WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

APRIL 21, 2024 4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep." - Jn 10:14-15



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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Deacon Gary Wolfe.....Permanent Deacon

From the Pastor's Desk

How to Get to the Green Pasture. Most of us have no experience of sheep or shepherds. Perhaps you petted a sheep once in a petting zoo, but you most properly did not have to lead the sheep to green pastures or have to clean up after them, a nasty business. No, when we hear about sheep and shepherds, we conjure up nice, sweet, romantic notions of lush rolling hails, CLEAN sheep and restful responsibilities on the part of the shepherd. This is as far from the truth as is Chicago from Beijing.

Sheep are rarely "clean" and shepherds don't have it easy. Trying to lead a bunch of cute but self-determined animals to what's best for them and keep them from all kinds of danger, that might very well kill them, is not a laidback occupation. This is why Jesus uses this image, not once, but several times in the Gospels. He wants to make clear to us that we are like sheep, restless, self-determined, even if it means we'll be harmed. We are not fresh and clean but smelly in our faults, easily preyed upon and easily snatched away. That is us. We are like sheep.

Jesus is the shepherd. Not only does He put up with us, He loves each and every one of us. He offers His very life for us, a bunch of stupid sheep. Why? Because He knows of what we are made. You and I might act like sheep sometimes, but we have the capacity to be like the Shepherd. We have the ability, by God's grace, to seek out the true green pastures. We have the ability through God's mercy, to know how much we are loved and we have the gifts to be a shepherd for other people as well.

Jesus shows us how to be both good sheep and good shepherds. He was like a lamb led to the slaughter; He was obedient to God in all things. He shows us how to be sheep; listen to Him, the one God has sent. He shows us how to be good shepherds, be on guard – look out for others, even to the point of laying down your life for them.



Care for the sheep, feed the poor, cloth the naked, teach and inspire the ignorant; lead your children, your friends, your spouse to the real green pastures of God's promise, not to the disappearing oases of present culture which promises nourishment but really starves us. The Good Shepherd leads us to true food, to true nourishment, to real fulfillment. Stupid sheep we are not, redeemed sheep we are. Let us live every day in the reality of who we are, God's Flock destined for Eternal Life.

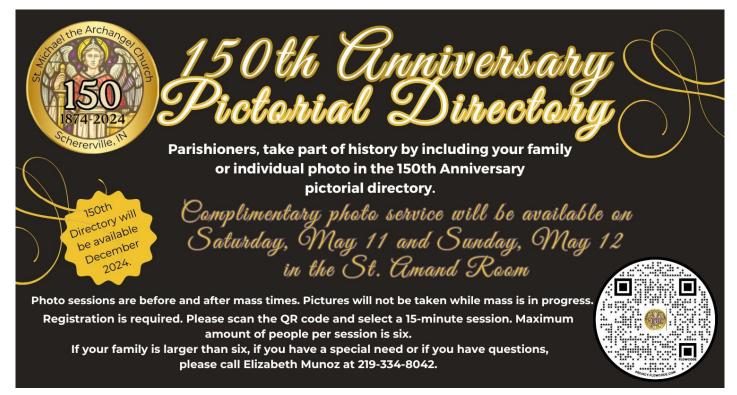


First Communions. Next week we are celebrating the First Communions of our third graders at the 9:30 and 11:30 AM Masses. The Eucharist, and consequently communion, is an Easter sacrament. Sacraments are never private affairs or actions provided for or by only a certain segment of the Church. Celebrating First Holy Communions at Sunday Mass unites these children with the larger community, the Body of Christ. From one celebration of this beautiful sacrament, I received this little note, it read:

Dear Father,

I liked the First Communion Mass at 11:30 AM yesterday. I think it is inspiring to see our young Catholics receiving the sacraments. I hope other people were inspired too. We were sitting in an area with a large group of non-Catholics or at least not practicing. I was praying for them. I hope in the very least they saw that our faith is alive and thriving.

This too is a reason for celebrating this special sacrament together at Sunday Mass. It helps all of us remember our First Communion Day and perhaps encourages us to recommit ourselves to receiving the Body and Blood of the Lord with even more devotion and openness.



Radiate: High School Youth Ministry Come hang out with us and experience God in a special way. Bring your friends. Can't wait to see you! Lots of great plans ahead. Mark your calendars.



April 21st √PJS √MOVIE √POPCORN √FUN 6:00-8:00 PM in St. Patrick Hall





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!

May 5th: TACO NIGHT/Cinco de Mayo! GUEST SPEAKER: Fr Robert on "Angels & Demons," 6:00-8:00 PM in St. Patrick Hall

May 5th: REGION ALE FUNDRAISER for RADIATE!

- 11:00 AM-7:00 PM
- 20% of all Food Purchases will be donated to Radiate Youth Ministry
- USE CODE: Radiate to order Food On-line for Carry-Out

THANK YOU, REGION ALE, for your generosity! And THANK YOU to all who support St Michael's and Radiate!

