WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

6th SUNDAY OF EASTER

"It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another." - Jn 15:16-17



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.

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

The Center of All Things. Human beings have the great capacity to be able to look beyond their own circumstances, to see beyond their own interests to help others. But, in order for human beings, like you and me, to exercise this empathetic capacity, we must battle the demon of self-interest. Self-interest is the innate desire to see the world only as it relates to me, to define what is good only as I see it to be good. It is the habit of "belly-button gazing."

If we indulge this primal survival instinct, it leads to selfishness and the inability to accept God's love for us. Yes, we cannot accept God's love if we are the center of the universe. The fact is that God is the center of all things, the Alpha and the Omega. Putting God in the center of my life opens me up to His great love.

St. John tells us in his letter that love is defined not by what we give, but by what is given to us. He says: *"In this is love: Not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as expiation for our sins."* In other words, my relationship with God does not revolve around me, but rather revolves around God. The bond with God was broken by our first parents, Adam and Eve. It was God, through His Son, born of the new Eve, Mary, who reached out to us, the human race, and healed the fracture that separated us from God and thus from life eternal. This is the "expiation" John refers to in the statement above.

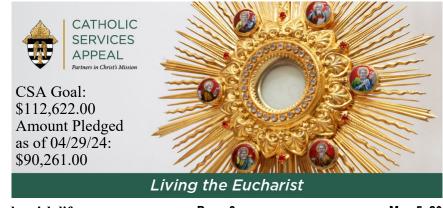
True realization of this reality leads one into a crisis. Not a panic, but a crisis – a doorway or threshold – through which you and I must travel to arrive at a new understanding of who we are in this universe. Not to be confronted by this wake-up call to reality is to remain like an infant who sees reality only as it relates to him or her.

Not only did God love us first, but He did so in our terrible brokenness, our sin. God reached out and acted upon us His love. Our reaction is just that, a reaction! Our response cannot gain for you or me more love, since God's love is not measured. Our reaction to God's love can only enable us to reach out to others, in their brokenness, as God reached out to you and me.

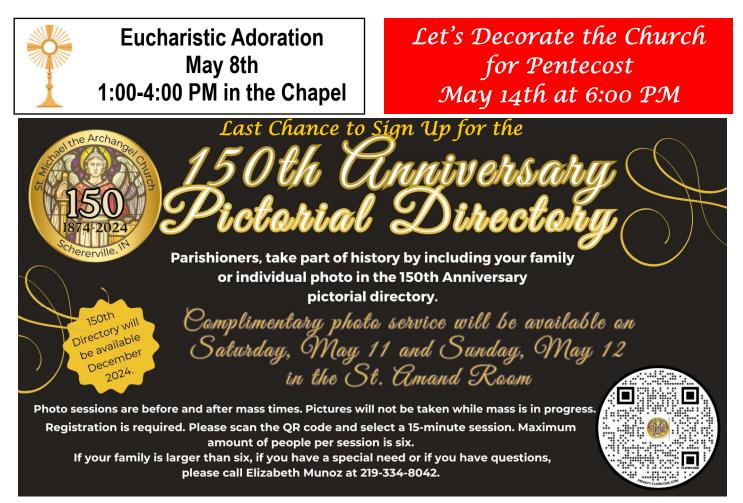
God's first loving of us can only be adequately responded to by doing to others what God has done for us. That is why the Church is the Sacrament of Christ to the world. You and I, the baptized, the Church, are the Sacrament (the revelation) of Christ to the world. We can only do this very mature thing by realizing that God's love does not revolve around me only, but that it revolves around the universe of which I am and you are a necessary and significant part. So necessary are we, that the love of God, given in Jesus, cannot be known adequately without you and I making it known. This love is bestowed on us for the good of all.

We have work to do, no different than the work of St. Peter who, when he realized how God loved him first even in his denial, found the only response was to pass that love on to others so they could see, in the flesh, not simply Peter but Christ.

