

WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

January 15, 2023 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

TESTIFY



“Now I have seen and
testified that he is the
Son of God.”

JOHN 1:34

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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

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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).
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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

The Adventure of Your Life. Adventures begin with an invitation. In the Indiana Jones movies, Dr. Jones is always enticed to follow some mystery. As the early clues begin to be revealed, he intensifies his search. As the search unfolds, there is plenty of spectacular engagements with the “bad guys.” Each new movie about Indiana Jones promises a real adventure for us, the audience.

John the Baptist and his two disciples were not intending to cross paths with Jesus. Yet, unexpectedly they do. The invitation begins abruptly with John's proclamation to his two followers: “Behold, the Lamb of God.” Jesus seems unaware of John's words until suddenly the two disciples leave John's side and approach Jesus. Jesus invites them: “What are you looking for?” They respond by inviting Jesus: “Teacher, where are you staying?” Then a final invitation from Jesus: “Come and you will see.”

Often we do not expect to find Jesus along the way of our daily activities. Yet, He is there crossing our path. Like Indiana Jones, we stumble into His mysterious presence. Many times our disbelief darkens our vision to see the Lamb of God, yet we are invited, indeed you and I are taken in by Jesus' invitation to “come and see.”

If we follow Him, we will learn how to believe in God's mercy for ourselves and for all creation. We will learn how to love, not simply desire or lust, but love a love that gives - teaching us the freedom of sacrifice. You and I will come to know that sacrifice is not a restriction but a gift, a service, we give from our very self to come nearer to God.

The adventure begins with the invitation. When we sharpen our ears and eyes to be ready to see and hear Jesus' call everyday in every activity of our life, we realize that God longs to carry us through a great adventure that is more spectacular and mysterious than we can begin to imagine. The Lamb of God asks you and me: “What are you looking for?” We respond with empty hearts which hunger to be filled: “Where are you staying?” Then Jesus says to you and me: “Come, and you will see.” Let us go, each one of us, to see. It will be an adventure that is meant to change us into the One who invites us.

Not every adventure is a welcomed one. The past few years much has changed in our society, and this is disconcerting. One thing that has not changed is our ability to choose whether we want to act out of hope rather than fear. Choosing to live in hope, in the promise of God's future for us, is choosing to relinquish the fear that is often mongered in our society. Fear of the “what if” this happens of that. Usually our living in the “what if” holds us back because we limit our vision and the possibility that God can have a real, positive and concrete effect in my life and the life of my family.

Living out of hope is believing that God's promise is not just for eternity but it is for now too. The fuel of hope is trust. Trust that God will not leave me destitute when I share my time or treasure. Trust always involves stretching myself. To do a bit more than I think I can do. Stretching is important for growth. Being open to growth, by helping it to happen, is a proclamation of my trust in God's promise that “I will be with you to the end of time.”

As a parish we need to hone our hope. It is important for the thriving of this parish to trust in God's promise. This can only happen if we each long to stay with Jesus like the two disciples mentioned in the Gospel today. They, like you and me, had to decide to hope, to trust, to give and so to be ready for the promise that God has prepared for us all. Fear will only shut us down; it will diminish the good that we look to do. Fear hampers our growth and being ready for God's promise. Unlike those first disciples, we have the gift of the Holy Spirit which, if we open ourselves to Him, The Spirit can embolden our hearts and hands for the work we need to do - with hope. This is the real adventure, the one where God leads us and we learn of what we are really made of by His Grace.

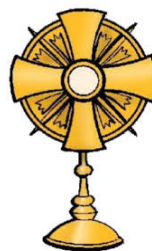


Spirituality and Worship Commission



RCIA is 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.

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 18th
1:00-4:00 PM
in the Chapel**

Save the Dates

FORGIVEN SERIES

(Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation)

7:00 PM on Wednesdays, March 1st—29th

St. Patrick Hall

Presented by the Adult Catholic Education Committee
Sign up February 18th, 19th, 25th and 26th after all Masses



The Art & Environment Ministry crew of volunteers would like to thank all who contributed to the Christmas Flower Fund. The monies you so generously donated were used to decorate our church for this Blessed and Holy Christmas Season and will also be used for Church Décor throughout the year.

Submitted by Tina Kempf

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

Join us in 2023. It is never too late to join Radiate. Come journey with us as we encounter Christ, make new friends and have a good time.

Upcoming calendar:

January 15th: "Defining Love," 6:00-8:00 PM in St. Patrick Hall

January 29th: 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.



