

Welcome to St. Michael The Archangel Catholic Community

The 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

January 21, 2024

Jesus said to them, "Come after me and I will make you fishers of men."
Mark 1:17



**ST. MICHAEL
SCHOOL**

Schererville, Indiana

219-322-4531 stmichaelparish.life/school

OPEN HOUSE

JANUARY 28, 2024

10:30AM - NOON

ALL ARE WELCOME TO COME & SEE



Meet the Principal & Staff



Tour the School



**Learn about Indiana Choice
Scholarship**



Educating Pre-K - 8th Grade



Art • Music • Gym • Spanish Class • Team Sports • Chess Club • Choir

Created by Elizabeth Munoz



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.

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.

Website: www.stmichaelparish.life

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If you are interested in participating in any of these ministries, please visit the website for Ministry Coordinator information.

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Altar Servers

Art & Environment

Cross Bearers

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Hospitality

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Liturgy Committee

Music Ministry

Centering Prayer Ministry

RCIA

Sacristan

Ministers of Care

Education & Formation Commission

Adult Catholic Education

Alpha

Baptismal Preparation

Catholic Bible Study

Faith Formation

Marriage Preparation

Radiate

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AV Ministry

Cemetery Committee

Parish Gardeners

Stewardship

Parish Life

Boy Scouts of America

Comforting Chefs

Emotions Anonymous

Festival Committee

Holy Name Society

Knights of Columbus

Labors of Love

Ministry of Hope & Consolation

Parish Nurse

Senior GEMS

Welcoming Ministry

Peace & Social Justice Commission

Good Samaritans

Rebuilding Hope Mission Team

Wheelchair Ramp Ministry

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Pastoral Care

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January 21, 2024

From the Pastor's Desk

Use the World, Don't Let It Use You. I often hear from people who have retired that they do not know how they accomplished so much when they were working. The hours seem to pass all too quickly and they feel they get less done around the house. To me, this sounds like a bit of a stretch, but I am beginning to feel that the day slips by too quickly and I don't accomplish as much as I did 20 years ago. I'm sure to younger people this sounds like "so not real." But time and our passing through it is often a matter of perception.

Though a year can sound like a long time and is experienced as frightfully long for a teenager, a year comes and goes all too quickly for many of us. How often do we say things like: "My goodness, is it Easter already? It seems as if we just finished taking down the Christmas decorations." As it was once explained to me, 60, 70 or 80 times around the cycle of 365 days is really very short when you give it some thought. Perhaps that is the problem; not many of us like to give thought to this notion.

To consider the shortness of our days in a society that tries to convince us that we are "forever young" is almost impossible. And yet, the very happiness we seek comes not from wrinkle creams or from ceaseless activity that steals away the hours of the day, but from knowing how frail we are and how precious each day is. People haven't changed over the last several thousand years when it comes to dealing with this very real and definitive issue.

St. Paul reminds the Christians of Corinth and the Christians of Northwest Indiana that we would do ourselves a service to keep in mind that our world and our time are passing away. You and I cannot run from what is so; why not embrace it? That's right, embrace it. Let's hold our mortality close to our heart; not in some morbid way like disgruntled monks who have just drunk some bitter cider. Let us, you and I, hold on tenderly to who we really are, pilgrims on the way to union with God.

This does not mean ignoring the world, but using the world to help us prepare for what is inevitable; to use the world instead of letting the world use me or you. Use the world's beauty, its riches, its ugliness and even its poverty to know your place on the journey. Use the world to know the frailty of this reality where beauty decays and bank accounts falter; where what seems ugly can hold great beauty. Use the world to help the poor and the sick and the outcast. Use all of what God has given you in this world. not to build a bigger house for yourself, but to furnish your room in God's house. We fool ourselves if we let the world use us for it will all pass away.



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**YOU CANNOT GET THROUGH
A SINGLE DAY WITHOUT
HAVING AN IMPACT ON THE
WORLD AROUND YOU.**

— JANE GOODALL

Holy Hour for Life 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.

Submitted by Cathy Bartczak

**9 DAYS
FOR LIFE**

Closing service for the 9 Hours of Life is January 24th at 6:30 PM in the Chapel.

