

WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

16 APRIL 2023



DIVINE

MERCY

Sunday



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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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.

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The Spirit empowers the whole community. Luke's description of the early Church in Jerusalem in today's second reading sounds too good to be true, and it probably is a bit too optimistic. Luke may have left out the warts and wrinkles. No matter. The portrait is of the church as it should be, possessing through the Spirit all the resources for healing and helping a caring within the community.

Luke gives us essentially the same portrait three times not only in Acts 2:42-47 but again in 4:32-37, where the theme is: *"The community of believers were of one heart and one mind."* Surrounded by the community, the apostles were able to do great things performing *"wonders and signs"* among the people, just like Jesus had done. The community, the people, the Church, share the transforming power of Christ's own resurrection.

Once again in Acts 5:12-16 we see the transformative power of Christ's resurrection:

"Through the hands of the apostles, many signs and wonders occurred among the people....The people carried the sick into the streets ..., so that when Peter passed by at least his shadow might fall on one or another of them. Crowds from the towns around Jerusalem would gather, too, bringing their sick and those who were troubled by unclean spirits, all of whom were cured."

This power that works through the early Church has not dried up. This power is God's DIVINE MERCY. This Divine Mercy, this transforming power comes through our baptism in Jesus Christ. Admittedly, you and I do not perform such obvious signs nor do we witness them but maybe a few times in our life. However, we participate in the power of the Spirit which can be just as healing and life giving. To truly honor Divine Mercy is to live it. Every time you and I take the time to listen to someone, each time we try to understand another's problems, each time we visit the sick or open our hands to the poor, we begin a chain of life giving events that transform as powerfully as did the shadow of St. Peter.



The truth about the early Church is that they were given a great gift, the ability to transform the world through their faith and follow the ways of Jesus the Risen One. For the ancient writers, this was best expressed by showing the obvious cures of people. Whether it was as dramatic as told in the book of Acts or in the less dramatic everyday healings that we participate in today, the fact remains that God's power, God's Divine Mercy, is still at work transforming this dead world into something living.

This process of transformation takes time because you and I and those before and after us, all have the freedom to choose to participate in God's plan or to ignore God's plan. When you choose to participate, you have to choose it everyday and throughout each day. This is sometimes hard because it will mean that you will be transformed first, then the world around you. We like to see change in others but in ourselves — well, that's another story many times.

The Easter Season of seven weeks is a time to build on our Lenten prayer and works. It is a time to let the real work of transformation happen to us so you and I can participate in the mighty acts of God's healing power for the world.



The parish office was closed this past Monday for the Easter holiday. Thus, an update on the progress of our campaign will appear next week. Thank you if you have made a gift/monthly pledge toward the G.I.F.T. campaign. Please encourage others to do so as well so we can *Grow Into the Future Together*.

Eucharistic Adoration

April 19th

1:00-4:00 PM in the Chapel

Centering Prayer/Spiritual Book Club Ministry

Members meet via ZOOM from the comfort of their own homes *every Monday* (except for holidays), 6:00-7:00 PM. Interested in group praying AND book discussions?! Please contact Peggy Kolarik at 219-322-1886 or peggy.kolarik@att.net.
Submitted by Peggy Kolarik



Katlynn Weigand entered into full Communion with the Catholic Church at the Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Service.

Pictures submitted by Jim Koeling

SMS & FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Michelle Wacnik, Principal

Kimberley Hooegeveen, DRE

Adult Confirmation Classes

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 Hooegeveen at khoogeveen@stmichaelparish.life or 219-322-3077.



Faith Formation Registration for returning students of the 2023-24 school year is **April 16th, 9:30-11:00 AM** in SMS and **April 18th/19th**, in St. Patrick Hall after the 6:30 PM Masses. Families

new to Faith Formation may register beginning **April 20th** by calling the office at 219-322-3077.



Grade 3 Tuesday night class learning about Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter.

Ways to Help SMS Students

- ❖ School Scholarship Tax Credit Program-donate and get 50% tax credit on your IN state taxes.
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THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING SMS!

WARRIOR OF THE WEEK



I am Mikayla Hadt, I am 13 years old and I've been attending SMS since preschool. After I graduate, I will be attending Andrean High School. I participate in basketball, volleyball, soccer, Girl Scouts and I'm currently the president for the Student Council. I also like reading and listening to music. My favorite memory at my time at SMS is my 7th grade year. All my years at SMS have been so much fun, even during the pandemic, they still tried. My favorite thing about SMS is all the fun stuff we do. We have fun field trips, dress down days and dances. I learned many important things here at SMS. I learned a lot about God and many life lessons. SMS made me feel close to many things that public school would've never have taught me. We also have a harder grading system. My advice to younger kids is to not worry and study. So remember when you get those A's, you are smart and lucky to be at SMS. I am so grateful for my parents, for paying my tuition for SMS. I wouldn't have met this amazing family community. I'm also thankful for my classmates. I spent my 11 years at SMS with most of them. They make class fun even though we get in trouble a lot. I will miss them the most when I leave.

