

Welcome to St. Michael The Archangel Catholic Community

# *Fifth Sunday of Lent*

April 6, 2025

*Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live." John 11:25*



## Have you taken the DMI SURVEY?

As of March 31<sup>st</sup>, 564 St. Michael Parishioners have made their voices heard. Won't you take 15 minutes to help your parish prepare for the future generations to come?

**Your anonymous response will make a difference. Scan to take survey.**

**"Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do," John 14:12**





## 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

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesdays

1:00-4:00 PM in the Chapel

## SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

**Sacrament of Penance...**Saturday

3:30 PM-4:30 PM

**Baptisms...**First time parents at

St. Michael must attend a Baptism Prep session before the baptism date can be scheduled. Please call Janice at ext. 8241 to schedule the prep session and/or baptism date.

**Marriage....**The bride, groom or their parents/grandparents must be active registered members of the parish for at least one year prior to reserving a date for the wedding. The diocese requires that arrangements must be made at least six months in advance of the wedding date in order for the proper personal, spiritual and liturgical preparations of the couple to be completed.

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

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

## BULLETIN DEADLINE

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Website: [www.stmichaelparish.life](http://www.stmichaelparish.life)

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

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Altar Servers

Art & Environment

Cross Bearers

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Hospitality

Lectors

Liturgy Committee

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Centering Prayer Ministry

OCIA

Sacristan

Ministers of Care

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Adult Catholic Education

Baptismal Preparation

Catholic Bible Study

Faith Formation

Marriage Preparation

Radiate

School Administrator

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AV Ministry

Cemetery Committee

Parish Gardeners

Stewardship

### Parish Life

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Comforting Chefs

Festival Committee

Holy Name Society

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Labors of Love

Ministry of Hope & Consolation

Parish Nurse

Senior GEMS

Welcoming Ministry

### Peace & Social Justice Commission

Good Samaritans

Rebuilding Hope Mission Team

Wheelchair Ramp Ministry

Respect Life Group

Pastoral Care

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## From the Pastor's Desk

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**Do You Believe?** Raising someone from the dead is a quite a spectacular event. It is no wonder that we have our attention focused on that part of the Lazarus story that has Jesus facing the tomb saying "Lazarus, come out!" But the event of the raising of Lazarus is more than a spectacle of God's power. It takes a long time to get to the actual "bringing Lazarus back from the dead" event.

Most of the story is about something more important. Indeed, without it, the raising would not have happened. Often the more important elements of Gospel stories lie not in the action taken but in the interior disposition of the characters in the story.

This is no different in our life today. Our interior disposition to the Word of God is far more important than what we think about is the Word of God. If the salvation of the world was dependent upon Christians giving their intellectual assent or agreement to the message of Jesus, then the final consummation of all things would have happened.

The problem is not that we, faithful members of Christ's Church, do not agree in our mind with the principles of unity, forgiving, loving as Christ loves, service, and care for others, etc... The problem is that our hearts are slow to accept what our minds know. The reasons being are that our hearts, or better our misguided intentions (presumptions) that fuel our hearts, and consequently our actions, need conversion.

Notice in the story, Jesus solicits from Martha her profession of faith. Martha says "I know Lord; if you had been here my brother would have lived." This is Martha's "right" brain working. She "knows" Jesus could save the day. But Jesus wants more, He says: "But do you believe..." and she responds with her heart: "I have come to know **and** believe that you are the Christ." This is the practical Martha who earlier in the Gospel was worried about feeding Jesus more than listening to Him. Take note, Mary (Martha's sister) doesn't make this profession. It is Martha who moves what she knows from her head to her heart. This movement puts her on the way to conversion, to turning fully towards God.

This is the move you and I need to make. Sometimes we make it and sometimes we don't make the move. The move is made in practical elements of our life: "I know it is wrong to be prejudice, but I still harbor and even express my prejudice." We are willful in not allowing our knowledge to find a home in our heart. All agree that life is sacred, the Old Testament and the Gospels makes this clear, but some who call themselves Christians *feel* that a woman has a choice. Abortion is a private matter. Since when is life and death a private matter? Our heart has to get in line with what we know is our truth.