Bereavement Sessions

Thursdays, March 7th-April 18th

At these sessions, you will be actively listened to and non-judgmental support will be offered. As you grieve the loss of a loved one, trained ministers are present to assist you by giving you tools that will help you move forward in life.

More Information to follow.

ALL HIGH SCHOOLERS ARE INVITED TO RADIATE.

We come together, explore topics that our teens develop and have a great time. Join us! Keep informed by signing up to our remind texts: send text 81010 then text this message, @radiate.

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

Upcoming Events:

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

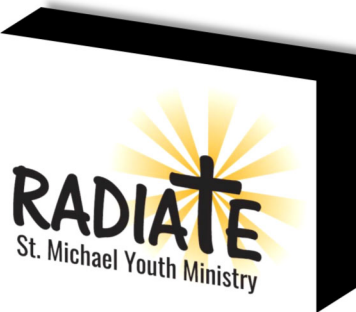
New Date-Feb. 4th: Preparing for Lent with *The Shroud of Turin*, 6:00-8:00 PM in St. Patrick Hall

Feb. 25th: Game Night in SMS gym, All 8th graders are invited to join us. 6:00-8:00 PM

Mar. 10th: Gathering in St. Patrick Hall, 6:00-8:00 PM

Mar. 24th: Gathering in St. Patrick Hall, 6:00-8:00 PM

Submitted by Jeannine Quigley



Eucharistic Adoration

January 24th

1:00-4:00 PM

in the Chapel

Save the Date
Adult Liturgical Ministers
Day of Reflection
February 17th
9:00 AM-12:00 PM



Submitted by Elizabeth Munoz

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: Jan. 20th/21st, 27th/28th &
Feb. 3rd/4th in the Gathering Space**

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."**

Submitted by J. Gatons

SMS News

Michelle Wacnik, Principal

Sr. Colleen, a former beloved teacher of SMS, fell last week and broke her hip. Sr. Colleen had surgery on her hip and is recovering.

If you would like to send her some get well wishes, please send to:

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

Passport is April 13th

Passport is the St. Michael School annual fundraiser. We need a committee for the silent auction portion of the event. I am looking for 2-3 parents who are willing to take on this position. If you are interested in any way, big or small, to help with the silent auction please contact Ms. Wacnik at mwacnik@smswarriors.org. We need your help with this committee in order to make this event a success!

WARRIOR OF THE WEEK



Marina Negrete

I have been attending SMS since I was in preschool. I am going to Lake Central High School. Outside of school, I do gymnastics and I also do some 5k with my running club, Striders. Inside of school, I do cross country which is one of my favorite sports because it is so calming to run and I also get to see my friends. I also do track inside of school. When I was younger, I did Girl Scouts and Student Council. SMS is special because I have made so many friends that I wouldn't have met if I went to any other school. It also has so many teachers that have taught me so much that when I was younger I didn't think I was ever going to learn how to do it. They taught me how to do addition, multiplication, how to read, and more. My advice to younger students is to work hard and always try your best even if it bores you. Try to be nice to others even if they aren't to you. SMS has helped me be a better student, family member, friend, and disciple by teaching me how to live out my faith. The teachers are so kind and caring to the students and always want the best for their students.



Special Shoutout:

A wonderful job was done by the Children's Choir. They put on a lovely performance during the Christmas season. The students worked very hard to put together such a wonderful program for the community.

A special thanks to Ms. Mangione for all the time and effort put into making this a success!

God bless you!

The Good Samaritan Ministry wishes to thank the many kind individuals, who made our Christmas Season so special for the many families, who were helped during the holiday season. Our Ministry provided 21 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 generosity.

We thank the Knights of Columbus for their donation of the proceeds from the Pancake Breakfast. We are so fortunate to have a special partnership with these wonderful men!

We extend a special thank you to our parish families who donated hams, turkey and toys.

Thank you to Labors of Love Ministry team. These talented ladies provided holiday scarves, hats, mittens, cuddle items and blankets for the children. They certainly make our baskets one of a kind!

Thank you to Kathy Jablonski for her unique creations of dolls. We appreciate not only her talent, but her awesome spirit of giving.

