

WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



February 26, 2023

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT



Then the devil took Jesus up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me." - Mt 4:8-9



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

9:00-4:00 PM

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesdays

1:30-4:00 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

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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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Baptismal Preparation

Catholic Bible Study

Faith Formation

HSA

Marriage Preparation

Radiate

School Advisory Board

Sports Advisory Board

Stewardship & Parish Administration

Finance Council

Parish Gardeners

Cemetery Committee

Parish Life

Boy Scouts of America

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Holy Name Society

Knights of Columbus

Labors of Love

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Welcoming Ministry

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“Give and it shall be given unto you.” — Jesus. As we prepare to celebrate that greatest of all mysteries: the passion, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus, by which the blood of Jesus Christ did away with our sins, let us first of all make ready our sacrificial offerings, our works of mercy. Our works of mercy are not really ours to begin with, they are the sharing of gifts already given to us by God. Rather, our works of mercy is our purposeful sharing in the sacrifice of Christ. It was He who owns all, who gave all, for our benefit. If we wish to share it, what He has gained for us, we too must imitate His sacrifice not just in mind and heart but in deed as well.

When we do this, we engage in the act of forgiveness/reconciling, that is, making whole our relationship with one another. By our sacrifices tied to Christ's ultimate sacrifice for all, you and I become a living person of reconciliation. So that those who have offended us might through our sacrifices find pardon, as we have found pardon through Christ's sacrifice for you and me.

Let us use our goods, which moth, rust and vagaries of the market can destroy, for the greater good of us and those who will follow us. In doing so, let us also remember the poor and those afflicted in different ways so with a more open-handed generosity God may be thanked through many voices that our fasting and abstaining may bear the fruit of relief of the needy.

Where God finds charity with its loving concern, there He recognizes the reflection of His own fatherly care. When you and I open ourselves up to God's generosity and share that in ways that build up His Body, the Church, and bring relief to the poor, God is glorified and He will in turn, by Jesus' promise, glorify you and me.

St. Leo the Great (+461), in encouraging his flock in regards to generosity that leads to forgiveness, reminded them: *“In these acts of giving do not fear a lack of means. A generous spirit is itself great wealth. There can be no shortage of material for generosity where it is Christ who feeds and Christ who is fed. In all this activity there is present the hand of him who multiplies the bread by breaking it, and increasing it by giving it away.”*

He encourages us by reminding us that: *“The giver of alms should be free from anxiety and full of joy. His/her gain will be greatest when he/she keeps back least for himself/herself.”* The holy apostle Paul tells us: *“He who provides seed for the sower will also provide bread for eating; he will provide you with more seed, and will increase the harvest of your goodness.”*

As we prepare this week to offer our particular sacrifice of treasure for the continued growth and development of this parish community, let us in prayer seek the direction of the Holy Spirit, for the Spirit always encourages us and leads us through our doubts and fears.

I encourage you to approach this as an opportunity to demonstrate, to your own spirit, your devotion to Christ's work. Devotion void of action is impiety. Our actions strengthen our devotion and deepen our connection to Christ in our daily lives. Keep in mind that your monthly pledged gift builds up over time, like God's grace that prepares us for even more gifts yet to come our way.

Your monthly pledged gift will ensure a greater care for the poor through the work of our Good Samaritan Ministry and other service ministries like consoling the bereaved, preparing persons for Christian Marriage, aiding mothers in need, etc. and our formational ministries like our school and religious education ministries. The administration of our good work is essential and your gift will ensure that it continues in a productive way into our next 150 years. Growing Into the Future Together (GIFT) is worthy of your generous spirit because it affirms all that has happened in the past 148 years here at St. Michael's and launches God's work into the next century, our service in His Name.

Last Chance to Sign up is this weekend!
ST. MICHAEL
LENTEN SERIES ON THE
SACRAMENT OF PENANCE



Wednesdays,
March 1st-29th
7:00 PM in St. Patrick Hall

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

In the spirit of fellowship and formation, all *Lay Ministers* are invited to travel the Stations of the Cross together as a way to express your devotion to God and your commitment to your ministry. March 3rd at 7:30 PM is the suggested time for the following ministries:

Pastoral Council Members

Labors of Love Ministry

Money Counting Ministry

Gardener Ministry

Cemetery Committee

Boy/Girl Scouts

Emotions Anonymous Ministry

Eucharistic Adoration
February 29th
1:30-4:00 PM in the Chapel

NIGHT WITH JESUS

MARCH 10 - MARCH 11



Join us for a night of Eucharistic Adoration and spend some time in the Real Presence of our Lord.

