

WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

APRIL 28, 2024

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

REMAIN IN ME.

— JOHN 15:4 —



SATURDAY LITURGY

Vigil: 5:00 PM

SUNDAY LITURGY

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

LIVESTREAM 9:30 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

1:00-4:00 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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From the Pastor's Desk

The Master Gardener. If you have ever had grape vines on your property, you know that every few years they need to be trimmed. If the vines are left alone, they become “wild” and begin to choke each other off. The result is a lot of dead wood and vines that do not produce a good fruit. It is true that branches and their leaves are necessary, because through photo-synthesis they nourish the main vine, but they are not the main source of nourishment, the roots are. An overabundance of smaller branches can drain important energy from the rest of the plant. Thus, the need for trimming, too much strain on the root system and the whole vine dies.

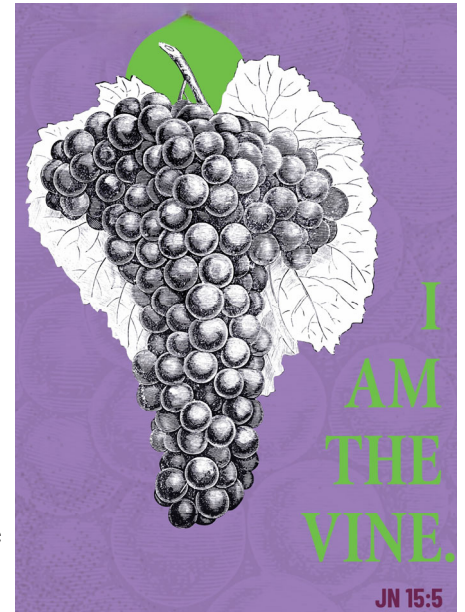
As you and I know, there can be no branches, no fruit, without the main vine. On the other side of the coin, the vine depends on the branches to bear fruit. This relationship between vine and branch is a natural sign of our relationship with our Lord Jesus and the work we are called to do as His disciples. Too many dead branches hanging on the vine drain strength from the whole plant. That is why branches have to be kept healthy, alive and fruitful. Remember the purpose of the vine is to produce fruit through the branch. This is our purpose in relation to our Vine, Jesus. The fruit we produce is good works, prayer and the giving of ourselves for God's service to others.

Life is full of its challenges and blessings. When we are a fruitful branch, we know that often our challenges blossom into blessings of one sort or another. Sometimes, we unfortunately spend more energy and time being held captive by the challenges that enter our lives. When this happens to us, we need to remember that we are rooted in Jesus. If He conquered death, He can certainly help me to move beyond my challenges to embrace generosity so much fruit can be produced. In this, He even gives the example. In His most challenging hour, His passion and death, He gives freely the fruit of God's mercy to the thief who asks Him: “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” There is a verse in an ancient hymn that envisions this moment as the thief “plucking the fruit from the Vine of eternal life.”

Jesus offers us in all circumstance of life the ability to “pluck” that fruit which is His gracious Presence. He that can lead us away from the obsession of “not having enough” to the healing power of thankfulness and its fruit, generosity. As branches on the vine, the fruit we produce is meant to be “plucked” by those in need of God's work. It is not our duty to judge who needs the fruit and who does not. It is our duty to produce it through the strength of Jesus and, willing, to give it for the “plucking.” This is what gives Glory to God.

CSA Update: I am thankful to those who have made their pledge to this year's Catholic Services Appeal. Thus far we are more than 2/3 of a way to our goal of \$112,622. Please remember the Lord's generosity to you and your family as you make a thankful return to the Lord in your CSA pledge. Please see page 6 for more details.

Confirmation. Pray also for our young people who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on this coming Friday, May 3rd at 5:30 PM with Bishop McClory presiding.





Eucharistic Adoration
May 1st
1:00-4:00 PM in the Chapel

Marian Devotions

May 12th at
8:00 PM



Our Lady of
Lourdes
Shrine



150th Anniversary Pictorial Directory

**Parishioners, take part of history by including your family
or individual photo in the 150th Anniversary
pictorial directory.**

150th
Directory will
be available
December
2024.

