



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

#### EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesdays

1:00-4:00 PM in the Chapel

#### SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Sacrament of Penance...Saturday 3:30 PM-4:30 PM

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

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

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

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

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## From the Pastor's Desk



We are enhancing our present to be ready for our future. Our parish will soon celebrate its 150th year in 2024. Growing Into the Future Together is our parish effort to provide top quality air standards for our students in our school building with badly needed air conditioning for both the day students and the students who come in the evening for Faith Formation. In addition, it is time to provide a new parish administrative center that is handicapped accessible and stable. The present parish

administrative center that is handicapped accessible and stable. The present parish offices encompass three floors of a wood framed building that was designed as a residential structure and is not handicapped accessible. The front part of the building is 100+ years old and the back half is over 70 years old. A new parish administration center will allow for everyone to be able to access the building to do Ministerial, School and Parish business. It will also provide a safe and ample place through which our Good Samaritans food pantry can care for the less fortunate.

To meet this challenge, we have embarked on a five year campaign. Thus far, we have raised over \$3.5 million dollars and are 27% away from our goal of \$5 million with only 330 gifts. We need everyone to participate at some level to accomplish these two goals. As we move into our next 150 years, let us honor all that we have received from the people who sacrificed for us in the past and so continue *Growing Into the Future Together* (G.I.F.T.). Participating in G.I.F.T. is recognizing the gifts you have received from God by sharing some of those gifts for the continued work of His Church, your parish.

**The Eight Day Week!** We are all familiar with the seven day week. This division of days and hours is as old as creation. It was within this seven day week that Jesus was born, grew, preached, healed, suffered and died. However, there are eight days to God's week.

Jesus' resurrection, however, begins a new creation. This new creation bursts out of the boundaries of our seven day week. Sunday, the Lord's Day, is at once the end and the beginning of the "eternal" week. Our font has eight sides to remind us of the eighth day, the day of eternity.

Easter Sunday is the first day of that eternal week. You and I live in the light of that fact. Yes, we live in this world and its seven-day week, but we also know that God has given us the power to look beyond our routine of seven days. Our baptism compels us to look beyond the obvious reality of this time and place knowing that we belong to a more complete world made whole by Christ's cross and resurrection.

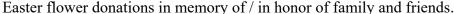
This is why our weekly gathering to celebrate the Eucharist, the gift of God's new creation in Jesus, is so important that it is an obligation for us. Not an obligation that is empty of devotion but one based in love. Just as a married couple is obligated to remain faithful to each other so all of us who are married to Christ in baptism are obligated to worship God weekly. This weekly sacrifice is what helps us to see God's plan for us and the world. Without it, we quickly lose sight of what is really most important in life and are carried away by the uncertainty of daily life, our fears and anxieties.

The everyday task for us, people of the eighth day, is to live our seven day week as if it were the day of fulfillment, the eighth day. And this is best accomplished by honoring the *first day of the week, Sunday*. If we live out of the knowledge and belief that our weekly cycle is part of God's larger plan, then we live in the same spirit as Jesus, our model and guide.

Today is the last and first day of your life. God's eight day week has arrived in Jesus' resurrection. Renew this joy each week around the altar of the Lord so you are able to live today, tomorrow and the days to come in the spirit of Jesus, the Risen One.



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All of us from St. Michael's parish office and school would like to wish everyone a very Blessed and Happy Easter. May Christ's message of eternal life fill you with love.

April 12th
1:00-4:00 PM
in the Chapel

## **Attention All High Schoolers!**

Would you like to meet Jesus on a personal level with other teens where you will feel welcomed and supported? Then you will want to come on out to Radiate for sure! We are here for you.

**Upcoming Events:** 

**April 16th:** Adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament with Sr. Deanna & Deacon Gary, 6:00-8:00 PM, meet in St. Patrick Hall.

April 30th: Dinner & Discussion about NCYC (National Catholic Youth

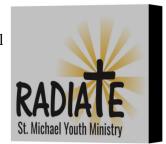
Conference) PARENTS, PLEASE ATTEND TOO!

6:00-8:00 PM in St. Patrick Hall

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submitted by Jeannine Quigley





## **Adult Confirmation Classes**



If you are a Baptized Catholic and have made the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist, but have not been Confirmed, Adult Confirmation classes are available 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 khoogeveen@stmichaelparish.life or 219-322-3077.

# Faith Formation Registration for the 2023-2024 will be April 16th-19th



Returning families will register this year in the following way: **Sunday Class:** During the last class-**April 16th** at 9:30 AM (Full class time)

**Tuesday Class:** During the last class-**April 16th** at 9:30 AM (Full class time) **Tuesday Class:** After the Faith Formation Mass-**April 18th** at 7:30 PM in St. Patrick Hall \*Parents will attend the 6:30 PM Mass with their children in place of class.