Let us fill the church with warriors of prayer.

SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, MARCH 10TH

4:00 PM Confessions

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

7:45 PM Mass followed by All Night Eucharistic Adoration

8:30 PM Confessions

SATURDAY, MARCH 11TH

MIDNIGHT Confessions

7:00 AM Confessions

8:00 AM Mass

Signups sheets for All Night Eucharistic Adoration are now available on the tables at each entrance in the Gathering Space.

Living Lent More Intently

The Pillars of Lent

Prayer | Fasting | Almsgiving

PARISH LENTEN PROJECT

To help keep the season of Lent in our lives, there are ribbons representing Prayer, Sacrifice and Almsgiving on the tables in the Gathering Space. As you come to Mass each week, please take a ribbon corresponding to your Lenten deed and tie it to the Cross. Here are some examples for you to consider:

PRAYER --attend Stations of the Cross, Eucharistic Adoration or daily Mass, take time to read the Bible, pray for family or special intentions, pray the rosary, visit church.

SACRIFICE--give up sweets, that special cup of coffee, television, movies, or computer time, put the phone away during meal times, limit Facebook time, etc. Sacrifices can also be that one thing you don't want to do but should.

ALMSGIVING (Offering)--donate money, food or other needed items to a charitable organization, participate in Operation Rice Bowl, give your time and talent to someone or group in need

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.

WARRIOR OF THE WEEK



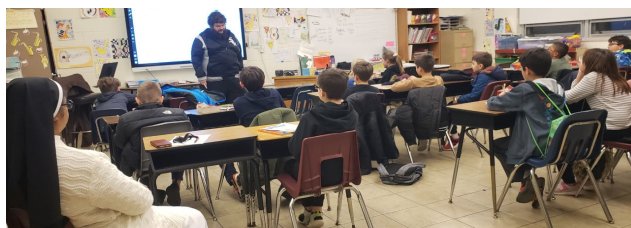
My name is Jacob Garcia and I will be attending Andrean or Marian but I think it will be Marian. I started SMS in kindergarten and it was a great year because Mrs. Barone was so nice. The sports I participate in are soccer (the best sport) cross country and basketball. I also help my grandma with work. My favorite memory is when the 5 and 6 grade soccer team won the championship and blew the other team out. It was a great time. My favorite thing about SMS is after school sports because they are really fun to play and you get to practice with your friends. THE MOST IMPORTANT thing I learned is to always remember your homework. Don't ever forget it. I'm not joking. I would forget it all the time and it wasn't a good thing. When you forget it, boom 50% off and it'll bring down your grade. I'm most thankful for my family and friends a lot because I would be very lost without them. They normally help me with everything no matter what it is.

Faith Formation News

Kimberley Hoogeveen, DRE



4th Grade
Faith
Formation
Classes
learn about
the
Beatitudes
with
Fr. Gregory.



Adult Confirmation Classes



Have you been thinking and praying about completing your Sacraments of Initiation by celebrating your Confirmation Sacrament? If you are a Baptized Catholic and have made

the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist, but have not completed your Confirmation, then please consider attending the Adult Confirmation classes on **May 9th & 16th, 6:00-8:00 PM**, in the east meeting room of St. Patrick Hall. To register, please contact Kimberley Hoogeveen at 219-322-3077 or email khoogeveen@stmichaelparish.life



First Communicants celebrate their "Do This In Memory Mass" with a Special Blessing from Fr. Marty. The children also received a Mass book from St. Michael Parish and beautiful handmade Rosaries from "Labors of Love."

High Schoolers, Come Meet Jesus with Us at Radiate! This Ministry is for YOU!

If you haven't signed up for our Lenten Daily Messages yet, please contact Mrs. Q at 219-775-5356 to get on our calendar.

Upcoming Events:

March 5th: Gathering in St. Patrick Hall, 6:00-8:00 PM. Topic coming soon.

March 19th: Gathering in St. Patrick Hall, 6:00-8:00 PM. Topic coming soon.

