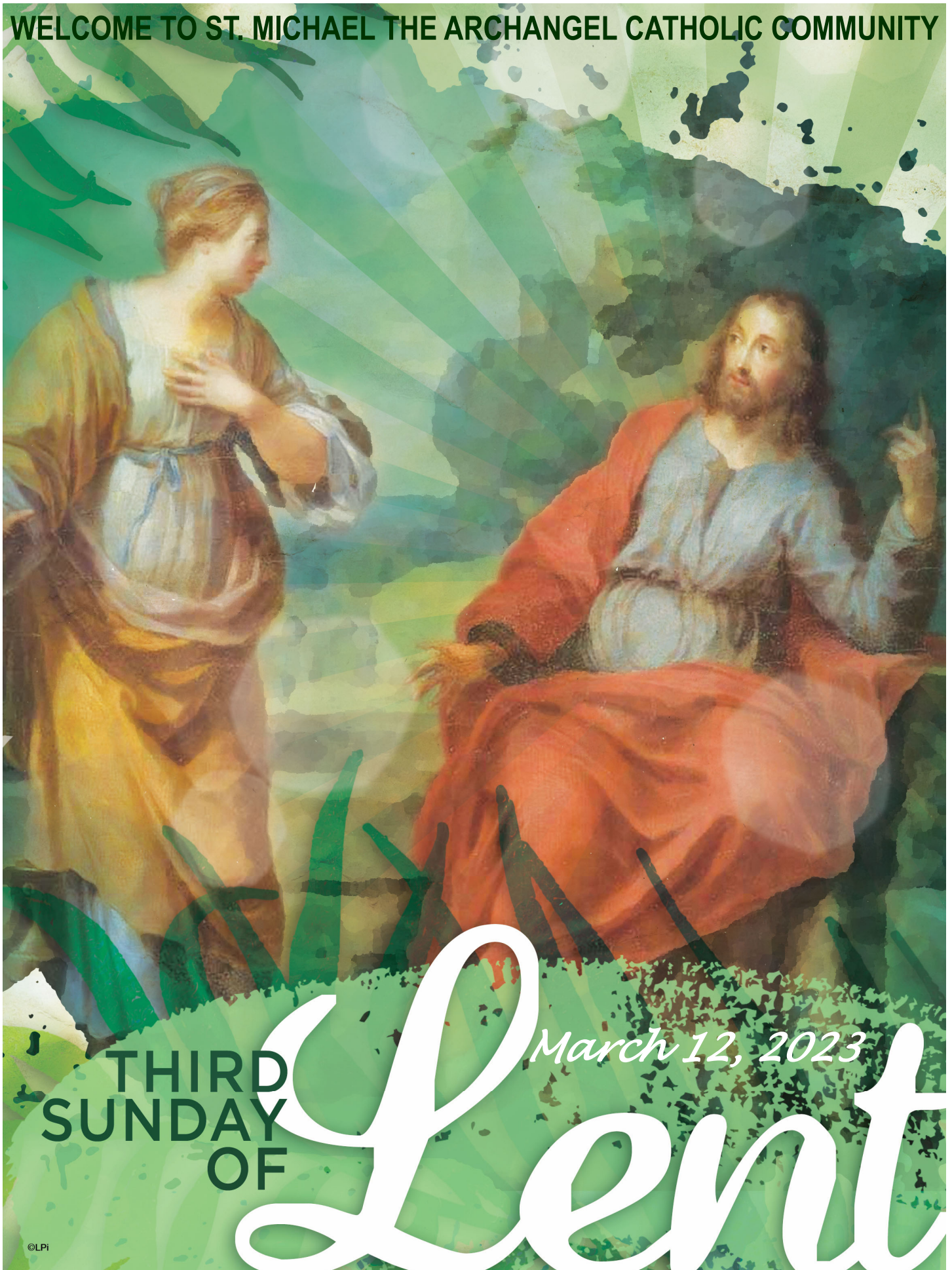


WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



THIRD
SUNDAY OF

March 12, 2023

Lent



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

1:30-4:00 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

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.

