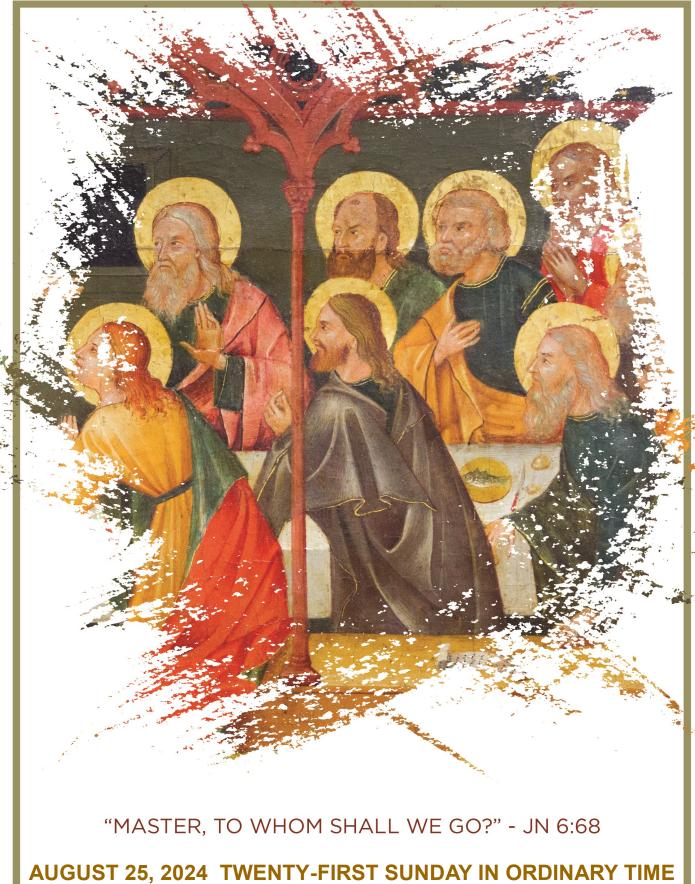
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#### SATURDAY LITURGY

Vigil: 5:00 PM

#### **SUNDAY LITURGY**

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

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#### **HOLY DAY LITURGY**

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#### **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Wednesdays

1:00-4:00 PM in the Chapel

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Sacrament of Penance...Saturday 3:30 PM-4:30 PM

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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.

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# From the Pastor's Desk

**Decisions, decisions!** Life is full of deciding one thing or another. Most of the decisions we make are made quite naturally, without very little forethought. This is just fine for things like breathing, eating and sleeping. However, not disciplining ourselves to think about more complex matters like relationships, can lead a person down a painful road.

Deciding to follow the teachings of Jesus is just such a decision that demands more thought and reflection than we are sometimes willing to give. In the Gospel today, St. John relates to us how so many people just naturally followed Jesus. They naturally followed Him because He said things they wanted to hear and did kind things for others. But they left His company when they were challenged to really think about what Jesus was asking them to believe.

This still happens today. As Catholics, we firmly believe that the Holy Father is elected under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and assumes the rights and responsibilities of St. Peter. He is the vicar of Christ on earth. Yet, in more recent times when a person doesn't agree with the Holy Father, they want to dismiss him. But, that is not possible and still remind within the broad circle of the Catholic Faith. Often, we get caught up in the initial newness and novelty of the new, whether it's a person or a thing. But Jesus, and those who are responsible for carrying on His message, like the Pope, calls us to a deeper and more challenging resolve. Our decision to follow and believe has to be made on a more profound level.

In revealing Himself as the "bread from heaven" and the need for His followers to eat His body and drink His blood to have life within them, Jesus called the people following Him to allow themselves to become what they would eat, to become the Christ. This becoming one with the Son of God was too much for many to accept. It was too intimate of a relationship with God. God is far easier to deal with when God is kept at a distance. It was unnerving to realize that God was standing in front of them in the flesh and longed to be one with them.

This might sound silly to us, but we are not all that far removed from this same reaction. The decision to follow Jesus still demands that we eat His body and drink His blood to become what we eat and drink. Yes, we are to become more like Jesus which means you and I decrease and Jesus increases.

