

WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



January 8, 2023

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. - Mt 2:10-11a

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Sunday Family Classes.....Once a month 9:30-11:00 AM

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

Jesus' Birth! The stories of Jesus' birth receive a lot of loving attention during this Holy Season. Yet, all that attention rarely reflects on the fact that the two stories about the Lord's birth are different in many specific and important ways. In our mind, we tend to meld the stories together, but the author of the gospel of Luke and the author of the gospel of Matthew tell the story in their way for particular reasons.

The rendition of the story that includes the three magi (wise-men) coming from the east belongs solely to Matthew. Matthew is writing his gospel primarily for an audience of Christians that were of Jewish descent. Luke writes for Christians who were mostly of pagan descent. This intended audience favors what Matthew writes and what the author considers necessary to tell the gospel story to his particular Christian community.

Matthew is concerned, in the telling of Jesus' birth story (or narrative), with drawing his listeners attention to the fact that Jesus is not a fly-by-night character. Rather, Jesus comes from the stock of David, their beloved King, and that He comes as their ruler as well. Matthew has a problem, though, with his predominately Hebrew audience. They come with a strong belief that God belonged solely to them and they to God. So Matthew wants to make clear from the beginning that God, in Jesus, comes for the whole world, for anyone wise enough to be open to this child-King.

In the story, Herod represents the Hebrew people who were not wise enough to be open to God's human visitation. Herod condemns himself by his cunning and feigned adoration for the child-King. He closes himself from any possibility of openness to God's plan and he goes mad, tradition tells us, for doing so. The story is clear in showing that those with the wonderment of seekers, people who are open to the truth however it appears, are blessed with God's presence; while those who interpret God's presence as a threat cannot undo what God does, even by force.

For you and I, the lesson is clear too. Jesus' message is not complicated. Jesus' message has childlike clarity. His message is to love as He loved. He loved by giving of Himself without calculating the cost. When we do the same with our daily life, you and I, like the sages in the gospel story, are able to stand in His Presence. When you and I come to Mass without watching the clock, when we help others without concern for our needs, when we give of our time and talents without searching for what we get out of it, and when we give of our treasure freely to support God's work, we stretch ourselves and open our lives to God's Presence.

Many people fight this simple message. Many people complicate it with expectations and demands. Yet the message will not go away. It cannot be willed away by our refusal to act upon it. The presence of God is here to stay in our midst, in the Holy Eucharist, in His Church and in His Holy Word. It appears in the story that the sages have the better part. Though their journey to and from Jesus is no doubt hard, they still are open to make the journey. Matthew invites us to journey with them and not to sit in our private palace of self-assured prosperity. Wisdom is gained in the journey and the willingness to be open to the daily Presence of Christ in your family, your parish, in the poor and the infirmed.

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.

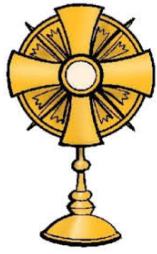
To offset rising printing costs, we will be selling a variety of advertising packages with a flat rate available dependent on a small variety of ad size variations. Due to our new in-house bulletin production, all advertising income will now go directly to supporting the bulletin production program and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

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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!

Spirituality and Worship Commission



**Eucharistic
Adoration
January 11th
1:00-4:00 PM
in the Chapel**

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



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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.



**Christmas Concert
Performed by
St. Michael
Music Ministry
Today, January 8th
3:00 PM
in the church**

Altar Server Refresher Training

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

Includes Weddings & Funerals.

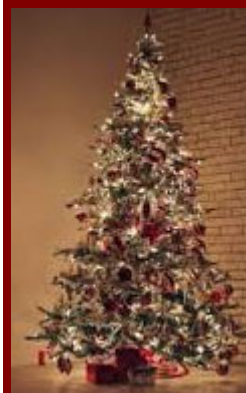
**Saturday, January 14
8:30am – 10:00 am in church**

Any questions please contact
kimkneuppel@me.com

**What Goes Up
Must Come Down
Christmas Décor
Take Down And
Ordinary Time Set Up**

January 10th

6:00 PM



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

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

All High Schoolers are Invited to Radiate

We have a lot of fun things coming in 2023. It is never too late to journey with us as we encounter Christ, make friends and have a good time.