How can we change? First, we must all admit that we often don't see things as Christ sees them. Second, we need to take seriously the Scripture and the direction it sets for us as followers of Christ. Third, we have to recognize the sure and subtle ways that Satan wishes to divide God's Church. Because divided we fall, we cannot show others Christ, and if we cannot do this, God's plan of salvation is thwarted.

The Sacrament of Confession deals with all three and with the many things we do contrary to God's will for us. St. John reminds us that "to say I have never sinned, is to make Jesus a liar." Jesus came and died for us because we are sinners, and only His blood could wash away this stain. Growing into a sinless life is only possible through the sacrament of confession. Take advantage of the many opportunities we have in the next two weeks. There are several Penance Services where up to 12 priests will be available to offer you the peace of reconciliation with God. ***Monday, March 31st there will be a Penance Service at 10:30 AM. Another will happen on Tuesday, April 1st at 7:00 PM (no fooling). Saturday, April 5th, confessions will be 3:00-4:30 PM with 2 priests available. On Wednesday, April 9th there will be another Penance Service at 7:00 PM and on Saturday, before Palm Sunday, April 12th confessions will be 2:30-4:30 PM with 3 priests available.***

Bring those attitudes that need God's healing love. Come forward and confess those things or attitudes that misdirect your steps and lead you to sin. Come and know the weight that God longs to remove from you so you can see more clearly God's hand in yours as you walk towards Easter joy.

Before we get to the spectacular, you and I need to deal with the foundational. Like Martha, we need to be open to God's grace to make the move, to be willing not willful, to be able to accept what we know is true into our hearts and so into our everyday actions.



**Communal Penance Service**  
**April 9th 7:00 PM**  
**in the Church**  
**Individual Confessions**  
**April 12th 2:30-4:30 PM**  
**in the Chapel**

### **An Art & Environment Invitation**

The Art & Environment would like your help in preparing the church for Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday and Easter.

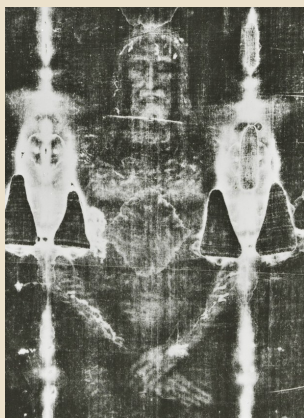
**April 12th at 9:00 AM**

**April 15th at 6:00 PM**

**April 19th at 9:30 AM**

Many hands make for light work. Please come out and help us make the church beautiful for Holy Week and the Easter Season. Service hours are available. If you have any questions, please contact Tina at 219-865-8663.

**SHROUD OF TURIN**  
**PRESENTED BY**  
**FR. ROBERT**  
**AND TOM ROSS**  
**(Fr. Robert's dad)**  
**APRIL 21ST**  
**12:00-1:30 PM &**  
**7:00-8:30 PM**  
**IN THE CHAPEL**



**Little White Easter Season**  
**Reflection Books Available**  
**This Weekend and Next Weekend**  
**After All Masses**

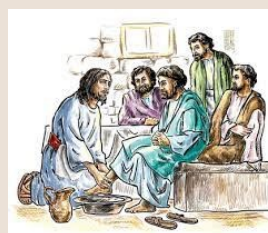
A donation of \$2.00 each is appreciated.  
 Submitted by Janice Gatons

**Experience the...**  
**Living Stations**  
**of the Cross**  
**Presented by**  
**SMS 8th Graders**  
**Wednesday,**  
**April 16th**  
**6:30 PM**  
**in the Church**