Thank you to our St. Michael School Family, Principal Michelle Wacnik, teacher Catherine Rusin, and the teacher staff, who organized a mitten tree to provide gifts for our Christmas Baskets. The parents' charity in this endeavor was ***fabulous***. Your generosity is so valued and the work, led by Principal Wacnik and supporting staff, which went into coordinating this effort, is greatly appreciated. ***Simply Amazing!***

We thank the First Slovak Catholic Ladies Association, both Local & National Chapters, for their donations to our Ministry. This would not be possible without the assistance of Lillian Zaborske, whose spirit is most generous, thank you Lil!

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 the grocery bags in our bin, we are grateful to you! Also, to those parishioners, who grab a bag to help load the cars for transporting groceries to the pantry, thank you so much! We would also like to acknowledge our parish maintenance staff, Rick & Jonathan, Loretta, our Sacristan, and office staff for their support and help during the busy holiday season.

Finally, to our very benevolent St. Michael Parish Family, who donated near \$5,000.00 in cash and gift cards toward our Trim a Tree Appeal. In addition, we received many items donated through the Advent yellow heart project, which stocked the shelves of the pantry. Your incredible support has helped a single young mother struggling to provide for her young children, a senior citizen who can't make ends meet and has to choose between gas or food, an ill individual whose medical expenses leave little means for food, grandparents who are raising their grandchildren on a fixed income and can barely provide the everyday necessities, someone who has lost their way and needs a helping hand or a family who is fractured and in crisis. ***YOUR*** generosity provided a peaceful day for these individuals.

This is a snapshot of how ***YOU affected*** other family's holiday and we couldn't be more grateful for your continued support of our Ministry. With your dedication and willingness to share, we are able to continue the work, entrusted in our care, representing this Parish, without interruption.

Please keep our ministry in your prayers as we have experienced a few medical challenges, with faith and trust in God's time, we will be at full strength soon.

May God richly bless you with happiness and good health in 2024.

For your kind sharing, we thank you and we appreciate your generous hearts!

St. Michael Family Awesome - # St. Michael Family Generous!!!

Submitted by Sue Cohen



Become Part of *Our* Church Family

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

**Blood Pressure, Glucose and
Oxygen Level Screenings**
this Weekend
in the east coat room
after the 5:00 PM,
7:30 AM and 9:30 AM
Masses



Welcome the Newly Baptized

Sophia Marie Fatouras



LIFE IS PRECIOUS; HANDLE WITH PRAYER

Tim & Helen Hazard, Joan Hamnik, Timothy Bunchek, Marlene Townsend, Dan Lemon, Geri Stranderg, Emilyn Cherry, Stephen Dravet, Sr. Colleen Loehmer, Richard Benak 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.

SUPER RAFFLE

WIN YOUR SHARE OF \$29,000*!



**BUY YOUR TICKET
TODAY**

\$50

St. Michael Super Raffle

1st Prize \$15,000
2nd Prize \$2,500 3rd Prize \$1,500
Drawing Sunday, February 11, 2024
LICENSE NUMBER 002572-159656

No. 0001

1ST PRIZE \$15,000

2ND PRIZE \$2,500

3RD PRIZE \$1,500

**PLUS! + ADDITIONAL
CASH PRIZES***



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.

CHILI COOK OFF & SOUP CHALLENGE

Hosted By



**SATURDAY JANUARY 27TH
5:00-8:00 PM
ST. PATRICK HALL
\$10 ADULTS UNDER 12 FREE
DOZENS OF RECIPES
HOT DOGS AND JUICE INCLUDED**

**SUBMIT YOUR BEST RECIPE FOR A FREE
ENTRY AND A CHANCE
TO WIN A PRIZE AND RESPECT!
CALL/EMAIL DEACON GARY
219-678-1332
GWOLFE@STMICHAELPARISH.LIFE**

Submitted by Jerry Bromley



In Celebration of Our 150th Anniversary

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**ST. VALENTINE
DINNER & DANCE**
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Saturday, February 10, 2024

St. Patrick Hall - Doors Open at 6pm

Welcoming all couples & adult singles.

Dinner, Live Music, Cash Bar & Special Prizes

BUY YOUR TICKET TODAY! \$50 EACH

**TICKETS WILL BE SOLD IN THE GATHERING
SPACE AFTER EACH MASS.**

Tickets may also be purchased online at
stmichaelparish.life/events or in person at the Parish Office.