MINISTRIES

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

Spirituality & Worship Commission

Altar Servers

Art & Environment

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Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Hospitality

Lectors

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Music Ministry

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RCIA

Sacristan

Ministers of Care

Deer Creek/Clarendale Ministers

Education & Formation Commission

Adult Catholic Education

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

Comforting Chefs

Festival Committee

Holy Name Society

Knights of Columbus

Senior GEMS

Welcoming Ministry

Peace & Social Justice Commission

Good Samaritans

Ministry of Hope & Consolation

Parish Nurse

Labors of Love

Rebuilding Hope Mission Team

Wheelchair Ramp Ministry

Respect Life Group

Pastoral Care

Emotions Anonymous

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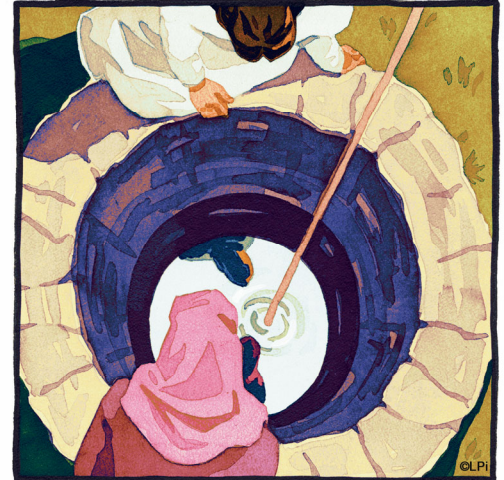
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Hydration Relives Irritation. Thirst has often been associated with more than just physical thirst. Every person thirsts for some knowledge, either practical or spiritual. We all thirst for love, both to experience it and to offer it to another. The woman who comes to the well, in the incident related in John's gospel, is looking for more than water. She appears in the afternoon, not the usual time to come for water, because she is ostracized from normal relations with the other women. Her being married several times and now living with someone who is not her husband makes her unwelcome. She no doubt thirsts for acceptance and this is what Jesus first intuits.

Jesus also enters into a conversation with her, one that is more than just about the weather. Indeed, He touches on all the topics we consider too hot to handle like religion, politics and one's love life. None of these are too sensitive for God's healing water. Jesus does not care if these topics are forbidden in the general opinion of others. Every area of our life needs God's healing waters; our work life, our financial life, our love life, our family life, our recreational life and our faith life. Really, there is no corner of my life or yours that does not thirst for the waters of God's Life.

The problem is that we can get very used to hydrating our bodies but not our inner life, as it is lived out in these areas mentioned above. Hydrating our faith life, our love life, our family life, our financial life and our work life can sometimes be a startling revelation. So dry, devoid of God's Presence, do these areas become, that when attempts are made to water them, we reel back in irritation just like that woman at the well with Jesus.



As I, and others, have spoken about the need to move into the next century of this parish's existence, many have responded generously. They have allowed God's water to flow through their family, work, faith and financial life. They have accepted the need to sacrifice for the greater good of our parish family life. They have trusted God to fill their bucket with what they need to be generous, to *Grow into the Future Together*. Others are still seeking God's will as they contemplate their participation and support. Still, others have grown irritated by all this talk of "moving ahead" and the cost of doing so.

Trusting in God's goodness and continued blessing allows one to see beyond the present moment. It allowed the woman at the well to look deeply at her life and confess her need for Jesus' Living water. Opening your heart to Jesus' Living water can sooth the irritation. His water irrigates the dryness of our vision; it refreshes the virtue of trust in God's providence and allows us to be generous. Why come to the well of His Holy Word and Sacrament and not be hydrated?

Lent is the time to review our life and to seek, with God's help, to bring it more into line with God's vision. Such a review of my motives and prejudices, and yours, is necessary if we are to grow into God's love in all the areas of our lives. Notice what the woman at the well does in the end; she drinks in Jesus' love and concern, so much so that she spills over with the need to tell others about the "one who told me everything." If I am willing to allow God to reveal to me how He wants to carry every element of my life, and if I allow Him to hydrate me with His compassion and love, no longer is there a need to entertain irritation, rather, I long to refresh my perspective. When I do this, I feed the fire of Jesus' love.

