

WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



April 23, 2023

3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

They set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" - Lk 24:33-34



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

EUCARISTIC 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.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

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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If you are interested in participating in any of these ministries, please visit the website for Ministry Coordinator information.

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From the Pastor's Desk

Understanding = Strength. Many years ago, the poet Carolyn Joyce Carty offered this reflection:

One night a man had a dream. He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the LORD. Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. For each scene he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand: one belonging to him, and the other to the LORD. When the last scene of his life flashed before him, he looked back at the footprints in the sand. He noticed that many times along the path of his life there was only one set of footprints. He also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in his life. This really bothered him and he — questioned the LORD about it:

"LORD, you said that once I decided to follow you, you'd walk with me all the way. But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why when I needed you most you would leave me."

The LORD replied:

"My son, my precious child, I love you and I would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you."

When events do not unfold the way we think they should, you and I experience disappointment. Our level of disappointment depends on the importance of what we put our hopes in. Hoping I win the lottery and then I don't is not nearly as disappointing as finding out my best friend has betrayed me. Often times disappointment quickly turns into self-pity.

The disciples we hear about in today's gospel are leaving town in a cloud of disappointment. They feel betrayed. The Jesus they followed turned out to be no one special. To make matters worse, they killed Him like a common thief, hanging Him on a cross. Their great disappointment is manifest in their feeling of self-pity. So deep is their feeling that they do not even recognize the Lord when He begins to walk with them. They tell Him "their story" and He tells them "God's story," and still they do not see, though they are intrigued.

You might say that at that moment, the three sets of footprints turned into one set, as Jesus carried both of these disciples to the place where they were going. But, Jesus wanted them to walk on their own once again, so to strengthen their limbs of faith, He opens up the meaning of the Scriptures to them. In the Scriptures, He shows them why things had to be the way they had unfolded. The Scriptures still hold the key to faith, to understanding and to the strength you seek to live your daily life faithful to God's Will.

Jesus, after He sits them down at the table in that little village of Emmaus, He feeds them. Then their eyes are opened and their strength returns; so much so, that they immediately leave the table after Jesus vanishes and run back to Jerusalem to share the Good News.

The Scriptures set the stage for a revealing Thanksgiving (Eucharist), as Jesus gives thanks over the bread and this leads the two disciples to have a truly fruitful reception of the Body of Christ, the Eucharist. The same is true for you and me. Increasing our desire to understand the Scriptures will only lead us to a deeper union with Christ.

St. Jerome (+430), who was the first to translate the Scriptures from ancient Hebrew and Greek into Latin (the common language of the day) rightly observed: "*Ignorance of the scriptures is ignorance of Christ!*" Ignorance of Christ reduces religion into magic and superstition tossed about by one's feelings and selfish desires.

This is why being present for the Scripture readings at Mass is required to be ready to celebrate the Eucharist and receive Holy Communion.

This is why we offer here at St. Michael's, Scripture Studies thought the year. We don't need to memorize Bible passages but we do need to read the Scriptures and study them in a Catholic spirit.

Like in the poem, Jesus carries us often but He really wants us to walk with Him, and to strengthen us to do so, we must be willing to read about Him in the New Testament and to read those who spoke about Him even before He came, in the flesh, in the Old Testament.

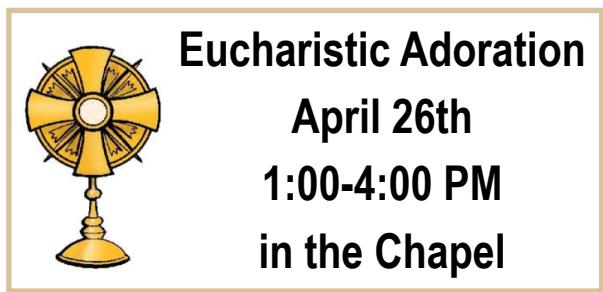


Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

THINKING OF BECOMING CATHOLIC?

ARE YOU CATHOLIC IN NEED OF COMMUNION OR CONFIRMATION?