Wednesday Class: After the Faith Formation Mass-April 19th at 7:30 PM in St. Patrick Hall \*Parents will attend the 6: 30 PM Mass with their children in place of class.

Generations of Faith Families new to Faith Formation will register beginning April 20th and may call the Faith Formation Office at 322-3077.

\*Note: New families will need a copy of their child's Baptismal certificate to accompany their registration.

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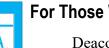
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Please call 219-322-4505, ext. 8220 to place a loved one on the Prayer List. Please see page 2 for guidelines regarding Pray for the Sick list.

St. Michael's parishioners are in bold, italic print.

## **Labors of Love Ministry**

Have you ever opened your junk drawer & said "What do I do with that?" The Members of Labors of Love Ministry took on the challenge of what to do with old eyeglass cases, broken jewelry, tiny toys, unused buttons and beads, yarn/fleece that someone didn't know what to do with and those Beanie Babies that never became a collectible treasure.

A little more than a year ago, the members of Labors of Love began collecting unused eyeglass cases. After collecting a full bag, an LOL member who was also in the Lions club, offered the services of the Lions to fill over 300 eyeglass cases as first aid kits. They were then distributed to five groups which come in contact with those who are unhoused. Discarded jewelry, buttons, scraps of yarn & fabric were made into sensory items for local nursing homes & schools to keep busy the hands of those with autism or dementia. The need is expanding and we receive frequent requests for sensory items. Once again, a member knew someone or perhaps you called to request an item. Yarn in someone's basement that was waiting for "someday" was made into warm, comforting blankets, hats & scarfs for the Veteran's Apartments in Hobart, the Women's Care Center and Home Health Care clients. Yarn that was just too itchy, became cushions for the cage floor at the animal shelter. How did we know who needed what? Someone spoke to us, knew someone or read something in the newspaper. A white piece of card stock becomes a lovely card & that pack of beads the kids no longer play with becomes a Rosary. A plush toy is combined with a small blanket for a toddler who may not be living at home. Such was the case with our donation of loveys to Ukraine refugees. We discovered who could benefit from our Mission through You. You are our voice in the Parish and the community to help those in need. Pass the word!

We have been fortunate that word of our mission is spreading, and we are contacted by more individuals and organizations. We are here to do more. In the Fall, we were honored to receive the Mercy Grant to assist with our mission and we welcome donations of gift cards, yarn, and fleece. The mission of Labors of Love is to bring comfort to those in need using the talents God has given us. We are happy for suggestions, ideas or samples of items we can make. Our newest venture is focusing on crafting a small token to be given at the Baptism to those two years of age or younger to "Welcome the youngster into our Church Family." Ministry members hope to start this program mid-summer. Labors of Love is also putting together a raffle basket with handmade items for the Passport program and increasing our inventory and distribution of sensory items. There is an increase in requests for adult bibs and we continue to make walker caddies. Our obligation to make 75 blankets for the Veterans center has been met, but will continue on an "as needed" basis. Time is on our side for Christmas and next winter weather items for local schools & the Good Samaritans. New ideas are always brewing for our display tables when Labors of Love co-host Coffee and Donut Sunday later this year. "Give something, however small, to the one in need. For it is not small to one who has nothing. Neither is it small to God, if we have given what we could."

## **Rebuilding Hope Mission Team Needs Your Help**



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





All those 50+, parishioner or non-parishioner, you are invited to join Senior GEMS. Please join us on **April 11th** at 10:00 AM in the SE room of St. Patrick Hall. Signups will be

available for the Harbor Cruise of Lake Michigan on July 19th in Michigan City. The tour is 11:45 AM-1:15 PM. The cost is \$25.00 to be paid the day of the cruise. Lunch will be on your own. You may sign up by attending the meeting or call Carol at 219-736-5085. Deadline for signing up is July 11th.

If you would like to attend a lunch at LaQuesadilla Mexican Grill, Crown Point, at noon with Senior Promise from Franciscan Health on **April 12th**, please call Barb Rossi at 219-757-6685. Senior Promise is also hosting a trip to the Shrine of Christ's Passion on **May16th** at 10:00 AM. If interested, please call Barb Rossi. April 28th is the last day to RSVP.