Foot Washing Ministry in Need of Volunteers

Our parish is in need of volunteers to help assist at the foot-washing stations on **Holy Thursday, April 6th, at the 7:00 PM Mass.** Please call or text Cheryl at 242-2630 to volunteer. No experience is necessary, just a willingness to serve as Jesus did.

"Having loved his own who were in the world he now showed them the full extent of his love." -John 14:6



**COMMUNAL PENANCE
SERVICE
MARCH 14TH
7:00 PM IN THE CHURCH**

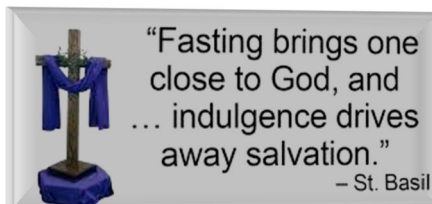
Centering Prayer/Spiritual Book Club Ministry

Members meet via ZOOM from the comfort of their own homes *every Monday* (except for holidays), 6:00-7:00 PM. Interested in group praying AND book discussions?! Please contact Peggy Kolarik at 219-322-1886 or peggy.kolarik@att.net.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS EVERYONE IS INVITED TO JOIN US FOR THIS POWERFUL AND SPIRITUAL JOURNEY NOON & 7:30 PM

All Lay Ministers are invited to this spiritual pilgrimage together as a way to express devotion and commitment to your ministry. March 17th at 7:30 PM is the suggested time for the following ministries:

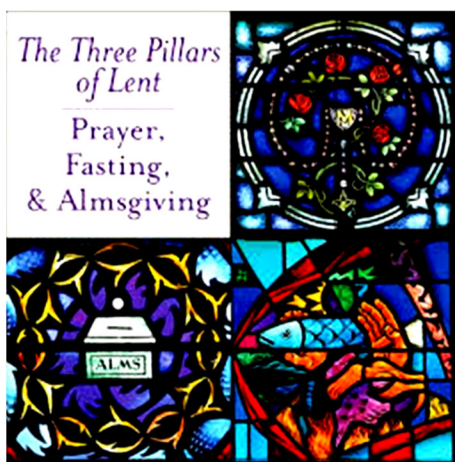
Faith Sharing Groups Faith Formation Catechists/Assistants RCIA Team Members Art & Environment Ministers
Sacristans Rebuilding Hope Mission Team/Wheelchair Ramp Ministry



"Fasting brings one close to God, and ... indulgence drives away salvation."

— St. Basil

**Eucharistic Adoration
March 15th
1:30-4:00 PM in the Chapel**



PARISH LENTEN PROJECT

During Lent, there are three words that come mind: Prayer, Sacrifice, and Almsgiving. These words remind us of what Jesus did for us. Would you like to become more like Christ? To help keep the season in our lives, there are ribbons representing the above three words on 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.

SMS & FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Michelle Wacnik, Principal

Kimberley Hoogeveen, DRE

WARRIOR OF THE WEEK



My name is Leah Phan. I've been attending SMS since preschool and I'm now in eighth grade. Next year I will be attending Andean High School. I play volleyball for the school which is so much fun. I participate in Girl Scouts for the school as well. My favorite things about SMS are the dances and the teachers. The dances are always so much fun and we get to miss our afternoon classes for some of them. The teachers are so nice and kind and they always help me when I need it. My favorite memory from SMS is the Indy trip we took in fourth grade and the first dance we had in seventh grade. The Indy trip was so much fun even though we had to get to school by 6:00 AM. The dance was so much fun. The most important thing that I've learned while being here at SMS is to always try your best in school and to be the best version of yourself. I am most thankful for my teachers and my friends. I am thankful for my teachers because they have been there for me since I started school. I am also very thankful for my friends because they always find a way to brighten my day.

They make school days go by so fast because we always have fun and find a way to make each other laugh. Some advice I would give to future eighth graders and students overall is to take school and your classes seriously but also to just have fun.



Please submit all your Strack and Van Til's receipts by March 29th to the parish office, school office or drop box. The more receipts turned in, the more technological items the school will earn.

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.



REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

- ♦ Visit Facts Family Portal
- ♦ Navigate Menu (Left side)
- ♦ Click on Apply/Enroll
- ♦ Click on Enrollment/ Reenrollment
- ♦ Enrollment Fee
- ♦ Early rate of \$50 now until March 31st

FAITH FORMATION MARCH CALENDAR

12th: Family Session 9:30-11:00 AM
"Do This in Memory of Me" Mass 11:30 AM
14th/15th: Traditional Classes 6:00-7:30 PM
21st/22nd: Traditional Classes 6:00-7:30 PM
28th/29th: *Spring Break-No Classes*

MORE SMS NEWS



The graphic features a red and blue background with a large '2023' and a globe icon. On the left is a 'Passport to Our Heritage' booklet with various travel stamps. In the center is the St. Michael School logo, which includes a circular emblem with a figure and the text 'SAINT MICHAEL SCHOOL EST 1900'. Below the logo is the address: '16 W. WILHELM ST. SCHERERVILLE, IN 46375'. A large green '\$60' is on the left, with 'PER TICKET DRINKS & FOOD INCLUDED' underneath. To the right of the '\$60' is the date 'APRIL 22ND, 2023' and the phrase 'A STAYCATION LIKE NO OTHER' in a dark blue box.

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APRIL 22ND, 2023
A STAYCATION LIKE NO OTHER

Join us on April 22, 2023 from 5:30pm-11:59pm for our annual Passport to Our Heritage!

SCAN TO BUY TICKETS

The night includes specialty foods from a variety of ports including: USA, Poland, Mexico, Ireland, Colombia, & Italy!

This staycation of a lifetime is filled with a silent auction, paddle raise, delicious food & drink, and a wide variety of entertainment which all benefits the school development fund of St. Michael Catholic School!

Tickets increase to **\$70** on **April 8th** and **Day of Event** tickets are **\$75**

Interested in sponsoring this event, donating auction items or in-kind gifts?:
Please contact Megan Jones, Communications Director at
mjones@stmichaelparish.life or 219-334-8042



Radiate is for High Schoolers!

When 8th graders receive Confirmation, you are all welcome!

Meet Jesus. Feel Welcomed. Be Moved. Feel Supported.

Upcoming Events:

March 19th: MOVIE, PJs & POPCORN NIGHT, 6:00-8:00 PM in St. Patrick Hall

April 2nd: MODERN DAY MIRACLES & SERVICE PROJECT: Making cards for cancer patients for Phil's Friends, 6:00-8:00 PM in St. Patrick Hall

April 7th: GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE PROJECT: Assist Good Samaritans, 9:00-11:00 AM, at Church Office

April 16th: VISITING JESUS IN ADORATION with Sr. Deanna & Deacon Gary, 6:00-8:00 PM, meet in St. Patrick Hall.

April 30th: DINNER & NCYC DISCUSSION, PARENTS INVITED, 6:00-8:00 PM in St. Patrick Hall

May 12th: SAND VOLLEYBALL TOURNEY with St. John's youth group at Redar Park, 6:00-8:00 PM. In case of inclement weather, it will be held in SMS gym.

KEEP INFORMED BY JOINING OUR RADIATE TEXTS: **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.





For Those Who Have Died...

Janet Britton
Kenny Kollasch

Life has changed, not ended



LIFE IS PRECIOUS; HANDLE WITH PRAYER

Jennifer Clark, Julian Kras, Dale Rusin, Irene Sanchez, Mark Liedbert, Jerry Kilman, Scott Hohmann, Margie Zacny, Cole Boilek, ***Cora Manahan,*** Maureen Bartok, Theresa Kinach, Jack Virgin, Jackie Rebraca, Lily Ceisla, ***Louis Claich,*** Lori Krueger, Mary Jane Kirschner, Ken Caravana, Angela Koutsis, Ashley Floit, Whitney Brittle, Laura Millies 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.

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY NEWS SPIRITUAL ADOPTION CARDS AVAILABLE

March 25th is the Annunciation of the Lord (when Mary conceived Jesus) and in honor of this day the Respect Life Ministry will have Spiritual Adoption cards available after all Masses the weekend of March 18th/19th. 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 December 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 either before or after Mass.

