

WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



“COME, AND YOU WILL SEE.” - JN 1:39A

JANUARY 14, 2024

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



SATURDAY LITURGY

Vigil: 5:00 PM

SUNDAY LITURGY

7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 AM

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

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 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

Loving God = Loving Life. All of us would agree that we love God. This love of God however, is not our first inclination. We sometimes forget that our love of God is set into motion by, first, God's love for us. God loves you and me first, as a human race and each individually. Jesus is the manifestation of that love; God's love in the flesh. Furthermore, it is important to note that when Jesus loves, He does so by first bringing individuals together as a group, but even more than a group; a community, a union of people with a common purpose. To accept God's call then, means more than accepting a personal or private commission. Rather, it means accepting a communal life, a life of solidarity with others.

Presently in society, there are those who call us to devalue this group or that group. Such people who devalue others by attaching to them derogatory names invokes in you and me our "lesser angels." Such behavior leads to unreasonable rigidity in matters that need conversation and reasonable compromise. When we devalue another, or a group of "others," we devalue our very self. Because once I recognize that I am of Divine worth, I must also recognize that all people are of Divine worth. That all life, in particular human life, is of Divine worth.

You or I would take issue with someone if they decided they were worthy of God's love, but you were not because you don't fit into their plan, or their concept of who is worthy. This was the crux of the struggle against slavery in this country for nearly seventy-five years before the Civil War. This attitude of deciding who was human and who was not, or what deficiencies made a person less than human left the world horrified at the atrocities of the Nazis against other human beings, defenseless persons.

The struggle to provide equal protection for all human life is no less a just cause today than it was for the abolitionists. The thought that a flawed human being can decide when human life is human enough to be protected is truly arrogant and ridiculous. Yet, that is what has taken place in our country. Is an unborn child any less helpless and dependent upon its mother than one that was born and then thrown into a dumpster and dies? One is murder; the other is called a choice. Let's be honest — both are a choice, a choice that is selfish and has little concern for the weakest. It is what reasonable people call a destructive choice, one not to be supported by a society that calls itself just.

God gave us the ability to choose. The ability is given as a gift so that we can choose God's will, not our own selfish desires or to use it in reaction to our fears. We are given the gift of free-will to choose God. The gift is given so we can freely choose to follow His Son, Jesus, as He has called each of us like the disciples in today's Gospel. To choose to love God freely is also to choose to love all human persons no matter if their development is happening in the womb, in the cradle, in school, in their work or in the nursing home. Loving God cannot happen without loving life in all its circumstances and stages.

Just as the disciples were called and freely chose to follow Jesus, they freely chose to love others and to live by this decision. You and I too are called to act, as they did, to insist upon the equality of all human life in every stage of development. It is this equality that gives the hot button issue of quality of life any relevance. Without equality of justice for all human life, quality is a deception.

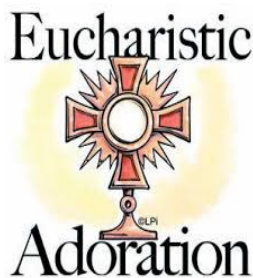




**Jan. 28th
at 3:00 PM
in the
Chapel**

Please join the Respect Life Ministry and Knights of Columbus as we pray for the end to abortion and remember the many lives lost and affected by this tragedy. The Holy Hour will include having candles lit and a reading of experiences missed due to abortion, the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the Rosary and ending with Benediction.

All are invited to attend.



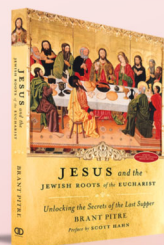
Mother Teresa said, "Our lives must be woven around the Eucharist...fix your eyes on Him who is the light; bring your hearts close to His Divine Heart; ask Him to grant you the grace of knowing Him, the love of loving Him, the courage to serve Him. Seek Him fervently."

Please come and spend some time with Jesus.

**Wednesday
January 17th
1:00-4:00 PM
in the Chapel**



The Knights of Columbus kindly request you to participate in a novena for life by registering electronically @ respectlife.org. This novena runs January 16th-24th. You will receive a link for the prayer each day of the novena. Opening service is January 16th at 7:00 PM in the Chapel. Closing service is January 24th at 7:00 PM in the Chapel.



Preparing for Easter During the Lenten Season Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist

**Mondays, Feb. 5th - Mar. 25th
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM In St. Patrick Hall
Signups start January 20th**

Inspiring and informative, *Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist* is a groundbreaking work that is sure to illuminate one of the greatest mysteries of the Christian faith: **the mystery of Jesus' presence in "the breaking of the bread."** More information to follow or call 219-322-4505, ext. 8241.