Sign up for Radiate texts to keep informed. Send text to 81010. Text this message: @Radiate

Any questions? Contact Mrs. Jeannine Quigley at 219-775-5356 or Mrs. Marisa Richardson at 219-730-4735.



A few weeks ago we discussed a topic on Love vs Lust. This topic received the most votes from the teens at our Fire Pit Night.

As you can see in the picture, we got a bit competitive in the fun game we played!

Respect Life News

40 Days for Life Spring Campaign

The Respect Life Ministry would like to inform everyone that the 40 Days for Life Spring Campaign is February 22nd-April 2nd. The 40 Days for Life is a prayer campaign held worldwide with a vision to access God's power through prayer, fasting and peaceful vigil to end abortion. The first 40 Days for Life Campaign was held in 2007 and since then we have seen some exciting numbers that we want to share with you at this time: because of the 40 Days for Life Campaigns 22,829 babies saved, 247 abortion workers converted, 132 abortion facilities closed, 1,000,000+ pro-life Americans are praying, fasting and standing vigil for an end of abortion and 20,000 churches are standing up for life. If you would like to take part in this 40 Days for Life campaign, consider joining other pro-lifers "on the hill" at Planned Parenthood in Merrillville anytime, 7:00 AM-7:00 PM, for a peaceful, non-confrontational prayer vigil to pray for the end to abortion.

If you feel more comfortable in a group, join pro-lifers on Tuesdays, 11AM-1PM, Wednesdays, 10AM-12PM or Thursdays, 11AM-3PM, for an hour of peaceful vigil to pray for the end of abortion.

There are 960 hours that make up the 40 Days for Life; can you give up just 1 hour to stand up for life?

One Life Saved. One Mother Protected. One Worker Converted. One Facility Closed.

The Respect Life Ministry would like to encourage everyone to watch EWTN's ProLife Weekly every Thursday at 9:00 PM or Tuesday at 12:00 PM to keep informed on issues that are currently being discussed. Also visit their website at Prolifeweekly.com for the weekly CALL TO ACTION!

Cemetery Clean-Up Starting Soon

Please remove all decorations that you wish to keep from your cemetery gravesites so that St. Michael's maintenance crew can start clean-up as soon as possible. Eternal lights & attached vases can remain. Anything else that is not removed by March 15th will be disposed of. The Decorating Rules and Regulations will be strictly followed after the clean-up is finished. It is hoped that the cemetery will be ready in time for Easter decorations. Thank you.



For Those Who Have Died...

Hedwig Miloschhoff
Rick Morfin

Life has changed, not ended

Welcome the Newly Baptized

Reid Matthew Baccion
Lincoln Odin Young

LIFE IS PRECIOUS; HANDLE WITH PRAYER



Kelly Eyer, Katlyn Rodgers, Randy Lyons, Dixie Grigson, Kim Steward, ***Sherry Lazarro***, ***Pat Christenson***, Nancy Greco, ***Ken Andersen***, Brian Rex, Jim Buyer, ***Jennifer Clark***, ***Julian Kras***, ***Dale Rusin***, ***Irene Sanchelz***, Mark Liedbert, Jerry Kilman, Scott Hohmann, Margie Zacny, Cole Boilek, ***Cora Manahan*** 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. **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.

Bereavement Sessions

**Thursdays, March 9th -April 20th,
7:00-8:30 PM**

At these sessions, you will be actively listened to and nonjudgmental 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. To register, please call Janice at 219-322-4505, ext. 8241.



**ST. MICHAEL
PARISH**

Schererville, Indiana



THE GOOD SAMARITANS

**SERVING THE SCHERVILLE COMMUNITY...
FOR GROCERIES OR UTILITY/ RENT ASSISTANCE,
PLEASE CALL**



219-322-4505 EXT. 8250

WHEELCHAIR RAMP MINISTRY CLOSING IN ON 50

St. Michael's Wheelchair Ramp Ministry installed its 47th and 48th wheelchair ramps a few weeks ago.



One was in Crown Point for a home healthcare nurse who is taking care of a paraplegic that she used to visit, and now looks after in her own home. This referral was the Bill Marvel who is my primary installation helper. The nurse is also his paraplegic son's home healthcare provider.

Pictured to the left is Jari Durachta, the nurse.

The other ramp was installed for a family with a Down Syndrome child who is undergoing hip surgery.

Pictured to the right is Joan McInerney and homeowner Tim O'Rourke.