Submitted by Jeannine Quigley

Education and Formation Commission

Faith Formation News

Kimberley Hoogeveen, DRE

JANUARY CALENDAR

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

SMS NEWS

Michelle Wacnik, Principal

WARRIOR OF THE WEEK



My name is Brady Cook and this is my 11th year at SMS which means I started here in Preschool. I will be attending Lake Central High School next year and I am very excited. I play volleyball both here and outside of school. I take volleyball lessons at Ignite Volleyball in Crown Point. When we have school Mass, I am a part of Liturgy Leaders. Liturgy Leaders is pretty much just a Choir here at SMS. It is a lot of fun. I am also in the Student Council and I love it. We plan dances, Dress Down Days, Catholic Schools Week and more. I really enjoy being a part of it. My favorite memory at SMS is when we placed runner up in the CYO Championship for Boys Volleyball here at SMS in 7th grade. Even though we didn't win, I still had so much fun. The most important thing I learned at SMS is to be patient and kind to others. I am most thankful for my friends and family here at SMS. They have been here for me every time I have needed them. I am so happy I had them.



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.

SPECIAL SHOUTOUT

We have an amazing group of students who are altar servers here at St. Michael. Thank you for always willing to step up and serve our school Masses and funerals. You demonstrate and promote our faith as you help lead us through Mass weekly. Each and every server stands as a role model for our younger students. Being an altar server is a privilege of our 5th-8th graders who take on the responsibility with great pride and honor.

**SMS OPEN HOUSE
JANUARY 29TH
10:30 AM-12:00 PM**



**ALL NEW FAMILIES
ARE INVITED TO
TOUR OUR SCHOOL**

Tuition Meeting

Every family needs to set up a meeting with Al Balcer to talk tuition for the 2023-24 school year. He will be going over the changes and scholarship opportunities. Please use the link, <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094CACA28ABF9C52-tuition>, to schedule your meeting. All meetings will be held in the parish office. If you have any questions, please contact Al at abalcer@stmichaelparish.life or 219-322-4505, ext. 8229.

Peace & Social Justice Commission

**THERE WILL BE NO EMOTIONS
ANONYMOUS MEETING ON
JANUARY 16TH.**

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



Loretta Kreuger, Marilyn McKenna, Ed Labus, Zac Wachowski Family, Pam Pellince, Kristen Finley, Karen Walker 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.

HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE JANUARY 29TH AT 3:00 PM

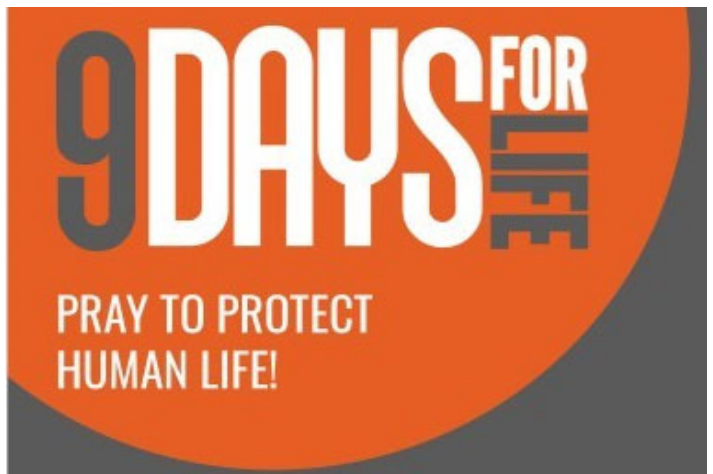


IN THE CHAPEL

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.

Submitted by Cathy Bartczak

**Blood Pressure, Glucose and
Oxygen Level Screenings
Next Weekend After the Vigil Mass and
7:30 & 9:30 AM Masses
In the East Cloak Room**



JANUARY 19-27

9 Days for Life is a novena for the protection of human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. Join today at www.9daysforlife.com!



All parishioners are invited to attend the Prayer Services. The opening Prayer Service will be held on January 19th at 6:45 PM and the closing Prayer Service will be on January 27th at 6:45 PM. Each of the 9 Days will have the prayers and intentions posted on Facebook. The Novena is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

3 WAYS TO JOIN



9DaysforLife.com

Image: A mosaic of Our Lady of Guadalupe decorates a side altar in the Church of Santa Maria della Fegaglia at the Vatican. Dec. 15. (CNS photo/Paul Haring.)

Parish Life



Come and join our ministry if you are over 50+. You do not have to be a St. Michael parishioner.

On **January 24th** at 10:00 AM in the SE room of St. Patrick Hall, we will have our Annual

Bingo with White Elephant Prizes and refreshments.

Watch the bulletin for more details about Fat Tuesday on February 14th. If you have any questions, please call Carol at 219-736-5085.