If we do not allow God to change us, we will still be formed by other "gods." These gods require our devotion too. How devoted some can be to fashion, food, drink, unmarried sex, entertainment, sports, drugs, alcohol and gambling. These are gods not to be underestimated. They change us into selfish people always looking for the next "fix" with less and less concern for the people we say we love.

God desires to transform us beyond our limited being into His unlimited Presence. The decision to allow God to transform us is a decision we must make each day. It is not a natural decision to open oneself up to be changed into someone else. Even if that someone else is Jesus. That is why you and I must make a conscious decision each day to follow Jesus by our actions. Each day, you and I must wake up and decide 'today I will decrease a little more so Jesus can increase in me.' Not an easy decision, but one that leads us to real happiness and real life.

**Thank you, thank you!** I am very grateful for all those who came to celebrate the 40 years of priestly ministry that I have been privileged to exercise. I especially want to think those persons who organized the entire afternoon, our wonderful chefs, Rob Guetzloff, and our Knights of Columbus, and our beautiful choir, who let us in the sung prayer. The afternoon was also very much appreciated by my mother especially as we all sang happy birthday to her for her 93rd birthday. As much fun as this celebration was, I look forward to even more festivity on our 150th anniversary of Saint Michael's Parish on Sunday, September 29th.

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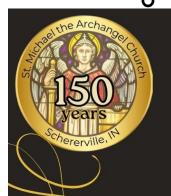
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Mark your Calendars!
Mass on September 29th will be at 2:00 PM on Mount Calvary.
There will be no morning Masses that day!



# 150th Anniversary Feast Day Celebration

Sunday, September 29th

# **Luncheon RSVP**

Immediately following Holy Outdoor Mass on Mount Calvary at 2pm.

Parishioners, take part of history by joining us on this monumentous day. A fellowship luncheon will follow Mass on Mount Calvary. If planning to attend the Luncheon, please help the planning committee and RSVP online by using the QR code or call the parish office at 219-322-4505 ext. 8220.

Created by Elizabeth Munoz



## "A LOOK BACK IN TIME"

In 1964, Rev. Bernard F. Shank was appointed pastor. The parish and church building adapted to liturgical changes which ensued as a result of the Second Vatican Council by building a new altar of sacrifice and adding confessionals to the church. On August 9, 1968, the parish broke ground on an addition to the parish school, and the new addition which was completed in 1969 and

dedicated in 1970 helped serve more than 400 students. In 1974, the parish celebrated its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary and had 734 families. In 1975, the church building received a cosmetic overhaul. In 1976, the Century

Room, named in honor of the parish's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary and located in the basement of the church, was completed.

Submitted by the 150th Anniversary Committee

# **Marian Devotions**

September 1st at 7:00 PM



Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine

Intention: For the Cry of the Earth
We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry
of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic
change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the
world in which we live.

# EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AUGUST 28TH 1:00-4:00 PM IN THE CHAPEL



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

John LaMagdeleine

Life has changed, not ended



## LIFE IS PRECIOUS; HANDLE WITH PRAYER

Sandy Evans, David Sarros, *Robert Habasinski*, Ruth Marie Sarros, *Tim & Helen Hazard*, Natalie Floit, Gordon Sharkey, Diane Ross, Pat Matz, Steve Gatons, *Cathleen Rose*, Jo Ann Tapper, Mark Chapman, Ruthann Truesdell, Nicole Villaneuva, *Patricia Camp, Joan Gillespie, David Mendoza* 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.

# Annual School Supply Appeal

The Good Samaritans are having their annual school supply appeal for children in need. Below is a list of some of items that are needed:

pencils	notebooks	learning-to-
crayons	glue sticks	print lined
folders, backpacks printing paper	pens kid's scissors hand sanitizer	paper

As always we appreciate your generosity and we sincerely thank you for your support.

