



AUGUST 6, 2023

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

And he was transfigured before them;
his face shone like the sun and his clothes
became white as light. - Mt 17:2



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.

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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The Art of Transformation! When I wake up in the morning and look in the mirror, I don't find my face "dazzling as the sun," transformed, as the Gospel today relates. I don't think that my experience in this vein is all that uncommon. Most of us do not move from one "mountaintop" experience to another. Rather, we encounter God "down in the valley;" during those times when we are stripped of our defenses and can only find hope in God's grace.

Jesus' transfiguration is presented as grand and monumental but notice what lies behind the splendor— Christ's approaching passion and death. This event that the three disciples witness on the mountaintop is not the place where they will stay. Indeed, even though Peter wants to build some tents for the glorified visitors, he cannot do so. No, Jesus is very aware that this brief episode is merely a foreshadowing of the eternal glory to be revealed through Him by His passion and death.

Christ's passion and death is the deep "valley" experience that makes possible the mountaintop of the Resurrection. St. Paul makes this clear throughout his writings. The valleys of our life are the necessary elements that make our resurrection with Jesus possible. So don't panic if you feel your life is not made up of enough mountaintop experiences. It was Jesus' passion and death that led to His being fully trans-figured, reborn unto the eternal. We are baptized in His likeness and so then we too follow the pattern of His transformation; through our sufferings, united in Christ, we are transformed into New Life.



August is certainly a month that seems to be more like coming down from the mountain than being on top of it. All the graduation parties have faded with June and the fireworks have left us like July. Our Fun Fest is closing this first weekend of August and now we are in the throes of the dog-days of August, the month in which we have no significant civic holiday to celebrate. Indeed, August is like an anti-celebration. It is the month in which school begins again. These last days of summer can certainly seem to be downhill.

Yet, though the August sun tires us out, we are still beckoned to look for the dazzling presence of God in our daily work. This is not easy, but it is simple. To see God more clearly in our daily tasks begins with prayer. Not a long prayer, just a short prayer asking the Holy Spirit to open your eyes today to see that your hands are Christ's, your feet are Christ's, your voice is Christ's, your heart is Christ's and so whatever you encounter or do — you are one with Christ in the doing and encountering. It is good to remind yourself of this throughout the day and then to reflect upon it before you go to sleep.

When you and I do this, we don't need to watch TV specials that tell us about miracles or angels in our midst. When we decide to look at the world through God's eyes, the eyes of Christ, the eyes of the ever-present Spirit, we experience miracles and angels and even more; we see God glorified in a small baby, a beggar, a troubled friend, or a friendly youth. When we see this, we too are transformed and become more like the One we seek to gaze upon forever.

St. Michael Fun Fest! If you read this on Saturday, August 5th, the second day of our Fun Fest is today. If you read this on Sunday, August 6th, I hope you had a good time at the Fun Fest. At any rate, I wish to thank Robbie Hansen and Eric Guetzloff under the tutelage of Rob Guetzloff for leading up the effort. I also want to thank Joan McInerney, Mike Quigley and the Mega Raffle team for their phenomenal work. A very special thank to all who set up the grounds and will help to take things down. I also want to thank those who helped in any way, those who gave their time and talent with Bingo, the Beer Garden, the kids games and other activities. Many thanks to all the parishioners, their families and friends who made our Mega Raffle and Fun Fest a success.

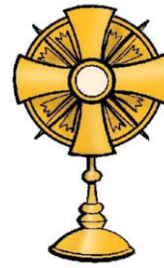
Marian Devotions

August 13th
at 8:00 PM

August 27th
at 8:00 PM



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Eucharistic
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August 9th
1:00-4:00 PM
in the Chapel

Centering Prayer/Spiritual Book Club Ministry

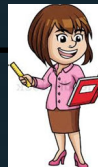
Members meet via ZOOM from the comfort of their own homes *every Monday* (except for holidays), 6:00-7:00 PM. Interested in group praying AND book discussions?! Please contact Peggy Kolarik at 219-322-1886 or peggy.kolarik@att.net.

St. Michael School News

Michelle Wacnik, Principal

English/Language Arts Teacher Needed For Middle School

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principal Michelle Wacnik at
mwacnik@smswarriors.org



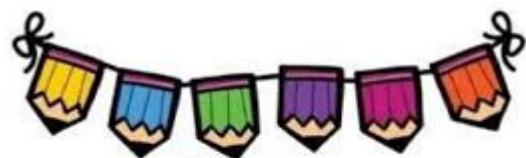
Welcome Back Event for SMS K-8 Students

August 20th
1:00-3:00 PM

Kona Ice in the
Parking Lot

Meet the Teacher

Student Supply Drop Off



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PRESCHOOL

Preschool Orientation
August 20th

E/C 3/4 year olds 11:00 AM-12:00 PM
PK 4/5 year olds 12:00-1:00 PM



Marriage Tune-Up



Chase Lowden
Financial Advisor & Parishioner



Event Date: Thursday, October, 5th 6:30pm-7:30pm

Location: St. Patrick Hall

On-site childcare will be available (upon request)

Refreshments and snacks provided

Organized By: Marriage Preparation Team

R.S.V.P. by October 1st to Kathryn Sanders 219-201-1172



**Finance discussion about
spending, saving, budgeting,
debt planning, stewardship,
and making decisions about
life insurance!**

Come to Alpha and Bring a Friend!

