



#### SATURDAY LITURGY

Vigil: 5:00 PM

#### **SUNDAY LITURGY**

7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 AM LIVESTREAM 9:30 AM MASS

#### 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

**Back to the same old – same old?** The Gospel relates to us the story of how Peter, James and John and a few others return to their former occupation as fishermen. Their returning to this past profession reminds us of when Jesus first found them fishing three years earlier. Peter wasn't so successful then, "catching nothing" and he and the others weren't being successful now. Both times Jesus points them in the right direction. The first time Peter tells Jesus to leave him for he is "a sinful man." The second time Peter leaps into the water to greet Jesus.

Now this is the third time, Jesus is recorded in John's Gospel as appearing to the disciples. The first time, He extends His peace, His merciful forgiveness; the second time He challenges Thomas for His unbelief and, in a sense, the other disciples for their inability to convince Thomas about the Lord's resurrection. Now all is set for them to live in this new reality, this new life they have been promised. But no, they return to their former occupation as if to say that all these events still did not impress upon them the need for them to be messengers of this "good news."

In this third visitation, Jesus makes it clear to Peter and to us that knowing and enjoying the benefits of our being forgiven and saved cannot be put under a bushel basket. Jesus asks: "Do you love me?" Peter answers all too quickly, "I do." Jesus then puts a condition on Peter's answer, "then feed my lambs." Jesus' poetic language calls Peter and the other disciples to care for people, all sorts of people. Remember Jesus says earlier that He has many sheep in other folds. Three times Jesus asks Peter - the disciples, "Do you love me?" Each reply of "I do," is followed by the condition that their love be made real by caring for the sheep.

Jesus asks us the same question, "Do you love me?" When we answer "I do" He charges us, like Peter and the other disciples, to feed the sheep and care for the lambs. Indeed, our love we profess for Jesus is only real when it is put into action. If you say you love someone, then you do as they ask. He has called us out of darkness into a NEW life; are we ready to act out of the newness we have been given?

Some people might consider their response to Jesus' question to be mainly a "private" one. Some might reason that because of scandal or disagreement about one or the other precepts of the Church that they will not participate in the Church's mission. But Peter is not given that luxury, and neither are we. Though Peter's response is borne from his heart, it commits him to action on behalf of Jesus, not just belief but acting on his belief and love. Love is not real unless it is supported by concrete action. Our concrete action is borne out in our sharing of out treasure and time and talent to feed Jesus' many sheep.

Why must it be done in this way? Because, the world will never know the presence of Christ except through the action of His Body, the Church. This action, which the world must see for its salvation, is both sacramental and charitable; one without the other handicaps the full presence of Christ not just for the world but for the people of God as well.

You and I are called to Christ's work both "in season and out of season." There have been and will always be forces that seek to dissuade us from being who we are intended to be for the world so that darkness can overcome light.

The Catholic Services Appeal is an important and concrete way that we act upon our love for Christ. A BIG THANK YOU to all those who have supported the CSA each year. As you know, much of what the CSA provides for are ministries that we as a parish cannot do on our own. Helping to support the many Religious Sisters that taught us in school or cared for us in the hospital is one goal of the CSA. Providing for the education of new priests is another goal. Giving support to our youth in growing their experience of Church and their faith is still a further aim of CSA. I request the help of everyone to reach our CSA goal. The few cannot bear the full burden. If you and I answer "I do" to Jesus' question, "Do you love me?" it is only logical that we show support for the work of His Church.

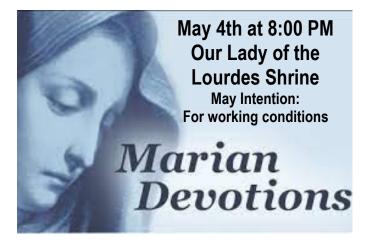
*First Communions.* Please remember in the kindness of your prayers our young people who will be coming to the Lord's Table for the first time, receiving Holy Communion. They will be joining us for their First Communion next Sunday, May 11th at the 9:30 and 11:30 AM Masses.



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#### EUCHARISTIC ADORATION MAY 7TH 1:00-4:00 PM IN THE CHAPEL





#### "Radiate" with St. Michael's High School Youth Ministry! All High School Teens Welcome! 8th Graders are WELCOME to join us!!!!

May 18th: GAMING NIGHT & BOARD GAMES. Try to beat Fr. Robert in Super Smash Brothers, 6:00-8:00 PM in St. Patrick Hall

**June 1st:** RADIANCE SOCIETY MASS, 9:30 AM Recipients and family invited to a reception serving light refreshments after Mass.

