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# The 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

January 19, 2025

"Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." Luke 4:21





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**JANUARY 26, 2025** 10:30AM - 12:30PM

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## 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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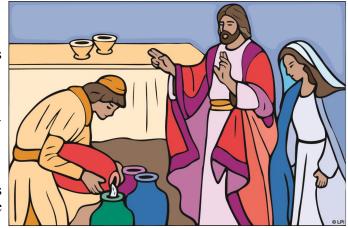
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# From the Pastor's Desk

**Getting to Know Jesus.** In the musical, "The King and I," there is the famous song, <u>Getting to Know You</u>. The song sings of the process of getting to know someone; in this case, the children of the King of Siam getting to know their new teacher from England and her getting to know them. The lyrics recognize that this is not a matter of introductions, but one that takes time; it is a process. The same is true of our "getting to know" Jesus.

We have all been introduced to Jesus as a child. We learned about Him and His Church in religion class.

The difficulty is that all too often we remain on that very basic level of introduction when it comes to getting to know Jesus, the Holy Spirit – God. Stories, like the one today that centers around a wedding feast, are tools for us to get to know Jesus in a deeper fashion. The appearance of the star, the arrival of the Magi from different nations point to Jesus' mission to all of humanity. We see the Spirit descending like a dove and at His baptism and hear the voice from heaven at Jordan's bank to give us further knowledge about Jesus; and now we see Him, God made visible, obeying His mother, a human being, and trusting in God, giving direction to the servants. In this, He shows us that ordinary attitudes of obedience and trust can make the ordinary (water) into something extraordinary – wine of the best vintage.



We come to know that Jesus comes not for a few and that as He is Light for the world, so too we are to be reflections of that light in our daily living. We know that as He washed the sins of our humanity away in the Jordan so we could emerge with Him and receive His Spirit and hear the words, "You are my Beloved in whom I am well pleased."

Today we know that a reluctant Jesus, at first, trusts in God and honors His mother's request. And such trust produces some very fine wine, gives glory to God and enables His disciples to believe more firmly in Him. We too are called to trust as Jesus shows us the way; that trusting in God's grace and mercy, we can do anything. We can give forgiveness to those who have hurt us, we can assist those who you or I might find undesirable or unworthy and we can bring the extraordinary from the ordinary.

Today Jesus shows us He is here to change things; wine is but the beginning. In the end, He changes that wine into His very life blood and asks us to drink of the saving Cup. Jesus is more than just a tiny baby in a manger, He is more than just a wise man, and He is more than just a great prophet or philosopher. Jesus is more than the boundaries or descriptions we often place around Him. It is this "more" that we need to be open to and discover in our daily prayer. We cannot "get to know Jesus" unless we spend time with Him daily.

Mary knew Him, and so made the extraordinary request at the wedding feast. The disciples knew Him better because they spent time with Him and witnessed this, His first miracle. The guests knew that God was present in some particular way as they gloried God for the fine wine.

You and I can always know Jesus better. The way to do this is to spend some time with these stories that tell us about Jesus, who He really is for us. With this story and many others like it in the Scriptures, we can pray trusting in God's power, being obedient to His will and bringing the extraordinary presence of God into the ordinary duties of our daily life.

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**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION JANUARY 22ND** 1:00-4:00 PM IN THE CHAPEL

The parish office will be closed on January 20th due to the MLK holiday.



**Gathering** January 21st 10:00 AM in St. Patrick Hall



It's time to "Radiate" with our Teen Ministry! Start 2025 off in a place where you can find support in your faith and become closer to Christ.

All High School Students are invited to join us!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE UPCOMING EVENTS:

January 26th: GYM Night, 6:00-8:00 PM, SMS Gym

February 2nd: MOVIE Night, wear your PJ's, bring a lawn chair and your favorite snack, 6:00-8:00 PM in

St. Amand Room, PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN DATE FOR THIS ACTIVITY.

