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14 APRIL
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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

1:00-4:00 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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- Alpha
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- Catholic Bible Study
- Faith Formation
- Marriage Preparation
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From the Pastor's Desk

Remembering/Sharing. The act of remembering is far more complicated than simply recalling facts. Remembering triggers all sorts of emotional responses. That is why when a loved one suffers from memory loss or impairment, we find it difficult to “connect” with them as we did before. The emotional bond seems lessened. It is important at times such as this that we do the remembering for both. The emotional bond can be readjusted on our part. This is not an easy task, but we can still feel “connected” to loved ones who are physiologically unable to give us the usual signals of remembering together.

The disciples in today's Gospel story certainly seem to be exhibiting a situational kind of memory loss. They have forgotten all that Jesus said about His necessary suffering and death and even have forgotten the scriptures they were steeped in that spoke of this possibility; that the Messiah must suffer and die. We begin our Gospel reading today at the tail end of that famous story of how Jesus meets these two disciples along the way as they head out of Jerusalem to Emmaus. Jesus walks with them and He does the work of making the connection. Jesus, stirs their hearts to flame. They feel the connection once again, but now in a different and very powerful way.



This kind of encounter leaves the disciples with only one choice, to go back to Jerusalem some seven miles distant, and to return there in the middle of the night; as if they were no longer concerned with the dangers of traveling at night on a road lit only by the moon and the stars.

As they spoke of their beloved Jesus, Jesus appeared and calmed their fears with His Peace. Jesus was not a ghost, but a totally transformed person. He ate and drank in their sight. He was the Jesus they knew, and more. He was now clearly seen as the Christ, the chosen of God, God's beloved child. This knowledge gave peace to the disciples and strengthened them to later go and tell others about their encounter with the reality that is to come – a reality where the physical is transformed, not lost.

Our sharing in the holy food and drink of this altar-table is our story telling time where our memories, both shared and personal, open our eyes to see the Christ. We are confronted with the real presence of Jesus, transformed, in our midst in the consecrated elements of bread and wine and in the consecrated element of His living body, the Church – you and I, together in Christ. Seeing Jesus here is only the first step to seeing Jesus in a broken world, a world torn by selfishness, sin, violence and death. Take what you receive here and be what you receive for others. What you receive is who you are, the body of Christ. We carry on the transformation of the world by carrying the first fruits of that transforming power within us, Jesus the first fruits and the hope of what we shall become.

St. Leo the Great wisely tells us: “In the act of giving do not fear a lack of means.” A generous spirit is itself great wealth. There can be no shortage of material for generosity where it is Christ who feeds and Christ who is fed. In all this activity, there is present, the hand of him who multiplies the bread by breaking it, and increasing it by giving it away. The giver of money should be free from anxiety and full of joy. His/her gain will be greatest when he/she keeps back least for himself/herself. The holy apostle, Paul tells us: “*He who provides seed for the sower will also provide bread for eating; he will provide you with more seed, and will increase the harvest of your goodness.*”

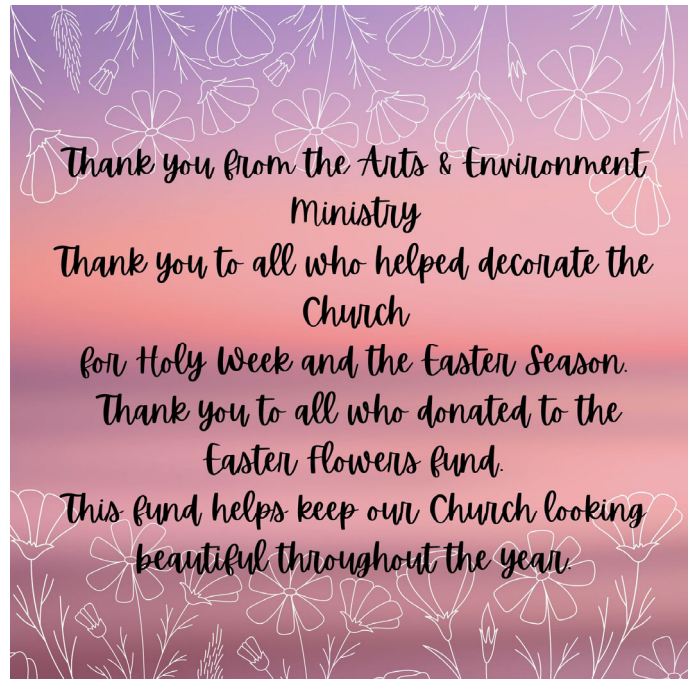
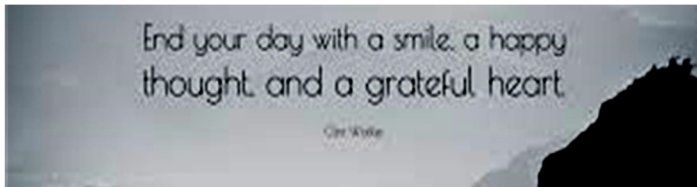
Our participation in the Catholic Services Appeal is one important way we carry the first fruits of that transforming power of Jesus within us. Sometimes people get upset when we are asked to open our wallets. But, the fact is that from the very beginning of the Church, there has been an understanding that saying “I am a Christian” and keeping away from sin is only half of the story. St. Paul takes up a collection from many cities to be sent back to the suffering Church in Jerusalem. He clearly equates one's open and free generosity as a sign that the faith has truly taken root in a person's heart.

