Welcome to St. Michael The Archangel Catholic Community

Second Sunday of Lent March 16, 2025

"THIS IS MY CHOSEN SON; LISTEN TO HIM."

Luke 9:35

Disciple Maker Index SURVEY

Your Voice Matters - We Need Your Input!

St. Michael Families, we're conducting an important survey now through April 15, and we strongly encourage all parishioners to take a few moments to complete it.

This process involves assessing our greatest strengths and opportunities, and that is where the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) comes in. The DMI is an important survey tool that invites you to reflect on your discipleship journey here at St. Michael the Archangel Church.

The Disciple Maker Index is designed to:

- Invite parishioners to reflect on their journey of discipleship.
- Help parishioners grow in their faith.
- Reflect on your current experience with our parish.
- Enable parish leadership to make data-driven decisions.

For more information, please refer to the detailed letter from Father Robert on page 3 of the bulletin.

Take the survey today by scanning the QR code to the right. For parishioners who prefer, paper copies are available in the parish office or in the Gathering Space.

Thank you!

Scan here to take survey.





SATURDAY LITURGY

Vigil: 5:00 PM

SUNDAY LITURGY

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

DAILY LITURGY

Weekdays 7:00 AM Saturday 8:00 AM

HOLY DAY LITURGY

See page 9 of the bulletin

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EUCHARISTIC 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.

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Cemetery Committee

Parish Gardeners

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Parish Life

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March 16, 2025

From the Associate Pastor's Desk

Revitalization is Coming and is Already Here!

Spring is in the air! This time of year, the whole world seems to transform from death to life. We watch with amazement at how **nature is revitalized around us, foreshadowing our own future bodily resurrection**, promised by Jesus Christ and reiterated by St. Paul in today's second reading: "We await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body" (Phil 3:20-21).

Saint Paul, "in tears," begged his fellow Christians to imitate Christ all the way to the cross, denying and giving themselves to God, despite the personal cost. I too, at the point of tears, beg *you*, my fellow Christians and members of St. Michael Parish, to imitate Christ through self-denial. But I have a specific self-denial in mind...

Our parish, in conjunction with the whole Diocese of Gary, is entering into a 2-year long revitalization process. This Spring marks the beginning of our revitalization. We are starting with a parish-wide survey called the Discipleship Maker Index (DMI).

I am humbly asking every parishioner to complete the Discipleship Maker Index (DMI).

The survey is <u>75 questions</u> long and will take an average of <u>15 minutes</u> to complete. The survey can be filled out online by scanning the QR code at the bottom of this page, or by visiting https://portal.catholicleaders.org/d/c2kk87 (paper copies of the survey are available if requested). The survey ranges from basic questions on demographics, to inquiries about your attitudes and beliefs, to measurements of your participation in the faith, to ratings of your satisfaction with your parish, pastor and parish activities.

Why should you bother with the survey? (Aside from imitating Christ by doing penance) The data collected from the DMI will be used to make major decisions in the years to come, both at the parish level and the diocese level, decisions that will affect which parishes stay open or merge, and who your priests may be in the future. Results also will help our in-house parish planning process.

If you care about your church or your priests, please consider completing the survey.

We are aiming for 100% completion rate—over 2,000 families at St. Mike's means well over 2,000 completed surveys. How sad it would be if only 10-20% of our parishioners completed the survey, because that would indicate that our parish is dying and lacking committed disciples of Christ.

I, for one, wish to leave death behind in Winter. Now is the Springtime. Now is the time of revitalization. Please help the revitalization of our Church by prayerfully completing the Discipleship Maker Index (DMI). God reward you for your sacrifice.

[DMI Available Now, through April 15th]



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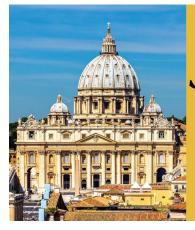
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Blood Pressure, Glucose and Oxygen Level Screenings this Weekend in the



this Weekend in the east coat room after the 5:00 PM, 7:30 AM and 9:30 AM Masses



New Member Registration This Sunday After the 7:30 and 9:30 AM Masses



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All are invited to follow in Jesus' footsteps on this very powerful and spiritual moving journey of His last days on Earth each Friday during Lent at 12:00 PM and 7:30 PM in the church. Below are suggested times for Lay Ministers to travel together as a way to express devotion to God and your commitment to your ministry.