CSA Update: I am thankful to those who have made their pledge to this year's Catholic Services Appeal. Thus far, we are 3/4 of a way to our goal of \$112,622. Please remember the Lord's generosity to you and your family as you make a thankful return to the Lord in your CSA pledge.



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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....

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

May 5th: REGION ALE FUNDRAISER for RADIATE! —— THANK YOU, REGION ALE, for your generosity! And THANK YOU to all who support St Michael's and Radiate! May 19th: VOLLEYBALL & GAME NIGHT, 6:00-8:00 PM in SMS Gym.

May 31st: Annual Picnic with SUNSET & ROSARY, 5:00-7:00 PM At Oakridge Prairie Park... Radiate-ers from our Past & Present, PLEASE JOIN US! 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. June 9th: RADIANCE SOCIETY AWARD Mass at 9:30 AM. Refreshments in St. Amand Room afterwards. Submitted by Jeannine Quigley



Sunday May 5th 11am-7pm

20% of All Food Purchases Donated to Radiate Youth Ministry

Use Code **Radiate** to Order Food On-Line for Carry-Out at **regionaletaphouse.com** Region Ale – 1080 US Hwy 41, Schererville 219-322-2337

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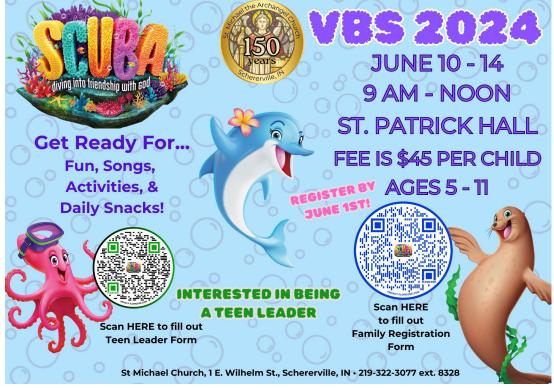
Registration for SMS 2024/25 school year is open for current and new students. Please call the school at 219-322-4531 for more information.

WARRIOR OF THE WEEK



I have been attending SMS since 6th grade. I plan to go to Andrean High School since it's 5 minutes away from my house and my sister will also be graduating from there this year. Some activities I've participated in are sand volleyball, cheer, basketball, Girl Scouts, cross country, altar serving, choir and volleyball, In high school, I wish to play volleyball. I hope to make new friends and memories at high school. Friends make SMS special. Ever since I joined this school, I've made many friends. They are the main reason why I enjoy going to school. I also enjoy going to school because of all the fun activities we get to do. We go on field trips, have dress down days, Warrior Day, pep rallies and more. My advice to younger students is to get your homework done as soon as you can, so you don't have a bunch of homework piled on top of each other. It gets very stressful when you have a lot of homework while you are in sports. Also you want to keep up your grades so you can play in sports. Next is

to be nice to everyone including teachers because if you're nice to someone then that person will be nice back and will like you more. SMS has helped me grow as a person by making me more mature and preparing me for the future. It has made me a better person by having the ability to make friends, social skills, knowing the difference between right and wrong and being more knowledgeable. I'm glad for all my friends I've made this year so far and I will cherish them forever.



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PREPARATION FOR ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES WILL BE HELD: May 8th & 15th, 6:00-8:00 PM



Must attend both classes

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 asses are for you. For more information and registration please contact Kimber



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.



Grade 2 celebrating the LOVE of Jesus and their last day together for this Faith Formation year!





Faith Formation 8th grade classes had the opportunity to listen to Fr. Robert share a presentation on "Spiritual Warfare." In addition, they submitted questions for him to answer.

First Holy

Communion

CONGRATULATIONS TO ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL AND FAITH FORMATION 2024 FIRST HOLY COMMUNICANTS May His Sacred Body and Blood Strengthen You on Your Journey through Life!