*Complimentary photo service will be available on
Saturday, May 11 and Sunday, May 12
in the St. Amand Room*

Photo sessions are before and after mass times. Pictures will not be taken while mass is in progress.

Registration is required. Please scan the QR code and select a 15-minute session. Maximum
amount of people per session is six.

If your family is larger than six, if you have a special need or if you have questions,
please call Elizabeth Munoz at 219-334-8042.



MAY 5TH
6:00-8:00 PM
IN ST. PATRICK HALL
CINCO DE MAYO
"MAKE-YOUR-OWN-TACO"
NIGHT!
W/ FR ROBERT'S "ANGELS
& DEMONS" TALK

*8th graders are welcome to join us
once you've been confirmed! We've
been praying for you and can't wait
to meet you!*



**Come hang out with us
and experience God
in a special way.
Bring your friends.
Can't wait to see you!**

RADIATE FUNDRAISER
May 5th

11:00 AM to 7:00 PM

**20% of all food purchases
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youth ministry.**

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carryout.**

SMS & Faith Formation News

Michelle Wacnik, Principal

Kimberley Hoogeveen, DRE

WARRIOR OF THE WEEK



Grace Litavec

I have been attending SMS since preschool. I plan on attending Andrean High School. I play basketball and volleyball. Some activities I have participated in are Girl Scouts, cheer, choir, dance and sand volleyball. I have also volunteered for church, school and extracurricular activities. I want to continue playing volleyball and basketball at Andrean. These sports have developed my sportsmanship and helped me build strong relationships. When I come to school, I come and see the same people I have throughout the years. And now they feel like family. SMS is special to me because of all the friendships I have made throughout my years. This school has also taught me a lot. I have made so many memories too. SMS has so many fun activities that I have participated in. My advice is to get all of your work done and try your best. You should also care about your grades because they matter more than you think. SMS has helped me become a better leader and follower of God. SMS has showed me how to be mature and helped me with social skills throughout the years.

They have taught me everything I know now. I don't know where I would be without my teachers and friends.



Registration for
Faith Formation is
now open.
You may register
online or call the
office at 219-322-3077.

Registration for SMS
2024/25 school year is open.
Preschool-8th Grade
Please call the school at
322-4531 for more information.

PREPARATION FOR ADULT CONFIRMATION



CLASSES WILL BE HELD (Must attend both classes):

May 8th: 6:00 PM- 8:00 PM

May 15th: 6:00 PM- 8:00 PM

If you are a Baptized Catholic, 18 or older, out of high school and received First Communion and Reconciliation, but have not been Confirmed, then these classes are for you. **For more information and registration, please contact Kimberley Hoogeveen at 219-322-3077.**

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For Those Who Have Died...

Helen Lesniak

Life has changed, not ended



LIFE IS PRECIOUS; HANDLE WITH PRAYER

Edward McBride, ***Mary Ann Adam, Pat Christenson, Sherry Lazzaro, Michael Pupa,*** Selma Szulczewski, James Niep, Eileen Goodwin, Alison Beckett 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.

MOTHER'S DAY/FATHER'S DAY MASS CARDS

The Respect Life Ministry will be selling Mother's Day and Father's Day Mass cards after all Masses this weekend and May 4th/5th. For \$2.00, you will receive a beautiful card to present to the women and men in your life AND their names will be entered in our Mass Book of Intentions and prayed for at Mass for a year. Mass cards can be bought for those living and deceased. This is a major fundraiser for our group and allows us to continue our support of those organizations that are helping to promote life throughout the year. If you would like to just have a Mass said for the man or woman in your life, just PRINT their name(s) on a sheet of paper indicating Living or Deceased and enclose it with a check made out to St Michael Respect Life for \$2.00 per name and place it in the black drop box outside the office in an envelope addressed to Respect Life Ministry. ***Names must be turned in by May 8th to have them added to the Mass list for Mother's Day.***

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!