A process for those who are 8 years of age through adulthood. The person may be baptized in another faith tradition, non-baptized, or only baptized in the Catholic faith. For more information about this process, please call Kimberley at 219-322-3077.



**Eucharistic Adoration
April 26th
1:00-4:00 PM
in the Chapel**



Thank you to all you helped decorate St. Patrick Hall and the Church for Holy Week and Easter. Many hands make for light work. And thank you to all you donated to the Easter Flowers fund. These funds help keep our Church looking beautiful throughout the year.



Thank you, Sr. Deanna, for preparing us for a wonderful night of Divine Mercy and Adoration. And thank you, Deacon Gary for Eucharistic Adoration. It was a beautiful night with our Lord and we finished the night with some fun.

SPRING into Some FUN & FAITH as You Participate with Radiate!

All high schoolers are welcome to join us. We will see 8th graders on May 12th at our Sand Volleyball Night (see below for details). Radiate is a place where you can be yourself, feel supported and meet Jesus on a personal level.

Upcoming Events:

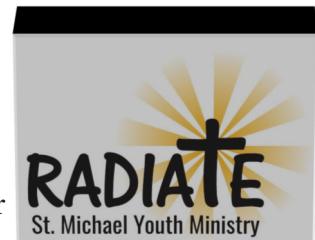
April 30th: "DINNER & DISCUSSION NIGHT with PARENTS!" We will serve dinner and discuss the upcoming National Catholic Youth Conference and have fun with a few games! PARENTS & TEENS are both invited this night, 6:00-8:00 PM in St. Patrick Hall

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.

KEEP INFORMED BY JOINING OUR RADIATE TEXTS:
Send text to: 81010 and then text this message: @Radiate

submitted by Jeannine Quigley



SMS & FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Michelle Wacnik, Principal

Kimberley Hoogeveen, DRE

WARRIOR OF THE WEEK



My name is Miriah Rosario. I have been going to SMS since second grade. Next year, I will be attending Andrean High School. Inside of school, I played volleyball. In 7th grade, I ran track for CYO. I plan on playing volleyball in High School, too. My favorite thing about SMS is how everyone here is like a family. We all get along and always help each other out. It's nice to know that the people at my school are there for me, and I'm glad that I can be there for them. Over the years, I've made so many memories here. My favorite would probably be the Fall Dance in seventh grade. I had a really good time and it was definitely my favorite dance of the year. The most important thing I learned at SMS is to value your friendships. It is so important to let your friends know you care about them. I always try my hardest to keep my friendships with people because losing a close friend is one of the worst feelings I've ever felt. What I will miss the most about SMS are the teachers who've helped me learn so many valuable things. I am most thankful for the friendships I've made at SMS. Laughing and talking with my friends is one of my favorite things about school. Some advice that I have for the younger kids is to always treat people how you want to be treated. Even if you're having a bad day or don't feel like it, it's worth it.

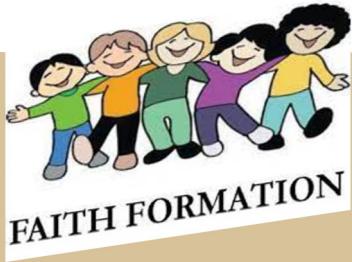
Adult Confirmation Classes

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 Hoogeveen at khoogeveen@stmichaelparish.life or call 219-322-3077.



Tuesday night's 2nd grade FF classes sharing their talents to honor Jesus.

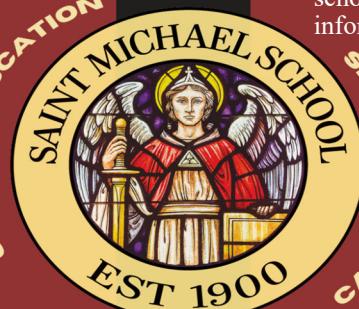


Registration is open for all returning and new students.

Please call the Faith Formation office at 219-322-3077 or email khoogeveen@stmichaelparish.life for more information.

REGISTRATION IS

Please call the school for more information



OPEN!
A SCHOOL YOU CAN *Believe IN!*

Welcome the Newly Baptized

Ryan Blair

For Those Who Have Died...

