Welcome to St. Michael The Archangel Catholic Community

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 30, 2024

"You have seen Him, and the one speaking with you is He." John 9:37

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"O GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD, FOR HE IS GOOD; FOR HIS STEADFAST LOVE ENDURES FOREVER" (PS 107:1)



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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

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

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.

Sacrament of the Sick...Please call the office until 4:00 PM. After 4:00 PM, please call 322-6623 Monday-Friday and anytime on the weekend.

Names of the sick are placed in the bulletin for a period of four weeks after which time they are either removed or placed in the Book of Intentions in the Chapel.

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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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From the Pastor's Desk

Good sight begins with trust and humility. Since the creation of time "light" and "darkness" have joined in a ceaseless see-saw. It is no wonder then that many stories use this reality to drive home their point. Physical blindness and the darkness it brings is often seen as a sign of spiritual blindness and psychological denial.

In today's Gospel story this theme is central. But there is a twist to this age old theme. Notice that as the man born blind regains his sight, he slowly gains insight into who Jesus is. First he gains insight for himself and then he makes possible insight for his parents, and finally for the leaders and the nation of Israel.

But here is the twist. As this development happens, all the people around the former man born blind actually lose their sight. They don't see Jesus as God's Son but see the opposite. First his parents are blinded by fear to Jesus' work and finally the leaders of the people of Israel become blind through pride.

Discerning God's healing work in your life can only be done when you embrace two things, trust and humility. Trust is what the parents of the cured man lack and humility is what the leaders disregard. By entertaining their fear (the parents) and pride (the leaders) in the face of God's healing goodness, both parents and leaders take on a more dangerous blindness than what was cured in the man.

The blindness of the flesh is not sinful nor is it a sign of a blind mind and spirit – just as the sighted person is no more insightful than a bat without its radar. The difference lies in the fact that one state of things is not chosen while the other is chosen. The blindness of mind and spirit is far worse because here, God cannot work. In an atmosphere of fear and pride, God's healing is not welcome.

Lent is about self-denial, fasting, to teach ourselves about the need to know our human weakness. It is about alms-giving to the poor to ally ourselves with Jesus' "least ones" and remind ourselves of the fragility of our own economic status. Lent is about prayer, more prayer with Jesus than usual, to keep us seeing what needs God's work. These Lenten activities help us to learn how to trust and how to see clearly the path of humility. They also lead us to seek God's forgiveness for the many other times we have been callous towards the needs of others or towards God's Will for ourselves.

Lent is meant to lead us to Confession, to seek reconciliation with God and each other in the Sacrament of Penance. The sacrament is available every Saturday from 3:30 – 4:30 PM and in the coming weeks even more opportunities will be available to you both on Saturday afternoons and at two evening Penance Services on Monday, April 1st and April 9th. St. Paul reminds us, "Let us walk as children of the light, for light produces every kind of goodness."

It is hard to celebrate our New Life at Easter when we are living the old life of sin. Take advantage of this time to return to God fully, confess your sins and seek the healing only the Sacrament of Penance can provide. Then you and I will truly be ready for Easter.

Stations of the Cross



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. 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. April 4th at 7:30 PM is the suggested time for the following ministries:

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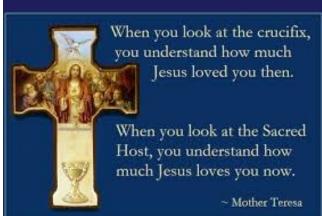
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YOU ARE FORGIVEN

_ Communal Penance Services

March 31st at 10:30 AM
April 1st & 9th
at 7:00 PM
in the Church

Eucharistic Adoration April 2nd 1:30-4:00 PM in the Chapel



Do You Want to be a Part of the Last Supper?

On Holy Thursday, **April 17th**, at 7:00 PM, we will celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper.

During the Mass, foot washing will take place just as Jesus washed the feet of the Twelve. We invite parishioners, young or senior, to partake in this event. Please call or text Cheryl at 219-242-2630 to experience this moment in history.