For those who do not have the opportunity to get a card, you can still participate by naming a child and saying the following prayer every day from March 25 - December 25. During your earthly life, this spiritually adopted child of yours will be known only to God but in the world to come it is hoped you will meet the child whose life was spared by your prayers and spend happiness with them.

"Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion." Prayer of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN FEBRUARY 22 - APRIL 2

The Respect Life Ministry would like to remind everyone that there are only 22 days left of the 40 Days for Life Prayer Campaign sponsored by Lake County Right to Life. If you are still looking for something special to do for Lent and would like to take part in this 40 Days for Life Campaign, consider joining other pro-lifers "on the hill" at Planned Parenthood (8645 Connecticut) in Merrillville **Tuesday thru Saturday between 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM** for a peaceful, non-confrontational prayer vigil to pray for the end of abortion. **If you feel more comfortable in a group, join pro-lifers on Tuesday from 11-1pm, Wednesday from 10-12pm or Thursday from 11-3 for an hour of peaceful vigil to pray for the end of abortion.** Peaceful vigil is not the only way to participate in this prayer campaign. If you cannot participate at Planned Parenthood perhaps you would be able to attend Adoration on Wednesdays from 1:30 to 4:00 PM or just praying and fasting in your own home. **There are 528 hours left of this campaign; how many can you give to stand up for life?**

One Life Saved. One Mother Protected. One Mind Changed.

Submitted by Cathy Bartczak



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!

Rebuilding Hope Mission Team Needs Your Help



SHADY OAKS CAMP

Shady Oaks Camp is a summer camp for people with disabilities located in Homer Glen, Illinois. Rebuilding Hope Mission Team is looking for volunteers to help fulfill Christ's command to go out and spread the Good News, (Mark 15:16) by doing his work (James 2:18) at Shady Oaks Summer Camp for those with Disabilities. Can you spare a Saturday to help in some general camp maintenance and painting?

April 22nd, 8:00 AM until 3:00 PM. We will have you back in time for 5:00 PM Mass!

We will have morning refreshments, lunch and the satisfaction from doing God's work. All ages 18 and older are welcome to come along (16-17 years old if accompanied by a parent or guardian). Skilled and unskilled labor needed. No experience necessary! Please contact Jim Koeling at jkoeling@sbcglobal.net, or Mike Macki at mike_macki@sbcglobal.net or contact the St. Michael Parish Office at 219-322-4505.

submitted by Jim Koeling

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PARISH**
Schererville, Indiana

THE GOOD SAMARITANS

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

**219-322-4505 EXT. 8250**

Blood Pressure, Glucose and Oxygen Level Screenings

The next screenings will take place March 18th & 19th in the east coat room after the 5:00 PM, 7:30 AM and 9:30 AM Masses by the parish nurses.



New Member Registration

The Welcoming Ministry will be taking parish registration on Sunday, March 19th, after the 7:30 & 9:30 AM Masses in St. Patrick Hall. We ask that you have the dates and places of Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation and Marriage for all members of the family. You may also register at the parish office Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM-3:30 PM or register online.





BECOME A KNIGHT!

"Even a couple hours a month can make a difference in someone's life."

The St. Michael Knights of Columbus were chartered on March 2, 1998. Since then we have raised and donated over \$250,000 to charitable causes and hundreds of thousands of hours of service to the Church and the local Community. **We will be available in the Gathering Space after all Masses on March 18th and 19th to answer your questions.** Learn about how you can join us in our mission to help the poor, provide for the other-abled, support our seminarians, and much, much more.

Charity

Unity

Fraternity

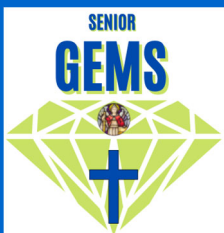
Patriotism



Scouts from Boy Scout Troop 532 and Cub Scout Pack 504 Celebrate Scout Sunday



All those 50+, parishioner or non-parishioner, you are invited to join Senior GEMS. Please join us on **March 14th** at 10:00 AM in the SE classroom of St. Patrick Hall. We will have sign ups for Gabis (Taltree) Aboretum, a May 23rd outing, and the European Market in Chesterton, a June 10th outing. We will be carpooling for both outings.