February 23rd, March 9th & 23rd: 6:00-8:00 PM in St Patrick Hall

Any questions? Contact Mrs. Jeannine Quigley 219-775-5356 or Mrs. Marisa Richardson 219-730-4735. KEEP INFORMED with updates: Send text message to 81010, then text this message to: @strad

Radiate had so much fun at our Savory Biscuit & Sweet Scone Bake-off Night with Chef Jack! Not only did

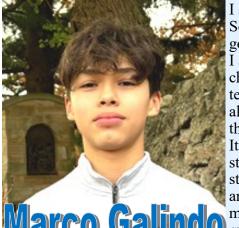


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**WARRIOR OF THE WEEK** 



I started attending SMS in 7th grade. I plan on attending Andrean High School because of their sports, and most of my friends are planning on going there. I have played basketball for SMS, and I really love it there. I also have been doing my hours for school too. Last season, we won our championship, and we all had a part in that because we were a really good team. What makes SMS special are the teachers, my friends, the classes and all the things you are able to do at SMS. I love that SMS hosts fun activities that your friends, family and other members of the community can attend. It is a great way to make new friends! My advice to younger students is to stay in school, focus, work hard and be very nice to others, especially the students who are younger than you. SMS helped me become a better person and student. I say this because when I first joined here, I struggled to find my way, but then I learned from my mistakes along the way and by the next quarter, I was a new person. I had more friends and got along with everyone. However, I still like to joke around a lot. I also became a better

disciple of Jesus because I rarely used to go to church, and I only learned a little about Jesus. However, after I joined, I learned a lot more about God, Jesus and other stories from the Bible. When I joined SMS, I really didn't like going to church because I was so sleepy, and I thought it was boring. However, I enjoy receiving the Body of Christ and singing. This is my favorite part of Mass. I now feel like I am closer to Jesus and love God more than when I was a little child. I hope that more people can come to SMS and experience God's love too!



# APPLES FOR THE STUDENTS

Save your Strack's receipts and drop them off at church or the parish office. The school will earn technological items.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Even with not such great weather, the Fun Fair was a great time for families! It was a night full of fun, food, games, and reptiles! Thank you to all the parents who volunteered and helped make the Fun Fair a huge success! A special shout out to Ms. Jessica Alvarez, who did a wonderful job planning this great event!



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# **PASSPORT 2025**

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Our 2nd annual raffle for a BUCKET OF BOOZE! We welcome donations of all kinds of liquor. A collection box will be in the Principal's office so parents can drop off donations before or after school. All donations are greatly appreciated. Please have donations in by February 7th.



**DONATIONS BY:** Friday, February 7th

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









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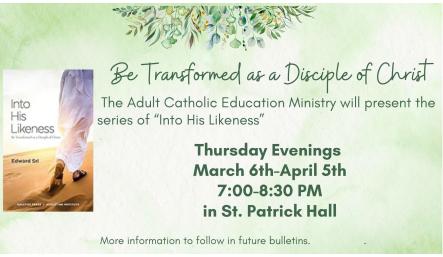
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January 24th
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Cost: \$5
Please call Ursula at
219-741-3276
to register.



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Masses











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Blood Pressure, Glucose and Oxygen Level Screenings this Weekend in the east coat room after the 5:00 PM, 7:30 AM and 9:30 AM Masses

# 9 Days for Life Closing Service January 24th 6:30 PM in the Chapel

Visit 9daysforlife.com to get daily intentions, brief reflections and much more.

# S<sup>†</sup>ewardship in Action

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# **Weekly Schedule**

SPH-St. Patrick Hall GS-Gathering Space

# SUNDAY JANUARY 19

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

St. Valentine Dance Ticket Sales After All Masses, GS Super Raffle Ticket Sales After All Masses, GS OCIA 9:30 AM "Catch the Spirit" Mass, 11:30 AM, Church

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

# **MONDAY JANUARY 20**

Parish Office Closed
No School

## **TUESDAY JANUARY 21**

Labors of Love 10:00 AM, SPH
Faith Formation Traditional Classes 6:00 PM, SMS
Reconciliation Practice 6:30 PM, Church