MAY 31st: Annual Picnic with SUNSET & ROSARY at Oakridge Prairie Park... Radiate-ers from our Past & Present—PLEASE JOIN US! 5:00-7:00 PM. RADIATE ALUMNI & RADIATE FAMILIES are welcomed! Let's have some fun together. Serving grilled hot dogs. PLEASE RSVP TO Jeannine Quigley: 219-775-5356

BRING: DISH to Share, Rosary, Own Water Bottle, Lawn Chair NOTE: In case of inclement weather, we will be in SMS Gym.

Submitted by Jeannine Quigley

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I've been attending SMS since 7th grade. I plan on attending Lake Central High School. In school, I have played volleyball and basketball. Outside of school, I have participated in various volunteer projects such as Feed My Starving Children, Food Pantry and VBS. SMS is special to me because of the friendships I have made during my time here. The teachers here are really nice and they are always there to help you if you need it. The students here are also really nice and funny. We do many fun activities here at SMS. One of my favorite things at SMS is Warrior Day. During my time here at SMS I have learned a lot. You should get assignments done on time. You also want to listen to your teachers and be nice to everyone. This school has helped me grow better in my education and as a person. SMS has taught me how to be a good friend and leader. I also learned a lot more about God here. At SMS, everyone is always helping each other and we always have fun with each other. SMS is a good place to make lots of friendships. My classmates always

make me laugh and I'm sad I won't go to the same high school as some of them but I'm glad I met them. I'm glad I came to SMS.

Registration for SMS 2024/25 school year is open for current and new students. Please call the school at 219-322-4531 for more information.



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SMS & Faith Formation News continued

PREPARATION FOR ADULT CONFIRMATION

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CLA\$\$E\$ WILL BE HELD:

Must attend both classes May 8- 6:00 PM- 8:00 PM



May 15- 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.

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

Welcome the Newly Baptized

Luke Robert Slevnik Autumn Joan Burdett



Eucharistic Adoration April 24th 1:00-4:00 PM in the Chapel



LIFE IS PRECIOUS; HANDLE WITH PRAYER

Cecilia O'Donnell, *David Mendoza*, Edward McBride, *Mary Ann Adam*, *Pat Christenson*, *Sherry Lazzaro*, *Michael Pupa*, Selma Szulczewski, James Niep 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.

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IT'S GAME DAY! All Those 50+ Join Us on April 23rd at 10:00 AM SE Meeting Room in St. Patrick Hall

Thank you to Mr. Gary Krieps from the GIFT program for answering questions and making several clarifications on what the campaign is about. *Submitted by Nancy Finley*



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St. Michael Gardener's Flower Sale

Order deadline is Sunday, May 5th. Order forms are available in the Gathering Space or you may call Cheryl at 219-242-2630 to place your order. Flowers may be picked up **May 11th**, 9:00 AM-noon, at the rectory garage off of Anna St. Payment is due at time of pickup.



Peanut butter, jelly, soup, vegetables, pasta ...OH MY!!

Our ministry wishes to thank the following for their generosity during our Holy Thursday Food Drive, as well as your donations throughout Lent and the Easter season Thank you to the St. Michael School Staff, students and parents for their donations! We are lucky to have a strong alliance with the school and appreciate their generosity throughout the school year Thank you to Jeanine & Mike Quigley, Marissa Richardson and the Radiate Teens, who helped unload the truck and transport the groceries to the pantry and put all the donated items away. What a great group of young people, hopefully future Good Samaritans in the making! Thank you to Jake Markiewicz and the Men's Sunday Night Basketball League for their donation of Aldi Gift Cards, what a team effort!! A HUGE thank you to Fr. Marty, Fr. Robert, Debbie Mangione and our parish staff for their support and generosity. We also wish to thank an important group of gentlemen who helped with our recent housekeeping in the pantry, Rick Gilbert, Joe and Jonathan. You're the best! To our wonderful St. Michael Parish Family, who faithfully and generously support our Ministry and answer our appeals for donations and to those who anonymously donate meat, monetary gifts & grocery gift cards, we so value your generosity. Your donations on Holy Thursday and throughout Lent and Easter was near \$3,400!!

Here is a snapshot of what our Ministry was able to provide with **your** help... We were able to provide 20 families with an Easter meal, in addition to assisting with their regular needs. We provided a hotel room stay for a homeless woman and her daughter prior to Easter, fortunately she has been able to find an affordable place to live. As we all are experiencing higher prices, in all aspects of our budgets, there are many families who have to choose between gas, food, medicine, heat and water. You've assisted single moms, a client who is battling cancer and is struggling to make monthly obligations, grandparents who are raising their grandchildren and many seniors who are living on a fixed income. Sadly, cleaning supplies and personal care items are some of our most requested and in demand items.

