

Welcome to St. Michael The Archangel Catholic Community

# *Palm Sunday*

April 13, 2025

*"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest." Luke 19:38*



*Hosanna!*  
**BLESSED IS HE**

**Have you taken the DMI SURVEY?**

As of April 7<sup>th</sup>, 708 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.**

**"For it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose."**

**Philippians 2:13**





**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**

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

**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
- Cross Bearers
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
- Hospitality
- Lectors
- Liturgy Committee
- Music Ministry
- Centering Prayer Ministry
- O CIA
- Sacristan
- Ministers of Care

**Education & Formation Commission**

- Adult Catholic Education
- Baptismal Preparation
- Catholic Bible Study
- Faith Formation
- Marriage Preparation
- Radiate
- School Administrator

**Stewardship & Parish Administration**

- AV Ministry
- Cemetery Committee
- Parish Gardeners
- Stewardship

**Parish Life**

- Boy Scouts of America/Girl Scouts
- Comforting Chefs
- Festival Committee
- Holy Name Society
- Knights of Columbus
- 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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***A Fourth Century Pilgrimage.*** Today when we go on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land or to Rome or to Fatima or Lourdes we go in luxurious comfort. On the flight over the Atlantic, we are served a hot dinner, cocktails and wine and treated to movies galore. While there, we travel by a comfortable motor coach and stay in 4-Star hotels. When we are hungry for a snack, we pick up a Dove ice cream bar. This was not the case in days past.

There is a diary that was discovered in 1884 by the Italian scholar, Gian Francesco Gamurrini, in a monastic library in Arezzo, Italy. This diary was attributed to a certain Christian Lady, named Egeria, who made a pilgrimage to the Old Testament and New Testament biblical sites. What is most fascinating about this journey is that it was taken sometime between the years of 318-384 AD, when travel was not easy nor safe, especially for a woman. Egeria (Etheria), was certainly a Lady of some means, but she also belonged to a group of women who dedicated themselves to service of God and neighbor. Her diary is correspondence written back to the “sisters” in Spain.

For us, what is most interesting is her detailed description of Holy Week, which she calls the “Great Week” in Jerusalem. We hear her relate to us many of the activities we have grown accustomed to in remembering Christ’s passion, death and resurrection. She gives a fine description of the Palm Sunday procession which began outside the city on the opposite hill; and how the Bishop would ride on a donkey, like Jesus, with the people following ahead of him and behind, escorting their shepherd to the main church located by Golgotha and the tomb of Jesus.

We also hear of the gathering on the evening of Holy Thursday, to remember the beginning of the passion. On Good Friday, she tells us that all would gather in the courtyard which was the location of Golgotha and there, before a cross that marked the spot of Jesus’ crucifixion, the Bishop would proclaim the Passion narrative. “All,” she writes, “would be so moved by the sufferings of the Lord, that they would wail and cry loudly.” Then the Wood of the Cross would be brought out for veneration by the Elect, and all the faithful. She also recounts the great Easter Vigil in some detail.

What is most interesting over all is that the three days, we call the Triduum, were treated as one big day. People were directed after each service, sometimes two or three a day, to return to home and rest and then be back in the church by such and such a time. Obviously, people had to work, but during these three days it was not prayer that interrupted work but work that would interrupt prayer.

Coming to the liturgies of these three days is important if you believe that God did something fantastic for you back in Jerusalem. However, that is not always possible, but Egeria reminds us that we can still mark these days with prayer, and fasting and celebration even if we cannot be in church. Remembering the Last Supper at your Thursday meal. Keeping silence on Good Friday from Noon until 3:00 PM, abstaining from TV, internet, texting, etc....., preparing yourself for Easter by fasting on Good Friday and Holy Saturday until the Easter Vigil. There are many ways to bring your faith home. It is, after all, a faith that has endured through the ages. A person like Egeria reminds us how connected we are to all that happened in Jerusalem and that still happens today.

You might not board a plane and enjoy the journey to the Holy Land, but you can still walk in the way of the Lord during the last days of this week. Jesus is calling to you and your family “Follow Me.”



**April 18th at 12:00 PM on Mt. Calvary  
All are Invited to Join this Special Journey**

**EUCCHARISTIC  
ADORATION  
APRIL 16TH  
1:30-4:00 PM  
IN THE  
CHAPEL**



**Easter Sunday  
Masses  
7:30 & 9:30 AM  
  
11:30 AM  
Bilingual Mass  
English &  
Vietnamese**

**Come and Experience the...  
Living Stations of the Cross  
(performance by SMS 8th graders)  
  
Wednesday,  
April 16th  
6:30 PM  
in the Church**



**The Chrism Mass  
Blessing of Oils**

Bishop Robert McClory and the priests serving the Diocese of Gary will celebrate the *Chrism Mass* at 10:30 AM on Holy Thursday, **April 17th**, at Holy Angels Cathedral in Gary. Everyone is cordially invited to come and participate in this celebration.