THREE PILLARS OF LENT







Don't forget about our Parish Lenten project! 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.

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The Newly Elected of St. Michael Parish



Rite of Election with Bishop McClory! Submitted by Kimberley Hoogeveen

Come and Experience the...
Living Stations of the Cross
(performance by SMS 8th graders)

Wednesday,
April 16th
6:30 PM
in the Church



Little White Easter Season Reflection Books Available April 5th, 6th, 12th & 13th After All Masses

A donation of \$2.00 each is appreciated. Submitted by Janice Gatons

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SMS & FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Michelle Biscan, Principal

Kimberley Hoogeveen, DRE



A huge thank you to the Lake County Sheriff's Department, Sheriff Martinez, and Rosati's Pizza for being part of the Passport Auction "Lunch with a Hero" event! Big congratulations to our winner, Jaxson B., and fellow 7th graders, Nick M., Gavin H., and Matthew L. for a fun-filled lunch with some local heroes. They had an amazing time and even walked away with some awesome swag!

PREPARING FOR ADULT CONFIRMATION



If you are a Baptized Catholic, 18 or older, out of High School and you have also received First Communion and Reconciliation, but have not been Confirmed, then these classes are for you. Both classes must be attended.

May 7th & 14th 6:00-8:00 PM

SW Room of St. Patrick Hall

For more information and/or registration, please contact Kimberley Hoogeveen at 219-322-3077.

APPLES FOR THE STUDENTS
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APRIL 2ND
DROP OFF IN COLLECTION
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PARISH OFFICE
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WARRIOR OF THE WEEK



I started attending SMS when I was in preschool. I plan on attending Andrean High School, which is where my older sister goes. I have participated in track, cross country, volleyball, basketball, cheerleading, art club, drama club, Girl scouts, altar serving, choir and chess club. SMS is special to me because I have been going here for a long time. I have loved all my teachers and the other students around me. I really like going to a Catholic school and learning about God. My advice to younger students is to try your hardest on all of your assignments and try to have a good relationship with God. SMS has helped me become a better friend by teaching me to live like Christ. In my friendships, I try to be the best version of myself, which helps my friends be the best versions of themselves too. SMS has helped me grow as a family member by helping me to be nicer to my family, especially my sister. SMS has helped me grow as a student by challenging me and taking me out of my comfort zone. Over my time here, I have learned so much, especially how to write essays, which I will need in high school and college. Lastly, SMS has helped me grow as a disciple of Jesus by helping me pay more attention in Mass. It has also helped me learn a lot more about the Bible.

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LIFE IS PRECIOUS; HANDLE WITH PRAYER



Pope Francis, Gerry Scheub, Constance Musick, Karen DeZarn, *Pat Matz, Geraldine Heintz*, Nicole Villanueva, *Tim & Helen Hazard*, Steve Gatons, *Cindy Wilson, Joan Gillespie*, *May Ann Adam*, Ruth Marie Sarros, *Timothy Bunchek*, Cheryl Fetcko 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.



Gathering
April 1st
10:00 AM in
St. Patrick Hall



All Those 50+ Join Senior GEMS April 8th 10:00 AM in the SE Room of St. Patrick Hall

We will plan our next adventure. You don't have to be a member of St. Michael's and guests on trips can be younger than 50.

On May 13th, we will have a BINGO party with white elephant prizes.

The more people who participate, the more fun we will have.

Submitted by Nancy Finley

THANK YOU STRACK AND VAN TIL OF SCHERERVILLE

Labors of Love Ministry is extremely happy to announce the receipt of a \$1,000 grant from our Schererville Strack and Van Til. Deacon Gary Wolfe secured the grant in January. It is only through the Grace of God and benefactors such as Strack's and other local businesses that we can continue our mission here in NWI providing comfort items and other necessities to those in need. When communities and local non-profits come together as one, we can help change our world for the better. Please remember to support them as they have supported us. Submitted by Sharon Przybylinski



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

April 6th: Vietnamese Mass & Easter Egg Decorating Night in St. Patrick Hall,

6:00-8:00 PM, EIGHTH GRADERS WELCOME!