If you are interested in participating in this ministry in any way, please contact the St Michael's parish office at 219-322-4505, or contact Catholic Charities at outreach@catholic-charities.org or call 219-886-3549, ext. 103 and ask for Jessa Conn.

Submitted by Jim Koeling

Friday, March 3, 2023 4 - 7 PM



St. Michael Church
Schererville, IN
South Entrance

Fish Dinner: \$14.00

Dine In or Take out

Pizza & Fries Kids Meal
available at event only
for separate charge

INCLUDES:

Baked or Fried Pollock
Baked Potato or Fries
Homemade Coleslaw
Green Beans
Tossed Salad

*beer, wine and pop available for
additional charge.

Free Will Donations to support:
Women's Care Center

Reserve your dinner by
purchasing ...

- After all Weekend Masses
Feb 18th - Feb 26th
- Church Office until 3/2
- At the door
- Online
- tinyurl.com/kocfishfry23
- or use camera to scan QR

code →



St. Michael the Archangel Council #12177
Knights of Columbus

Involvement in St. Michael Parish?

Come to know and recognize through “Discernment” where you can best use your talents and strengths to help our parish grow and thrive.

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

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

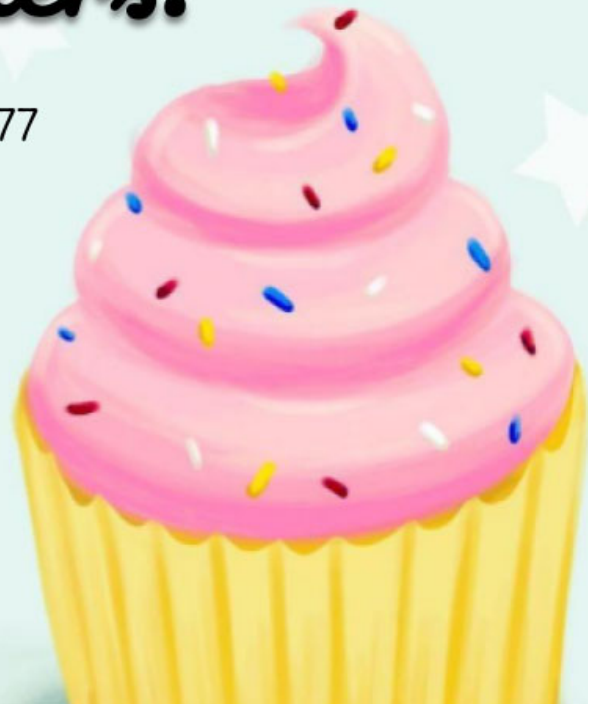
We are seeking dedicated parishioners who want to participate more in the parish. There are no nominations and no elections. Committee members are determined through a process of DISCERNMENT (coming to know and recognize where you can best serve your parish community). This is the same way the Apostles came to choose those who would help them. The discernment process is painless, and even a bit of fun when you are aware of your true values in life. At these two sessions, a trained discernment team will assist you in learning about the above groups, their function and their work. 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. You and other interested parishioners simply come to two **Thursday evening sessions on March 9th & 16th, 7:00-8:30 PM.** **IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE CALL JANICE AT 322-4505, EXT. 8241 FOR MORE INFORMATION REGARDING THE DISCERNMENT PROCESS AND/OR TO RESERVE A SPACE. YOUR RESERVATION HELPS US TO HAVE ENOUGH MATERIALS ON HAND FOR EVERYONE TO PARTICIPATE.**

Calling All Bakers!

St. Michael Knights of Columbus #12177
need your help.

Desserts needed for Fish Fry
Non refrigerated
cakes, cupcakes, cookies, pies,
brownies, or your specialty

Drop off @ St. Patrick's Hall
Friday, March 3 - 10am - 4 pm



MEN'S FAITH SHARING GROUP

**MARCH 4TH AT 9:00 AM
ST. AMAND ROOM**

**For more info, please contact
garywwolfe@hotmail.com**

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

January 15, 2023

Adult	\$15,473.00
Children	\$36.00
EFTs	\$1,790.00
Loose	\$534.00

**Total Weekly Offering
\$16,577.00**

Thank you for your generosity!

