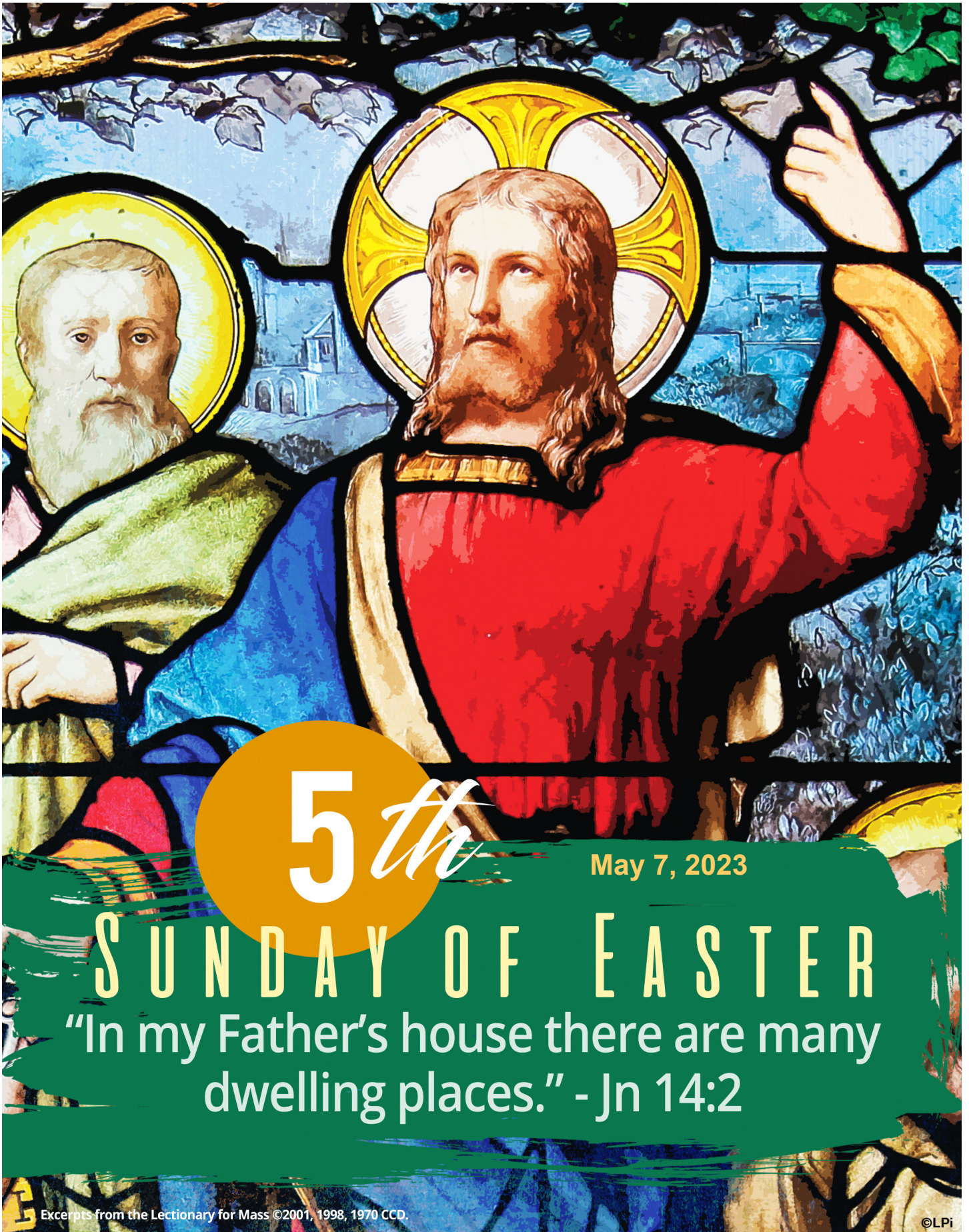


WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



5th

May 7, 2023

SUNDAY OF EASTER

"In my Father's house there are many dwelling places." - Jn 14:2



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.

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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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Growth. As we enter into the fullness of spring, we begin to see the early spring flowers give way to new growth; growth that will take us through the summer months. One can only marvel at the pattern of natural beauty God has given us for our delight. It is not hard to see that growth, which is a sign of life, at the heart of God's creation. Our God is a God of Life, growth and beauty, not a god of death, decay and crudeness. Even in the midst of winter, under the beauty of the snow, growth is happening. In this, we can realize that growth is the pattern God sets out for us, His Church, and each of us as members of His Church.