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Thank you for your support!

Thought for the day:

A person who feels appreciated will always do more than is expected.

The Wheelchair Ramp Ministry Keeps Busy with More Ramp Installations

The Wheelchair Ramp Ministry has installed two more ramps bringing their total to 73. One ramp was installed in East Chicago for Ora Jean Randolph. This ramp is 35 feet long, plus a transition platform and a threshold ramp.



The other ramp was installed for Lyn Langbehn of Merrillville. If you would like to participate in this ministry in any way, please contact the St. Michael Parish

Office at 219-322-4505. If you know of someone who may be in need of our services, please have them contact Catholic Charities at outreach@catholic-charities.org or call 219-886-3549 and ask for Daniela Ocanas.



DISCUSSION ABOUT SUMMER ACTIVITIES!

All Those 50+, Parishioner or Non-Parishioner, Join Us on May 14th at 10:00 AM SE Meeting Room in St. Patrick Hall

Submitted by Nancy Finley



**SILVER ROSE PRAYER SERVICE
APRIL 30TH
7:00-8:00 PM IN THE CHURCH
SNACKS AND REFRESHMENTS
8:00-9:00 PM IN ST. PATRICK HALL
ALL ARE WELCOME**



Silver Rose Program

Join thousands of Catholics across North America in asking for Our Lady of Guadalupe's intercession through the Silver Rose program.

In 1960, the Columbian Squires, a youth organization of the Knights of Columbus, came up with the idea of running a rose to the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Monterrey, Mexico, to honor Our Lady. The rose was chosen to commemorate Saint Juan Diego and the miracle of the roses.

Today, eight roses travel along different North American routes that include Canada, the United States and Mexico. Every stop the Silver Rose makes throughout the pilgrimage is a rosary-centered occasion to pray for respect for life, the spiritual renewal of each nation, and the advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Your participation in the Silver Rose program, especially your prayers and pledge for life, are a crucial part of our mission to defend and support life in every stage and condition.



Knights of Columbus



Our Lady of Guadalupe is the Patroness of the unborn, the Americas, and the Knights of Columbus.

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MEETING
MAY 7TH
10:00 AM
ST. PATRICK
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Stewardship in Action

Say a kind word or offer a smile to someone you do not know as you leave mass. Continue this practice this week. *Submitted by Conchita Bryner*

There are towers available on either side of the main aisle in church to place your Sunday donations. We no longer pass baskets for regular collections.

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY APRIL 28
 Mother's Day Card Sales After All Masses
 RCIA 9:30 AM
 First Communion Masses 9:30 & 11:30 AM

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

MONDAY APRIL 29
 Emotions Anonymous 6:00 PM

TUESDAY APRIL 30
 Silver Rose Service 7:00 PM

WEDNESDAY MAY 1
 Eucharistic Adoration 1:00-4:00 PM

THURSDAY MAY 2
 Choir Practice 7:00 PM

FRIDAY MAY 3
 Confirmation 5:30 PM

SATURDAY MAY 4
 First Saturday Devotions After 8:00 AM Mass
 Confessions 3:30 -4:30 PM
 KofC Tootsie Roll Drive After Vigil Mass
 Mother's Day Card Sales After Vigil Mass

SUNDAY MAY 5
 KofC Tootsie Roll Drive After All Masses
 Mother's Day Card Sales After All Masses
 RCIA 9:30 AM
 Radiate 6:00 PM



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

March 17, 2024

Adult	\$13,022.00
Children	\$50.00
EFTs	\$6,540.00
Loose	\$787.00
<i>Total Weekly Offering</i>	
<i>\$20,399.00</i>	

Thank you for your generosity!

Effective April, 2020: In an effort to provide accurate weekly collection totals, there is a six week lag in bulletin reporting. The timing of when weekly collections are received changed in early 2020, due to Covid. We went from 90% received on Sunday, to 30%. We have gradually moved up to 70%, but feel it's best to hold off on reporting until the majority of envelopes are received.