March 14th, 7:30 PM

Good Samaritans Rebuilding Hope Mission Team Wheelchair Ramp Ministry Respect Life Group Pastoral Care

AV Ministry

Cemetery Committee Centering Prayer Ministry

March 21st, 7:30 PM

Liturgy Committee

Boy Scouts of America/Girl Scouts Comforting Chefs Festival Committee Holy Name Society Knights of Columbus Labors of Love

March 28th, 7:30 PM

Adult Catholic Education
Baptismal Preparation
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April 4th, 7:30 PM

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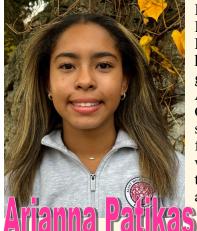
April 11th, 7:30 PM

Ministry of Hope & Consolation Parish Nurse Senior GEMS Welcoming Ministry Parish Gardeners Stewardship Money Counters Music Ministry

SMS NEWS

Michelle Biscan, Principal

WARRIOR OF THE WEEK



I started attending SMS in third grade. I transferred to SMS from Iddings Elementary which is a public school. I was afraid of such a big change. However, I was welcomed by everyone in my class. I remember everyone having smiles on their faces and being filled with excitement. Now as an eighth grader, I hope to welcome and help students who need it. I plan on attending Andrean High School. I participate in basketball and volleyball for the school. Out of school, I play club volleyball. I participated in Vacation Bible School this summer. I feel the community makes SMS so special. All the students are familiar with each other. When students become friends, their families do as well. The teachers have watched everyone grow and become the people they are today. As an eighth grader, you get to see all the young kids look up to you. My advice to the younger children is to have confidence in yourself. You must always believe in yourself. Sometimes you find it hard to believe in yourself, but remember God always believes in you. SMS has helped me grow as a

friend by teaching me the traits of being a good friend. SMS has taught me to always have clear communication in my friendships. SMS has taught me to help my family members. My younger sister attends this school, and I am lucky to teach her about the importance of keeping her faith strong. SMS has helped me become an independent student. It has taught me to always work to the best of my abilities. SMS has helped me grow through my faith by teaching me all the suffering Jesus has endured for us. As you get older, you endure many challenges. SMS has given me the knowledge to live as a disciple of Jesus.

School Scholarship Tax Credit Program

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school
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WE NEED YOUR STRACK'S RECEIPTS



The deadline for Strack's receipts dated Sept 1, 2024-Mar. 31, 2025 is fast approaching. There are about 2 weeks left. Please save your receipts and put them in an envelope marked Apples for the Students. You may drop the envelope off at the parish office, put it in the drop box outside the parish office or put them in the collection towers in Church. Remember the more receipts saved, the more school items we will earn. *Last dropoff is April 2nd*.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

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For Those Who Have Died...

Shirley Orze Jean Bednar

Life has changed, not ended

Welcome the Newly Baptized

Finn Scott Christenson Louis Howard Christenson Margarete Grace Buol

LIFE IS PRECIOUS; HANDLE WITH PRAY



Cole Boilek, *Jo Brown, Elizabeth Munoz, Sherry Lazzaro*, Joan Hamnik, Glinda DaValos, *Nancy & David Schiesser, Marlene Townsend, Debbie Petersen, Rose Iglin*, Carol Horejs, *Vickie Benak*, Ed Eggebrecht, Fr. Jim Wozniak, Pope Francis, Gerry Scheub, Constance Musick, Karen DeZarn, Fr. Dave Krolczyk 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.

Spiritual Adoption Cards Available

March 25th is the Annunciation of the Lord and in honor of this day the Respect Life Ministry will have Spiritual Adoption cards available after all Masses the weekend of March 22nd/23rd. The cards have a place for the date to indicate the beginning of the Spiritual Adoption of an unborn child and the completion date will be Dec. 25th with the birth of Jesus. There will be a space to give a name to the unborn child you are spiritually adopting along with a prayer to be said everyday for the nine months to spare the life of a baby in danger of abortion. There is no charge for these cards, so please stop by the Respect Life table in the Gathering Space after Mass.

Patron Ads for Lake County Right to Life

At the table of Spiritual Adoption Cards, you may purchase a Patron Ad for the Lake County Right to Life Banquet to be held on April 4th. There will be examples of the ad at the Respect Life table. Silver Ads for \$20 or a Gold Ads for \$30 are available. Many of you have asked about the ads as you have purchased them in the past.