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

Cub Scouts from Cub Scout Pack 504 received their Religious Emblems awards at Mass on February 11th. Congratulations to:

Matthew Halcarz-Light of Christ

Max Pozywio-Light of Christ

Zayden Clark-Parvuli Dei

Ethan Marks-Parvuli Dei

Frankie Halcarz-Parvuli Dei

Thank you to the St. Michael's Holy Name Society and Knights of Columbus Council 12177 for their financial support of the Scouting Religious Award programs for our scouts.

Submitted by Scott Nowinski

Stewardship in Action

Donate to your local food pantry. Pray for all who do not have clean water or those who do not have a relationship with Christ.

submitted by Conchita Bryner

Cemetery Clean Up Begins

Please remove all decorations with the exception of eternal lights and vases that you wish to keep from your cemetery grave sites so that St. Michael's maintenance crew can start clean-up. **Anything 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.

Northwest Indiana Catholic Subscription Ends March 17th

There is still time to renew or subscribe to the Northwest Indiana Catholic newspaper. The award-winning newspaper offers readers local, regional, national and international news, along with inspiring feature stories. A one year \$30 subscription includes 24 bimonthly issues of the newspaper, access to an online digital edition and special publications including the annual diocesan directory. Subscribe now through March 17th using the envelope in your contribution pack. Make checks payable to St. Michael. You can subscribe online using the secure website at dgary.org/subscriptions. Thank you for supporting diocesan communications!



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

January 29, 2023

Adult		\$14,960.00
Children		\$54.00
EFTs		\$1,840.00
Loose		\$592.00

Total Weekly Offering
\$17,446.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY MARCH 12

Coffee & Donuts After All Masses

RCIA 9:30 AM

"Do This in Memory of Me" Mass 11:30 AM

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

MONDAY MARCH 13

Emotions Anonymous 6:00 PM

Pastoral Council Meeting 7:00 PM

TUESDAY MARCH 14

Senior GEMS 10:00 AM

Faith Formation Traditional Classes 6:00 PM

Communal Penance Service 7:00 PM

WEDNESDAY MARCH 15

Eucharistic Adoration 1:30-4:00 PM

Faith Formation Traditional Classes 6:00 PM

Forgiven Series 7:00 PM

THURSDAY MARCH 16

Bereavement Session 7:00 PM

Choir Practice 7:00 PM

Discernment II 7:00 PM

FRIDAY MARCH 17

Stations of the Cross 12:00 & 7:30 PM

SATURDAY MARCH 18

Anointing of the Sick Mass 8:00 AM

Finance Council Meeting 9:00 AM

Confessions 3:30-4:30 PM

Blood Pressure Readings After Vigil Mass

Knights of Columbus Recruitment After Vigil Mass

Right to Life Spiritual Cards Before & Available After Vigil Mass

SUNDAY MARCH 19

Blood Pressure Readings After 7:30 & 9:30 AM Masses

New Membership Registration After 7:30 & 9:30 AM Masses

Knights of Columbus Recruitment After All Masses

Right to Life Spiritual cards Available Before & After All Masses

RCIA 9:30 AM

Radiate 6:00 PM



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 wanted to discuss what it means to pledge a gift to the campaign. Every parishioner should have received information in the mail about the pledge amount we are requesting. While we do not know what you can give, we ask that all of you prayerfully consider what you can contribute to the campaign to ensure that our parish continues to grow into the future.

We understand that you may have questions about how you can give. St. Michael's will accept pledges in any form, including EFTs (automatic bank withdrawal, credit card, and debit card); checks; stocks, mutual funds, and securities; and IRA or distribution. If there is another way you would like to give that is not listed here, please reach out to the parish office and we would be happy to work with you. However you choose to give, we are greatly appreciative of your gift, which will allow St. Michael's to continue to thrive in the 21st century.

