was in preschool. After I graduate, I plan on attending Andrean High School in Merrillville, Indiana. I participate in many after school activities such as basketball, soccer, volleyball and choir. So far, we have won one championship and hope to win many more this year. I think the things that make SMS special are the students and teachers. The teachers are kind and understanding and are always there to help you with an assignment. The students are thoughtful and funny, and I am glad to call many of them my friends. My advice to the younger students is to always try to get the assignment done as soon as it is given. SMS has helped me grow as a person by helping me with public speaking and boosting my confidence. I have become the best person I can become through my thoughts and actions. I have become a disciple of Jesus and have become closer to God through the sacraments.

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Submitted by Elizabeth



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St. Michael's parishioners are in bold, italic print.



Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual Respect Life Novena, 9 Days for Life, Thursday, Jan. 16th to Friday, Jan. 24th. Get daily intentions, brief reflections, and more by email or text message. Sign up at 9daysforlife.com! Here at St. Michael. there will be an Opening Service on January 16th and a Closing Service on January 24th, both at 6:30 PM in the Chapel.

January 19th after all Masses

When you talk,
you are repeating only what
you already know.
But if you listen,
you may learn
something new.

All Those 50+
Parishioner or
Non-Parishioner
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Meetings on the Second & Fourth Tuesdays of the Month at 10:00 AM in SE Room of St. Patrick Hall

January 14th: Monthly business meeting to plan future outings January 28th: Game/Activities

Day

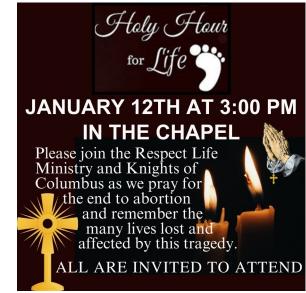
submitted by Nancy Finley













Blood Pressure, Glucose and Oxygen Level Screenings

*subject to promotion rules



Screenings will take place January 18th and 19th in the east coat room after the 5:00 PM, 7:30 AM and 9:30 AM Masses by the parish nurses.



New Member Registration January 19th After the 7:30 and 9:30 AM Masses in St. Patrick Hall



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January 5, 2024

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STewardship in Action

Reach out to your Godparent/ Godchild or a family member to reflect on baptism and offer words of encouragement for their faith journey this year.

Submitted by Conchita Bryner

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY JANUARY 12

St. Valentine Dance Ticket Sales After All Masses, Gathering

Super Raffle Tickets After All Masses, Gathering Space Faith Formation Family Session 9:30 AM, SMS OCIA 9:30 AM

"Do This in Memory" Mass, 11:30 AM, Church Holy Hour 3:00 PM, Chapel Radiate 6:00 PM, St. Patrick Hall

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

MONDAY JANUARY 13

Pastoral Council Meeting 7:00 PM, St. Patrick Hall

TUESDAY JANUARY 14

GEMS 10:00 AM, SE Room Faith Formation Traditional Classes 6:00 PM, SMS Art & Environment Take Down, 6:30 PM, Church

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 15

Eucharistic Adoration 1:00-4:00 PM, Chapel Faith Formation Traditional Classes 6:00 PM, SMS Good Samaritans 6:30 PM, SE Room

THURSDAY JANUARY 16

Wine Event Meeting 5:30 PM, SE Room Choir Practice 7:00 PM, Church

FRIDAY JANUARY 17

Chair Yoga 8:00 AM, St. Patrick Hall Pastoral Council 5:00 PM, St. Patrick Hall Bell Choir Practice 6:00 PM, Church

SATURDAY JANUARY 18

Anointing of the Sick Mass 8:00 AM, Chapel
Pastoral Council 8:00 AM, St. Patrick Hall
Finance Council 1:00 PM, SE Room
Confessions 3:30-4:30 PM, Chapel
BP Readings After Vigil Mass, East Coat Room
St. Valentine Dance Ticket Sales After Vigil Mass, Gathering
Space

Super Raffle Tickets After Vigil Mass, Gathering Space

SUNDAY JANUARY 19

BP Readings After 7:30 & 9:30 AM Masses, East Coat Room Coffee & Donuts After All Masses, St. Patrick Hall New Members Registration After 7:30 & 9:30 AM Masses, St. Patrick Hall

St. Valentine Dance Ticket Sales After All Masses, Gathering Space

Super Raffle Tickets After All Masses, Gathering Space OCIA 9:30 AM "Catch the Spirit" Mass, 11:30 AM, Church

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Diocesan Life Information

INSPIRE ADORATION FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Jan. 17th Feb. 7th

Apr. 4th May 2nd

INSPIRE Adoration for Young Adults will take place at St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Center, 1511 Laporte Ave, Valparaiso,7:00-8:30 PM, on the above dates. There will be confession, praise and worship music and a witness talk by a college student.



Renew your faith during a peaceful and transformative evening of Adoration, featuring a brief reflection by Fr. Steven Caraher, live praise and worship music, silent prayer and more.