The Eucharistic Pilgrimage in the Diocese of Gary,
will take place July 1st-5th.

St. Michael the Archangel Parish will host Mass on July 2nd

for the Perpetual Pilgrims, as they, as well as other
Pilgrims, make their way to the Eucharistic Conference
in Indianapolis July 17th-21st.

Help is needed from our parishioners to prepare for this day.
Please call Janice at 219-322-4505, ext. 8241 ASAP
to volunteer your services. *submitted by Janice Gatons*



Thank You!



Thank you to everyone who donated St. Michael plaques for every classroom in SMS and St. Patrick Hall. Pictured is Mrs. Rusin's plaque donated by Mr. & Mrs. Jim Koeling.

Submitted by Elizabeth Munoz

Eucharistic



Adoration

April 17th
1:00-4:00 PM
in the Chapel

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Submitted by Elizabeth Munoz



SMS & Faith Formation News

Michelle Wacnik, Principal

Kimberley Hoogeveen, DRE



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Educating Children Pre-K - 8th Grade
Submitted by Elizabeth Munoz



Registration for Faith Formation Starts Today, April 14th



FAITH FORMATION

Sunday Classes: During Last Class

Tuesday/Wednesday Classes: After
the 6:30 AM Mass on April 17th in
St. Patrick Hall

New Families: Register Online or Call
the Office at 219-322-3077 Beginning
April 22nd.

PREPARATION FOR ADULT CONFIRMATION- 2024



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.

CLASSES WILL BE HELD:

Must attend both classes

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

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

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

WINNERS
Congratulations to ALL!

150th Anniversary Shoe Box Float Contest



Grand Prize
Winner

Grand Prize Winner
Rowan Banas - St. Michael School 6th Grade Student



Best Quality Construction
Braden Bazarko -
St. Michael School
7th Grade Student



Best Honoring of Theme
Grace Wilson
St. Michael Faith Formation
6th Grade Student

Rowan's design will be the inspiration for the St Michael Parish Float in the Schererville Parade on June 8th!

Submitted by Elizabeth Munoz



Submitted by Elizabeth Munoz

Float judges: Fr. Robert, Fr. Marty, Donna Krieps, Janice Malinowski and Joan McNerny

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9 AM - NOON
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APRIL 14!**

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High Schoolers: Come "Radiate" with us at our next Youth Group Night!

You will feel Supported, Make Friendships, Enrich your Faith, Discuss Topics YOU are interested in and have FUN!

Mark your calendars as we have some great nights planned for you!

April 21st: Movie & Popcorn NIGHT – Wear your PJ's! 6:00-8:00 PM in St. Patrick Hall

8th Graders are WELCOME to join Radiate after Confirmation – Join us on May 5th!

May 5th: Cinco de Mayo! Taco Night! 6:00-8:00 PM in St. Patrick Hall

May 19th: Gathering in St. Patrick Hall, 6:00-8:00 PM

May 31st: Radiate Picnic Night

Any questions – please contact Mrs. Jeannine Quigley 219-775-5356 or Mrs. Marisa Richardson 219-730-4735. To keep informed on our Radiate happenings, sign up for our Radiate texts: Send text to:

81010 and then text this message: **@radiate**

submitted by Jeannine Quigley





For Those Who Have Died...

Jean Godoy

Life has changed, not ended

Special Prayers
For Those In Need



LIFE IS PRECIOUS; HANDLE WITH PRAYER

Joe Tomaszewski, Jennifer Paul, Ron Matonovich, Tim & Hellen Hazard, Marlene Townsend, Timothy Buncek, Mary Kennedy, Scott McMillen, Cecilia O'Donnell, David Mendoza, Edward McBride, Mary Ann Adam, Pat Christenson, Sherry Lazzaro, Michael Pupa, Selma Szulczewski 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.



Thank you for your kindness

I would like to thank the parish family for all the prayers and Mass intentions during this period after the loss of my mother, Kristin Finley. The family wanted me to extend a thank you to the Choir for the beautiful music, to the Arts and Environment Ministry for the beautiful flowers, to Fr. Marty for his presence during her illness and Mass, and to the Comfort Chefs for their wonderful meal after the Mass. It was much appreciated.