**June 6th:** END OF YEAR PICNIC, 5:00-7:00 PM on church grounds

Any questions? Please contact Mrs. Jeannine Quigley 219-775-5356 or Mrs. Marisa Richardson 219-730-4735.

Keep updated with our Radiate Texts by joining our messaging: Send text message to 81010 Then text this message to: @strad submitted by Jeannine Quigley

## SMS & FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Michelle Biscan, Principal

Kimberley Hoogeveen, DRE

#### **Congratulations to the Confirmandi Class of 2025**

May the Lord's blessings, His joys and His grace be yours and fill your heart with peace.

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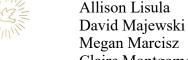




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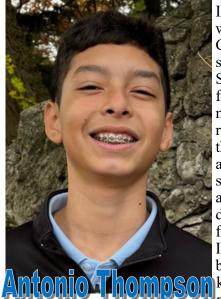


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# SMS & FAITH FORMATION NEWS continued WARRIOR OF THE WEEK



I started attending SMS in 2nd grade, when I was 8 years old. I am not sure where I am attending high school. My main options are Marian, Andrean and Crown Point High School. Some activities I like to do are club soccer, school soccer, and school basketball. I have been playing soccer since I was 4 or 5. Something that makes SMS special is the way I can express my religion freely. I am taught religion and how to live my life better. Another thing that makes SMS special is the uniforms. Not every school uses uniforms. The reason we have uniforms is because, when people meet new people, the first thing they see is their appearance, such as clothes, hair, and shoes. Since we all wear the same clothes, it eliminates an awkward experience for new students. My advice to younger students is to do your homework the day it is assigned, and do not leave anything last minute. Also, be organized so you do not forget anything. SMS has helped me become closer to God, make new friends, and grow in my faith. Since I was not at SMS since preschool, nor did I know anyone, I had to make new friends. It was not hard to make friends because everyone was nice. Ever since I joined, I have been closer to God. I know the story of Jesus and have made most of my sacraments. Whenever I need guidance, I pray to God. If I need anything or have something I want

Him to help me with, I pray. SMS helped me grow my faith in God.





What a phenomenal job the 8th graders did with the Living Stations. All their hard work and effort truly paid off.



The Faith Formation families ended their year together by celebrating with a Mass! Thank you to all our families and students and a special thank you to our catechists, who share their love and passion of our faith! God bless and have a great summer!

#### PREPARING FOR ADULT CONFIRMATION

If you are an adult baptized Catholic, and have received First Communion and Reconciliation, but have not been confirmed, then these classes are for you. Both classes must be attended. Classes are **May 7th and 14th**, 6:00-8:00 PM in the SW room of St. Patrick Hall. Please contact Kimberley Hoogeveen at 219-322-3077 to register.

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#### For Those Who Have Died...

Andrew Panega

Life has changed, not ended

#### Welcome the Newly Baptized

Madelyn Michele Copenhaver Peter Clark Spelde



LIFE IS PRECIOUS; HANDLE WITH PRAYER

Alyssa Barnhart, Stephen Dravet, Gerry Scheub, Karen DeZarn, Kenneth Nitz, Kay Parker, Paul & Carrie Hudetz, Emily Watroba, Susan Wallace, Kristen Waterbury 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.

#### **Last Chance For Mother's Day Mass Cards**

The Respect Life Ministry will be selling Mother's Day and Father's Day Mass cards after all Masses this weekend. We will be back in June to sell Father's Day cards. For \$2.00 not only do you get a beautiful card to present to the women and men in your life, but their names will be entered into our Mass book and prayed for at Mass for a year. Masses 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. For those who miss us after Mass: 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 8th to have them added to the Mass list for Mother's Day.





May 9th 8:00 AM in St. Patrick Hall **Cost: \$5** Please call Ursula at 219-741-3276 to register.



**Meeting** May 6th 10:00 AM in St. Patrick Hall

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#### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MAY 2025 MONTHLY CHALLENGE**

He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" (Gospel for May 4, Jn 21:17a) When following the Resurrection, Jesus revealed Himself to His disciples at the Sea of Tiberias. Why did He ask Peter three times whether he loved Him? It has often been seen as a penance for Peter's earlier threefold denial of Christ. But perhaps, there's something more...possibly Jesus was pushing Peter to reflect more deeply on what it means to love Him. Sometimes we speak the words "I love you" by rote, without truly understanding their meaning. May we always be mindful of what it means to love someone truly and to love as Christ taught us.

#### Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to identify one way you can demonstrate true love of God and neighbor. Then pray about how to concretely undertake that sacrificial act of love, and put it into action.