Submitted by Carol Rusich



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## Weekly Schedule

#### SUNDAY APRIL 9

Masses 7:30. 9:30 7 11:30 AM

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

#### MONDAY APRIL 10

No School– Easter Break Parish Office Closed No Emotions Anonymous

#### TUESDAY APRIL 11

Faith Formation Traditional Classes 6:00 PM

#### WEDNESDAY APRIL 12

Eucharistic Adoration 1:00-4:00 PM Baptismal Prep 6:00 PM Faith Formation Traditional Classes 6:00 PM Good Samaritans 6:30 PM

#### THURSDAY APRIL 13

Bereavement Session 7:00 PM Choir Practice 7:00 PM Education Foundation Meeting 7:00 PM

#### SATURDAY APRIL 15

Anointing of the Sick 8:00 AM Mass Confessions 3:30-4:30 PM

#### **SUNDAY APRIL 16**

New Membership Registration After 7:30 & 9:30 AM Masses Coffee & Donuts After All Masses Easter Egg Hunt 1:00 PM Radiate 6:00 PM

## **EDUCATION FOUNDATION**

The gifts that we receive are used to provide tuition assistance for families in need, support professional development and assist in the enhancement of school facilities.

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#### SERRA CLUB OF NWI

The Serra Club of NWI is an organization comprised of men and women whose primary focus is to promote vocations to the priesthood and support many vocation-oriented activities including but not limited to a nuns' appreciation Mass and picnic, a Christmas party for seminarians and their parents and pastors, a Memorial Mass for deceased members, an annual picnic for priests and vocation packets for our schools during National Vocation Awareness Week. If you would like more information on becoming a member or making a gift to the Serra Club of NWI, please contact Susan Gryfakis at vsgryfakis@gmail.com or 219-688-8209.

#### STM CAREER NETWORKING GROUP

On **April 12th** at 7:00 PM, STM Career Networking Group will have their next meeting at the STM Weis Center, 8635 Calumet Ave., Munster. David R. Olivencia, a St. Thomas More parishioner and author of *NetWORKing Excellence*, will discuss his recently published book. David has interviewed many highly successful business leaders to get an insight into how they develop their networks. This meeting is open to those who are unemployed, in transition, new to the job market, changing careers, recent graduates and those who can offer employment opportunities through their current professional connections.

#### SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION

CYO Summer Camp at Camp Lawrence registration is open to all children ages 7 thru 14. To register, go to nwicyo.org. For more information, call the CYO office at 219-736-8931 or email <a href="mailto:nwicyo@comcast.net">nwicyo@comcast.net</a>.



Catholic Charities, Loving Outreach to Survivors of Suicide (LOSS) is offering an in-person support group for adults who are grieving the loss of a loved one to suicide. LOSS has helped individuals and families through this challenging grieving process. Our group meetings provide safe, nonjudgmental environments where survivors can share their feelings and experiences. Participants receive information from veteran facilitators who help members realize they are not alone and they will not feel this confusion and deep sadness for the rest of their lives. For more information, please contact Kris and Jim Kazmierczak at 219-690-1268 and to register, contact Dr. Deborah Major at 312-655-7285. As a member, you will receive the LOSS newsletter and access to the website and online seminars and of course it is all free. We meet on the first Monday of every month, 7:00-9:00 PM in Trinity Hall, St. John the Evangelist Day Chapel basement located at 11301 W. 93rd Ave., St. John.

#### **BLESSED SACRAMENT REUNION**

Blessed Sacrament Church and Grade School Reunion will be held on **April 22nd** starting with Mass at 4:00 PM at St. Stephen the Martyr Church, 5920 Waite St., Merrillville. Reunion party immediately following in the church hall. For more information, contact Christine Lukawski at 219-610-9657.

# Do you know a Future Priest?

Do you know a faithful young man high school age and older in your parish that may have a vocation to the priesthood?

If you know of a candidate, please send his name, and contact information to jrosenow@dcgary.org. Anyone you recommend will receive materials from the Diocese of Gary Vocations Office about discernment retreats and college seminary visits.



## MEALS ON WHEELS

Volunteers are needed to deliver meals in the Hammond community, Contact Charlie Misovye, Volunteer Manager, at 219-756-3663 or charlie@mownwi.org.

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SATURDAY	APRIL 8 HOLY SATURDAY	THURSDAY	APRIL 13	
7:30 PM	Easter Vigil Service	7:00 AM	All Souls	
SUNDAY	APRIL 9 EASTER SUNDAY	FRIDAY	APRIL 14	
7:30 AM	All Souls	7:00 AM	♦Joseph Zaborske	
9:30 AM	All Souls	SATURDAY	APRIL 15	
11:30 AM	All Souls	8:00 AM	†Daniel Ketchmark	
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8:55 AM	†Arnold Peifer	11.50 / 11/1	of St. Michael	
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(Readings for April 16, 2023, Divine Mercy Sunday)

Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47 Early Christians adhered to apostolic teaching, centering their lives on prayer, the breaking of the bread, the common life, and charity.

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1 Peter 1:3-9

III. John 20:19-31

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