Growth, building up and the promise of new life, are what we hear in God's Word today. From the Acts of the Apostles, we hear "the number of the disciples continued to **grow**." From the first letter of St. Peter "...let yourselves be **built** into a spiritual home."



From John's Gospel, we hear "In my Father's house there are many dwelling places." The need for continued growth, which is borne out in deeper trust in God, this is what builds us into His people destined to dwell with Him in the end.

If your knowledge of God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit and His Church has not deepened since 8th grade or high school, you might be in jeopardy of not being built into God's temple. You see, as we grow so does our need to grow into a deeper knowledge of God and His Church; otherwise we adopt the views of those who are not concerned about growing in holiness, those who know little about the Way, the Truth and the Life.

The rest of society has moved on from Easter, a one-day affair for brunches and Easter egg hunts. However, one day does not cut it for God's faithful. Yet, 50 days can seem extreme especially if I haven't been growing in the Faith. It would be helpful to use this Easter time to evaluate one's progress on the Way, on understanding the Truth, and on honoring the Life God has given. Am I walking in the footsteps of Jesus? Do I follow the path He has laid out? Or, do I follow my own path? Do I continue to understand 'The Truth?' Do I read about the Faith? Do I spend time grappling with the Truth that Jesus (God) presents in the scriptures? Or, do I believe that everyone has their truth and there is no universal Truth? Do I reverence my life, by caring for myself? Do I reverence all life from the womb to natural death? Or, do I mix death with life, acting as judge, jury and executioner?

Easter is a time of joy, but joy and its beauty cannot be sustained if it is mixed with death, decay and crudeness. St. Paul urged us on Easter Sunday to get rid of the 'leaven of sin' so that we can be the sacred, unleavened, bread of Life. This leaven is what the world wants to interject into the pure joy God longs to share with you and me. A joy that triumphs over death, decay and crudeness. A joy that leads to growth in knowledge of God which builds us up into the very temple of God and prepares us for the place God has made ready for us in his house.

Please pray for our young people. Please remember in the kindness of your prayers our young people who will be coming to the Lord's Table for the first time, joining us in Holy Communion. They are joining us for the first time at Jesus' Banquet of Life this Sunday. Pray that they may evermore frequently come to the Altar of the Lord to be nourished and grow in love with our Lord Jesus.





**Eucharistic
Adoration
May 10th
1:00-4:00 PM
in the Chapel**

***Celebrate and Deepen Your
Relationship with Mary,
the Mother of God
Marian Devotions
Starting May 21st at
Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine***

***See next week's
bulletin for time
and future
dates and
times***



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.

We Are So Proud of You!



Congratulations to Grant Richardson & Andrew Gordon for being recipients of the Servant Leadership Award! They both have demonstrated qualities of servant leadership in their parish, school and community. The teens are awarded for staying active in their faith and parish since their Confirmation. (This awards program is presented by the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius)

Radiate is Ready for Spring!

All high schoolers are invited to join us!

Our upcoming events (confirmed 8th graders are included to be a part of Radiate)

May 12th: SAND VOLLEYBALL TOURNEY with St John's 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! Meet at the park, 6:00-8:00 PM.

June 2nd: End of Year Picnic on Church grounds. Potluck style picnic. Fun & Games Galore! 5:00-7:00 PM

Keep informed by joining our Radiate Texts: SEND TEXT TO **81010** and then TEXT THIS MESSAGE: **@Radiate**

Any questions? Call/text Jeannine Quigley (219) 775-5356 OR Marisa Richardson (219) 730-4735.



Submitted by Jeannine Quigley

SMS & FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Michelle Wacnik, Principal

Kimberley Hoogeveen, DRE

WARRIOR OF THE WEEK



My name is Sam Kain and I started attending SMS in 1st grade. When I graduate, I will attend Marian High School. At SMS, I participated in basketball, soccer, cross country and track. Outside of school, I usually just hang out with my friends. My favorite thing about SMS is that the teachers in the school are all very nice and understanding. I really enjoy talking to some teachers because they are very nice teachers. At SMS, I learned a lot of things. I learned a lot about God and religion. I learned how to be a good respectful student at SMS. I am very thankful to attend SMS because I really like this school. This school is where I grew up and I really enjoy attending SMS. I'm thankful for my friends that I have met here at SMS because they are my friends and I really like hanging out with them here. I am thankful for having good teachers who are very nice and really helpful. I will be kind of sad once I leave SMS this year.



A Note From Ms. Wacnik

I want to personally thank all of those who donated, volunteered and attended Passport! I want to especially highlight and thank the entire Passport to Our Heritage team for their time, incredible dedication and commitment to making this event a blast for all those who attended. Join me in thanking especially:

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SMS & FAITH FORMATION NEWS



VBS 2023

REGISTER BY JUNE 1ST!

SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER!

JUNE 12-16 ★ 9:00AM - 12:00PM

Adult Confirmation Classes



If you are a Baptized Catholic and have made the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist, but have not been confirmed, 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 219-322-3077 or khoogeveen@stmichaelparish.life.

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 this weekend. This is the last chance to purchase Mother's Day cards but we will be back in June for another chance to purchase Father's Day Mass Cards. 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.***

Submitted by Cathy Bartczak

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!



In October 2022, Labors of Love added rosary making to its ministry. New member, Marlene Lees proposed this, as it was a project close to her heart to bring the rosary back into people's lives. There are seven members who create the rosaries, both from beads and twine. Since its inclusion, over 1,000 rosaries have been handed out to individuals, hospitals, nursing homes, clergy, police, firemen and construction workers, Hospice, etc. Currently, members are working on a one decade white Rosary to be included in the gift package we provide for the newly baptized babies here at St. Michael. Our hope is that as they grow into the church, having a rosary from the beginning, will inspire them to continue to pray the rosary throughout life. If you are interested in this ministry, we meet in the church hall on the first and third

Tuesday of the month from 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM. Information may be found in our pamphlet in the rack in the church.



LIFE IS PRECIOUS; HANDLE WITH PRAYER

Kimberly Haddad, **Barbara Przyblyski**, **Cathy Rose**, **Steven DeLuca**, **Sherry Lazzaro**, **Pat Christenson**, Wess Molenaar, Katelyn Rodgers, Randy Lyons, Jack Virgin, Sr., David Sayer, Jacob Craig, **Megan Slevnik** 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 THE ARCHANGEL

MEN'S FAITH SHARING

Join Deacon Gary for Faith and Fellowship

Saturday @ 9 A.M.

May 13 June 10 July 8
St. Armand Room

Welcome the Newly Baptized

Luca Ryan Wojcik
Anaeliah Serenity Rosario

**Celebrate Santacruzán 2023
with the
Philippine Professionals
Association, Inc.
Today, May 7th
1:30-5:00 PM in the Church
Please bring a dish to share.**

*Forget the day's troubles.
Remember the day's
blessings.*

May 9th

SENIOR
GEMS

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 Lunch on your own
Carpool to the event-Meet 10:00 AM in church parking lot

August 22nd Starved Rock
\$117 per person which includes show, lunch and bus
Non-refundable

Watch bulletin for more details!

submitted by Carol Rusich

Helping Those in Need

Members of St. Michael's Rebuilding Hope Mission Team rebuilt and repaired split rail fencing at Shady Oaks Summer Camp for those with Disabilities in Homer Glen, Illinois. We also installed shelving in a service garage. If you would like to participate in this ministry please contact us at the St. Michael's parish office at 219-322-4505. No experience is necessary to do God's work other than the desire to be His hands & feet. *Submitted by Jim Koeling*







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Annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass

The annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass will be **June 4th**, at 11:00 AM, at Holy Angels Cathedral, Gary. All couples celebrating a "5" year milestone anniversary, such as 5, 10, 15, and so on are invited to attend. A light reception will follow. Family members are welcome. Registration is necessary. You may use the QR code to register or register at www.dcgary.org or call the Pastoral Center at 219-769-9292, x 259.



STEWARDSHIP
Managing God's Gifts To Us

Flower Sale

**Last day to order is today,
May 7th.
Call Cheryl at 219-242-2630
to place order.
Pickup is May 13th,
9:00 AM-12:00 PM
at the rectory
garage.**



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

March 26, 2023

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Loose	\$573.75

**Total Weekly Offering
\$16,954.75**

Thank you for your generosity!

Stewardship in Action

Doing God's work in the world can ease another's troubles. Reach out to someone who is ill. Talk to them, cook them a meal or take them out for an afternoon.

submitted by Conchita Bryner



Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY MAY 7

Mother's Day/Father's Day Card Sales After All Masses
RCIA 9:30 AM
First Communion Masses 9:30 & 11:30 AM

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

MONDAY MAY 8

Emotions Anonymous 6:00 PM
Parish Council 7:00 PM

TUESDAY MAY 9

Senior GEMS 10:00 AM
Adult Confirmation Class 6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY MAY 10

Eucharistic Adoration 1:00-4:00 PM

THURSDAY MAY 11

Catechist Retreat 6:00 PM
Choir Practice 7:00 PM

FRIDAY MAY 12

Radiate 6:00 PM

SATURDAY MAY 13

Men's Faith Sharing Group 9:00 AM
Confessions 3:30-4:30 PM

SUNDAY MAY 14

RCIA 9:30 AM

STM CAREER NETWORKING GROUP

STM Career Network Group is having their next meeting on **May 10th**, 7:00-8:30 PM, at the STM Weis Center, 8635 Calumet Ave., Munster. The topic for the evening is "Finding a Job in Another State" presented by Donna Weidenfeller, Career Networking Co-Host. Nine tips to finding a new job in another state and how to update your resume accordingly will be part of the discussion.

