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January 1, 2023

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SATURDAY LITURGY

Vigil: 5:00 PM
DAILY LITURGY
Weekdays 7:00 AM
Saturday 8:00 AM

SUNDAY LITURGY

7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 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

EUCCHARISTIC 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 322-4505, 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.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Monday prior to the Sunday printing 12:00 PM (Noon).
Holidays have exceptions. Please submit potential bulletin articles by email to bulletin@stmichaelparish.life or in print form to the office or by fax to 322-4508.

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Welcome to visitors and new members. If you would like to register, please visit the website or call 322-4505, x8220. Come Join Us!

From the Pastor's Desk

Beginnings. It is good to remember that we begin this new calendar year within the liturgical year or better the Year of Grace which began with the first Sunday of Advent. This small but significant fact reminds us that all of our endeavors lie within the great Paschal Mystery. The Paschal Mystery is the saving act of God wrought by Jesus' birth, preaching, healing, suffering, death on the Cross, resurrection, ascension and sending of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost.

This Paschal Mystery is at the very center of who we are as followers of Jesus and is the all-encompassing reality that you and I live within everyday of each new year. Thus, any good that I or that you hope to accomplish this new year, any resolutions that we desire to be fruitful or any new goals we want to fulfill need to be rooted in the overarching presence of God's Grace that comes to us in the weekly celebration of the Mass and other sacraments and in our daily prayer.

Just as we began the Year of Grace on the first Sunday of Advent preparing for the coming of Christ, so we celebrate the beginning of the new calendar year honoring the one who was the bearer of the Christ, Mary, Mother of God. This feast, which is the most ancient of the feasts that honor Our Lady, is placed here to help us remember that we too are called to be "bearers" of the Christ." Mary is the first disciple, the one who heard God's voice and followed; you and I look to her so that we may imitate her trust and openness.

Certainly, one New Year's resolution we could all take on, indeed that you and I are committed to from baptism, is to imitate Mary and allow God to work through us. In this way, we carry Christ to the world, to our schools, homes, neighborhood, region, workplaces and friendships. In this way, we will live this New Year within God's grace-filled year that places you and I in the midst of that Paschal Mystery of Christ, our only hope of achieving any new resolutions.

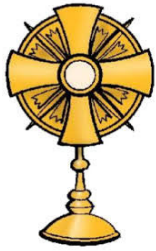
Marriage Preparation It is at this time of the year and in the month ahead that many young people get engaged. If you or someone (another Catholic) is getting engaged, please remember that you need to contact the parish office no less than six months in advance. Contacting the parish office nine months in advance is best. The Deacons and I are charged with the responsibility to help couples prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage. This preparation is bolstered by other married couples in the parish and it takes time. The whole six months is needed. We want to help you have a successful and happy marriage, not just a nice wedding day.

Many Thanks! Many thanks goes out to all those who have been extra generous this year with the less fortunate in our community: those who contributed to the Good Samaritans "Trim-a-Tree," those who helped to purchase more substantial items for the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ at the Sojourner Truth House and for the Carmelite Sisters at the Carmelite Home in East Chicago, and our Respect Life group which aids expectant and new mothers and those who donated food and helped in its distribution. Most importantly, all your generosity will find its thanks through the prayers of the many people you have touched. God bless you.

Yours prayers are needed. I ask you to remember in the kindness of your prayers this week, our Christian candidates, Kylee & Chloe Velez, who will be brought into full communion in the Catholic Church on the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord, Sunday January 8th. They are already baptized in the Christian Faith and have been growing in their relationship with Christ over the past year or more. They have also been learning about what it means to be a Catholic Christian. Now they are prepared to be Confirmed and brought to the Eucharistic Table for the first time. Please pray for them this week and in the weeks after their reception into the Church.

Spirituality and Worship Commission

Commission Members: Director of Liturgy, Art & Environment, Eucharistic Ministers, Hospitality, Lectors, Music, Sacristan, Altar Servers, Cross Bearers, Prayer Ministry, RCIA, Ministers of Care, Deer Creek/Clarendale Ministers



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



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THINKING OF BECOMING CATHOLIC?

**ARE YOU CATHOLIC IN NEED OF
COMMUNION OR CONFIRMATION?**

A process for those who are 8 years of age through adulthood. The person may be baptized in another faith tradition, non-baptized, or only baptized in the Catholic faith. For more information about this process, please call Kimberley at 219-322-3077.



January 8th

3:00 PM

in the Church

**Come and Hear the Sounds
of the Christmas Season
performed by the
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Altar Server Refresher Training

MANDATORY for all new servers, 6th grade, and 7th grade. For all others this training is optional.