**An Art & Environment Invitation**

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

**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.

*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.

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

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



**Radiate Schedule (8th Graders are Welcome)** Radiate was invited to attend the Vietnamese Mass

**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

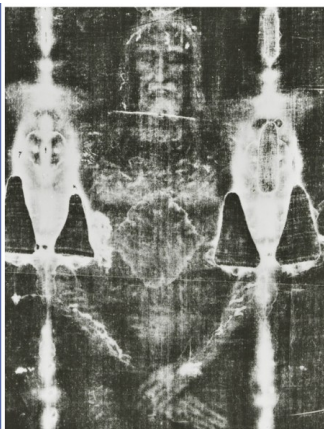
Any questions? Please contact Mrs. Jeannine Quigley 219-775-5356 or Mrs. Marisa Richardson 219-730-4735. **Keep updated with our Radiate Texts by joining our messaging:** Send text message to **81010**. Then text this message to: **@strad**

*Submitted by Jeannine Quigley*



# 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

# SMS & FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Michelle Biscan, Principal

Kimberley Hoogeveen, DRE

## WARRIOR OF THE WEEK



**Nate Sanchez**

I came to SMS in preschool. Then I left but came back in 4th grade. I have enjoyed my time at SMS, and have made many new friends along the way. I am glad I got to experience going to a Catholic School. I will always thank my parents for sending me here. I will be going to Lake Central for high school. I will definitely try to play basketball and baseball for the school. One activity that I participate in at SMS is basketball. Basketball holds some of the best memories I have made at this school. Something outside of school that I like to do is baseball. Baseball is my favorite sport, and it's always going to hold a special place in my heart. Some of the things that make SMS special are all the great teachers that always give the students their best. I really appreciate all the teachers that prepared me for high school and gave me a good education. Another thing that makes SMS special is all the memories I have made here and the fun projects I've participated in. Overall, SMS has been a great experience! My advice to the younger kids is to not be the class clown and to take school seriously. I highly recommend you stay out of trouble and be on your best behavior. Also, you have to turn in your assignments on time. SMS has helped me become a better person, grow into a better friend, and strengthen my relationship with God. Since I've come here, I feel much closer to God. It is truly amazing to feel the Holy Spirit come within me every day. Even though eighth graders participate in many challenging activities, such as Confirmation, I feel it is going to be a great experience to share these moments with the people I have met over the years. During all my years here at SMS, I have been in a healthy, caring environment and have made many long-lasting friendships. I am excited to begin the next chapter of my life!

## 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.



## 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 Bunchek**, Cheryl Fetcko, **Maureen Claich**, Alyssa Barnhart, Phyllis Leyba, Rose Ilgin, Carole Horejs, Fr. Jim Wozniak, **Elizabeth Munoz**, **David & Nancy Shiesser**, Glinda DaValos, Joan Hammik, **Sherry Lazzaro**, Stephen Dravet 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.*

## 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 food 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!

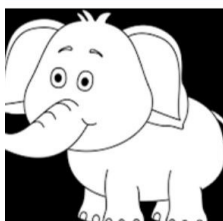
*"No one has ever become poor from giving."* Anne Frank

*Submitted by Sue Cohen*



**COME JOIN THE FUN!  
SALT CAVE OR THE SHRINE  
APRIL 22ND**

**CALL DEE GALINSKI  
FOR DETAILS ABOUT  
OUTING  
219-308-1812**



**BINGO-MAY 13  
BRING WHITE ELEPHANT  
GIFT FOR PRIZES**

*New  
Parishioner's  
Dinner May 2nd*

FOR MEMBERS WHO REGISTERED  
OCTOBER 2024-MARCH 2025  
WATCH YOUR MAILBOX FOR A  
PERSONAL INVITATION  
ENJOY AN EVENING OF GREAT  
FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP  
WITH OUR PRIESTS AND OTHER  
PARISH FAMILY MEMBERS.  
NO HIDDEN AGENDA

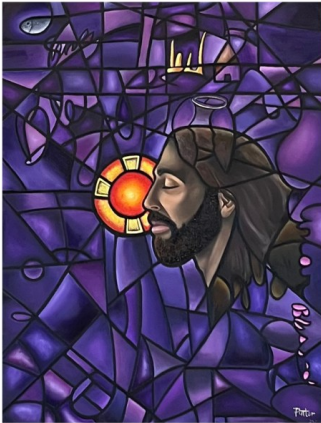
**SPRING CLEAN UP OF CEMETERY  
IN PROGRESS**  
PLEASE REMOVE ALL DECORATIONS  
(EXCEPT ETERNAL LIGHTS AND VASES)  
RULES AND REGULATIONS ARE  
FOUND ON THE WEBSITE,  
STMICHAELPARISH.LIFE  
HOVER OVER MINISTRIES &  
CLICK ON CEMETERY



**Next Gathering  
(Meeting and Pizza)**  
**April 29th**  
**10:00 AM in**  
**St. Patrick Hall**

Kindness is an  
opportunity  
don't miss it.