POT ROAST DINNER

Descent of the Holy Spirit Church is having pot roast dinners **May 12th, June 9th, July 21st & Sept. 15th**, 4:00-7:00 PM. For \$15, dinner includes pot roast, carrots, potatoes, salad, bread and dessert. Dine in or carryout. Call 219-864-1529 to place an order. The Church is located at 545 E. 77th Ave, Schererville.



YOUNG LADY'S RETREAT

A young lady's retreat will take place at St. Paul, Valparaiso on **May 13th**, 9:00 AM-6:30 PM. This retreat meets the Quinceanera preparation requirements. Cost is \$25 which includes breakfast, lunch and snacks. This retreat is for those ages 14-16 and will help them to discover in their hearts the life of grace to which they have been called since their baptism, to mature in their relationship with God, to know themselves better and identify their priorities. The young women will see this moment in their lives as an opportunity to grow in their faith and will experience this stage of their lives in the hands of God. Register at saintpaulvalpo.org/events/atstpaul.

Attention Pierogi Lovers

FCSLA-Life Helen Kocan District is sponsoring a matching funds event on **May 19th** at St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Church, Munster. Pierogi are available. Orders can be placed May 15th-18th, by calling 219-838-9811. Pick-up is May 19th, 1:00-3:00 PM. Fillings available are: potato, cheese, prune and kraut. The cost is \$13 a dozen. The address to pick-up is: 8624 White Oak Ave. Munster. Thank you for your support.

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!

CATHOLIC CHARITIES GOLF OUTING

Catholic Charities Golf Outing is back and at a new venue, Innsbrook Country Club! St. Michael Parish would love to have our parish represented at this great event! **June 12th**, 9:30 AM-8:30 PM. Cost is \$190 per golfer. Register at: <https://e.givesmart.com/events/sC3/>



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 **June 25th-July 21st**. Contact Corinne DeLucenay, Camp Director at camp@sharefoundation.org or (219) 575-0077.

SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION

CYO Summer Camp at Camp Lawrence registration is open to all children ages 7 thru 14. Camp weeks are as follows: **June 18th-24th, June 25th-July 1st, July 9th-15th, July 16th-22nd & July 23rd-29th**. Cost is \$425 per camp. To register, go to nwicyo.org. For more information, call the CYO office at 219-736-8931 or email nwicyo@comcast.net.

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.



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY MAY 6

5:00 PM †Mariano Chau Yu King

SUNDAY MAY 7 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

7:30 AM St. Michael Parish

9:30 AM †Kyle N. Arnold
†Biernacik & Kolasinski Mothers
†Ryan & Brenda Pammer

11:30 AM †JoAnn Brennan

MONDAY MAY 8

7:00 AM †Jocelyn Burgess
†John Drabik-13th Anniversary
†Bill Salas

TUESDAY MAY 9

7:00 AM †George Pfothenhauer

WEDNESDAY MAY 10

7:00 AM St. Michael Parish

8:55 AM All Souls

THURSDAY MAY 11

7:00 AM St. Michael Parish

FRIDAY MAY 12

7:00 AM †Joseph Zaborske

SATURDAY MAY 13

8:00 AM †Patricia Lyza

5:00 PM †Carol Jakubowicz

SUNDAY MAY 14 MOTHER'S DAY

7:30 AM All Mothers

9:30 AM All Mothers

11:30 AM All Mothers

†indicates deceased



reflections...

THE WORD

(Readings for May 14, 2023, Sixth Sunday of Easter)

I. *Acts of the Apostles*
8:5-8, 14-17

With great success, Philip went to Samaria to proclaim the Christ and work miracles. When the apostles heard about Philip's work, they sent Peter and John to pray that the Samaritans would receive the Holy Spirit.

II. *1 Peter 3:15-18*

Jesus "suffered for sins once." He was put to death as far as fleshly existence goes but received life according to the spirit.

III. *John 14:15-21*

Jesus assured the disciples that He would not leave them orphaned but would ask the Father to send "another Advocate" to be with them always. Jesus said that He would still reveal Himself to those who love Him.

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