Brenda Pammer

Life has changed, not ended



LIFE IS PRECIOUS; HANDLE WITH PRAYER

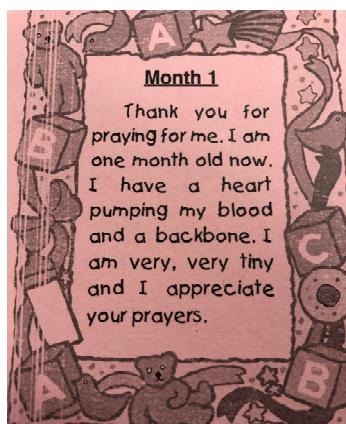
Maureen Bartok, Jackie Rebraca, Violet Malone, **Kay Parker**, Jim Morehouse, Kimberly Haddad, **Barbara Przyblyski**, **Cathy Rose** and all those in need of the healing touch of God.

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 the weekends of April 29th/30th and May 6th/7th. For \$2.00, you not only get a beautiful card to present to the women and men in your life, but 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 also for the 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 10th to have them added to the Mass list for Mother's Day.*



Spiritual Adoption Program

Please remember to pray daily for you Spiritual Adopted baby and baby's mother and father. During your earthly life, this spiritually adopted child of yours will be known only to God but in the world to come it is hoped you will meet the child whose life was spared by your prayers and spend eternal happiness with them.

"Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion."

Prayer of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

Rebuilding Hope Mission Team Needs Your Help



SHADY OAKS CAMP

April 22nd
8:00 AM-3:00 PM

Please contact Jim Koeling at jkoeling@sbcglobal.net,
or Mike Macki at mike_macki@sbcglobal.net or the
St. Michael Parish Office at 219-322-4505, if you have
questions.
submitted by Jim Koeling



ST. MICHAEL PARISH Schererville, Indiana



THE GOOD SAMARITANS



SERVING THE SCHERERVILLE COMMUNITY...
FOR GROCERIES OR UTILITY/ RENT ASSISTANCE,
PLEASE CALL



219-322-4505 EXT. 8250

An Afternoon of Fun



Easter
Egg
Hunt
2023

Wheelchair Ramp Ministry Helping Molley Landham's Foundation

Last week St. Michael's Wheelchair Ramp Ministry installed an outdoor wheelchair elevator for the Molley Lanham Foundation in Hobart, across from St. Mary's Hospital.

Molley was murdered in 2019 and her family has created the Foundation in Molley's name to provide a healing space for those suffering from homicide loss.

For more information;
<https://m.facebook.com/TheMolleyLanhamFoundation/>

Molley's parents are St. Michael's parishioners.

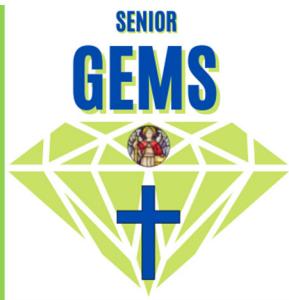
If you would like to participate in this ministry in any way, please contact the St. Michael's parish office at 219-322-4505.

If you know anyone who may need our Assistance, have them contact Catholic Charities at outreach@catholic-charities.org or call 219-886-3549, ask for Jessa Conn.



Submitted by Jim Koeling

April 25th



10:00 AM

SE Meeting Room of St. Patrick Hall

For all those 50+

Upcoming Events:

July 19th Harbor Cruise on Lake Michigan

11:45 AM-1:15 PM

\$25 per person paid day of cruise

Carpool to the event

August 22nd Starved Rock

\$117 per person which includes show, lunch and bus

Non-refundable

Reservations will start May 1st

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CELEBRATES SANTACRUZAN 2023

Date:

May 7, 2023

Place:

Saint Michael
Church
Schererville, IN
46375



Time:

1:30 PM-5:00PM

Contact Person:

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Evelyn Banzon 219-629-9464

Perla Garcia 219-308-1170

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Please, bring a dish to share





*Virtual Chair
Yoga
for All*

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

Every Friday in May at 10:00am CST via Zoom
Zoom link can be found on the events calendar of our website!
FEE: Goodwill donation to St. Michael Parish
To register, email: g.inspires1@gmail.com / 773-289-6611