Submitted by J. Gatons

It's Time to "RADIATE."

All High school teens are welcome and encouraged to join us. Let's walk together and navigate Life together...We are here for you. Keep informed by signing up for our reminders. Send a text to : 81010 then text this message: @radiate.

Any questions, please contact Jeannine Quigley 219-775-5356 or Marisa Richardson 219-730-4735.

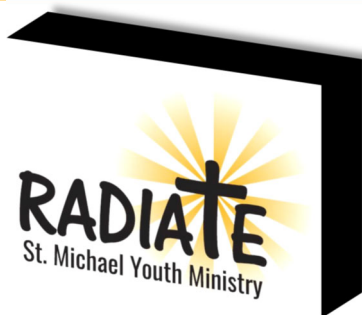
Upcoming Events:

Jan. 14th: "Difficulty in Relationships-What Helped You Through?" 6:00-8:00 PM in St. Patrick Hall

Jan. 28th: "Cook & Eat Night!" Join in with Fr Marty as we prepare a delicious, homemade meal together 6:00-8:00 PM in St. Patrick Hall

Feb. 11th: Gathering in St Patrick Hall, 6:00-8:00 PM

Feb. 25th: Gathering in St Patrick Hall, 6:00-8:00 PM



Submitted by Jeannine Quigley

WARRIOR OF THE WEEK



Samantha McCoy

My name is Samantha McCoy. I have been going to SMS for three years. I plan on attending Andrean High School. Here at SMS, I participate in volleyball, Student Council, and basketball. Outside of school, I do competitive dance and many other activities, including softball and much more. What makes SMS so special are my friends, teachers, the people who go here and staff members. My friends are very amazing and so fun to be around. In school, my friends and their amazing humor help me get through my day with a smile. The teachers can sometimes be very nice and kind and they make ways for the classes and lessons to be fun and easy to learn. My advice to younger students is do not worry so much about being a perfect student. Have fun and don't let others hold you back. SMS has made me grow physically and mentally. SMS helped me to speak publicly and not be afraid to speak up or read out loud. SMS has also helped me stand up for myself and others. Here at this school, I have learned to do what is best for me and help others to do what is best for them. I

also learned how to express my faith more. At SMS we learn so many cool things, and we talk a lot about Jesus, which you cannot do at many other schools.



Congratulations to the 5th/6th grade boys basketball team. They played in a sudden death winner takes all game. They came in as runner-ups! Way to go!



**ST. MICHAEL
SCHOOL**

Schererville, Indiana



Congratulations to our 6th grade girls basketball team for defeating St. Thomas Moore in the championship game and winning the girls 6th grade division of the Holiday Tournament!

Caption submitted by Greg Evanatz
Picture submitted by Michelle Wacnik

OPEN HOUSE

JANUARY 28, 2024 10:30AM - NOON



Meet the Principal & Staff



Tour the School

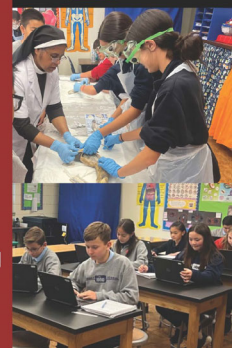
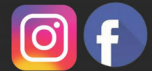


Learn about Indiana Choice Scholarship Opportunities

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stmichaelparish.life/school

Get to Know Us





LIFE IS PRECIOUS; HANDLE WITH PRAYER

Mary Ann Adam, Pat Christenson, Sherry Lazzaro, Mary Scheub, Richard Benak, Tim & Helen Hazard, Joan Hamnik, Timothy Bunchek, Marlene Townsend, Dan Lemon, Geri Stranderg 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. Please see page 2 for guidelines regarding Pray for the Sick list.

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



For Those Who Have Died...

John Whiting
Marie Wisner

Life has changed, not ended

Sr. Colleen, a former beloved teacher of St. Michael School, fell last week and broke her hip. Sr. Colleen underwent surgery to mend her hip. If you would like to send her some get well wishes, please send the cards to :

Sr. Colleen Loehmer
9201 W. Franciscan Rd.
Frankfort, IL 60423-8330

New Ministry Needs Members!

JOIN THE AUDIO VISUAL MINISTRY...

The AV Ministry supports the many worship services and other experiences within the St. Michael parish community by providing technical support and expertise in the field of technology - specifically audio, video, and photography.

This behind-the-scenes role is essential for the church to integrate technology into its parish activities seamlessly. We seek dedicated individuals with a talent in technology to join this ministry to continue optimizing our technology goals to the fullest.