April 27th: Pickle Ball & Make-Your-Own-Sundae Night, 6:00-8:00 PM in SMS

Gym

May 18th: Gathering, 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



Italy & Amalfi Jubilee Pilgrimage

12 days: 7 cities December 1 - 12, 2025

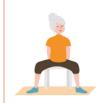
Hosted by Fr. Marty and Fr. Peter interested? email: frmartyd@stmichaelparish.life





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stmichaelparish.life/events or call 219-322-4505



Chair Yoga
April 4th at 8:00 AM in
St. Patrick Hall
Cost: \$5
Please call Ursula at
219-741-3276 to register.

S ewardship in Action

Who in your family do you hold anger, judgement or resentment towards? Pray for God's guidance to seek freedom from these feelings and healing in these relationships.

submitted by Conchita Bryner

If you wish to have your intentions printed in the Easter bulletin, Easter flower envelopes are due to the office no later than **April 7th** at 9:00 AM.





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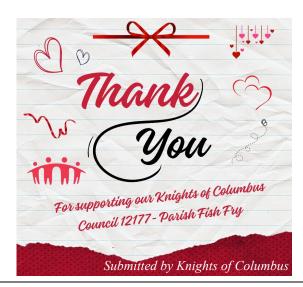


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Adult Children EFTs Loose \$14,380.00 \$52.13 \$8,707.66 \$601.00

Total Weekly Offering \$23,740.79

Thank you for your generosity!



Weekly Schedule

GS-Gathering Space

SPH-St. Patrick Hall

SUNDAY MARCH 30

2nd Collection-Catholic Relief Services OCIA 9:30 AM

Congregation of Mother of Carmel 50th Jubilee Mass 11:30 AM

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

MONDAY MARCH 31

School Penance Service 10:30 AM, Church "Into His Likeness" Series 7:00 PM, SPH Liturgy Committee 7:00 PM, SE Room

TUESDAY APRIL 1

Labors of Love 10:00 AM, SPH
Faith Formation Traditional Classes 6:00 PM, SMS
Bereavement Session 7:00 PM, SW Room
Communal Penance Service 7:00 PM, Church

WEDNESDAY APRIL 2

Eucharistic Adoration 1:30-4:00 PM, Chapel Faith Formation Traditional Classes 6:00 PM, SMS

THURSDAY APRIL 3

Altar Server Committee Meeting 6:30 PM, SE Room Choir Practice 7:00 PM, Church

FRIDAY APRIL 4

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

SATURDAY APRIL 5

First Saturday Devotions After 8:00 AM Mass, Chapel Confessions 3:30-4:30 PM, Chapel Easter Reflection Books Available After Vigil Mass, GS

SUNDAY APRIL 6

Easter Reflection Books Available After All Masses, GS Faith Formation Family Session with Registration 9:30 AM, SMS OCIA 9:30 AM

Vietnamese Confessions 4:30 PM, Chapel Vietnamese Mass 6:00 PM, Church Vietnamese Reception to Follow Mass, SPH Radiate 6:00 PM, St. Amand Room

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Diocesan Life Information

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.

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*WOMEN'S RETREAT

On April 12th, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM, a Women's Retreat sponsored by the Indianapolis Province of the National Council of Catholic Women will be held at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception, 1207 Columbia St., Lafayette. Guest Speakers include: Sr. Susan Paweski, Ms. Yvonne Pigot, Ms. Tammy Metzinger and Ms. Melissa Young-Spillers. Cost is \$20 (cash or check) payable at check in. Please register by contacting Melissa Young-Spillers at young-Spillers@gmail.com or 765-337-7353.