#### **Questions for Reflection:**

What does it mean for you to truly love Jesus? Do you know anyone — or is there a particular saint — who has shown you what true love looks like? What are some specific ways you can grow in your ability to truly love?









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The St. Michael 125th Anniversary Committee would like to invite everyone to contribute their special photos helping us showcase the rich history of our school community throughout the past 125 years. From Communion celebrations and dedicated teachers to school events, sports teams, and everything in between. We want to highlight the moments that have shaped St. Michael School. Please join us in reliving these cherished memories.



Upload Photos Here

### Thank You!





New Member Registration May 18th After the 7:30 and 9:30 AM Masses



### Italy & Amalfi Jubilee Pilgrimage

12 days: 7 cities December 1 - 12, 2025

Hosted by Fr. Marty and Fr. Peter interested? email: frmartyd@stmichaelparish.life



### SCHERERVILLE PARADE • JUNE 7TH

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Register Here

St. Michael School 125th Anniversary Committee is excited to announce the start of our 125th Anniversary Celebration! To kick off this special milestone, we're participating in Schererville's Town Parade on June 7th, and we would love for you to join us. We want to make it extra special by inviting all current students and alums to walk alongside the float. Scan the QR code to register. Questions please email Megan Barry Marco at meganbarry517@gmail.com

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CATHOLIC We invite you to join us in this year's CSA with the SERVICES call to be Missionaries of the Eucharist. Our appeal goes beyond a request for support-it is a mission to walk together in faith,

heart-to-heart, and to spread the transformative love of Christ through our diocesan ministries. Through your participation, you embrace the journey to encounter Christ in the Church and in each other, making a profound impact on the lives of countless Catholics in Northwest Indiana. CSA is the primary source of funding to support diocesanwide ministries in 59 parishes, 20 schools and numerous outreach agencies. Our goal is \$123,108.64. Once that goal is reached, the monies come back to our parish. Please be as generous as you are able.

Thank you to all the parishioners who graciously donated appetizers, fruits, desserts, meats and your time to make our Easter Vigil reception so very successful! This reception celebrated our Catechumens that evening. We thank you for your continued kindness & generosity!

Please be aware that the south doors to St. Patrick Hall will not be in use for a few weeks due to the drapery hanging over the doors.

## **S** ewardship in Action

Deepen your relationship with Mary, Mother of God, she loves you so. Attend Marian Devotions with a friend.

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### Sched

GS-Gathering Space

SPH-St. Patrick Hall

#### SUNDAY MAY 4

Mother's Day Card Sales After All Masses, GS OCIA 9:30 AM

Vietnamese Confessions 4:30 PM, Chapel

Vietnamese Mass 6:00 PM, Church

Vietnamese Reception After Mass, SPH

Marian Devotions 8:00 PM, Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine

#### MONDAY MAY 5

Liturgy Committee Meeting 7:00 PM, SE Room

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

#### TUESDAY MAY 6

Labors of Love 10:00 AM, SPH Good Samaritans 6:30 PM, SE Room Lectio Divine Prayer Group 7:00 PM, SPH

#### WEDNESDAY MAY 7

Eucharistic Adoration 1:00-4:00 PM, Chapel Adult Confirmation Classes 6:00 PM, SW Room

#### THURSDAY MAY 8

Baptismal Prep 6:00 PM, SW Room Choir Practice 7:00 PM, SPH First Holy Communion Practice 7:00 PM, Church

#### FRIDAY MAY 9

Chair Yoga 8:00 AM, SPH Respect Life 1:30 PM, SPH Bells Practice 6:00 PM, Church

#### **SATURDAY MAY 10**

Altar Server Training 12:30 PM, Church Confessions 3:30-4:30 PM, Chapel 2nd Collection-Haiti

#### SUNDAY MAY 11

2nd Collection-Haiti

First Holy Communion 9:30 & 11:30 AM Masses, Church OCIA 9:30 AM

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### **Diocesan Life Information**

#### MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

The Annual Mass of Remembrance will be on May 4th, 3:00 PM, at St. Patrick Church, 638 N. Calumet Rd., Chesterton. This is the Mass for families of those who have had a miscarriage, stillbirth or infant loss. To include your child's (children's) name in the Litany of Remembrance and to reserve a free candle for the Candle Lighting Ceremony, please RSVP before April 25th at www.dcgary.org/events. For more information contact rkouris@dcgary.org or call 219-769-9292 x 88259.