Thank you SMS for making those 11 years amazing.

REGISTRATION IS

Please call the school for more information



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Passport to Our Heritage

April 22nd

5:30-11:59 PM in
SMS Gym

Tickets are
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Event



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SPRING into some FUN & FAITH as you participate with Radiate!

All high schoolers are welcome to join us. Radiate is a place where you can be yourself, feel supported and meet Jesus on a personal level.

Upcoming Events:

April 16th: "PIZZA & ADORATION" with Sr. Deanna & Deacon Gary, Experience a Jesus Encounter. 6:00-8:00 PM, meet in St. Patrick Hall. Pizza served 6:00-6:30 PM then we will go to the chapel.

April 30th: "DINNER & DISCUSSION NIGHT with PARENTS!" We will serve dinner and discuss the upcoming National Catholic Youth Conference for teens. PARENTS & TEENS are both invited this night, 6:00-8:00 PM in St. Patrick Hall

NOTE: ALL 8th GRADERS ARE INVITED TO RADIATE! Congratulations on your Confirmation!!!!

May 12th: "SAND VOLLEYBALL TOURNEY" with St John Youth Group at Redar Park, Schererville (In case of inclement weather, volleyball will be held in the school gym), 6:00-8:00 PM.

May 21st: "SUNSET & ROSARY" at Oak Ridge Prairie Park, Griffith. We will also have a bonfire with snacks! 6:00-8:00 PM, meet at the park.

submitted by Jeannine Quigley





LIFE IS PRECIOUS; HANDLE WITH PRAYER

Kristin Finley, Frank Rossignuolo, Hilda Gamba, Rita Rossignuolo, Maureen Bartok, Jackie Rebraca, Violet Malone, Kay Parker 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.

Rebuilding Hope Mission Team Needs Your Help



SHADY OAKS CAMP

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 with some general camp maintenance and painting on **April 22nd**, 8:00 AM-3:00 PM. We will have you back in time for 5:00 PM Mass!

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



Meeting

April 18th

10:00 AM

St. Patrick Hall

KEEP UPDATED ON CURRENT ISSUES



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!

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 rosenow@dcgary.org. Anyone you recommend will receive materials from the Diocese of Gary Vocations Office about discernment retreats and college seminary visits.






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To Our
Church

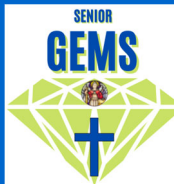
**New Member Registration
This Weekend
After the 7:30 & 9:30 AM
Masses in
St. Patrick Hall**



Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday April 16th at 1:00pm
 Children ages 10 and younger
 Soccer Field (Gym if raining)
Sponsored by Holy Name Society





All those 50+, parishioner or non-parishioner, you are invited to join Senior GEMS. Please join us on **April 25th** at 10:00 AM in the SE room of St. Patrick Hall. Signups are available for the Harbor Cruise of Lake Michigan on **July 19th** in Michigan City. The tour will run 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. We will meet in the church's east side parking lot to carpool. You may sign up by attending the meeting or call Carol at 219-736-5085. Deadline for signing up is July 11th. On **August 22nd**, there will be a bus trip to Starved Rock to see Las Vegas Headliner show and lunch. The price is \$117.00 which includes show, transportation and lunch. We will begin taking reservations which are non-refundable on May 1st. Please watch for more details in future bulletins.

submitted by Carol Rusich



All you need is...
a sturdy chair, towel/yoga strap,
& a blanket!

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Every Friday in May at 10:00am CST via Zoom
 Zoom link can be found on the events calendar of our website!
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**COFFEE & DONUTS
AFTER ALL
SUNDAY MASSES
THIS WEEKEND**





St. Michael Gardener's Flower Sale

Order deadline is Sunday, May 7th. Either call Cheryl at 219-242-2630 to place your order or put your order form in the baskets provided in the Gathering Space. Flowers may be picked up **May 13th, 9:00 AM-noon**, at the rectory garage off of Anna St. Payment is due at time of pickup.



Stewardship in Action

How can you become an example of Mercy every day? Choose a corporal act of mercy to do each week between now and Pentecost.

submitted by Conchita Bryner



**ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
BOXES OF CONTRIBUTION
ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE
IN THE GATHERING SPACE.
PLEASE STOP & PICK UP A BOX.**

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE	
March 5, 2023	
Adult	\$17,175.00
Children	\$45.00
EFTs	\$7,442.00
Loose	\$410.00
Total Weekly Offering	
\$25,072.00	
Thank you for your generosity!	