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 26

Forgiven Series Sign Ups After All Masses
K of C Fish Fry Ticket Sales After All Masses
RCIA 9:30 AM

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

MONDAY FEBRUARY 27

Emotions Anonymous 6:00 PM

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 28

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

WEDNESDAY MARCH 1

Eucharistic Adoration 1:30-4:00 PM
Faith Formation Traditional Classes 6:00 PM
Good Samaritans 6:30 PM
Forgiven Series 7:00 PM

THURSDAY MARCH 2

Choir Practice 7:00 PM

FRIDAY MARCH 3

Stations of the Cross 12:00 & 7:30 PM
K of C Fish Fry 4:00-7:00 PM

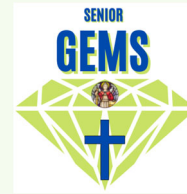
SATURDAY MARCH 4

First Saturday Devotions After 8:00 AM Mass
Men's Faith Sharing Group 9:00 AM
Confessions 3:30-4:30 PM

SUNDAY MARCH 5

RCIA 9:30 AM
Radiate 6:00 PM

All those 50+, parishioner or non-parishioner, you are invited to join Senior GEMS. We meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. Please join us on **February 28th** at 10:00 AM in the SE classroom of St. Patrick Hall. We will discuss current and future activities. Many times we have signups for events at these meetings.



Save the Date

March 28th 10:00 AM

**Guest Speaker: Barbara Rossi,
Franciscan Insurance Services**

RSVP to Carol at 219-736-5085 by March 13th.

Submitted by Carol Rusich

Stewardship in Action

This Lent when temptation comes, ask Jesus to help us live in God's light remembering we are a child of God called to be like Jesus. Ask God to heal within us what causes us to be led by temptation.

submitted by Conchita Bryner

EDUCATION FOUNDATION

The gifts that we receive are used to provide tuition assistance for families in need, support professional development and assist in the enhancement of school facilities.

Please consider supporting our education endeavors at St. Michael Parish through the
**St. Michael Education Foundation
with a Memorial Donation.**

Your gift will be listed here and acknowledged to the family or individual you memorialize.

Living Memorial - Anniversary Memorial -
Deceased Memorial

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Donna Velez, Lou Bufano

Look for us on the website: www.stmichaelparish.life.



Growing Into the Future Together

We are embarking on a campaign to modernize our facilities. This campaign will help St. Michael's not only survive, but thrive in the 21st century. We are calling on all parishioners to support us in our effort in *Growing Into the Future Together*.

Growing Into the Future Together (GIFT) will allow St. Michael's to:

- Provide appropriate air quality in St. Michael School, allowing for air-conditioning the entire school building and proper ventilation (\$2.0 million)
- Provide a new, accessible, and energy-efficient parish administration center that allows all parishioners to access and contribute to the parish and its ministries (\$3.0 million)

This week, we want to share more news of the second priority of the campaign, which is to build a new parish administration center. St. Michael's parish office is a vital space for planning the faith-based needs of the church. Home to both the pastor's office and all our ministries, our office is the organizational and ministerial center for our work in Schererville's Catholic community. The parish office provides the organizational infrastructure for the communication, finance management, and information technology required to run the parish and its many ministries. It has undergone several additions and renovations over the past century, but the building was not built to sustain a modern office serving a parish of over 2000+ families and 47 ministries. Furthermore, the age of the building makes accessibility a concern. Multiple flights of stairs into the building and between office floors make the building inaccessible and dangerous for parishioners with disabilities and parishioners who have difficulty walking or climbing stairs.

A new parish office would provide accessibility to all parishioners and visitors, young and old, regardless of ability, inviting all into our space and serving the parish for generations to come. A new one-level energy-efficient parish office would better facilitate the critical work of our pastor and the many support staff and volunteers who serve the parish, allowing the parish's organizational center to better serve the St. Michael's community of the 21st century.