#### HIGH SCHOOL "DAY WITH SISTERS"

Join the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration on **May 10th**, 10:00 AM-7:30 PM, EST for a high school "Day with Sisters." This is an opportunity for high school girls to encounter Sisters, spend time in prayer and Adoration, and learn about religious life. For more information. please visit ssfpa.org/day-with-sisters

#### **BLUE MASS**

In honor of all current and retired Armed Services. EMT's, Firefighters, Police and Security Service men and women who serve and protect our communities, the Diocese of Gary invites you to a Blue Mass that will be held at St. James the Less, 9640 Kennedy Ave., Highland, on May 10th at 11:00 AM. BBQ reception to follow in the parish hall. Please register at dcgary,org/2025bluemass.

#### \*RUMMAGE SALE



St. James the Less Spring Rummage Sale will take place May 15th, 9:00 AM-7:00 PM and **nmage May 16th**, 10:00 AM-5:00 PM. St. James is located at 9640

Kennedy Ave, Highland. Drop off days are May 12th-14th, 9:00 AM-6:00 PM.

#### \*HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

Fr. Nate Edguist will preside over the Holy Hour for Vocations on May 20th, 6:00-7:00 PM, at Queen of All Saints, 1719 E. Barker Ave, Michigan City. Come pray with us!

#### **CLASS REUNION & GOLF OUTING**

Andrean's Class of 1975 is having their 50th class reunion, July 18th-20th. Andrean's Golf Classic is July 18th at White Hawk Country Club, Crown Point. Visit Andreanhs.org/support/2025golfclassis.ofm

#### \*MEMORIAL DAY MASS



Everyone is invited to St. John/ St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery's Annual Outdoor Memorial Day Mass on May 26th at 10:30 AM. The Mass will take place off 169th St. in the New Ten Acres,

Hammond. A tent and chairs will be provided and the celebrant will be Bishop Robert McClory, For more information, please call 219-844-9475.

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#### \*BNI CLASS OF 1965 REUNION



Bishop Noll Class of 1965's 60th Reunion will take place on June 27th and 28th.

June 27th: Danny Z's House of Pizza, 1864 45th Ave., Munster, 6:00-10:00 PM.

**June 28th:** Andorra Banquets, 1112 US Highway 41, Schererville, 6:00 PM-cash bar, 7:00 PM-dinner. Cost: \$40. RSVP to Cheryl Lorance cheryllorance@sbcglobal.net or 219-798-6700.

#### COLLARS VS SCHOLARS CLASSIC

On June 27th, 5:00-7:00 PM, at Andrean High School, the Collars vs. Scholars Baseball Classic will take place. Come watch the priests play against the seminarians.



#### SAVE THE DATE

Black Tie/White Collar Gala hosted by the Diocese of Gary Vocations Office will be September 19th at the Avalon Manor Banquet Center in Merrillville.





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5:00 PM	♥Kyle Arnold
SUNDAY	MAY 4 3RD SUNDAY OF
7:30 AM 9:30 AM 11:30 AM	Paulina Rodriguez St. Michael Parish  †Arthur Cueller  †Dolores Wright Gladys D'Mello
MONDAY 7:00 AM	MAY 5  PDavid Sarros
TUESDAY	MAY 6
7:00 AM	†Deceased Souls in Congregation of Mother of Carmel
WEDNESDAY	MAY 7
7:00 AM 8:55 AM	Paul & Carrie Hudetz  †Victoria Klekot

THURSDAY	MAY 8
7:00 AM	†Deacon Jack Krol
	♦Jon Drabik-15 yr anniversary
	♦ Jocelyn Burgess
FRIDAY	MAY 9
7:00 AM	Bernard Rohrman
SATURDAY	MAY 10
8:00 AM	♦Souls in Purgatory
5:00 PM	♦JoAnn Brennan
	For the First Holy Communicants
SUNDAY	MAY 11 MOTHER'S DAY
7:30 AM	All Mothers
9:30 AM	All Mothers
11:30 AM	All Mothers

**†**indicates deceased



#### THE WORD

(Readings for May 11, 2025, The Fourth Sunday of Easter)

Acts of the Apostles 13:14, 43-52

Paul and Barnabas traveled to Antioch where they entered the synagogue to teach. Some Jews became their followers while others expelled them from the town. "So they shook the dust from their feet" and went on to Iconium.

The author of Revelation had a vision of a large crowd of people from every nation and race, dressed in white robes and holding palms branches, standing before the Lamb.

"My sheep hear my voice; I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life...No one can take them out of my hand. My Father...is greater than all...The Father and I are one."

III. John 10:27-30

II. Revelation 7:9, 14b-17

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