Submitted by Sue Cohen





It's Game Day! All Those 50+, Parishioner or Non-Parishioner, August 27th in the SE Meeting Room at 10:00 AM Fun, Laughter & Some Friendly **Competition!** 

Future activities are under consideration including a Cedar Lake Boat trip on Sept. 18th, a North Judson train trip on Sept. 24th, Senior Promise lunch bunch on Aug. 28th, Senior Promise Estate Planning on submitted by Nancy Finley

# **Knights of Columbus Council 12177** July Family of the Month Award Goes to Linda Kinzer



# Catechists Needed!!



### Sunday, Grade 7 (Once a month)

Wednesday, Grade 1 (Once a week)

Many times we ask ourselves, "What can I do to help change the World?" One thing you can do is help children to know and love the Lord. You do not need a degree in Theology to help them learn about God. All you need is to share your Love for God and want to serve others to grow yourself personally and spiritually in the process of teaching the Word of God. This is a golden opportunity to help our parish's children who are seeking to learn about God. Please stand up and say "HERE I AM, LORD" since HE is the one

calling YOU! Buy tickets here: Please let us know if you are interested. Training is tinyurl.com/luauSMS24 available. Free Faith **Formation Tuition! CALL** NOW 219-322-3077! Or, scan me! Submitted by Kimberley Hoogeveen Website: www.stmichaelparish.life Page 6 August 25, 2024



Check out all that we've done this past year in Radiate...
A picture says a thousand words!





Would you like to become closer to Jesus? Would you like to develop your Leadership Skills? Would you like to meet other teens your age? YES? Then Radiate is for you! This year we will focus on an **ACTIVITY** and then have FAITH SHARING too. We are excited to get things going again now that summer is coming to an end. See you soon!

Save the Dates: September 8 (6-8pm) September 22 (6-8pm) October 13 (6-8pm) October 27 (6-8pm)

Don't miss any announcements, sign up for our Radiate Texts: SEND text to: 81010

THEN send this message to: @radiate

Submitted by Jeannine Quigley



The St. Michael Feast Day 5K (Run/Walk) is a tradition that commemorates the memory of parishioners who lost their lives battling cancer or other debilitating illnesses. Although our hearts may never fully heal, we are able to honor them at this bi-annual celebration event. Thomas Campbell, a lifetime parishioner, member of the Music Ministry, husband, and father of two beautiful girls, was a proud Marine who passed away from cancer. This year, we are excited to honor his legacy by donating a portion of the proceeds to the American Veterans Collection. As a veteran, Thomas understood the difference a service dedicated to improving veterans' lives could make. We Run/Walk for those we Lost & to Honor our American Veterans. All are welcome to run, walk, volunteer, or donate to this year's cause.

#### DONATION FORM

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Please make checks payable to St. Michael Parish

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- ☐ Please add my name to the Donor Wall.
- □ Please keep my donation anonymous.
- ☐ Please honor the following person/veteran on the Donor Wall.

Please limit to one Full Name or one Family Name ie: Cornell Gil or Gil Brothers.

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# **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14**

\$30 Adult Entry Fee • \$20 Child Entry Fee

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OR CALL 219-322-4505 EXT. 8263

# **Bell Choir**

Open to all 4th graders and older (including adults). Practices at the church on Fridays 6:00-7:00 PM. No experience necessary, but knowledge of music is a plus.

Please call Kathleen at 736-5362 if you have any questions.

Submitted by Kathleen Mance



New Member Registration Today After the 7:30 and 9:30 AM Masses

# S<sup>†</sup>ewardship in Action

How can you serve God this week by being kind and generous of your time to one in need?

submitted by Conchita Bryner



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 Adult
 \$15,934.00

 Children
 \$18.32

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 \$3,082.52

 Loose
 \$648.00

Total Weekly Offering \$19,682.84

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.

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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 AUGUST 25

New Membership Registration After 7:30 & 9:30 AM Masses, St. Patrick Hall

Registration for 5K After All Masses, Gathering Space OCIA (formerly RCIA) 9:30 AM Education Foundation Golf Outing 12:00 PM, Scherwood Golf

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

#### **TUESDAY AUGUST 27**

Senior GEMS 10:00 AM, St. Patrick Hall

### **WEDNESDAY AUGUST 28**

Eucharistic Adoration 1:00-4:00 PM, Chapel

#### THURSDAY AUGUST 29

Catechist Retreat 6:00 PM, SMS Library

#### FRIDAY AUGUST 30

Bell Choir Practice 6:00 PM, Church

#### **SATURDAY AUGUST 31**

Confessions 3:30-4:30 PM, Chapel 2nd Collection-Habitat for Humanity Registration for 5K After Vigil Mass, Gathering Space