Thank you in advance for your continued support.

High School Students Join Radiate as we gather on a few Sunday evenings of the month.



March 16th: SHAMROCK SHAKES & ST. PATRICK CELEBRATION NIGHT Wear green so you don't get pinched! 6:00-8:00 PM in St. Amand room.

March 23rd: GAMES & PIZZA NIGHT

All 8th graders are invited to join us for a night of fun and games in SMS Gym,

6:00-8:00 PM.

April 6th: GATHERING in St. Patrick Hall, 6:00-8:00 PM

April 27th: GYM NIGHT, 6:00-8:00 PM

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

Keep updated with our Radiate Texts by joining our messaging: Send text message to 81010

Then text this message to: @strad

Submitted by Jeannine Quigley







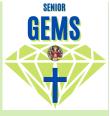


Gathering March 18th 10:00 AM in St. Patrick Hall



Chair Yoga
March 21st at 8:00 AM in
St. Patrick Hall
Cost: \$5
Please call Ursula at
219-741-3276 to register.

Activities Day March 25th 10:00 AM in SE Room



Pairing up with Senior Promise for some exciting adventures.

March 19th: Lunch at Guiseppe's Ristorante at

1:00 PM

April 14th: Craft project at Promise You Art

Home at 11:00 AM

April 16th: Bomber's BBQ at 1:00 PM

Call Elisa Smith at 219-407-6531 to RSVP for

these fun events.





Blood Drive
Knights of Columbus
St. Michael the Archangel Parish-St. Patrick Hall
Thursday, March 20th
12:00-5:00 PM



For an appointment, please visit redcrossblood.org, call 1-800-733-2767 or scan the QR code Sponsor Keyword: smap





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submitted by Conchita Bryner

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GS-Gathering Space

SPH-St. Patrick Hall

SUNDAY MARCH 16

BP Screenings After 7:30 & 9:30 AM Masses, East Coat Room New Member Registration After 7:30 & 9:30 AM Masses, SPH OCIA 9:30 AM

"Catch the Spirit" Mass 11:30 AM, Church

Vietnamese Confessions 4:30 PM

Vietnamese Mass 6:00 PM

Reception to Follow Mass

Radiate 6:00 PM, St. Amand Room

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

MONDAY MARCH 17

"Into His Likeness" Series 7:00 PM, SPH

TUESDAY MARCH 18

Labors of Love 10:00 AM, SPH Faith Formation Traditional Classes 6:00 PM, SMS Bereavement Session 7:00 PM, SW Room Catholic Bible Study 7:00 PM, SPH

WEDNESDAY MARCH 19

Stations of the Cross-SMS Grades 4 & 5 1:00 PM, Church Eucharistic Adoration 1:30-4:00 PM, Chapel Faith Formation Traditional Classes 6:00 PM, SMS

THURSDAY MARCH 20

KofC Blood Drive 12:00-5:00 PM, SPH Choir Practice 7:00 PM, Church

FRIDAY MARCH 21

Chair Yoga 8:00 AM, SPH Stations of the Cross 12:00 & 7:30 PM, Church Bell Choir Practice 6:00 PM, Church

SATURDAY MARCH 22

Confessions 3:30-4:30 PM, Chapel DMI Survey Table After Vigil Mass, GS Seed Sale After Vigil Mass, SPH Spiritual Adoption Cards Available After Vigil Mass, GS

SUNDAY MARCH 23

Coffee and Donuts After All Masses, SPH DMI Survey Table After All Masses, GS Seed Sale After All Masses, SPH Spiritual Adoption Cards Available After All Masses, GS OCIA 9:30 AM Radiate 6:00 PM, SMS Gym

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Diocesan Life Information

HELP WANTED

St. Mary's Religious Education office in Griffith is looking for a part-time secretary. A high school degree is required. Please email your resume to Elizabeth Stadnik at: stmaryreledgriffith@yahoo.com

GRIEF WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS OF CHILD LOSS

St. Paul Parish, 1855 Harrison Blvd in Valparaiso, is hosting a diocesan Grief Workshop for Parents of Child Loss. This group will be meeting during the Sundays of Lent: March 16th, 23rd, 30th and **April 6th,** 1:00 - 2:30 PM. Join us as we journey through brokenness to the place of belovedness, commemorating the 40 days Jesus spent praying and fasting in the desert. Whether you are new to the journey of child loss or desiring a more intimate relationship with the Lord, this journal is a safe place to take your grief during Lent. All meetings are completely confidential. Registration is required at https://forms.office.com/r/n0f0EupCJ8 Participants can purchase their journal at https://www.redbird.love/leader-materials/p/ restoring-love-leaders-starter-bundle-rfgrc Questions? Contact Rosanne at 219-769-9292, ext. 88259.