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE MINISTRY AND TO JOIN, CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE 219-322-4505.

CHILI COOK OFF & SOUP CHALLENGE Hosted By



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5:00-8:00 PM

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Submitted by Jerry Bromley

"By standing before the Eucharistic Christ, we become holy."
Bl. Carlo Acutis



2024 CATECHETICAL CONFERENCE

"EUCHARISTIC RENEWAL"



Saturday

March 2, 2024

9 am to 2:30 pm

PRESENTED BY :

Dr. Scott Sollom



St. Patrick Catholic Church

638 N. Calumet Rd.
Chesterton, IN 46304

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and to register:**



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Submitted by Elizabeth Munoz

Livestream of Drawing

@ 2PM, Feb. 11th on Facebook LIVE

@StMichaelSville

*\$29,000 is the total prize package based on a minimum of 750 tickets sold to guarantee prize money, otherwise a percentage will be given. Winner need not be present to win. If tickets sales exceed 1,000 sold, 1 prize will be added for every additional 30 tickets.

ST. VALENTINE DINNER & DANCE

Saturday, February 10, 2024
St. Patrick Hall - Doors Open at 6pm

Welcoming all couples & adult singles.

Dinner, Live Music, Cash Bar & Special Prizes

Tickets are \$50 each
Limited tickets available thru Feb 1st.

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

Cash or Check visit the Parish Office.

Questions? Contact Kathryn Sanders at 219-201-1172

Submitted by Elizabeth Munoz



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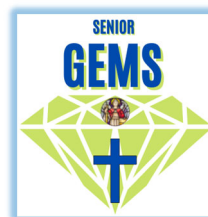
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GAME DAY



**JAN. 23RD
10:00 AM**

SE meeting room in St. Patrick Hall

All those 50+, parishioner or non-parishioner, are invited for some fun and friendly competition!

submitted by Nancy Finley



Meeting
January 16th
10:00 AM
St. Patrick Hall

The parish office will be closed on January 15th.



Become
Part of
Our
Church
Family

New Member Registration
January 21st
After the 7:30 and 9:30 AM
Masses

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.

Stewardship by the Book

In today's first reading, we hear Samuel respond eagerly, "Here I am!" each time the Lord calls him. May we, too, be listening for the call of God in our lives and be ready to say like the psalmist, "Here am I, Lord, I come to do your will."

Stewardship in Action

Honor and care for your body as the temple it is. Also, take time to listen to God. Encourage others to do so as well.

Submitted by Conchita Bryner

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY JANUARY 14

Coffee & Donuts After All Masses
 Faith Formation Family Class 9:30 AM
 RCIA 9:30 AM
 "Do This in Memory of Me" Mass 11:30 AM
 Radiate 6:00 PM

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

MONDAY JANUARY 15

No School
 Parish Office Closed
 No Emotions Anonymous

TUESDAY JANUARY 16

Faith Formation Traditional Classes 6:00 PM
 Nine Days of Life Opening Service 7:00 PM

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 17

Eucharistic Adoration 1:00-4:00 PM
 Faith Formation Traditional Classes 6:00 PM
 Education Foundation Meeting 7:00 PM

THURSDAY JANUARY 18

Children's Choir Practice 3:15 PM
 Choir Practice 7:00 PM

FRIDAY JANUARY 19

Bell Choir Practice 6:00 PM

SATURDAY JANUARY 20

Anointing of the Sick at 8:00 AM Mass
 Finance Council Meeting 9:00 AM
 Confessions 3:30-4:30 PM

SUNDAY JANUARY 21

New Member Registration After 7:30 & 9:30 AM Masses
 RCIA 9:30 AM
 "Catch the Spirit" Mass 11:30 AM

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

December 3, 2023

Adult	\$16,187.00
Children	\$6.00
EFTs	\$5,378.00
Loose	\$379.00

Total Weekly Offering
\$21,950.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Effective April, 2020: In an effort to provide accurate weekly collection totals, there is a six week lag in bulletin reporting. The timing of when weekly collections are received changed in early 2020, due to Covid. We went from 90% received on Sunday, to 30%. We have gradually moved up to 70%, but feel it's best to hold off on reporting until the majority of envelopes are received.

MARCH FOR LIFE- BE A VOICE FOR THE VOICELESS

The Diocese of Gary Pro-life Activities and Lake County Right to Life invite you to join us at the Indianapolis March for Life on **January 22nd**. We will be leaving the Our Lady of Consolation Parish parking lot at 7:00 AM on premium coach buses.

The day starts with Mass celebrated by four bishops from Indiana, continues with the March and a rally afterwards. The trip home includes a box lunch. Space is limited.