Manuel Alvarez Gonzalez J R Bettenhausen Dominic Bubala Joshua Cabrales-Ramirez **Charlotte Campos** Emilyn Cherry Abriana Cordova Nolan Duncan Maylani Edmond Adam Ehler Joshua Garcia Eli Garza Penelope Garza Eva Gonsiorowski Ella Hall Brynn Hession

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Lennon Williamson

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For Those Who Have Died...

Joseph Gonino

Life has changed, not ended



May 12th at 8:00 PM



Devotions

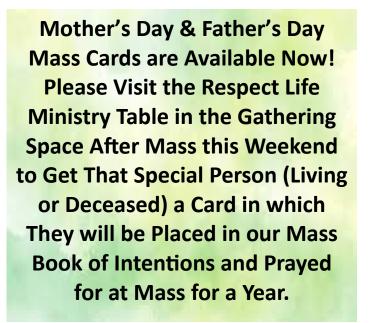
Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine

LIFE IS PRECIOUS; HANDLE WITH PRAYER

Special Prayers For Those In Need EN IN YOUS

Edward McBride, Mary Ann Adam, Pat Christenson, Sherry Lazzaro, Michael Pupa, Selma Szulczewski, James Niep, Eileen Goodwin, Alison Beckett, Kenneth Nitz, Betty Ann Bradtke, Deb Petersen, Phyllis Leyba 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.



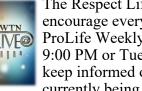
St. Michael Gardener's Flower Sale Today is the Last Day for Orders!

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 should be picked up May 11th, 9:00 AM-noon, at the rectory garage off of Anna St. Payment is due at time of pickup.



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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!





Meeting May 7th 10:00 AM in St. Patrick Hall

Blood Pressure, Glucose and Oxygen Level Screenings May 19th in the east coat room after the 5:00 PM. 7:30 AM and 9:30 AM Masses

STewardship in Action

Hold love and forgiveness in your heart for those who are not acting in loving or considerate ways. Do something nice for them. Submitted by Conchita Bryner



March 24, 2024

Adult Children **EFTs** Loose

\$13,760.00 \$76.00 \$5,030.00 \$1,097.00

Total Weekly Offering \$19,963.00

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.





New Member Registration May 19th after the 7:30 and 9:30 AM Masses

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.

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY MAY 5

Flower Orders Are Due Mother's Day Card Sales After All Masses, Gathering Space KofC Tootsie Roll Drive After All Masses, Gathering Space RCIA 9:30 AM Radiate Fundraiser at Region Ale 11:00 AM-7:00 PM Radiate 6:00 PM, St. Patrick Hall

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

MONDAY MAY 6 Emotions Anonymous 6:00 PM, SW Room

Liturgy Committee Meeting 7:00 PM, SE Room

TUESDAY MAY 7 Labors of Love 10:00 AM, St. Patrick Hall

WEDNESDAY MAY 8 Eucharistic Adoration 1:00-4:00 PM, Chapel Adult Confirmation Classes 6:00 PM, SE Room Good Samaritans Meeting 6:30 PM, SW Room

THURSDAY MAY9 Baptismal Prep 6:00 PM, SW Room Choir Practice 7:00 PM, Church

FRIDAY MAY 10 Respect Life Meeting 1:30 PM, SE Room

SATURDAY MAY 11 Confessions 3:30 PM, Chapel Family Photos by Appointment Only, St. Amand Room

SUNDAY MAY 12 Family Photos by Appointment Only, St. Amand Room RCIA 9:30 AM Marian Devotions 8:00 PM, Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine

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Please join the Diocese of Gary

Celebrating 25 Years



Most Rev. Robert J. McClory Ordination to the Priesthood

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Friday, May 10, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Holy Angels 640 Tyler St., Gary, IN



tinyurl.com/ 25thAnniversaryMass

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15TH ANNUAL POLISH BIKERS' PILGRIMAGE & BLESSING OF MOTORCYCLES

The 15th Annual Bikers' Pilgrimage and Blessing of Motorcycles will be held 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.