Submitted by Carol Rusich



**New Member Registration
This Weekend
After the 7:30 & 9:30 AM
Masses in St. Patrick Hall**

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

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SHARE YOUR TALENTS

Come to know and recognize through "Discernment" where you can best use your talents and strengths to help our parish and school grow and thrive:

**Faith Formation Board
School Advisory Board
Pastoral Council**

**Home & School Association (HSA)
Sports Advisory Board
Finance Council**

We are seeking dedicated parishioners who want to participate more in the parish. There are no nominations and no elections. Committee members are determined through a process of DISCERNMENT. Discernment is a time of coming to understand how your gifts can help serve your parish community. This is the same way the Apostles came to choose those who would help them. At these two sessions you will be invited to learn about the above groups. This process has worked well in helping people to decide where they want to give their talents and also where the Holy Spirit wants them to give their talents. Through prayer and scripture, learning about our parish mission and structure as a Catholic community and by good Christian camaraderie you might find a niche for your particular talents. Both sessions are necessary for a good discernment.



**If you are interested, please join us at two Thursday evening sessions on
March 9th & 16th from 7:00-8:30 PM**

Please call Janice at 322-4505, ext. 8241 for more information regarding the discernment process and to reserve a space.

Stewardship & Parish Administration Commission

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY JANUARY 15

New Member Registration After 7:30 & 9:30 AM Masses
Super Raffle Ticket Sales After All 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

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

MONDAY JANUARY 16

Parish Office Closed
No School

TUESDAY JANUARY 17

Labors of Love 10:00 AM
Faith Formation Traditional Classes 6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 18

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

THURSDAY JANUARY 19

9 Days of Life Opening Prayer Service 6:45 PM

SATURDAY JANUARY 21

Anointing of the Sick Mass 8:00 AM
Confessions 3:30-4:30 PM
Blood Pressure Readings After Vigil Mass
Super Raffle Ticket Sales After Vigil Mass

SUNDAY JANUARY 22

Blood Pressure Readings After 7:30 & 9:30 AM Masses
Super Raffle Ticket Sales After All Masses
RCIA 9:30 AM

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

Stewardship in Action

In a world filled with anxiety, talk to family members about how each of us is called to be like Jesus. Hope for others.

Submitted by Conchita Bryner

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

December 4, 2022

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\$22,269.01

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Diocesan Life Information



Join the Serra Club of Northwest Indiana on the first and third Mondays of the month to learn more about their support for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Meeting time is 6:30 PM in St. Bridget's Hall, 107 Main St., Hobart. Call Susan at 219-688-8209 for more information.

ENRICH YOUR SPIRITUAL LIFE

Men and women-married and single-living and working in our world: You are invited to "Come and See" if you may have a vocation to the Secular Franciscan order. Join members of the St. Mary of the Angels Fraternity on **January 29th** at 11:00 AM (after the 10:00 AM Mass) in the St. Francis Room at St. John the Evangelist (downstairs-elevator access), 10701 Olcott Ave, St. John. For added event details, please contact Deacon Phillip Coduti, O.F.S. at 773-837-6890 or Dr. Donna Thiernau, O.F.S. at 708-846-4018. Reach your spiritual goals with direction, inspiration, encouragement and support in a fraternity of Secular Franciscans.

We Remember . . . We Prepare . . .



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY JANUARY 14

5:00 PM †June Felgenhauer

SUNDAY JANUARY 15 SECOND 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

MONDAY JANUARY 16

7:00 AM †Daniel Ketchmark

TUESDAY JANUARY 17

7:00 AM †Shawqi Haddad

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 18

7:00 AM All Souls

8:55 AM All Souls

THURSDAY JANUARY 19

7:00 AM All Souls

FRIDAY JANUARY 20

7:00 AM †Mary Jane Wagner

SATURDAY JANUARY 21

8:00 AM For an End to Abortion on Demand and
for a Conversion of Heart for
those who Provide Abortions

5:00 PM †Carol Jakubowicz

SUNDAY JANUARY 22 THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 AM St. Michael Parish

9:30 AM †Rose & Anthony D'Mello

†Joseph Patrick Logue

11:30 AM †Charles Marsh

†indicates deceased



reflections...

THE WORD

(Readings for January 22, 2023, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time)

I. *Isaiah 8:23-9:3*

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. Those who lived in the land of gloom now have joy, for the yoke that burdened them God has smashed.

II. *1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17*

Paul wrote to the people of Corinth: let "there be no division among you...be united in mind and in the same purpose." I have heard "that there are rivalries among you...Is Christ divided?"

III. *Matthew 4:12-23*

Jesus said to Simon Peter and Andrew, "Come after me and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they followed Him. Jesus began to proclaim this: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." He cured many people.



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