Questions? Contact Kathryn Sanders at 219-201-1172

Submitted by Elizabeth Munoz



OFFICE OF WORSHIP AND THE CATECHUMENATE

DIOCESE OF GARY RCIA WORKSHOP

The Rituals of the RCIA: Assessment and Planning, Readiness and Discernment

Presenters: Michael Ruzicki - *Liturgy Training Publications*

Fr. Martin Dobrzynski -

Director of the Office of Worship, Diocese of Gary

Part 1: Friday February 2nd, 2024- 6:30pm-9pm

Part 2: Saturday February 3rd, 2024- 8am-1:30pm

Location: St. Patrick Hall - St. Michael the Archangel Church
1 East Wilhelm Street Schererville, IN 46375

Breakfast Buffet and Lunch included!

This session will present participants with a practical tool they can use to assess their parish's celebrations of the rituals of the RCIA and the Sacraments of Initiation. Participants will explore ways they can return to their parishes and plan for dialogue, ongoing formation, and liturgies that are in line with the vision of the Church's rites. In particular, we will discuss the importance of discerning the readiness of catechumens and candidates.

***For this workshop, we will have 2 tracks; Michael Ruzicki will be working with the more experienced RCIA attendees, and Fr. Dobrzynski will be working with newer RCIA attendees.**



Michael Ruzicki is the training and events manager at Liturgy Training Publications and the director of sacred music and liturgy for St. Mary of the Lake and Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Chicago. Previously, he served as a parish pastoral associate and diocesan coordinator of adult and sacramental formation in the Archdiocese of Baltimore. Michael is a former team member of the North American Forum on the Catechumenate. He is the author of Guide for Training Initiation Ministers: An Introduction to the RCIA (LTP, 2018). Michael studied at the Catholic University of America and the Washington Theological Union.



Fr. Martin Dobrzynski is Pastor at St. Michael the Archangel parish in Schererville, as well as Director of the Office of Worship for the Diocese of Gary since 1992. Under the tutelage of the Capuchin Franciscans, he attended St. Lawrence Seminary in Mt. Cavalry, Wisconsin. He was ordained in 1984 after earning a BA in History from St. Meinrad College (1980) and an M.Div. from St. Meinrad School of Theology. In 1991, Father Dobrzynski received an MA in Liturgical Studies at the University of Notre Dame. In addition to his duties here in the diocese, he also served on the National Board of the Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions from 1997 to 2011.

Registration Cost: \$75 per person for groups of 3 or more
\$80 for individuals

Deadline for Registration--Thursday February 1st

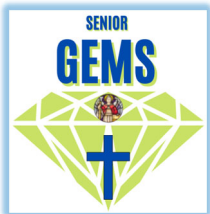
RSVP to David Herr at dherr@dcgary.org

Bring your registration fee payment check with you to the workshop,
or mail to:

Office of Worship

Diocese of Gary Pastoral Center

9292 Broadway, Merrillville, IN 46410



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

Stewardship in Action

What meaningful changes do you need to make in your life? Who can you get to join you in making changes in their lives?

Submitted by Conchita Bryner

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 OF TREASURE

December 10, 2023

Adult	\$17,136.00
Children	\$48.00
EFTs	\$4,393.00
Loose	\$502.00

**Total Weekly Offering
\$22,079.00**

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.

Stewardship by the Book

There is a certain urgency in today's Gospel as Jesus calls His first disciples-Andrew and Simon, James and John. Each one follows Jesus *immediately*, unhesitatingly abandoning nets and boats and father and fellow workers. To what is Jesus calling me—at *this* moment, in *these* circumstances? What will I need to abandon in order to follow Him?