**Would You Like to Take Part**  
**in the Last Supper?**

**April 17th**

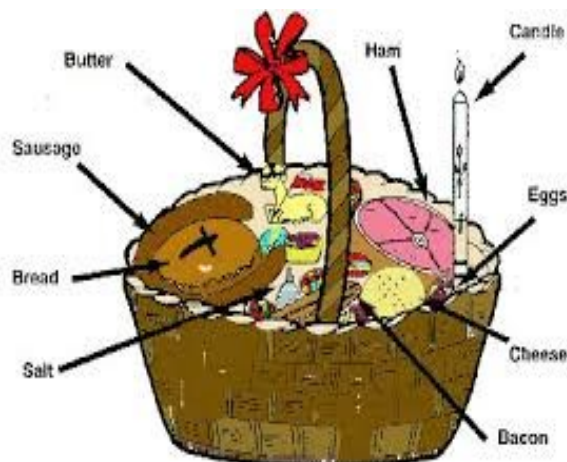


**7:00 PM**

**in the**  
**Church**

**Foot Washing**  
**Please Call Cheryl at 219-242-2630**  
**to reserve a spot.**

### *The Blessing of the Easter Food*



Everyone is invited to the  
 Blessing of the First Foods of Easter  
 which will take place on  
 Holy Saturday, **April 19th,**  
 at 9:00 AM in the church.



**EUCCHARISTIC  
ADORATION  
APRIL 9TH  
1:30-4:00 PM  
IN THE  
CHAPEL**



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

**Note: 8th Graders are NOW WELCOME to join us!**

**April 6th:** Vietnamese Mass & Easter Egg Decorating Night in St. Patrick Hall, 6:00-8:00 PM

**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*



## WARRIOR OF THE WEEK



**Kimberly Rich**

I have been attending SMS for 11 years. I have loved every moment of it, and I hope to carry these memories with me for many years and am looking forward to making new memories in high school. I am planning on going to Andean for high school. In 5th grade, I started playing sports for SMS, and I did cheer, volleyball and basketball. Outside of school, I played softball. In 6th grade, I started to altar serve for Mass and help serve funerals too. I also participated in Girl Scouts for 6 years. I think what makes SMS special is how we practice our faith when we read about Jesus and how He lived, as well as when we do activities like the Living Stations and the Rosary as a whole school. If I could give some advice to a younger student, I would say always try your hardest on your tests

and on your assignments. Those things might not matter to you now, but you should still try so you get in the habit of it for middle school and high school. I have grown as a friend and family member by attending SMS. My friends are very special, and I enjoy having a good time with them. I also remember our old principal Miss Kennedy. She was very kind and always reminded us that we are special and that God loves us. I have become a good student over the years, and I think that SMS taught me a lot about respect. I have become a disciple of Jesus by learning His ways and to always be kind to other people.

**REGISTRATION  
IS NOW OPEN  
TO ALL NEW &  
CURRENT  
FAMILIES!  
NEW  
APPLICANTS  
PLEASE VISIT  
THE SCHOOL  
WEBSITE AND  
CLICK ON  
ADMISSIONS  
OR CALL  
219-322-4531.**



### School Scholarship Tax Credit Program

Donate and get 50% tax credit on your IN state taxes. To donate by mail: Make your check payable to **Sagamore Institute SGO**. On the check, please indicate that it is for St. Michael School, Schererville. Please mail the check to:

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P.O. Box 301076  
Indianapolis, IN 46230

To donate online: <https://scholarshipsforeducationchoice.com/st-michael-school/>

## LIFE IS PRECIOUS: HANDLE WITH PRAYER



Pope Francis, **Pat Matz**, **Geraldine Heintz**, Nicole Villanueva, **Tim & Helen Hazard**, Steve Gatons, **Cindy Wilson**, **Joan Gillespie**, **Mary Ann Adam**, Ruth Marie Sarros, **Timothy Bunche**, Cheryl Fetcko, **Maureen Claich**, Alyssa Barnhart, Phyllis Leyba, Rose Ilgin, Carole Horejs, **Vickie Benak**, Fr. Jim Wozniak, **Elizabeth Munoz**, **David & Nancy Shiesser**, Glinda DaValos, Joan Hamnik, **Sherry Lazzaro** 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.*