**1000  
WORDS**  
BY ARTIST  
FREDERICO PINTOR  
  
36" X 48"  
FRAMED, OIL CANVAS



**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.



**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:*



## PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection to help Christians in the Holy Land which is now less than 2% of the population. Your support is essential to help the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. It also helps to preserve the sacred shrines of Christianity, including those in Jerusalem, Nazareth and Bethlehem, to name a few. The pandemic had hit Christians in the Holy Land particularly hard. Most of them depend on pilgrimages for work. The war made their situation even more dire. In these times of crisis, the Good Friday collection is necessary to meet the basic needs of the People of God still living in this Land and to maintain a Christian presence where the church was born. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.

**PLEASE BE GENEROUS!**

The Parish Office will close at noon on Good Friday, April 18th.  
 The Parish Office will be closed on Easter Monday, April 21st.  
 The Parish Office will resume regular business hours on Tuesday, April 22nd.



## Stewardship in Action

Walk and pray the Stations of the Cross with a friend. Have a Holy week!

*submitted by Conchita Bryner*



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

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



<b>April 6, 2025</b>	
Adult	\$17,671.00
Children	\$117.00
EFTs	\$7,819.31
Loose	\$446.12
<b><i>Total Weekly Offering</i></b>	
<b><i>\$26,053.43</i></b>	
<b><i>Vietnamese Mass</i></b>	
<b><i>\$1,413.00</i></b>	
<b><i>Thank you for your generosity!</i></b>	

## Weekly Schedule

GS-Gathering Space    SPH-St. Patrick Hall

### **SUNDAY APRIL 13**

All Masses Begin in SPH, 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 AM  
 "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

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

### **MONDAY APRIL 14**

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

### **TUESDAY APRIL 15**

Presentation of the Shroud 4:00 PM, SMS Gym  
 Art & Environment Set Up 6:00 PM, SPH  
 Faith Formation Traditional Classes 6:00 PM, SMS  
 Vietnamese Holy Week Retreat 6:00 PM, Church  
 Bereavement Session 7:00 PM, SW Room

### **WEDNESDAY APRIL 16**

Living Stations 8:55 AM & 6:30 PM, Church  
 Eucharistic Adoration 1:30-4:00 PM, Chapel  
 Faith Formation Traditional Classes 6:00 PM, SMS

### **THURSDAY APRIL 17**

Altar Server Practice 5:30 PM  
 Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 PM, Church  
 Eucharistic Adoration After Mass, SPH

### **FRIDAY APRIL 18**

Altar Server & Cross Bearer Practice 11:00 AM, Church  
*Parish Office Closes at Noon*  
 Stations of the Cross 12:00 PM, Mt. Calvary  
 Good Friday Liturgy 1:30 PM, Church  
 Taize Prayer Service 7:00 PM, Church

### **SATURDAY APRIL 19**

Blessing of the First Foods of Easter 9:00 AM, Church  
 Art & Environment Set Up 9:30 AM, Church  
 Altar Server Practice 11:00 AM  
 Easter Vigil Mass 8:00 PM, Church  
 Reception to Follow Mass, SPH  
 "1000 Words" Art Display After Vigil Mass, GS

### **SUNDAY APRIL 20**

"1000 Words" Art Display After All Masses, GS  
 Wine Tasting Event Tickets on Sale After All Masses, GS



## RENEWED ADORATION NIGHT

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.

**April 25th**, 7:00-8:15 PM  
at Our Lady of Consolation

Questions? Call 219-769-1755, ext. 308

## 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

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.



## DIOCESAN RIGHT TO LIFE MEETING

The next Diocesan Right to Life meeting is **April 28th**, 6:30 PM, Pastoral Center, Merrillville. Veronica Janiszkeski 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)



## SINGLES UPPER 50S AND ABOVE

Register today for a life-changing RENEW weekend retreat at the Carmelite Renewal Center in Darien, IL (southwestern suburbs of Chicago, **May 2nd-4th**. Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it! Visit [www.RenewRetreats.org](http://www.RenewRetreats.org), e-mail [renew.chicagoland@gmail.com](mailto:renew.chicagoland@gmail.com), or call (309) 912-6065 for details.