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**Saturday, January 14
8:30am – 10:00 am in church**

Any questions please contact
kimkneuppel@me.com

Help Is Needed to Take Down Christmas Decor

Please come and help us on Tuesday, Jan. 10th, at 6:00 PM to take down the Christmas décor and set-up for Ordinary Time. Please call Tina at 865-8663 if you have any questions. Service hours are available, but parents need to accompany children under 16.



Education and Formation Commission

SMS NEWS
Michelle Wacnik, Principal

Commission Members: Director of Religious Education, School Principal, Sport/School Advisory Board/HSA Representatives, Marriage Prep, Baptismal Prep, Adult Catholic Education, RADIATE Youth Ministry, Bible Study

WARRIOR OF THE WEEK



My name is Andrew Uhrick, I have been attending SMS since preschool and I plan on going to Marian High School. I participate in multiple sports, such as volleyball, basketball and soccer. Outside of school, I like to play video games with my friends. I also watch a lot of movies. My current favorite is Whiplash. My favorite thing about SMS is my friends and the time I spend with them. It is really good to have friends in school because I've seen the same people 7 hours a day for nearly 8 years. I won't be going to high school with very many of them but I hope I stay in touch. Something I've learned over my time here at SMS is to remember to study and to finish homework as soon as possible and to try not to get behind on things. I am most thankful for every one of my teachers, from Mrs. Ellen to my current middle school teachers. They have taught me so much and contributed to who I am today. They taught me everything from ABC's to number lines, to multiplication facts to square roots. Even though I might've not been the best little kindergartener or 3rd grader,

they still taught me so much.

Apples
for the
Students

Save all your Strack & Van Til receipts (Sept. 1, 2022-March 31, 2023) put them in an envelope marked Apples for the Students and place in the collection basket or drop them off at the parish office during normal business hours. The school will earn technological items. The more receipts saved the more the school receives.

Faith Formation News

Kimberley Hoogeveen, DRE



Faith Formation fifth graders are getting ready for the arrival of Baby Jesus!



Sunday Faith Formation Families gathered to share the Christmas Spirit by making and creating beautiful cards and snowmen ornaments for the patients and their families of Hospice of the Calumet Area.

Peace & Social Justice Commission

**THERE WILL BE NO EMOTIONS
ANONYMOUS MEETING ON
JANUARY 2ND.**

Commission Members: Ministry of Consolation and Hope,
Good Samaritans, Pastoral Care, Respect Life, Parish Nurse
Ministry, Rebuilding Hope Mission Team, Wheelchair Ramp Ministry,
Labors of Love, Emotions Anonymous

LIFE IS PRECIOUS; HANDLE WITH PRAYER



Allen Girus, Ruth Marie Sarros-Chatfield, Melissa Petritis, Matthew Balcer, **Cathy Rose**, **Gladys D'Mello**, Denese Paszko, Jim Morehouse, **Loretta Kreuger**, **Marilyn McKenna** and all those in need of the healing touch of God.

Please call 219-322-4505, ext. 8220 to place a loved one on the Prayer List. In praying for a sick person, we show our solidarity with that person and we remind ourselves to do all that is within our power to help in the healing done through our Lord, Jesus Christ. **Names of the sick are placed in the bulletin for a period of four weeks after which time they are removed and then placed in the Book of Intentions in the Chapel.**

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



For Those Who Have Died...

David Kaminsky

Life has changed, not ended



**Meeting
January 3rd
10:00 AM
St. Patrick Hall**

Respect Life Ministry Says Thank You for Helping to Put 'Christ Back in Christmas'

The Respect Life Ministry would like to thank all of you who purchased Christmas cards this year. Your support was overwhelming as always. Also, the purchase of the cards helps to keep 'Christ' in Christmas by offering a Mass on the Feast of the Holy Family and keeping recipients of the cards in the book of intentions throughout the year. We also want to thank all of you who attended the Breakfast with Baby Jesus and St. Nicholas. We were so glad to see you all taking advantage of the 'photo op' having your family pictures taken with St. Nicholas and Baby Jesus. Congratulations to Bill McKenna who was the winner of our drawing of the Gorilla stuffed animal. We really appreciate your support as it will continue to allow us to assist the organizations that help to protect life.

A special thank you to the Knights of Columbus (especially to Todd Petrea for playing the role of St. Nicholas), the Crossbearer ministry and all of you who assisted us at the Breakfast with Baby Jesus and St. Nicholas. We would like to thank Robert Hansen for providing the camera/printer set up to assist with taking these pictures. Our ministry may only consist of a small number of 'actual' members but there are many parishioners who will always step up to make our events successful and to them we are extremely grateful.