### 1000 WORDS

BY ARTIST  
FREDERICO PINTOR

36" X 48"  
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### EXCLUSIVE AUCTION

Opening April 1, 2025  
Closing April 27, 2025 at 5:30 PM

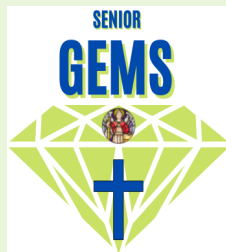
All proceeds to  
benefit the  
G.I.F.T. Campaign.

Scan to bid.



### All Those 50+ Join Senior GEMS for Fun, Laughs and Conversation April 8th 10:00 AM in the SE Room of St. Patrick Hall

Our next adventure will take us to Salt Cave on April 22nd. We will finalize the plans for that outing and also explore other adventures for the spring. On May 13th, we will have a BINGO party with white elephant prizes.



### CONGRATULATIONS

The Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree (Patriotic Degree) recently celebrated its 125th Anniversary in Indianapolis at Ss. Peter and Paul Cathedral. Presiding were Archbishop Rev. Charles C. Thompson and Bishop Robert J. McClory. There were 116 candidates knighted which included Sir Knight David Swatosh and Sir Knight Steven Swatosh. Please extend your congratulations to the Swatosh family of David, Vanessa and Steven.



### The Last Journey of 2025—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. April 11th at 7:30 PM is the suggested time for the following ministries:

Ministry of Hope & Consolation  
Welcoming Ministry  
Music Ministry

Parish Nurse  
Parish Gardeners  
Stewardship

Senior GEMS  
Money Counters





# The Good Samaritans Need Your Donations!

*"Find out how much God has given you and from it take what you need, the remainder is needed by others"*

*Saint Augustine*

The Good Samaritans will be collecting donations on April 17th, Holy Thursday, at the 7:00 PM Mass.

Please consider the following items:

pasta sauce, peanut butter, jelly, canned meats such as spam, tuna, chicken, corn beef hash, canned stew, canned fruit, Manwich, hamburger helper, pasta & rice sides, potato sides, crackers, cookies, stuffing mix, chili, black beans, pork n beans, baked beans, white beans, green beans, tomato sauce, applesauce, cake & biscuit mix, Jello & breakfast items.

***Especially needed are personal care items such as: bar soap, shampoo, deodorant, dish soap, detergent, toothpaste, household cleaners***

One or two of these items would be most appreciated. Please, *no expired food* or partially used food and we **cannot** distribute over the counter medicines or vitamins.

Should you prefer to give a monetary donation or grocery gift card donation, there are envelopes on the racks in the Gathering Space for your convenience.

For your kind sharing and generous support, we thank you!

*"No one has ever become poor from giving."* *Anne Frank*



*Submitted by Sue Cohen*



Join us for this one-of-a-kind  
Wine, Bourbon, Craft Beer & Cocktails Tasting Event!

**Sunday, April 27, 2025**  
**3-6 pm, St. Patrick Hall**

**Four Tasting Rooms • Order Wine & Bourbon • Exclusive Auction • Delicious Cuisine**



**Fr. Jeff  
Burton**

Did you ever want to learn about wine? How about tasting some of the newest cocktails? Get ready to have a blast and learn something new from friendly, familiar faces.

- Mixology Room hosted by Fr. Jeff Burton
- Craft Beer Room hosted by Fr. Benjamin Ross
- Bourbon Room hosted Fr. Brian Chadwick
- Wine Tasting hosted by Fr Marty, & Wine Experts Tim Krull and Lee Ann Egan.