Keep these dates open:

January 15th: Gathering in St. Patrick Hall, 6:00-8:00 PM

January 29th: Gathering in St. Patrick Hall, 6:00-8:00 PM

February 19th: Gathering in St. Patrick Hall, 6:00-8:00 PM



Keep updated. Join our Radiate texts by sending a text to 81010 and then text message @Radiate. If you have any questions, please call Jeannine Quigley at (219) 775-5356 or Marisa Richardson at (219) 730-4735.



WARRIOR OF THE WEEK



Hi, my name is Brady Quinn. I've been going to SMS since I was in preschool. I'm attending Andrean High School next year. I am going to Andrean because all four of my siblings have gone there. Also, I want to play sports there. For the school, I play soccer, basketball, volleyball and I run cross country. Outside of school, I play for a travel baseball team out of Crown Point called Five Star. My favorite memories from SMS are the field days at the end of the year and a lot of the field trips we have taken throughout the years. The best field trip was when we went to the Indy Speedway and the state capital. This trip was a lot of fun because we got to tour the speedway with our friends and go to the state capital and learn about that. I will miss all the teachers and the people who are not going to Andrean next year. I have learned a lot of valuable things from SMS. The most important thing I have learned is to treat everybody how you would like to be treated. If you do this, then you feel better and it makes everything easier. At SMS, I am most thankful for the teachers.

From preschool to 8th grade all the teachers have been great and very helpful. I will always remember my time here at SMS.



JANUARY CALENDAR

10th/11th: Traditional Classes 6:00-7:30 PM

First Reconciliation Practice 6:30 PM

15th: Family Session 9:30-11:00 AM

"Do This in Memory of Me" Mass 11:30 AM

17th/18th: Traditional Classes 6:00-7:30 PM

24th/25th: Traditional Classes 6:00-7:30 PM

26th: First Communion Parent Meeting 7:00 PM

28th: First Reconciliation Service 10:30 AM

Reception in St. Patrick Hall to Follow

31st/Feb. 1st: Traditional Classes 6:00-7:30 PM

Peace & Social Justice Commission



For Those Who Have Died...

Diana Marovich
Anthony Lopez

Life has changed, not ended

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



Melissa Petritis, Matthew Balcer, ***Cathy Rose, Gladys D'Mello,*** Denese Paszko, Jim Morehouse, ***Loretta Kreuger, Marilyn McKenna,*** Ed Labus, Zac Wachowski, Pam Pellince, ***Kristen Finley*** 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.



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January 14th & 15th

After the Vigil Mass and

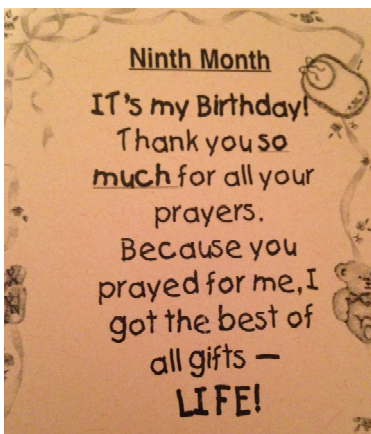
7:30 & 9:30 AM Masses

In the East Cloak Room



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6:00-7:30 PM IN
USE EAST DOORS/SOUTHWEST
MEETING ROOM
There will be no meeting on
January 16th.**

Spiritual Adoption Program



Please remember to pray daily for your Spiritual Adopted baby and the baby's mother and father.

"Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion.

Prayer of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

In celebration of the baby's birth last month, Respect Life was one of the charitable organizations that received help. Thank you so much for your overwhelming donations of diapers, wipes and many baby items. The donations you made will help the many organizations such as the Women's Care Center, The Carmelite Home and the Answer just to name a few. It will also assist us with our new program, Walking with Moms in Need, that you will hear more

about in the upcoming weeks. Again thanks for your ongoing support.

Parish Life



We will have our first meeting of the year on January 10th at 10:00 AM in the SE room in St. Patrick Hall. Anyone over 50 is invited. We will be discussing outings for 2023, so please join us.

On January 24th at 10:00 AM, join us for Bingo and refreshments. Please bring a white elephant gift for a prize for Bingo. If you like to attending Bingo, please call Carol at 219-736-5085 by January 9th.

Submitted by Carol Rusich

New Member Registration

The Welcoming Ministry will be taking parish registration on **January 15th** after the 7:30 & 9:30 AM Masses in St. Patrick Hall. We ask that you have the dates and places of Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation and Marriage for all members of the family. You may also register at the parish office Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM or register online. If you have any questions, contact the parish office 322-4505, ext. 8220 or visit the website, stmichaelparish.life.

