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See page 9 of the bulletin

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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.

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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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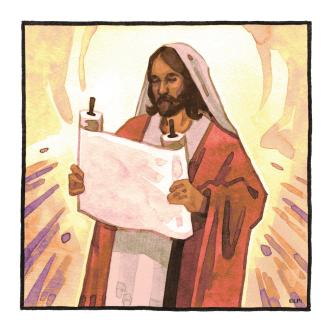
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From the Pastor's Desk

Live the Good News. For many, it would be a revelation to know that daily newspapers used to have two editions, one in the morning and one in the late afternoon. Before the 24/7 news networks, the newspaper was the way the news was spread. Now with instant internet news access, you and I can get our news spoon fed to us. This is so much the case that people can even decide what news they want to hear or read and what news they want to avoid. Unfortunately, none of these news mediums possess the depth and breadth of the local newspaper. Our news is curated for us and thus much of what you and I need to know is left unsaid and unwritten.

When we hear about the 'Good News" in today's Gospel, it is almost natural for us to expect to hear news that will make us happy. We equate good with happiness. That might be true but this happiness is not ultimately about personal gratification. Rather, this "Good News" is a direct challenge to our self-centered curated lives. In addition, this "Good News" comes to us not primarily as a printed product, but as a person. Jesus, Himself, is the Good News.

When Jesus is truly present, the good is brought out of a creation that has been stained by our self-centeredness. With the living, Good News present the lame walk, the deaf hear, the mute speak, the sick are healed, the sinner is forgiven, enemies can be reconciled, the troubled are consoled, the anxious are calmed, the poor are treated with dignity and the addict is freed from self-absorption. The healthy come to know their deeper need for healing, the strong come to realize their need to surrender to love, the rich are invited by grace to share their blessings and the confident and untroubled find real peace in supporting those who are weak



and afraid. In short, Jesus can and does make our rollercoaster existence, full of valleys and rough mountain roads, into one of sure purpose that changes the difficult journey into one of joy. He makes the rough ways smooth and levels the road so we can all walk together with Him, the Good News.

All this hinges on our acceptance of His Will in our lives. St. Paul reminds us in the second reading, our many and varied gifts that each of us have received are not given primarily for our personal benefit. They are given to us to use them in Christ's name to build up the Body of Christ, the Church. The Church becomes the ultimate and enduring presence of the Good News. A person cannot know the fullness of the Good News without belonging to the Church, Christ's real Body. Thus, we accept the Will of Jesus when we engage in His Body, the Church. Obedience to Jesus' Will is inexorably linked to what you and I learn from, and are taught by, His Holy Church.

This does not mean that this single person or that single person in the Church, in its manifestation in the here and now, is free from error. What it does mean is that the tradition of the teaching of Jesus held within the deposit of faith in the Church has been Divinely inspired. Thus, each of us, in the Church, must hold our lives up to precepts of the Church which transcend any one individual or group. You and I are called to obedience to Christ's Will and He has chosen to make that Will manifest in the Church, in its Scriptures and Tradition.

The temptation to reinvent the wheel to conform to my particular understanding of who I am and what the world should be is tempered by our acceptance of the Creed we pray each Sunday and the Tradition (the celebration of sacraments) in which we need to engage in order to follow "The Way," Jesus. The more we use the gifts God has given each of us for the good of the whole, the more we conform our lives to Jesus. Jesus, who used the gift of His very self to be the Good News that continues to ransom you and me, and a countless number before and after us, from slavery to our self-centered ways to freedom to live for others. He has gifted us for this purpose.

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Welcome into Full Communion Daniel Kanelopoulos



Daniel and his sponsor, fiancée Elizabeth Admave, take a moment to take a picture with Fr. Marty just after Daniel celebrated his Sacraments of Confirmation & Communion fully initiating him into the Catholic Church.

God Bless you Daniel!

submitted by Kimberley Hoogeveen



January 31st 8:00 AM in St. Patrick Hall Cost: \$5 Please call Ursula at 219-741-3276 to register.



Eucharistic Adoration
January 29th
1:00-4:00 PM in the Chapel

Adult Catholic Education
"Into His Likeness"
Notice: Change of Day
from Thursday Evenings
to Monday Evenings
Starting March 10th-April 14th
7:00-8:30 PM



As part of our **Parish Mission**, this is a great opportunity for the whole family to unite as we delve into the Scriptures that reveal the Real Presence of Christ.

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SIGNS: The Gospel of John 7 PM - 8:30 PM



Monday, March 3 Luke: Stories on the Road 7 PM - 8:30 PM



Submitted by Elizabeth Munoz

Tuesday, March 4 Struggle to Live Faithfully 7 PM - 8:30 PM

Starring Frank Runyeon, translator and performer of Biblical texts.

Each night will follow with a fellowship reception in the hall.

Learn more about the presenter at runyeonproductions.com.