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY APRIL 16

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

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

MONDAY APRIL 17

Emotions Anonymous 6:00 PM

TUESDAY APRIL 18

Labors of Love 10:00 AM
Faith Formation Traditional Classes 6:00 PM
Faith Formation Registration After Evening Mass

WEDNESDAY APRIL 19

Eucharistic Adoration 1:00-4:00 PM
Faith Formation Traditional Classes 6:00 PM
Faith Formation Registration After Evening Mass

THURSDAY APRIL 20

Bereavement Session 7:00 PM
Choir Practice 7:00 PM
Confirmation Practice 7:00 PM

SATURDAY APRIL 22

Finance Council Meeting 9:00 AM
Confessions 3:30-4:30 PM
Passport 5:30 PM

SUNDAY APRIL 23

RCIA 9:30 AM

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 vsgrifakis@gmail.com or 219-688-8209.



Loving Outreach to Survivors of Suicide

Offering Hope and Healing for Those Who Mourn a Loss to Suicide

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.

FCSLA~LIFE Branch 81 Annual Spring Luncheon

Members are invited to the Croatian Center, 8550 Taft Street, Merrillville at 12:00 PM for the annual spring luncheon on **May 7th**. Guests of members are \$25. Share the Pot will benefit Whiting Food Pantry. *You must RSVP to Becky Coleman at 219-801-6665, by **Sunday, April 30th**.*

14th Annual Polish Bikers' Pilgrimage and Blessing of Motorcycles (Solemnity of Our Lady Queen of Poland and Polish Constitution Day)

May 7th

Our Lady of Czestochowa Shrine
5755 Pennsylvania St. Merrillville

Everyone is welcome! Holy Mass (in Polish) at noon, followed by the blessing of motorcycles and a picnic on the shrine grounds (menu items and prices vary; food will also be available for purchase in the Millennium Hall). The gift shop will be open 11:00-2:00 PM. Note: The event will be held rain or shine; motorcyclists who will not be attending Mass but would like to have their bikes blessed should plan to arrive at the shrine **before** 1:00 PM and park on the shrine grounds where space is available.

CAMP SHARING MEADOWS SEEKING SUMMER HELP

The Share Foundation is looking for summer staff for Camp Sharing Meadows. Camps are faith based with daily prayer, talks, games, crafts, bonfire time, skits and a camp dance for individuals with intellectual & developmental disabilities. Join us for a fun summer job and help make dreams come true for our wonderful campers. We have multiple positions available: counselors, assistant camp director and camp cooks. Four one-week camps run from June 25 to July 21. Contact Corinne DeLucenay, Camp Director at camp@sharefoundation.org or (219) 575-0077.

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.

SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION

CYO Summer Camp at Camp Lawrence registration is open to all children ages 7 thru 14. To register, go to nwcyo.org. For more information, call the CYO office at 219-736-8931 or email nwcyo@comcast.net.



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY APRIL 15

5:00 PM ✠Josefina Chua Chiacio

SUNDAY APRIL 16 DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

7:30 AM St. Michael Parish

9:30 AM ✠Fran Ann Swierczewski

✠Dorothy Limonowski

✠Mary Lopez

11:30 AM ✠The Living & Deceased Sacristans
of St. Michael

MONDAY APRIL 17

7:00 AM For an End to Abortion on Demand and
for a Conversion of Heart for
those who Provide Abortions

TUESDAY APRIL 18

7:00 AM Steven Fayta

WEDNESDAY APRIL 19

7:00 AM All Souls

8:55 AM All Souls

THURSDAY APRIL 20

7:00 AM ✠George Pfotenhauer
Intentions of the Congregation of
Mother of Carmel

FRIDAY APRIL 21

7:00 AM Morgan Lockhart

SATURDAY APRIL 22

8:00 AM ✠Anna Kuzman

5:00 PM ✠Joseph Heintz

SUNDAY APRIL 23 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

7:30 AM ✠Gerald Verdeyen

9:30 AM ✠Kyle N. Arnold

✠MaryAnn Vanes

✠Norman Vanes

11:30 AM St. Michael Parish

✠indicates deceased



reflections...

THE WORD

(Readings for April 23, 2023, Third Sunday of Easter)

I. *Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 22-33*

Peter proclaimed that Jesus came with miracles, wonders, and signs so that people could know of God's love.

II. *1 Peter 1:17-21*

The blood of Christ, as of the sinless, unblemished lamb, delivers believers.

III. *Luke 24:13-35*

Two disciples bound for Emmaus were joined by Jesus, whom they did not recognize. They discussed the death of Jesus and the disappearance of His body from the tomb. Jesus explained to them through the Scriptures the meaning of the events that had taken place. They recognized Him in the breaking of the bread.

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