Registration and prepayment are required. Cost is \$30 per person.

Take a stand for life! [http://](http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07ek34o9ug9523a355&llr=auyfgkvab)

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DIVORCE CARE

Divorce Care is a program designed to help those who are struggling with the issues brought on by Divorce. Divorce Care addresses the emotional, as well as the real-world problems that many divorced individuals or those in the process of divorcing experience.

We are scheduled to meet for thirteen consecutive Wednesdays at St. John the Evangelist Church, 10701 Olcott Street, St. John, beginning **January 31st**.

Please register at

WWW.GRIEFSHARE.ORG or call Deacon Ed Bodley at (219) 365-7784 for additional information.

PACZKI BALL DINNER/DANCE

The Knights of Columbus Council 8082-Dyer is hosting its 13th Annual Paczki Ball Dinner/Dance Fundraiser on **February 3rd**, 6:00-11:00 PM at Andorra Banquets, 1112 Route 42 in Schererville. Cash bar and family style Polish dinner followed by dancing with music provided by E-Z Tones Polka Band. Tickets are \$40/person. To purchase tickets or request additional information, please contact Ed Hebda 219-865-6922 or email: edhebda8082@yahoo.com.

*CAREER NETWORKING GROUP

The Career Networking Group will no longer hold regular meetings due to low attendance and difficulty in securing relevant speakers. If you have employment questions or need a resume review contact D. Weidenfeller, 219-688-7597 or STMCareerGroup@gmail.com for assistance.

INDIANA CATHOLIC ACTION NETWORK

The staff and bishops of the Indiana Catholic Conference (ICC) invite you to sign up for the Indiana

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Scan here to register for updates

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INDIANA CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

Catholic Action Network (ICAN), which exists to form and update the faithful on the Church's legislative priorities to advance the common good. During each annual meeting of the Indiana General Assembly, the ICC brings the

teachings of our Catholic faith to Indiana's legislators and needs your help to amplify the Church's witness. Sign up for communications and action alerts by going to: indianacc.org/register.



WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED

Walking with Moms in Need (WWMIN) is an Action Plan to bring hope and to support pregnant and parenting women in need.

- WWMIN cares about mothers and their children we care about YOU!
 - WWMIN assists women in navigating through difficult circumstances.
 - WWMIN helps women locate and access local resources.
 - WWMIN Is CONFIDENTIAL and respecting of your privacy.
- For any assistance, please call 219-865-0217.



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY JANUARY 13

5:00 PM †Helen & John Sandor

SUNDAY JANUARY 14 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 AM St. Michael Parish

9:30 AM †Joseph Seneczoko, Sr.

†Arthur Napollilla

†Richard "Steve" Shelby

11:30 AM †Aidan Cohn

MONDAY JANUARY 15

7:00 AM †Kenneth Kollasch

TUESDAY JANUARY 16

7:00 AM †Deacon Jack Krol

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 17

7:00 AM †Jake Meyer

8:55 AM All Souls

THURSDAY JANUARY 18

7:00 AM †Charles Cary

FRIDAY JANUARY 19

7:00 AM †Henry Lyza

SATURDAY JANUARY 20

8:00 AM All Souls

5:00 PM †Robert & Carol Keyl

SUNDAY JANUARY 21 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 AM †Bill Salas

†Charlene Prenizny

9:30 AM For an End to Abortion on Demand
and for a Conversion of Heart for
those who Provide Abortions

11:30 AM St. Michael Parish

†indicates deceased



reflections...

THE WORD

(Readings for January 21, 2024, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time)

I. *Jonah 3:1-5, 10*

Jonah told the Ninevites that God would destroy Nineveh because of their wickedness. They repented. God relented and did not destroy their city.

II. *1 Corinthians 7:29-31*

Paul warned the Corinthians of the shortness of time because the world is passing away. They should, therefore, conduct themselves accordingly.

III. *Mark 1:14-20*

Jesus appeared in Galilee preaching the good news and instructing the people: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the Gospel."

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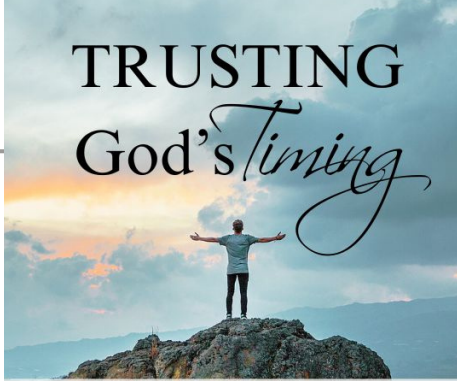
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