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 UPCOMING EVENTS:

January 26th: GAME NIGHT in the gym! Get ready to have some fun playing Knock

Out, Pictionary, Ping Pong and more! 6:00-8:00 PM in SMS Gym

February 2nd: MOVIE & PJ Night, bring a lawn chair and your favorite snack, 6:00-8:00 PM in St. Amand Room

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

March 23rd: GYM Night, 5:00-8:00 PM

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**

Submitted by Jeannine Quigley

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WARRIOR OF THE WEEK

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I started SMS when I was in preschool. It has always been an amazing experience. I have always loved it here. I plan on attending Andrean High School, because my parents went there. My sister also goes there now. I participate in many sports such as football, basketball, baseball, soccer and volleyball. My favorite one to play is football. One of my hobbies at home is 3D printing. I got a 3D printer when I was younger, and I love to use it. I love to model things and print them. I also believe SMS is special because everyone is super kind, and I have always had great experiences with everyone. Every day, I look forward to coming to school to see all of my best friends. I love all of the teachers, and they are all super nice, and I think that makes it special. It makes learning better when you have teachers that you understand and that is what SMS is. Some advice I would give to younger students is to always be nice and always have respect for others and to keep this awesome school going. It has pushed me to become a better student which will prepare me for my next part in life. It brought me much closer to God and helped me truly understand Him. Sometimes, it is hard to keep all of your work up, but in the end, it will all be worth it.



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



For Those Who Have Died...

Patricia Christenson

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St. Patrick Hall - Doors Open at 6pm
Dinner Served at 7pm

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Dinner, LIVE Music, Cash Bar & Special Prizes

Tickets are \$60 each

Tickets available online thru Feb. 2.

To buy tickets visit stmichaelparish.life/events or scan QRCode

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Questions? Contact Kathryn Sanders at 219-201-1172

Submitted by Elizabeth Munoz

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Thank You Hardly Seems Like Enough!

"It is Christmas every time you let God love others through you...yes, it is Christmas every time you smile at your brother and offer him your hand." St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

With sincere gratitude, the Good Samaritans Ministry wishes to thank our caring partners, who made our Christmas Season so special for the many families who were in need of assistance. Our Ministry provided 20 families with full Christmas dinners along with items from Santa. Many gave time, treasure and talent to make this effort a success and we wish to acknowledge their kindness.

Thank you to Principal Biscan, Mrs. Pagorek, teachers and staff, who coordinated the School Mitten Tree. The school families *generously* donated thoughtful gifts and gift cards making a very happy Christmas for our families in need of assistance. You are simply awesome!!!

We extend a special thank you to our parish families who donated turkeys and sides which made a complete dinner for our families.

Thank you to the Labors of Love Ministry team. These talented ladies provided blankets, scarfs, hats, toys, holiday kitchen linens and ear warmers. Their items are so unique and fun. Their talent, time and skill set in making these items is very appreciated! You make our Christmas baskets one of a kind!

Thank you to our St. Michael Faith Formation families, led by Kimberly Hoogeveen. They provided personal care blessing bags and gift certificates. These items are very much in demand for everyday hygiene, not to mention helpful and often asked for by our clients. We value your partnership!

This Christmas we welcomed new partners, The Grimmer Middle Scholl National Junior Honor Society and lead teacher, Mrs. Christa Moore. Mrs. Moore contacted our Ministry and wanted to team up in helping a family. This student organization wanted to use their profits, from a recent fundraiser, to provide a family in need with gifts for Christmas and did they ever!! They gave a young family of six, who had a fire in their home this past fall, a *carload* of gifts. Their generosity was over the top!

We thank our Amazon, Sam's Club and gentleman office angels who kindly help keep our shelves stocked each month, we appreciate you!!

A *huge* thank you is offered to this group of people, who deserve our appreciation, for their help each week. Judy & Tina who coordinated all the Advent donations & Rob Olson who helps each Sunday with keeping our bin, in the Narthex, organized! We are grateful to you! We would also like to acknowledge both our parish maintenance staff and office staff for their support and help during this busy holiday season. A special thank you to Fr. Marty, Fr. Robert, Deacon Gary and Deacon Ron for their efforts in promoting the Good Samaritans Ministry's work.

Finally, to our wonderful and benevolent St. Michael Parish Family, who donated, again, nearly \$5000.00 in cash and gift cards toward our Trim a Tree Appeal. In addition, the many items donated through the Advent project, helped fill the shelves of the pantry. Your consistent and generous support of our ministry is humbling and we value your willingness to adjust your budget to make this happen. You have helped struggling single mothers, grandparents responsible for raising grandchildren, seniors who are grappling with rising costs of medicine, gas and food, Veterans who don't have permanent housing, lodging for homeless families, some who are living in their cars. This is a snapshot of the *GOOD* you afforded. Simply put, this parish has a *GIANT SIZE HEART*!! *YOU* make all we do possible and allow us to continue the important work that has been entrusted in our care. Your loyal friendship to our ministry, especially during difficult economic times, is comforting and we are most grateful.