Diocesan Life Information

15TH ANNUAL POLISH BIKERS' PILGRIMAGE & BLESSING OF MOTORCYCLES

Everyone is welcome to join us for the 15th Annual Bikers' Pilgrimage and Blessing of Motorcycles on **May 5th** at Our Lady of Czestochowa Shrine, 5755 Pennsylvania St., Merrillville. The day starts with a Holy Mass in Polish at noon followed by the blessing of motorcycles and a picnic on the shrine grounds (menu items and prices vary). The gift shop will be open 11:00 AM-2:00 PM. The event will be held rain or shine; motorcyclists who will not be attending Mass but would like to have their bikes blessed should arrive at the shrine before 1:00 PM and park on the shrine grounds where space is available.

MASS FOR PREGNANCY & INFANT LOSS

Bishop McClory will be celebrating a Diocesan Mass for Pregnancy and Infant Loss on **May 5th**, at 3:00 PM, at Queen of All Saints in Michigan City. Loss includes miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, stillbirth, SIDS, and infant death, either recent or long ago. All are welcome: parents, grandparents, family and friends. To reserve a memorial candle for the Mass, text or call 219-730-9199 or email info@miscarriedbaby.com

*TUITION & FINANCIAL AID NIGHTS

Andrean High School invites you to a Tuition and Financial Aid Information Night in the Andrean Library on **May 16th** or **June 4th**, 5:30-6:30 PM.

*FCSLA ANNUAL SPRING LUNCHEON

First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association, Whiting Branch 81 members are invited to attend the annual spring luncheon on **May 19th** at 12:30 PM at the Croatian Hall, 8550 Taft St., Merrillville. Please RSVP: *you must phone Rebecca Coleman 219-801-6665 by May 11th*. Guests of members price: \$25.

*KIDS' SUMMER PROGRAMS

The Lake County Solid Waste Management District is having free summer programs in June and July for 1st-8th graders held at the Environmental Education Center. Please register at lcswmd.com.

*CAMP LAWRENCE SUMMER FUN

Come join the fun at the CYO summer camps at Camp Lawrence. Open to ages 7-14. Open House is **July 6th**, 10:00 AM-2:00 PM. Camp weeks are:
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SATURDAY APRIL 27

5:00 PM †Tony Fus

SUNDAY APRIL 28 5TH SUNDAY OF **EASTER**

7:30 AM All Souls

9:30 AM Dan & Sandy Leluga-50th
Anniversary

†Mike & Mary Starr

†Brenda Pammer

11:30 AM St. Michael Parish

MONDAY APRIL 29

7:00 AM All Souls

TUESDAY APRIL 30

7:00 AM †Ronald O'Brien

WEDNESDAY MAY 1

7:00 AM All Souls

8:55 AM †Kristin & John Finley

THURSDAY MAY 2

7:00 AM Bill Pawlicki

FRIDAY MAY 3

7:00 AM †Henry Lyza

SATURDAY MAY 4

8:00 AM †Joseph Zaborske

5:00 PM †Charlene Prenizny

SUNDAY MAY 5 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

7:30 AM St. Michael Parish

9:30 AM †Henry Lyza

†Kyle Arnold

†Mariana Chua Yu King

11:30 AM †Harold Rich

†indicates deceased



reflections...

THE WORD

(Readings for May 5th, Sixth Sunday of Easter)

I. *Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48*

Peter entered the house of Cornelius and proclaimed the good news to his household. They listened and believed, so Peter had them baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

II. *1 John 4:7-10*

John wrote, "Let us love one another because love is of God." The person without love knows nothing of God because God is love,

III. *John 15:9-17*

Jesus told His disciples, "This is my commandment: love one another as I love you." There is no greater love than this: "to lay down one's life for one's friends."

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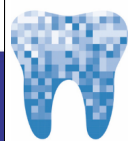
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