A NIGHT WITH THE BISHOP

Bishop McClory will be a guest speaker at the St. Mary Men's Club meeting on **March 19th** at 6:00 PM. He will be speak on the life of St. Joseph. The meeting will be held at Hildebrandt Hall, 525 N. Lafayette Street, Griffith. The doors will open at 5:30 PM. Coffee and desserts will be provided afterwards.

RENEWED ADORATION NIGHTS

Renew your faith during a peaceful and transformative evening of Adoration, featuring a brief reflection by Fr. Steven Caraher, live praise and worship music, silent prayer and more.

March 20th, 6:00-7:15 PM April 25th, 7:00-8:15 PM at Our Lady of Consolation Questions? Call 219-769-1755, ext. 308

RACHEL'S VINEYARD

Are you or someone you know silently suffering from the spiritual and emotional effects of a past abortion, either chemical or surgical? Rachel's Vineyard retreats are here to for you! The next retreat will be **April 4th-6th** in Michigan City. Confidential and non-judgmental, the weekend retreat will help you walk with Christ as you release your grief with those who understand what you have been through. Go to www.helpafterabortion.net or call or text the confidential line 219-552-2944.

ANNUAL SPRING LUNCHEON

The Service League of The SHARE Foundation invites you to join us at the 34th Annual Spring Luncheon on **April 9th** at the Halls of St. George, Schererville. Delight in a delicious meal, door prizes and delightful entertainment, 10:30 AM to 2:00 PM. This event supports Sharing Meadows, our residence and camp dedicated to enriching the lives of adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Tickets are \$50/person. For more information, please contact Annette at The SHARE Foundation (219.778.2585) or navigate to ShareFoundation.org and click on the Events tab to learn more.

SINGLES UPPER 50S AND ABOVE

Are you looking for a renewed sense of purpose & belonging? Register today for a life-changing RENEW weekend retreat at the Carmelite Renewal Center in Darien, IL (southwestern suburbs of Chicago), on May 2nd-4th. Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it! Visit www.RenewRetreats.org, e-mail renew.chicagoland@gmail.com, or call (309) 912-6065 for details.

SPRING LUNCHEON

FCSLA Branch 81 Annual Spring Luncheon. Sunday, **May 4th**, more details to come

*Wedding Anniversary Mass

May 18th at 11:00 AM at the Cathedral of the Holy Angels

Couples celebrating a 5 year milestone anniversary or 50+ years of marriage are invited to join Bishop McClory for a special anniversary Mass and light luncheon. Families welcome. RSVP to dcgary.org/2025AnniversaryMass

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Scan the QR code to RSVP or go to: https://tinyurl.com/MTDG25

Registration is now open!Applications are now due by

Questions? Contact Dr. Claudia Sadowski at csadowski@dcgary.org

Wednesday, April 30, 2025.

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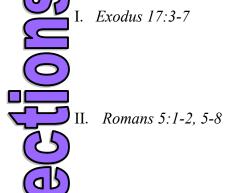




SATURDAY 5:00 PM	MARCH 15 †John & Helen Sandor †Pearl Salach	THURSDAY 7:00 AM	MARCH 20 *Departed Souls in Congregation of Mother of Carmel
SUNDAY	MARCH 16 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT	FRIDAY 7:00 AM	MARCH 21 †Mary Thiel-3rd Anniversary
7:30 AM 9:30 AM 11:30 AM	†Ann Ayersman †Eric Hayes †Pat Carlay †Gerald & John Verdeyen St. Michael Parish	SATURDAY 8:00 AM 5:00 PM	
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THE WORD

(Readings for March 23, 2025, the Third Sunday of Lent)



The Israelites grumbled against Moses for leading them out of Egypt. They were thirsty and there was no water in the desert, so Moses struck a rock with his staff and water flowed out for the people to drink.

"The love of God has poured out into our hearts," and that love is immeasurable: "While we were still sinners Christ died for us."

Jesus met a Samaritan woman at the well. She offered Him water from the well, and He, in turn, offered her the living water of eternal life. As a result, she and many others came to know Jesus is the Savior.

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