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

TUITION & FINANCIAL AID NIGHTS Andrean High School invites you to a Tuition and Financial Aid Information Night in the Andrean Library on **May 16th** or **June 4th**, 5:30-6:30 PM.

FCSLA ANNUAL SPRING LUNCHEON

First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association, Whiting Branch 81 members are invited to attend the annual spring luncheon on **May 19th** at 12:30 PM at the Croatian Hall, 8550 Taft St., Merrillville. Please RSVP: *you must phone Rebecca Coleman 219-801-6665 by May 11th*. Guests of members price: \$25.

*MEMORIAL DAY MASS

Everyone is invited to St. John/St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery's Annual Outdoor Memorial Day Mass on **May 27th** at 10:30 AM. The Mass will take place off of 169th Street in the New 10 Acres (Our address is 1547 - 167th Street, Hammond, IN). A tent and chairs will be provided, and the celebrant for this Mass will be Bishop Robert J. McClory. For more information, please call (219) 844-9475.

Diocesan Life Information ____

***THE POWER OF THE EUCHARIST**

All are invited to "The Power of the Eucharist" on **June 1st**, at St. Francis Woods, 9201 W. St. Francis Rd., Frankfort, IL. Fr. Ed Shea, OFM, will give a presentation at 2:30 PM, followed by Mass at 4:00 PM. No registration is required.

*DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

The Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass will be held on **June 2nd** at 11:00 AM at Holy Angels Cathedral in Gary, Bishop Robert J. McClory presiding. This Mass is for couples who have or will be celebrating a "5-year milestone" anniversary such as 5, 10, 15, etc. Families are welcome to attend. Lunch to follow the Mass. Registration required. Go to the events section of dcgary.org.

***FOOTBALL CAMP**

Andrean High School is hosting a Football Camp June 11th-12th & July 16th –17th, 12:00-1:30 PM for all 6th-8th graders. Cost is \$75 for the four day camp. The camp includes offense and defense all position camp, 7-on-7 flag football and an official camp t-shirt. Register at AndreanAthletics.com/ Registrations.

KIDS' SUMMER PROGRAMS

The Lake County Solid Waste Management District is having free summer programs in June and July for 1st-8th graders held at the Environmental Education Center. Please register at lcswmd.com.

CAMP LAWRENCE SUMMER FUN

Come join the fun at the CYO summer camps at Camp Lawrence. Open to ages 7-14. Open House is July 6th, 10:00 AM-2:00 PM. Camp weeks are: July 7th-13th: Red Carpet Week July 14th-20th: Carnival week July 21st-27th: Holiday Week Register at nwicyo.org or call the CYO office at 219-736-8931 for more information.

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SATURDAY	<u>MAY 4</u>	THURSDAY	MAY 9
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7:30 AM 9:30 AM	St. Michael Parish + Henry Lyza	7:00 AM SATURDAY	Ray & Sophie Pawlicki MAY 11
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	✤Mariana Chua Yu King	5:00 PM	Robert & Carol Keyl
11:30 AM	♥Harold Rich	SUNDAY	MAY 12 THE ASCENSION/
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7:00 AM	All Souls	7:30 AM 9:30 AM	All Mothers All Mothers
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	♥Jocelyn Burgess		
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7:00 AM	John Drabik-14th Anniversary		
8:55 AM	† Rev. Terrence McCarthy, Pastor		_
	Emeritus-50th Anniversary to the Priesthood		

THE WORD (Readings for May 12, 2024, The Ascension of the Lord)

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Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

I. Ephesians 1:17-23

OR

Ephesians 4:1-13

III. Mark 16:15-20

The apostles witness Jesus' ascension into heaven.

God has put all things under the feet of Christ, exalted as head of the church.

Paul urges his followers to live according to the calling they have received as believers. Grace is given to each as Christ desires.

Jesus exhorts the eleven to "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel" to all.

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