As always, thank you for your support and God Bless You.

Submitted by Cathy Bartczak





JOIN GEMS

We meet January 10th, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Come have some conversation and fun. On January 24th at 10:00 AM, come join us for Bingo and refreshments. Please bring a white elephant gift for a prize for

Bingo. If you plan on attending the Bingo, please call Carol at 219-736-5085 by January 9th.

Submitted by Carol Rusich

Commission Members: Welcoming Ministry, Holy Name Society, Knights of Columbus, Festival Committee, Comforting Chefs, Senior GEMS, Boy Scouts of America



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NEW YEAR'S



Stewardship & Parish Administration Commission

Commission Members: Finance Council, Gardener
Ministry, Education Foundation, Cemetery Committee,
Campus Facilities Coordinator, Stewardship

WANT TO ADVERTISE IN OUR BULLETIN?

Our bulletin production company, J.S. Paluch, has ceased publishing our bulletin unexpectedly. This has left us with a tough choice and we have decided to bring our bulletin in-house.

To offset rising printing costs, we will be selling a variety of advertising packages with a flat rate available dependent on a small variety of ad size variations. Due to our new in-house bulletin production, all advertising income will now go directly to supporting the bulletin production program and our over 40+ parish ministries directly!

If you have previously paid for ads, we want to make sure those payments are honored! Please email Communications Director, Megan Jones at mjones@stmichaelparish.life with a copy of your contract/invoice and we will make sure your advertisement is honored!

As always, if you have questions, please do not hesitate to reach out at 219-334-8042. Stay tuned for more information on pricing and new package opportunities in the coming week's bulletins.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and thank you in advance for your patience and understanding during this time of transition!

Stewardship in Action

Be inspired by the Holy Family; take time each week to pray with your family and enjoy an activity together. *Submitted by Conchita Bryner*

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Weekly Schedule

MONDAY JANUARY 2

Parish Office Closed
No School-Christmas Break
No Emotions Anonymous

TUESDAY JANUARY 3

Labors of Love 10:00 AM
No Faith Formation Traditional Classes-Christmas Break

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 4

Eucharistic Adoration 1:00-4:00 PM
No Faith Formation Traditional Classes-Christmas Break

THURSDAY JANUARY 5

Choir Practice 7:00 PM

SATURDAY JANUARY 6

Music Practice 10:00 AM
Confessions 3:30-4:30 PM

SUNDAY JANUARY 8

Coffee & Donuts After All Masses
RCIA 9:30 AM

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE



November 20, 2022

Adult	\$11,355.00
Children	\$44.66
EFTs*	\$7,555.00
Loose	\$240.67

**Total Weekly Offering
\$19,195.33**

**Campaign for Human Development Collection
\$4,440.00**

**Electronic Funds Transfer*

Thank you for your generosity!

We Remember . . . We Prepare . . .



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY DECEMBER 31

5:00 PM All Souls

SUNDAY JANUARY 1 THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY

7:30 AM For an End to Abortion on Demand and/
or a Conversion of Heart for
those who Provide Abortions

9:30 AM LeRoy Hansen
✠Michael O'Donnell

11:30 AM St. Michael Parish

MONDAY JANUARY 2

7:00 AM ✠Carol Jakubowicz

TUESDAY JANUARY 3

7:00 AM ✠Sharon Kras

✠David Kras

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 4

7:00 AM ✠Joseph Zaborske

8:55 AM All Souls

THURSDAY JANUARY 5

7:00 AM ✠Gayle Blair

FRIDAY JANUARY 6

7:00 AM ✠Philip Bruno

SATURDAY JANUARY 7

8:00 AM ✠Theresa Sullivan

5:00 PM ✠Walter & Mildred Prenizny

SUNDAY JANUARY 8 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

7:30 AM ✠Richard Kalemba

9:30 AM ✠Kyle N. Arnold

11:30 AM St. Michael Parish

✠indicates deceased



reflections...

THE WORD

(Readings for January 8, 2023, The Epiphany of the Lord)

I. *Isaiah 60:1-6*

Darkness covers the earth, and heavy clouds hang over the people. But the light has come and the glory of the Lord shines bright.

II. *Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6*

In Christ Jesus, Gentiles and Jews are co-heirs and co-sharers in the saving promise.

III. *Matthew 2:1-12*

The magi from the east followed the star until it stopped over the house. They entered, found the child with Mary, prostrated themselves, and did him homage.

The Parish Website

Visit our website, www.stmichaelparish.life for up-to-date information on upcoming events, St. Michael Catholic School, St. Michael Cemetery, photo gallery, information on all of our ministries/committees, and St. Patrick Hall and our adjacent meeting rooms.

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