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




STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

March 12, 2023

Adult	\$17,732.00
Children	\$14.00
EFTs	\$2,740.00
Loose	\$523.00
Total Weekly Offering	\$21,009.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Stewardship in Action

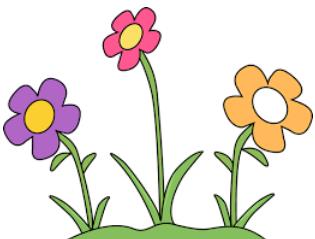
As you look in other's eyes this week, see how they are Jesus working in your life

submitted by Conchita Bryner

St. Michael Gardener's Flower Sale is Back

The Gardening Ministry is sponsoring a Flower Sale with all proceeds to benefit St. Michael Parish. A variety of flowering baskets and flats are available. Order forms are available in the Gathering Space or online. Deadline to order is

May 7th. Pickup is May 13th, 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM, at the rectory garage. Payment by cash or check is due at time of pick up.



Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY APRIL 23

RCIA 9:30 AM

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

MONDAY APRIL 24

Emotions Anonymous 6:00 PM

TUESDAY APRIL 25

Senior GEMS 10:00 AM

Faith Formation Traditional Classes 6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY APRIL 26

Eucharistic Adoration 1:00-4:00 PM

Baptismal Prep 6:00 PM

Faith Formation Traditional Classes 6:00 PM

THURSDAY APRIL 27

Choir Practice 7:00 PM

First Communion Practice 7:00 PM

SATURDAY APRIL 29

Confessions 3:30-4:30 PM

Mother's Day/Father's Day Card Sales After Vigil Mass

SUNDAY APRIL 30

Mother's Day/Father's Day Card Sales After All Masses

RCIA 9:30 AM

Radiate 6:00 PM

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.

SANGRIA & SPRING

Join us for an evening of fun and food! It's the Franciscan Sisters' biggest raffle yet with \$6300 in prizes and a grand prize of \$3000. We will have 16 reverse raffle winners and Spring surprises! Doors open at 5:30 PM on **May 6th** at St. Francis Woods, 9201 W St Francis Rd, Frankfort, IL with dinner served and the raffle to follow. Reservations at fssh.net.

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.

MATINEE WITH SISTER-NEIGHBOR CHAT

The Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart invite you to a Matinee and Sister-Neighbor Chat about Pope Francis' Laudato Si movie, "The Letter" on **May 21st, 3:00-4:30 PM** at St. Francis Woods, 9201 W. St. Francis Road, Frankfort, IL. Register by May 15th at fssh.net. Come for the event, stay for a stroll on the grounds!

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.

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 nwicyo.org. For more information, call the CYO office at 219-736-8931 or email nwicyo@comcast.net.



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY APRIL 22

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

MONDAY APRIL 24

7:00 AM All Souls

TUESDAY APRIL 25

7:00 AM All Souls

WEDNESDAY APRIL 26

7:00 AM All Souls

8:55 AM All Souls

THURSDAY APRIL 27

7:00 AM ♣Tony Fus

FRIDAY APRIL 28

7:00 AM ♣Art Schweitzer

SATURDAY APRIL 29

8:00 AM ♣Joseph Zaborske

5:00 PM ♣Joseph Heintz

SUNDAY APRIL 30 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

7:30 AM St. Michael Parish

♣Joseph Patrick Logue

♣James Henk

♣Gerald Verdeyen

♣Andrew Figueroa

♦indicates deceased



THE WORD

(Readings for April 30, 2023, Fourth Sunday of Easter)

reflections

- I. *Acts of the Apostles*
2:14a, 36-41

Peter proclaimed that only in the name of Jesus Christ are sins forgiven and the Holy Spirit received.

- II. *1 Peter 2:20b-25*

Jesus suffered for the sins of all people and by His death on the cross, all can live in with God's will. People who strayed like sheep "have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls."

- III. *John 10:1-10*

Jesus said, "I am the gate for the sheep." He declared that whoever enters through Him will be saved because He came that others may have life and have the fullness of life.

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