As previous generations of parishioners have so generously provided for expansions to the church in the 20th century, so that the parish may benefit today, we ask that parishioners prayerfully consider what they can contribute to the campaign to ensure that the parish continues to grow into the future. Our goal is \$3.5 million, with a challenge goal of \$5.0 million. We will need the support of all parishioners in order to be successful, so we ask that you receive news of the campaign with an open heart. **Thank you.**

Campaign Testimonial: "St. Michael's is my home, my family. This is where we raised our sons, where they attended school, where my husband went through RCIA to become Catholic and where my relationship with God has become deeper. I'm grateful for the sacrifices that the St. Michael community made years ago so that I could enjoy these blessings. It's a privilege to be part of this vibrant parish and help support its future." - Carol Slager, Parishioner

**SPEAKERS NEEDED FOR STM CAREER
NETWORKING GROUP**

This is a very valuable group that has been assisting job seekers for over 11 years. Donna Weidenfeller and Jim Kaczka would like to continue with this monthly ministry. Would you be able to help us secure speakers for our Saint Thomas More Networking events? We meet monthly on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the Weis Center, Munster. The group meets 7:00-8:30 PM and you would be required to present a twenty minute presentation regarding job searching and/or career assistance. Any help would be greatly appreciated. This is for a one time speaking event. Please contact us if you can assist. Our e-mail is stmcareergroup@gmail.com.

**FISH FRY FRIDAYS
DESCENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT HALL
545 E. 77TH AVE/SEBERGER RD, SCHERERVILLE
ALL FRIDAYS THROUGH LENT
4:00-7:00 PM
DOORS OOPEN AT NOON WITH EASTER BAKE
SALE
EAT IN OR TAKE OUT
219-864-1529**

MARCH FAMILY ROSARY FOR LIFE

The March Prayer Service will be hosted by Fr. Gregory and the good people of St. James the Less Parish in Highland on **March 11th** at 9:00 AM.

**LENTEN FISH DINNERS
ALL YOU CAN EAT BUFFET
OUR LADY OF CONSOLATION
VAMOS HALL
8303 TAFT ST., MERRILLVILLE
EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT
(EXCEPT GOOD FRIDAY)**

4:30-6:30 PM

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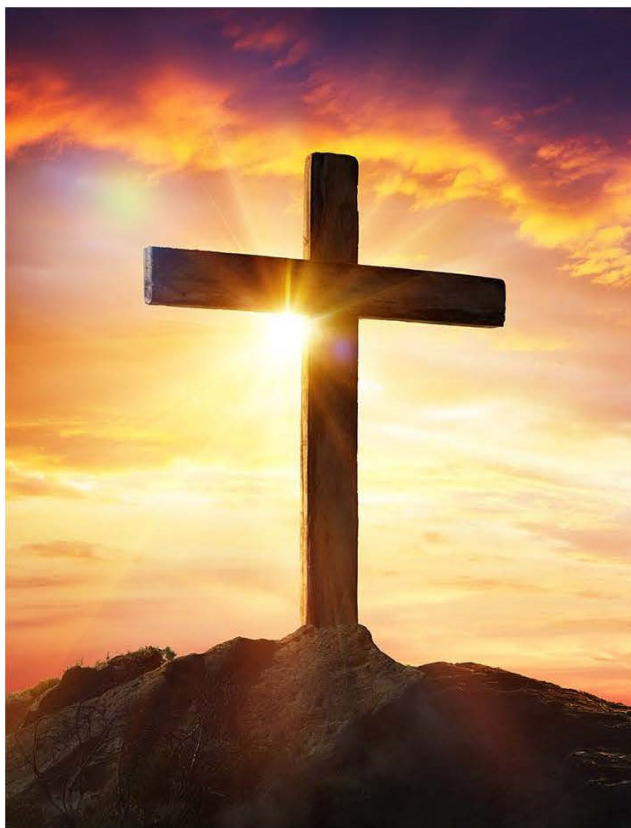
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7:00 AM All Souls

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7:00 AM ✠ Ryan Pammer

WEDNESDAY MARCH 1

7:00 AM ✠ Joseph Heintz

8:55 AM ✠ Frank Sink

THURSDAY MARCH 2

7:00 AM All Souls

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SATURDAY MARCH 4

8:00 AM ✠ Gayle Blair

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(Readings for March 5th, Second Sunday of Lent)

I. *Genesis 12:1-4a*

Abram was commanded by the Lord to leave his home and go to a new land. There the Lord God would make him a great nation, and all would be blessed because of him.

II. *2 Timothy 1:8b-10*

God saves all people and calls them to a holy life, not because of their own merit but because of the grace held out in Christ. Christ "destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel."

III. *Matthew 17:1-9*

Jesus went up to a high mountain. With Moses and Elijah at his side, He was transfigured before the eyes of His disciples Peter, James, and John. A voice from the cloud said, "This is my Beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him."

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