## \*CHILI FEST

St. Mary of the Lake is hosting a Chili Fest on **May 3rd**, 4:00-6:00 PM, 6060 Miller Ave, Gary in Lessard Hall. Tickets are \$1/adult and \$7/child under 12. Tickets will be available at the door or please call 219-742-0571. Beer and wine available, basket raffles, 50/50 raffle, silent auction, wine pull, dancing (music by DJ Midwest Mike) are some of the highlights of the evening. There will be a Wild West Parade starting at 3:30 PM at Lake St. and 4th Ave.

## \*ANNUAL POLISH BIKER'S BLESSING OF MOTORCYCLES

On **May 4th**, the 16th Annual Polish Biker's Blessing of Motorcycles will be held at Our Lady of Czestochowa Shrine, 5755 Pennsylvania St., Merrillville. Holy Mass in Polish begins at noon followed by the Blessing of the Motorcycles with food available for purchase. The gift shop will be open 11:00 AM-2:00 PM. The event is hosted by the Stowarzyszenie Rajd Katynski Pamiec Tozsamosc USA (Katyn Riders Society).

## FCSLA ANNUAL SPRING LUNCHEON

First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association, Whiting Branch 81 members are invited to attend our annual spring luncheon on **May 4th** at 12:30 PM at Little Italy, 1155 Joliet St (RT 30), Dyer. Please RSVP early due to limited seating to Rebecca Coleman 219-801-6665 by April 22nd. Guests of members price \$25.

## MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

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.

## \*CLASS REUNION & GOLF OUTING

Andreas's Class of 1975 is having their 50th class reunion, **July 18th-20th**. Andreas's Golf Classic is **July 18th** at White Hawk Country Club, Crown Point. Visit [Andreas.org/support/2025golfclassis.ofm](http://Andreas.org/support/2025golfclassis.ofm)



SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS  
OF  
PERPETUAL ADORATION



HIGH SCHOOL  
*Day with Sisters*

May 10, 2025  
10:00 AM-7:30 PM

Inquire at  
[ssfpa.org/day-with-sisters](http://ssfpa.org/day-with-sisters)



Diocese of Gary  
[dcgary.org](http://dcgary.org)



JUBILEE 2025  
PILGRIMS OF HOPE

Please join the faithful  
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# Mass Intentions

**SATURDAY APRIL 12**  
**5:00 PM** Virgil & Lynn Buwalda

**SUNDAY APRIL 13 PALM SUNDAY**  
**7:30 AM** †Ann Ayersman  
 †Joseph & Ruth Hisick  
 †Deceased Members of the Doffin Family

**9:30 AM** Intentions of the Congregation of Mother of Carmel

**11:30 AM** St. Michael Parish

**MONDAY APRIL 14**  
**7:00 AM** †Dale Throw

**TUESDAY APRIL 15**  
**7:00 AM** †Henry, Sr. & Patricia Lyza

**WEDNESDAY APRIL 16**  
**7:00 AM** Anna & Rick Gard  
**8:55 AM** Living Stations  
**6:30 PM** Living Stations

**THURSDAY APRIL 17 HOLY THURSDAY**  
**7:00 AM** Morning Prayer Service  
**7:00 PM** Mass of the Lord's Supper

**FRIDAY APRIL 18 GOOD FRIDAY**  
**7:00 AM** Morning Prayer Service  
**1:30 PM** Good Friday Liturgy  
**7:00 PM** Taize Prayer Service

**SATURDAY APRIL 19 HOLY SATURDAY**  
**8:00 AM** Morning Prayer Service  
**8:00 PM** Newly Baptized

**SUNDAY APRIL 20 THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD**  
**7:30 AM** All Souls  
**9:30 AM** All Souls  
**11:30 AM** All Souls  
 (bilingual Mass: English & Vietnamese)

† indicates deceased



reflections...

## THE WORD

*(Readings for April 20, 2025, the Resurrection of Our Lord)*

I. *Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37-43*

Peter preached about Jesus' baptism, the anointing with the Holy Spirit, works of kindness and healing, and His crucifixion and resurrection from the dead. All who believe in Him are forgiven.

II. *Colossians 3:1-4*

Think about what is above. When Christ appears, then you shall appear with Him in glory.

or

*1 Corinthians 5:6b-8*

or

A little yeast does its work all through the dough. Throw out the old yeast to make fresh dough.

III. *John 20:1-9*

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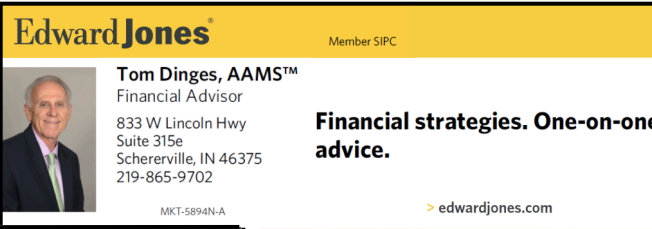

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