**Fr. Benjamin  
Ross**



**\$80 per Ticket**

Scan Here to reserve  
your tickets or visit  
[stmichaelparish.life/events](http://stmichaelparish.life/events)  
or call 219-322-4505

*Cuisine generously provided by:*

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Mass times, ministry updates, & more  
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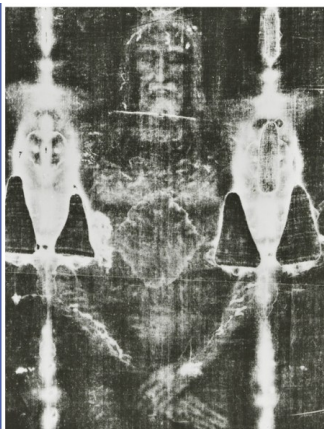
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## THE SHROUD OF TURIN

COME ENJOY A DYNAMIC  
PRESENTATION  
FEATURING A LIFE-SIZE  
IMAGE OF THE SHROUD  
OF TURIN AND NINE  
REALISTIC INSTRUMENTS  
OF CHRIST'S PASSION.



Guest Speaker Fr. Robert Ross  
and his father, historical  
theologian, Tom Ross.

### TWO PRESENTATIONS

Easter Monday, April 21

12:00pm - 1:30pm

or 7:00pm - 8:30pm

in the Chapel

Free to All, No Reservation Required



## Italy & Amalfi Jubilee Pilgrimage

12 days: 7 cities

December 1 - 12, 2025

Hosted by Fr. Marty and Fr. Peter

interested? email: [frmartyd@stmichaelparish.life](mailto:frmartyd@stmichaelparish.life)



\$4599 from Chicago

# FAITH FORMATION NEWS

*Kimberley Hoogeveen, DRE*

## 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**

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



**"TEACH ONE, REACH ONE"**  
Faith Formation is seeking out New Catechists to help with substituting and for our Fall Team! All you need to do is share your faith life. We train ALL volunteers to be in the classroom setting!  
**Call us TODAY! 219-322-3077**





## Chair Yoga

April 11th at 8:00 AM in  
St. Patrick Hall

Cost: \$5

Please call Ursula at  
219-741-3276 to register.

No Chair Yoga on Good Friday, April 18th

## Stewardship in Action

Reach out to someone who is bereaved. Listen to stories about their loved one with an open heart.

*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.



"Faithful Giving, Blessings Abound – Thank you for Support."

To make online giving easier, please scan the QR code to donate.

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also"  
*Matthew 6:21*

**March 30, 2025**

Adult	\$14,202.00
Children	\$65.77
EFTs	\$3,055.68
Loose	\$643.05

**Total Weekly Offering**  
**\$17,966.50**

**Catholic Relief Services Collection**  
**\$4,899.00**

**Thank you for your generosity!**

## 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.

## Weekly Schedule

GS-Gathering Space

SPH-St. Patrick Hall

### 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

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

### MONDAY APRIL 7

"Into His Likeness" Series 7:00 PM, SPH  
Pastoral Council 7:00 PM, SE Room

### TUESDAY APRIL 8

Senior GEMS 10:00 AM, SE Room  
Faith Formation Traditional Classes 6:00 PM, SMS  
Bereavement Session 7:00 PM, SW Room

### WEDNESDAY APRIL 9

Eucharistic Adoration 1:30-4:00 PM, Chapel  
Faith Formation Traditional Classes 6:00 PM, SMS  
Good Samaritans 6:30 PM, SW Room  
Communal Penance Service 7:00 PM, Church

### THURSDAY APRIL 10

Choir Practice 7:00 PM, Church

### FRIDAY APRIL 11

Chair Yoga 8:00 AM, SPH  
Stations of the Cross 12:00 & 7:30 PM, Church  
Respect Life 1:30 PM  
Bell Choir Practice 6:00 PM, Church

### SATURDAY APRIL 12

Art & Environment Set Up 9:00 AM, Church & SPH  
First Holy Communion Pictures 9:00 AM, Church & SPH  
Confessions 2:30-4:30 PM, Chapel  
"1000 Words" Art Display After Vigil Mass, GS  
Easter Reflection Books Available After Vigil Mass, GS  
Wine Tasting Event tickets on Sale After Vigil Mass, GS