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY JANUARY 21

BP Readings After 7:30 & 9:30 AM Masses
New Member Registration After 7:30 & 9:30 AM Masses
Signups for Jesus & the Eucharist After All Masses
St. Valentine Dinner/Dance Ticket Sales After All Masses
Super Raffle Ticket Sales After All Masses
RCIA 9:30 AM
"Catch the Spirit" Mass 11:30 AM

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

MONDAY JANUARY 22

Emotions Anonymous 6:00 PM

TUESDAY JANUARY 23

Senior GEMS 10:00 AM
Faith Formation Traditional Classes 6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 24

Eucharistic Adoration 1:00-4:00 PM
Faith Formation Traditional Classes 6:00 PM
9 Days of Life Closing Service 6:30 PM
Good Samaritans Meeting 6:30 PM

THURSDAY JANUARY 25

Choir Practice 7:00 PM
First Communion Parent Meeting 7:00 PM

SATURDAY JANUARY 27

First Reconciliation 10:30 AM
Reception to Follow in St. Patrick Hall
Confessions 3:30-4:30 PM
Chili Cook Off 5:00 PM
Latin America -2nd Collection
Signups for Jesus & the Eucharist After Vigil Mass
St. Valentine Dinner/Dance Ticket Sales After Vigil Mass
Super Raffle Ticket Sales After All Masses

SUNDAY JANUARY 28

Latin America -2nd Collection
Signups for Jesus & the Eucharist After All Masses
St. Valentine Dinner/Dance Ticket Sales After All Masses
Super Raffle Ticket Sales After All Masses
RCIA 9:30 AM
SMS Open House/Book Fair 10:30 AM-12:00 PM
Holy Hour for Life 3:00 PM
Radiate 6:00 PM

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.

*PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA & LOURDES

Please join us on a pilgrimage with Fr. Charles Robinson, F.I. to Fatima and Lourdes, with a stop in Avila Spain, as well as Azpeitia, Spain where St. Ignatius of Loyola was born, and more! Daily Mass. September 10-19, 2024. \$3595/per person. **\$150 early bird discount if registered by Feb. 15th, 2024.** For more information, please visit www.QoHTours.com or call us at 1-800-213-4295.

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, 6:30-8:30 PM** in the St. Francis Room located in the lower level. Please register at www.divorcecare.org or call Deacon Ed Bodley at (219) 365-7784 or email ebodley4@sbcglobal.net for additional information.

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.

"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



For more info and to register: dcgary.org/2024OnEucharist

 **Diocese of Gary**
dcgary.org

INDIANA CATHOLIC ACTION NETWORK

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



THE PUBLIC POLICY VOICE OF THE CHURCH IN INDIANA

Join the Church's efforts to uphold her teaching through advocacy in Indiana.

 Scan here to register for updates
Or visit indianacc.org/action-alerts



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY JANUARY 20

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

MONDAY JANUARY 22

7:00 AM Mark & Judy Paswinski-47th
Wedding Anniversary

TUESDAY JANUARY 23

7:00 AM All Souls

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 24

7:00 AM †Henry Lyza

8:55 AM †John & Phyllis Tumpich

THURSDAY JANUARY 25

7:00 AM †Sharon & David Kras

FRIDAY JANUARY 26

7:00 AM †Thomas Kudzia

SATURDAY JANUARY 27

8:00 AM All Souls

5:00 PM †Randall Lyons

SUNDAY JANUARY 28 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 AM St. Michael Parish

9:30 AM †Norma DaKoba

†Michael Walker

†Margaret Conti

11:30 AM †Clyde Gerken

†indicates deceased



reflections...

THE WORD

(Readings for January 28, 2024, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

I. *Deuteronomy 18:15-20*

Moses told all the people that the Lord would raise up a prophet among them and put words into his mouth. Whoever does not listen must answer to the Lord.

II. *1 Corinthians 7:32-35*

Paul encouraged the Corinthians, in view of the times, to remain free of worry and devoted to God. A virgin is anxious about the things of the Lord, that she may be holy.

III. *Mark 1:21-28*

Jesus entered the synagogue to teach. All were amazed because He spoke with such great authority. When unclean spirits obeyed Jesus, the crowd stood in awe.

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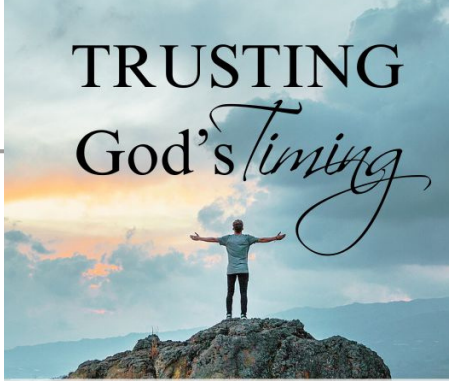
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