7:00-8:15 PM Our Lady of Consolation

Jan. 17th Feb. 21st March 20th* April 25th

*Renewed will take place at 6:00-7:15 PM Questions? Call 219-769-1755, ext. 308

MARCH FOR LIFE

The Diocese of Gary Office of Prolife Activities and Lake County Right to Life invite you to join us at the annual March for Life in Indianapolis on Jan. 22nd. We will be traveling via a premium coach bus. Registration and prepayment is required. Cost is \$35 per person which includes a box lunch for the way home. Bus leaves OLC south parking lot, 8303 Taft St., Merrillville at 6:30 AM. The fight for the right and dignity of life is not over! Come and be a voice for the voiceless. For more information and to register, go to the dcgary.org events page. Or call Rosanne at 219-769-9292. Youth Rally and Mass are being hosted by the 5 Dioceses of Indiana. Rally starts at 9:00 AM (EST) and Mass for Life is at 11:30 AM at the Indiana convention Center-Hall J.

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MARRIAGE DATE NIGHT

The Diocese of Gary is hosting a Marriage Date Night on **February 7th** at Don Quijote Restaurant, 119 E. Lincolnway, Valparaiso. Cash bar starts at 5:30 PM followed by dinner at 6:30 PM and speakers, Sofia and James Bilder at 7:30 PM. The topic of the evening is "Pilgrim Hearts." Cost for the evening is \$120/couple. Learn more and register at dcgary.org.

*OUINCEANERA PREPARATION CLASS

Young women planning to celebrate a Quinceanera are required to participate in a single-day formation program prior to the date of their celebration. In Hispanic culture, the Ouinceanera is the next step to adulthood, after the Sacrament of Confirmation, during which, the Church tells us that the baptized "are more perfectly bound to the Church and are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit." Since parents are role models for their children, it is assumed that before scheduling a Quinceanera, they, along with their daughter, are actively participating in Sunday Masses. Daughters who are preparing for their Quinceanera should have already received their Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Communion and Confirmation. If these Sacraments have not been received, arrangements must be made first for Sacramental preparation. This process usually takes at least a year. A Quinceanera preparation class will be held at St. John Bosco School (1231 171st Pl. Hammond) on March 1st, 10:00 AM-4:00 PM, facilitated by Adeline Torres. The cost is \$25 (which pays for materials, lunch, snacks). Please enter through Door A. To register or for more information, please contact Vickie Blackwood at 219-844-9027 or email sjbreligion@comcast.net

RACHEL'S VINEYARD

Healing the pain of abortion. Northwest Indiana retreats will be **April 4th-6th** and **Sept. 26th-28th.** To register, please contact 219-552-2944 or nwinrv@outlook.com. For more information, visit the website at www.helpafterabortion.net.

EMOTIONS ANONYMOUS

Emotions Anonymous is a 12-Step program, based off the recovery program of Alcoholics Anonymous. Anyone experiencing emotional difficulties who is willing to try this recovery program is welcome to attend our meetings. Every Monday at 7:00 PM in St. Thomas More Weis Center, 8635 Calumet Ave., Munster. We meet in Room 101. For more information, please visit www.emotionsanonymous.org

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SATURDAY 5:00 PM	JANUARY 11 †Bill, Brenda & Ryan Pammer †Pearl Salach
SUNDAY	JANUARY 12 THE BAPTISM
7:30 AM 9:30 AM 11:30 AM	OF THE LORD St. Michael Parish †Tadeusz Glinski †John LaMagdeleine †Kyle Arnold †Susan Czatla
MONDAY	JANUARY 13
7:00 AM	All Souls
TUESDAY	JANUARY 14
7:00 AM	*Departed Souls in the Congregation of Mother of Carmel

THURSDAY	JANUARY 16
7:00 AM	All Souls
FRIDAY	JANUARY 17
7:00 AM	All Souls
SATURDAY	JANUARY 18
8:00 AM	Souls in Purgatory
5:00 PM	♦Henry, Sr. & Patricia Lyza
SUNDAY	JANUARY 19 2ND SUNDAY IN
	ORDINARY TIME
7:30 AM	♦Ann Ayersman
	♦Nick & Genevieve Doffin
	For an End to Abortion on Demand
	and for a Conversion of Heart for
	those who Provide Abortions
9:30 AM	♦Jim Grossman
11:30 AM	St. Michael Parish
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WEDNESDAY JANUARY 15

7:00 AM **†**Kenneth Kollasch

8:55 AM All Souls

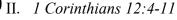
THE WORD

(Readings for January 19, 2025, The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time)



Isaiah 62:1-5

As a young man marries a virgin, so the Lord will marry Israel. No longer will she be called "Forsaken," for she is now the precious one of God and will be called "My Delight."



There is one Spirit from whom come many gifts. Each person is given a different gift to use for the common good. We are all united in the one Spirit through our individual gifts.

III. John 2:1-11

Jesus and His mother were invited to a wedding feast at Cana. There He performed the first of His great signs, changing water to

wine. Thus He revealed His glory to all.

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