Thank you to everyone who gave during our first Commitment Weekend this past Saturday and Sunday! We are greatly appreciative of your gift, which will allow St. Michael's to continue to thrive in the 21st century. For those who have not yet pledged, we will be holding one more Commitment Weekend this weekend at Mass, on March 11th and March 12th. Please prayerfully reflect on what you can give- we will need the support of all parishioners to be successful. Our campaign is about growing together into the future, but it is also about moving forward with hope. It is our hope that future generations of parishioners will reap the seeds we have sown, just as we now enjoy the fruits of the sacrifices of previous generations of parishioners. **Thank you.**

Our Goal
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A Polish Bazaar to benefit the St. Margaret Ann Polish Language School is set for **March 26th**, 11:00 AM-3:00 PM, in the Our Lady of Czestochowa Shrine's Millennium Hall, 5755 Pennsylvania St., Merrillville. Featured will be a variety of homemade jams, jellies, and soaps; baked goods; arts and crafts; Polish music CDs; a representation of Polish-owned businesses; and more! Dinners "to go" will be available for purchase. Admission is free and open to the public; purchases are cash only. Booth space is still available; for more information, call Malgosia Blachut at 219-613-5148.

COLLEGE SEMINARY VISIT

Take a tour with Fr. Chris Stanish to Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary, a college seminary, in Winona, MN, **March 16th-19th**, for those 16 years and older. All expenses are paid and transportation is provided. To RSVP, call the Vocation Office at 219-464-4042 or email Jo Anne at jrosenow@dcgary.org.

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MASS FOR THE OTHER ABLED




Bishop Robert McClory will be celebrating a Mass for the Other Abled on **March 26th** at 11:00 AM at the Cathedral of Holy Angels, 640 Tyler St., Gary. A reception will follow after Mass.

**RETREAT AT RACHEL'S
VINEYARD**

The diocese is sponsoring a Rachel's Vineyard post-abortion healing retreat, **March 17th-19th**, in Michigan City. This retreat is for the spiritual and emotional healing of anyone who has had or has been involved in an abortion. The retreat is open to women and men of all faiths and is completely confidential. Please call 219-552-2944 or email nwinrv@outlook.com for more information or to register.



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Mass Intentions

<u>SATURDAY</u>	<u>MARCH 11</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>MARCH 16</u>
5:00 PM	✠ Patricia Lyza	7:00 AM	✠ Joseph Zaborske ✠ Donnabella Bohling
<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>MARCH 12</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>MARCH 17 ST. PATRICK</u>
	<u>THIRD SUNDAY OF</u>	7:00 AM	✠ Departed Souls of the Sisters of the Congregation of Mother of Carmel
	<u>LENT</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>	<u>MARCH 18</u>
7:30 AM	✠ Martin & Mary Mannion, Sr ✠ Mattie Mannion JoAnn Brennan	8:00 AM	✠ Patricia Lyza
9:30 AM	✠ Kyle Arnold	5:00 PM	✠ James Candreva, Sr.
11:30 AM	St. Michael Parish	<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>MARCH 19</u>
<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>MARCH 13</u>		<u>FOURTH SUNDAY OF</u>
7:00 AM	All Souls		<u>LENT</u>
<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>MARCH 14</u>	7:30 AM	✠ Gary "Skip" Rice, Sr. ✠ Mary Grehan ✠ Joseph Patrick Logue
7:00 AM	✠ Dolores Redman-8th Anniversary	9:30 AM	St. Michael Parish
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>MARCH 15</u>	11:30 AM	✠ Leonard & Len Lyla
7:00 AM	✠ Sharon Kras		
8:55 AM	✠ Gerald Verdeyen		

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THE WORD

(Readings for March 19th, Fourth Sunday of Lent)

- I. *1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a* The Lord sent Samuel to Bethlehem to the house of Jesse, where Samuel was to anoint the new king of Israel. After Jesse presented each of his sons, the Lord instructed Samuel to anoint the youngest, David.
- II. *Ephesians 5:8-14* Live as children of light in goodness, justice, and truth. "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light."
- III. *John 9:1-41* Jesus cured a man born blind. The Pharisees became upset because He did this on the Sabbath. After the Pharisees rejected the man's story, he met Jesus again. Jesus, "Son of Man," explained how the blind will see but those who hold on to sin will remain in darkness.

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