Nancy Finley



**Game Day!
Come and Have
Some Fun!
Those 50+
Parishioners &
Non-Parishioners
April 23rd at 10:00 AM
SE Meeting Room in
St. Patrick Hall**

Submitted by Nancy Finley



**Even the rain couldn't
take the fun away.**

Photos submitted by Elizabeth Munoz





CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

Partners in Christ's Mission

In today's Gospel, after rising from the dead, Jesus told His disciples, "Everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled" (Luke 24:44). There is not one aspect of God's plan that is not fulfilled in Christ. Our job as His parish is to show the world where certainty can be found. Without Christ, life offers anything but certainty. The Gospel can change everything. Jesus trusted our parish to be "witnesses of these things" (Luke 24:48). We need your help to do it! Please support our Catholic Services Appeal and help us help others see the nail marks in His hands and feet with faith. Help us help people find the one place where certainty can be found and that, through Jesus' wounds, one day all our sorrows will be transformed in to new life.

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Submitted by Conchita Bryner

Weekly Schedule



March 3, 2024

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| Adult | \$16,912.00 |
| Children | \$46.00 |
| EFTs | \$5,543.00 |
| Loose | \$545.00 |

Total Weekly Offering
\$22,501.00

Easter Flowers
\$5,328.11

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.

SUNDAY APRIL 14

- 2nd Collection-Haiti
- Coffee & Donuts After All Masses
- Faith Formation Family Session 9:30 AM
- Faith Formation Registration for 2024/25 School Year 9:30 AM in the school
- RCIA 9:30 AM

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

MONDAY APRIL 15

- Emotions Anonymous 6:00 PM
- Liturgy Committee Meeting 7:00 PM

TUESDAY APRIL 16

- Labors of Love 10:00 AM

WEDNESDAY APRIL 17

- Eucharistic Adoration 1:00-4:00 PM
- Faith Formation Mass for Tuesday/Wednesday Classes 6:30 PM
- Faith Formation Registration for 2024/25 School Year 7:30 PM in St. Patrick Hall

THURSDAY APRIL 18

- Bereavement 7:00 PM
- Choir Practice 7:00 PM upstairs

SATURDAY APRIL 20

- Anointing of the Sick Mass 8:00 AM
- Finance Council Meeting 9:00 AM
- Confessions 3:30 PM

SUNDAY APRIL 21

- New Members Registration After 7:30 & 9:30 AM Masses
- RCIA 9:30 AM
- Radiate 6:00 PM



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BNI'S BIGGEST FUNDRAISER

Bishop Noll Institute is proud to announce the return of its annual fundraiser, The Big Event! The Big Event! will take place **Saturday, April 27th**, 6:00-11:00 PM, in the Bishop Noll fieldhouse (1519 Hoffman Street, Hammond, IN). This 21+ evening promises to be a fun-filled celebration featuring a delicious catered dinner by Pepino's, entertainment, exciting raffles, and much anticipated silent and live auctions. New this year will be the opportunity to tour recently renovated areas of the school including the BNI STREAM Lab and music room. Student representatives from various clubs and athletics will also be in attendance to talk to guests about their Bishop Noll experiences. Proceeds from The Big Event! directly benefit Bishop Noll's student scholarship fund. Typically raising more than \$50,000, these funds play a vital role in ensuring a BNI education remains accessible to deserving students, regardless of financial limitations. Bishop Noll is seeking the support of the community to make The Big Event! a resounding success. Sponsorship opportunities, auction item donations and ticket purchases are greatly appreciated.

How to Participate:

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Visit <https://bnibigevent.givesmart.com/>.

Learn More & Get Involved:

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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

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FCSLA Branch 81 Annual Spring Luncheon.
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Mass Intentions

SATURDAY APRIL 13
 7:30 PM †Robert & Patricia Hansen

SUNDAY APRIL 14 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER
 7:30 AM St. Michael Parish
 9:30 AM †Jesse & Margarita Iniguez
 †Harry Eugene Johnston
 †Tony Iannacito
 11:30 AM †Brenda Pammer

MONDAY APRIL 15
 7:00 AM †Arnold Peifer

TUESDAY APRIL 16
 7:00 AM †Fr. Patrick Connolly

WEDNESDAY APRIL 17
 7:00 AM †Henry Lyza
 8:55 AM All Souls

THURSDAY APRIL 18
 7:00 AM All Souls

FRIDAY APRIL 19
 7:00 AM All Souls

SATURDAY APRIL 20
 8:00 AM †Anna Kuzma
 5:00 PM †Rosalba Hernandez

SUNDAY APRIL 21 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
 7:30 AM St. Michael Parish
 9:30 AM For an End to Abortion on Demand
 and for a Conversion of Heart for
 those who Provide Abortions
 11:30 AM †Bill Salas
 †George & Mary Siminski
 Morgan Lockhart

† indicates deceased



reflections...

THE WORD

(Readings for April 21, 2024, Fourth Sunday of Easter)

I. *Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12*

Peter explained to the people that every good deed and all restoration to health are accomplished in the name of Christ Jesus the Nazarean, through whom all are saved.

II. *1 John 3:1-2*

Believers are the dearly beloved children of God who do not yet know what shall come to light. When it does come to light, believers will be like God.

III. *John 10:11-18*

Jesus is the Good Shepherd who knows the sheep. The Good Shepherd not only loves and protects the sheep but is willing to lay down his life for the sheep.

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