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.

REFLECT

Mid-life singles (mid-30s-50s): are you looking for a renewed sense of purpose and belonging? Register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at the Carmelite Spiritual Center in Darien, IL, **April 25th-27th.** Take a chance and get involved...you won't regret it! Visit www.ReflectRetreat.com, email reflect.chicagoland@gmail.com or call 630-222-8303 for details.

LAS VEGAS NIGHT

St. Mary's Men's Club is hosting a Las Vegas Night on April 26th, 5:30 - 11:30 PM. Hildebrandt Hall 525 N. Lafayette, Griffith. \$20/person and \$35/couple. Includes all you can eat and drink.

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.

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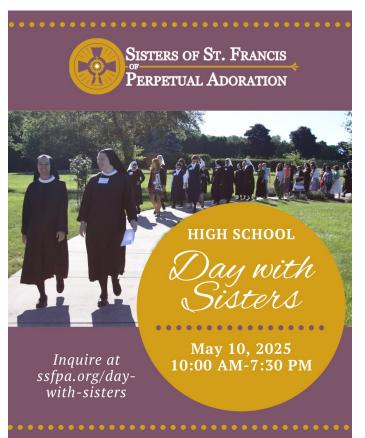
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Cost is \$75. Early Bird special until Easter is \$50. Please register at dcgary.org/emmaus

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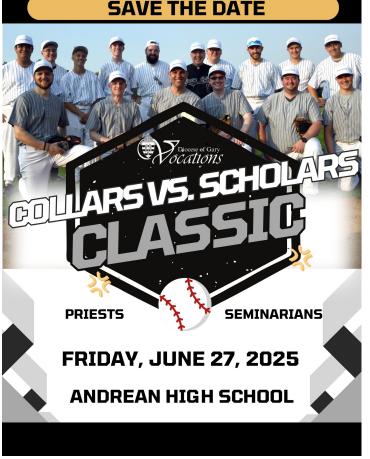




Registration is now open! Applications are now due by

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

Wednesday, April 30, 2025.



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



SATURDAY	MARCH 29	THURSDAY	APRIL 3
5:00 PM	+Henry, Sr, & Patricia Lyza	7:00 AM	♦Deacon Ed Gatons
SUNDAY	MARCH 30 4TH SUNDAY OF		†Henry Lyza
	<u>LENT</u>	FRIDAY	APRIL 4
7:30 AM	♦Kyle Arnold	7:00 AM	†Ann Ayersman
9:30 AM	St. Michael Parish	CATHDDAY	A DDAY &
11:30 AM	For an End to Abortion on Demand	SATURDAY	APRIL 5
	and for a Conversion of Heart for	8:00 AM	†Elizabeth Oberman
	those who Provide Abortions	5:00 PM	♥Kyle Arnold
	†Dolores Wright Gladys D'Mello	SUNDAY	APRIL 6 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT
	Gladys D Mello	7:30 AM	Deceased Members of the Doffin
MONDAY	MARCH 31		Family
7:00 AM	†Dolores Klein		For an End to Abortion on Demand
TUESDAY	APRIL 1		and for a Conversion of Heart for those who Provide Abortions
7:00 AM	♥Maria Elis Alverez		♦Julio Macaya
WEDNESDAY	APRIL 2	9:30 AM	♦ Martin, Sr., Mary & Mattie
7:00 AM	♦Cecelia O'Donnell		Mannion, Jr.
8:55 AM	All Souls	11:30 AM	St. Michael Parish
		†indicates deceased	



(Readings for April 6th, 2025, the Fifth Sunday of Lent)

I. Ezekiel 37:12-14

II. Romans 8:8-11

The Lord God told the people that soon the graves of the dead would open and they would rise. "I will put my spirit in you that you may live...says the Lord."

"Whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him." God, who raised Jesus from the dead, will raise also those in whom the Spirit dwells.



Lazarus died, and Jesus raised from death. Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."

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