We cannot do our work without your assistance and we appreciate your aid and partnership. Please know **YOU** are the lifeline of our ministry and your good will makes a difference in the lives of the many families, in need of help.

May your spring and summer be filled with God's many blessings!!

"So, we as followers of Christ press forward in our daily struggles, enduring through the cross with Jesus. This is what makes us saints.

Fr. Andrew Apostoli - Walking Humbly with Your God

Submitted by Sue Cohen For your kind sharing, we sincerely thank You!

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.

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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.





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

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Stewardship Ideas for our Planet Earth Day and Beyond:

- Plant a gardenPlant a pollinator garden
- Do a #plastic detox reduce single use plastic consumption
- Recycle even if it means holding onto something until you can
- Educate your family about plastics
- Help a neighbor clean their yard
- Help clean up church grounds this summer
- Help clean up city, state and national parks
- Organize eco-friendly volunteer events
- Be more energy efficient

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.

S[†]ewardship in Action

Be like the good shepherd, reach out and send love to someone who has given up. Give them encouragement. *Submitted by Conchita Bryner*



March 10, 2024

Adult Children EFTs Loose \$11,909.00 \$65.00 \$4,488.00 \$491.00

Total Weekly Offering \$16,953.00

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.

MOTHER'S DAY MASS CARDS

Mother's Day Mass cards will be on sale starting next weekend, April 28th, after all Masses by the Respect Life Ministry. Mass cards are for those living and deceased. This is a major Fundraiser for Respect Life and allows the Ministry to support the many organizations that help promote life throughout the year.



New Member Registration Today, April 21st, After the 7:30 and 9:30 AM Masses

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY APRIL 21

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

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

MONDAY APRIL 22 Emotions Anonymous 6:00 PM

TUESDAY APRIL 23

GEMS 10:00 AM Faith Formation Traditional Classes 6:00 PM

<u>WEDNESDAY</u> <u>APRIL 24</u> Eucharistic Adoration 1:00-4:00 PM Faith Formation Traditional Classes 6:00 PM

THURSDAY APRIL 25

Bereavement 6:30 PM First Holy Communion Practice 7:00 PM

<u>SATURDAY APRIL 27</u> Confessions 3:30 PM Mother's Day Card Sales After Vigil Mass

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

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*LAS VEGAS NIGHT

The St, Mary's Men's Club is sponsoring a Las Vegas Night on April 27th in St. Mary's Hildebrandt Hall, 5:30-11:30 PM. The cost to enter is \$15.00 for single and \$25.00 per couple. This includes food and drinks. The proceeds will be donated to our Church, Church Organizations, and our Community. If there are any questions, please contact Tom Gora at (219) 308-3976.

BNI'S BIGGEST FUNDRAISER

Bishop Noll Institute is hosting its annual fundraiser, The Big Event! which will take place April 27th, 6:00-11:00 PM, in the Bishop Noll fieldhouse (1519 Hoffman Street, Hammond). 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.

Purchase Tickets & Make Donations: Visit https://bnibigevent.givesmart.com/

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 shrine; 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





SATURDAY	APRIL 20	THURSDAY	APRIL 25
7:30 PM	Rosalba Hernandez	7:00 AM	♦ Joseph Heintz
SUNDAY	APRIL 21 4TH SUNDAY OF	FRIDAY	APRIL 26
7:30 AM 9:30 AM	EASTER St. Michael Parish For an End to Abortion on Demand and for a Conversion of Heart for those who Provide	7:00 AM <u>SATURDAY</u> 8:00 AM 5:00 PM	 ◆Randal Lyons APRIL 27 ◆Marilyn Crowley ◆Tony Fus
11:30 AM	Abortions Bill Salas George & Mary Siminski Morgan Lockhart	SUNDAY 7:30 AM 9:30 AM	APRIL 28 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER All Souls Dan & Sandy Leluga-50th
MONDAY	APRIL 22		Anniversary
7:00 AM	 Brenda Pammer James Grossman 	11:30 AM	 Mike & Mary Starr Brenda Pammer St. Michael Parish
TUESDAY 7:00 AM	APRIL 23 Intentions of Congregation of Mother of Carmel	indicates deceas	ed
WEDNESDAY 7:00 AM 8:55 AM	APRIL 24 All Souls All Souls		

THE WORD (Readings for April 28, 2024, Fifth Sunday of Easter)

I. Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31

Saul went back to Jerusalem, but the disciples were afraid of him. Barnabas told them how the Lord had conversed with Saul and how he had suffered in the name of Jesus. Then they welcomed and protected Saul.

II. 1 John 3:18-24

III. John 15:1-8

"Let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth." If our hearts do not condemn us, we can have confidence that God will grant our requests.

Jesus said, "I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit." Everyone else "will be thrown out like a branch and wither."

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