#### **SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 1**

2nd Collection-Habitat for Humanity Registration for 5K After All Masses, Gathering Space OCIA (formerly RCIA) 9:30 AM Marian Devotions 7:00 PM, Our Lady of the Lourdes Shrine

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# **Diocesan Life Information** -



#### **SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS**

Beginning September 5th, join Sr. Marilyn Renninger either in-person in the Motherhouse of the Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart, 9201 W. St. Francis Road, Frankfort, IL, or over Zoom on Thursday mornings, 10:30-11:45 AM, to reflect on the upcoming Sunday readings. If attending in-person, sign in at the lobby desk. To receive a Zoom link, go to Scripture Reflections at <a href="https://fssh.net/explore/spiritual-neighbor/">https://fssh.net/explore/spiritual-neighbor/</a>. No registration or fee required.

#### \*LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE CONCERT

Come and join us at The Shrine located at 10630 Wicker Ave., St. John on **September 7th** for a "Let Your Light Shine" concert, music with a message, featuring PJ Anderson from Nashville, TN at 7:30 PM. Free admission. Gates open at noon. Outdoor venue. Bring your own lawn chair. There will be several local praise and worship bands plus mariachis throughout the day.

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#### MARRIAGE DATE NIGHT

Time for romance. Enjoy a delicious meal at the Lighthouse Restaurant overlooking Cedar Lake on **September 13th,** 5:30-8:30 PM. Speakers, Tom & Marcy Renken, will entertain and inspire you with their talk, "Marriage Under Fire." Come home ready to live your life to the fullest in Christ. Cost is \$100/couple. Babysitting is available. To register, please see the email version of the bulletin or call Roseanne at 219-769-9292, x259 or email rkouris@dcgary.org.

#### **BLACK TIE/WHITE COLLAR GALA**

The Vocations Office of the Diocese of Gary is throwing a Black Tie White Collar Gala **Sept. 20th**, with Open Bar starting at 6:00 PM, dinner and program at 7:00 PM and dancing until 11:00 PM. To register, text BTWC24 to 44834 or visit https://onecau.se/btwc24. For more information, please contact Rosanne Rosenow at 219-769-9292 or email jrosenow@dcgary.org.

#### \*RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

Are you or someone you know suffering from the emotional and spiritual pain of a past abortion? Please know that we are there for you! Come and experience the peace and healing you are searching for. The Diocese will be sponsoring a Rachel's Vineyard retreat for post-abortion healing on Sept. 20th-22nd in Michigan City. The retreat is completely confidential and non-judgmental. It is open to all faiths and financial assistance is available. Visit <a href="www.helpafterabortion.net">www.helpafterabortion.net</a>, text/call 219-552-2944, or email <a href="mailto:nwinry@outlook.com">nwinry@outlook.com</a> for more information.

#### \*DAY OF RECOLLECTION

St. John the Evangelist, 10701 Olcott Ave, St. John is hosting a Day of Recollection on **October 2nd**, 10:30 AM-1:30 PM. Cost is \$20/person which includes lunch. Dr. Julie Peller is the presenter on "How Clean is our Clean Water?" Please contact BoomersandBeyondsSJE@gmail.com

#### LUXURY BINGO EVENT

All are welcome to play Bingo for the benefit of the Women's Care Center on **October 9th**, 6:00-8:30 PM. The event will take place at the Halls of St. George. Register now to attend: LuxuryBingoMerrillville.com or text "LakeCountyBingo" to 41444.



On **October 12th**, the Archdiocese of Chicago and other ministry partners are hosting "Rescue Chicago," an inspiring day of engaging preaching by Fr. John

Riccardo of Acts XXIX ministry, music from Damascus Worship, table discussion and fellowship. Join the Diocese of Gary as we partake in this amazing experience. Bus departs from the Diocese of Gary Pastoral Center at 6:15 AM and returns at 7:30 PM. Cost is \$100/person.

Register at garyoyya.org/rescue2024

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