# **WEDNESDAY JANUARY 22**

Eucharistic Adoration 1:00-4:00 PM, Chapel Faith Formation Traditional Classes 6:00 PM, SMS Reconciliation Practice 6:30 PM, Church

# THURSDAY JANUARY 23

Choir Practice 7:00 PM, Church First Communion Parent Meeting 7:00 PM, SPH

# FRIDAY JANUARY 24

Chair Yoga 8:00 AM, SPH Bell Choir Practice 5:30 PM, Church 9 Days of Life Closing Service 6:30 PM, Chapel

# **SATURDAY JANUARY 25**

First Reconciliation 10:30 AM, Church First Reconciliation Reception to Follow, SPH Confessions 3:30-4:30 PM, Chapel 2nd Collection-Aid to Latin America St. Valentine Dance Ticket Sales After Vigil Mass, GS Super Raffle Ticket Sales After Vigil Mass, GS Chili Cook Off 6:00-8:00 PM. SPH

# SUNDAY JANUARY 26

2nd Collection-Aid to Latin America St. Valentine Dance Ticket Sales After All Masses, GS Super Raffle Ticket Sales After All Masses, GS OCIA 9:30 AM Open House 10:30 AM-12:30 PM, SMS Vietnamese Confessions 4:00 PM

Vietnamese Mass for New Year, 5:00 PM, Church Reception to Follow Mass, SPH Radiate 6:00 PM, SMS Gym

# Diocesan Life Information

# 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 degary.org.

# INSPIRE ADORATION FOR YOUNG ADULTS

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.



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7:00-8:15 PM Our Lady of Consolation **Feb. 21st** 

March 20th\* April 25th

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

# \*DISCERN & DISCOVER

Single Catholic Women, 20-35, are asked to discern and discover what Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity is all about.. Start with a phone call. Design your own convent visit. Call or text Sr. Julie Ann at 920-323-9632 to arrange what works best for you or visit fscc-calledtobe.org. God calls you. We invite you.

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# **QUINCEANERA 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 Quinceanera 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 sibreligion@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.

# \*LET'S FEED THE HUNGRY



Sojourner Truth House (STH) provides a comprehensive range of services to at-risk women and their children to help them overcome their homelessness permanently. STH's Food Pantry is the largest food pantry in NWI, serving 700-1,000 families per month. STH is looking for businesses and organizations to hold one pantry drive per year to help support the Food Pantry, Please contact Sharon for more information: 219-789-2222 or ambassadors@sojournertruthhouse.org

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5:00 PM	†Henry, Sr. & Patricia Lyza
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7:30 AM	♦Ann Ayersman
	Nick & Genevieve Doffin
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	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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<b>MONDAY</b>	JANUARY 20
7:00 AM	♦Kristin & John Finley
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	JANUARY 21
7:00 AM	†Paulina Rodriguez
WEDNESDAY	JANUARY 22
7:00 AM	♦Joan Companik-10 year
	Anniversary
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♦JoAnn Brennan

<b>THURSDAY</b>	JANUARY 23
7:00 AM	Deacon Jack Krol
FRIDAY	JANUARY 24
7:00 AM	Sr. Dominic Dybel, OSF
SATURDAY	JANUARY 25
8:00 AM	♦Greg Zorich
5:00 PM	♦Robert Eskew, Jr.
SUNDAY	JANUARY 26 3RD SUNDAY IN
	ORDINARY TIME
7:30 AM	St. Michael Parish
9:30 AM	♦Clyde Gercken
11:30 AM	♦ Jeanne Bobonick

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# THE WORD

(Readings for January 26, 2025, The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time)



8:55 AM

Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 Ezra the priest stood before the people and proclaimed the book of the law. Then he "interpreted it so that all could understand." He declared the day holy and urged people to rejoice.

II. 1 Corinthians 12:12-30

The body is one and has many members, but all members, though many, are one body. Further, each part is indispensable. So it is with Christ's body: we, though many, are one.

III. Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

Returning to Nazareth, Jesus entered the synagogue and read from the prophet Isaiah. After reading, Jesus proclaimed, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."

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