You are a witness to the strength and spirit of this community and for your *generous and kind sharing* we sincerely thank you and wish you God's richest blessings in 2025!

St. Michael Proud!!

Submitted by Sue Cohen



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S[†]ewardship in Action

When dealing with others that may trigger you this week, remember they are part of the one body.

Treat all parts of the body with love, kindness and compassion.

Submitted by Conchita Bryner





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January 19, 2025

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There are towers available on either side of the main aisle in church to place your Sunday donations. We no longer pass baskets for regular collections.

Weekly Schedule

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

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

MONDAY JANUARY 27

Liturgy Committee Meeting 7:00 PM

TUESDAY JANUARY 28

Senior GEMS 10:00 AM, SE Room Faith Formation Traditional Classes 6:00 PM, SMS

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 29

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

THURSDAY JANUARY 30

Choir Practice 7:00 PM, Church

FRIDAY JANUARY 31

Chair Yoga 8:00 AM, SPH Bell Choir Practice 6:00 PM, Church

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 1

First Saturday Devotions After Morning Mass Confessions 3:30-4:30 PM, Chapel St. Valentine Dance Ticket Sales After Vigil Mass, GS Super Raffle Tickets After Vigil Mass, GS

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 2

KofC Pancake Breakfast 8:00 AM-1:00 PM, SPH St. Valentine Dance Ticket Sales After All Masses, GS Super Raffle Ticket Sales After All Masses, GS OCIA 9:30 AM Radiate 6:00 PM, SPH

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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 dcgary.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.



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

Feb. 21st March 20th* April 25th *Renewed will take place at 6:00-7:15 PM

Questions? Call 219-769-1755, ext. 308

*14TH ANNUAL PACZKI BALL DINNER/DANCE FUNDRAISER

Knights of Columbus Council 8082-Dyer is hosting a Paczki Ball Dinner/Dance at Andorra Banquets, 1112 Route 41, Schererville on Feb. 22nd, 6:00-11:00 PM. Cash bar and family style Polish dinner followed by dancing featuring E-Z Tones Polka Band. Ticket cost is \$40 per person. To purchase tickets or request additional information, contact Ed Hebda (630) 258-8331 or via e-mail: Edhebda8082@yahoo.com.

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. 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

*AYCE SPAGHETTI DINNER

The Knights of Columbus, Marquette Council 3631 of Griffith, will host their annual Fat Tuesday AYCE Spaghetti Dinner on March 4th, 4:00-8:00 PM. This event will take place at their council facility, 1400 S. Broad Street. This event raises money to benefit residents of the SHARE Foundation, a privately funded Christian nonprofit that provides faith-based independent living and camp experiences for our adult friends with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The cost for the evening is a goodwill donation (\$10 suggested minimum). The menu consists of pasta with meat sauce, garlic bread, salad, cash bar, and desserts provided by the residents of the SHARE Foundation. Donations to the SHARE Foundation can be mailed to the Knights of Columbus (payable to Marquette Council 3631, memo line SHARE FOUNDATION) or you can send your donations via Zelle, Venmo or Apple Pay to the financial secretary at (219) 308-7323.

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.

*CATHOLIC CHARITIES LOOKING FOR **VOLUNTEERS**



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tgunnum@catholic-charities.org or call 219-397-5803, ext. 205.



SATURDAY	JANUARY 25
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
MONDAY	JANUARY 27
7:00 AM	†Rita Madson
TUESDAY	JANUARY 28
7:00 AM	♦Doris Bohney-5 year
	anniversary
WEDNESDAY	JANUARY 29
7:00 AM	♦Cathleen Lesnik

♦Tom Kudzia

THURSDAY	JANUARY 30
7:00 AM	All Souls
FRIDAY	JANUARY 31
7:00 AM	All Souls
SATURDAY	FEBRUARY 1
8:00 AM	♥Robert Eskew, Jr
5:00 PM	♥Kyle Arnold
	†James "Nacho" Mendoza
SUNDAY	FEBRUARY 2 PRESENTATION
	OF THE LORD
7:30 AM	♦Kristin & John Finley
9:30 AM	♦Thelma Sigrist
11:30 AM	St. Michael Parish

†indicates deceased



THE WORD

(Readings for February 2, 2025, the Presentation of the Lord)



8:55 AM

Malachi 3:1-4

This coming of the Lord will be a time to return to God with sincere hearts and proper offerings.



II. *Hebrews 2:14-18*

Jesus gives people hope in the face of death, and promises to help them in everything they go through.



III. Luke 2:22-40

When the time came for the purification rites required by the Law of Moses, Joseph and Mary took Jesus to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord"), and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord.

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