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

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Stewardship & Parish Administration Commission

Stewardship in Action

Invite to Mass family or friends regardless of denomination. Discuss the similarities of expression of faith over a meal. *Submitted by Conchita Bryner*



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

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

November 27, 2022

Adult	\$22,856.00
Children	\$31.05
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Loose	\$784.56

Total Weekly Offering
\$26,519.11

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Stewardship & Parish Administration Commission



ADVERTISE IN THE ST. MICHAEL PARISH

Bulletin

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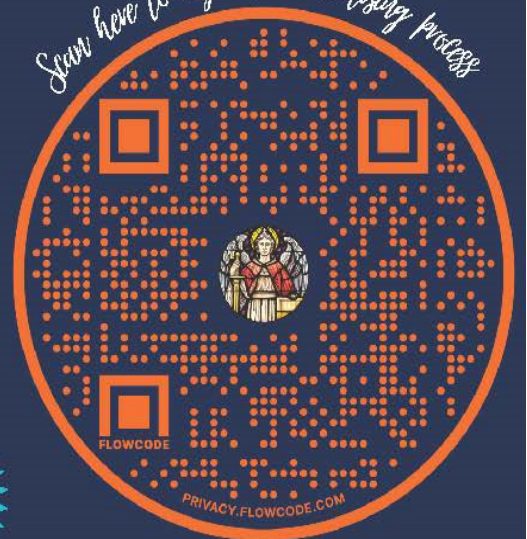
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Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY JANUARY 8

Coffee & Donuts After All Masses
RCIA 9:30 AM

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

MONDAY JANUARY 9

Emotions Anonymous 6:00 PM
Parish Council Meeting 7:00 PM

TUESDAY JANUARY 10

GEMS 10:00 AM
Arts & Environment Take Down 6:00 PM
Faith Formation Traditional Classes 6:00 PM
Reconciliation Practice 6:30 PM

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 11

Eucharistic Adoration 1:00-4:00 PM
Baptismal Prep 6:00 PM
Faith Formation Traditional Classes 6:00 PM
Reconciliation Practice 6:30 PM

THURSDAY JANUARY 12

Choir Practice 7:00 PM

FRIDAY JANUARY 13

Respect Life 1:30 PM

SATURDAY JANUARY 14

Altar Server Training 8:30 AM
Confessions 3:30-4:30 PM
Blood Pressure Readings After Vigil Mass

SUNDAY JANUARY 15

Blood Pressure Readings After 7:30 & 9:30 AM Masses
New Member Registration After 7:30 & 9:30 AM Masses
Faith Formation Family Session 9:30 AM
RCIA 9:30 AM
"Do This in Memory of Me" Mass 11:30 AM
Radiate 6:00 PM

We Remember . . . We Prepare . . .



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY JANUARY 7 5:00 PM †Walter & Mildred Prenizny	THURSDAY JANUARY 12 7:00 AM †Thomas Raclaw
SUNDAY JANUARY 8 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD 7:30 AM †Richard Kalembo 9:30 AM †Kyle N. Arnold 11:30 AM St. Michael Parish	FRIDAY JANUARY 13 7:00 AM †Paul Weber
MONDAY JANUARY 9 7:00 AM †George Pfothenhauer †Joe Ranz	SATURDAY JANUARY 14 8:00 AM All Souls 5:00 PM †June Felgenhauer
TUESDAY JANUARY 10 7:00 AM †Deacon Jack Krol	SUNDAY JANUARY 15 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 7:30 AM St. Michael Parish 9:30 AM †John & Helen Rodrigues †Patrick Logue †Jane & Phil Laskey 11:30 AM †Charles Marsh
WEDNESDAY JANUARY 11 7:00 AM Zaborske Family 8:55 AM All Souls	

† indicates deceased



reflections...

THE WORD

(Readings for January 15, 2023, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time)

I. *Isaiah 49:3, 5-6*

The Lord said, "You are my servant, Israel, through whom I show my glory...I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth."

II. *1 Corinthians 1:1-3*

"Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus," greeted the holy people of the Corinthian church with God's grace and peace. He addressed them as "sanctified in Christ Jesus."

III. *John 1:29-34*

John exclaimed, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." He continued, "I saw the Spirit come down like a dove...I have seen and testified that He is the Son of God."

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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