### SUNDAY APRIL 13

"1000 Words" Art Display After All Masses, GS  
Easter Reflection Books Available After All Masses, GS  
OCIA 9:30 AM  
Wine Tasting Event Tickets on Sale After All Masses, GS



## MERRILLVILLE PARISHES LENTEN FISH DINNERS

\*\*\*ALL YOU CAN EAT BUFFET\*\*\*

FRIDAYS DURING LENT

(except Good Friday)

OUR LADY OF CONSOLATION VAMOS HALL

8303 Taft St., Merrillville

Prices: \$16 (12 and older)

\$14 (senior 60+)

\$14 (to go meal)

\$10 (6-11)

Free (5 and under)



## 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](http://www.ReflectRetreat.com), email [reflect.chicagoland@gmail.com](mailto:reflect.chicagoland@gmail.com) or call 630-222-8303 for details.

## LAS VEGAS NIGHT

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The next Diocesan Right to Life meeting is **April 28th**, 6:30 PM, Pastoral Center, Merrillville. Veronica Janiszeski from Students for Life (SFL) will be the guest speaker. She will give an overview of SFL, how they change minds and hearts for life, and how they partner with other pro-life organizations and more. We will also be discussing our local parish prolife activities and the Walking with Moms in Need program. Hope you can join us! For more information contact Rosanne at 219-769-9292 x88259 or [rkouris@dcgary.org](mailto:rkouris@dcgary.org)



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The annual Mass of Remembrance will be on **May 4th**, 3:00 PM, at St. Patrick Church, 638 N. Calumet Rd., Chesterton. This is the Mass for families of those who have had a miscarriage, stillbirth or infant loss. To include your child's (children's) name in the Litany of Remembrance and to reserve a free candle for the Candle Lighting Ceremony, please RSVP before April 25th at [www.dcgary.org/events](http://www.dcgary.org/events). For more information contact [rkouris@dcgary.org](mailto:rkouris@dcgary.org) or call 219-769-9292 x 88259.

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# Mass Intentions

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>APRIL 5</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>APRIL 10</b>
5:00 PM	✠ Kyle Arnold	7:00 AM	✠ Gerald & John Verdeyen
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>APRIL 6 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>APRIL 11</b>
7:30 AM	✠ Deceased Members of the Doffin Family For an End to Abortion on Demand and for a Conversion of Heart for those who Provide Abortions	7:00 AM	✠ Departed Souls of the Congregation of Mother of Carmel ✠ Deacon Jack Krol-7th Anniversary
9:30 AM	✠ Julio Macaya	<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>APRIL 12</b>
11:30 AM	✠ Martin, Sr., Mary & Mattie Mannion, Jr. St. Michael Parish	8:00 AM	✠ Robert Eskew, Jr.
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>APRIL 7</b>	5:00 PM	Virgil & Lynn Buwalda
7:00 AM	✠ Reed Mathews	<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>APRIL 13 PALM SUNDAY</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>APRIL 8</b>	7:30 AM	✠ Ann Ayersman ✠ Joseph & Ruth Hisick ✠ Deceased Members of the Doffin Family
7:00 AM	✠ Greg Zorich	9:30 AM	Intentions of the Congregation of Mother of Carmel
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>APRIL 9</b>	11:30 AM	St. Michael Parish
7:00 AM	✠ Kristin & John Finley		
8:55 AM	✠ Andres & Alicia Magna		

✠ indicates deceased



## reflections...

### THE WORD (Readings for April 13, 2025, Palm Sunday)

I. *Isaiah 50:4-7*

The servant of the Lord God was rebuffed but did not turn back; he was beaten and spat upon. The suffering one knew the Lord God was with him.

II. *Philippians 2:6-11*

Christ was in the form of God but did not consider equality with God a thing to be grasped at. He emptied Himself, took the form of a slave, and was obedient unto death. Therefore, God exalted Him and all proclaim Him Lord.

III. *Luke 22:14-23:56*





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