St. Michael's ALPHA Kick-Off Party is September 6th, 7:00-9:00 PM in St. Patrick Hall

Commit now to join us as we kick off our Alpha program and explore our first topic, "Is There More to Life than This?" Alpha is an 11-week course that creates a space where people are excited to bring their friends for a conversation about faith, life and God. It offers a series of conversations about things we all question in life: Why do bad things happen to good people? What's the purpose of life? What's next? Each session includes a meal, 30-minute video and small group discussion where you can share your thoughts and questions—or just listen.

There's no pressure, no judgment, no follow up and no charge. Alpha is for everyone and anyone. Come and bring a friend.

To learn more, check out Alpha on our website or Facebook page. For questions and to register, call, text or email Carol @ 219-765-8600 or carol@inkwellcoaching.com.



Faith Formation News

Kimberley Hoogeveen, DRE



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Luke Slevnik, Steven DeLuca, Whitney Brittle, Linda Iwan, Angela Koutsis, Bob Berkowicz, Tina Serna, Cathy Rose, Ed Cook, Valerie West, Virginia O'boy, Violet Malone, Maureen Bartok, Francisco Flores, Mary Makarowski, Jacob Craig, Helen and Tim Hazard, Mary Ann Adam, Kelly Kuhn 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.



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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!



COME AND JOIN THE FUN!
ALL SENIORS, 50+, PARISHIONER
OR NON-PARISHIONER



IN SE ROOM OF ST. PATRICK HALL

St. Maria Goretti is have a bus trip to Oktoberfest at the Jacob Henry Mansion on September 20th. The bus will leave at 9:45 AM from St. Maria Goretti parking lot and return at 3:45 PM. The cost of the trip is \$96.00 which includes transportation and lunch. For more details, please call or email Karen Boyle at KarenB@smg.dyer or call 219-865-5482 to reserve your seat.

submitted by Carol Rusich



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EVENT DETAILS

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Professor & Author



7:30 DOORS OPEN
Check in and Vendors

9:00 MASS
Procession to St. Margaret Mary

10:30 SESSIONS

- Children (5-12 yrs.)
- Youth (13-17 yrs.)
- Young Adults (18-35 yrs.)
- Adults (35+ yrs.)

12:00 LUNCH
Registration required

ALL AGES welcome



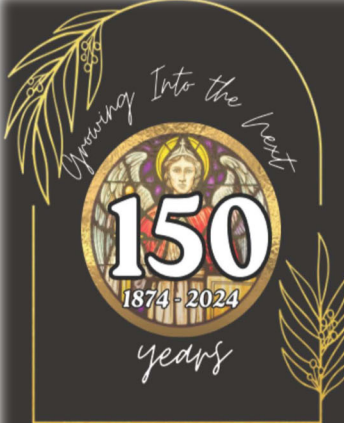


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Stewardship by the Book

In the Gospel today, Peter yearns to do something to make concrete the Transfiguration he had witnessed. But to be a good steward of this spiritual gift, he was instructed to *be still*, to *listen* to Jesus and to *wait* for His direction. Good advice for us, too!

Stewardship in Action

Pray for the children returning to school this year that they will be safe, and have a fun, inspiring year.
Submitted by Conchita Bryner

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE	
June 25, 2023	
Adult	\$14,074.00
Children	\$27.00
EFTs	\$6,166.00
Loose	\$500.00
Total Weekly Offering	\$20,767.00
Thank you for your generosity!	

Blood Pressure, Glucose and Oxygen Level Screenings

The next screenings will take place the August 19th and 20th in the east coat room after the 5:00 PM, 7:30 AM, and 9:30 AM Masses by the parish nurses.



**Become
Part of
Our
Church
Family**

**New Member Registration
August 20th
After the 7:30 and 9:30 AM
Masses**

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY AUGUST 6

RCIA 9:30 AM

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

MONDAY AUGUST 7

Emotions Anonymous 6:00 PM

TUESDAY AUGUST 8

GEMS 10:00 AM

Catholic Bible Study 7:00 AM

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 9

Eucharistic Adoration 1:00-4:00 PM

Baptismal Prep 6:00 PM

FRIDAY AUGUST 11

Respect Life 1:30 PM

SATURDAY AUGUST 12

Confessions 3:30-4:30 PM

SUNDAY AUGUST 13

Coffee & Donuts After All Masses

RCIA 9:30 AM

Marian Devotions 8:00 PM

*denotes new article

VISIT FROM THE INTERNATIONAL PILGRIM FATIMA STATUE

On **August 6th** at 11:15 AM, the International Pilgrim Fatima Statue will arrive at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 7132 Arizona Ave., Hammond. At 11:20 AM, there will time for private reflection and prayer. A Spanish Mass will begin at Noon, followed by a Presentation about the Statue and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. The statue will depart at 3:30 PM.



PARADE OF POLKA BANDS PICNIC

Join the International Polka Association as they present the Parade of Polka Bands Picnic on **August 6th** at the Hammond Mohawks Picnic Grove, 4040 Calumet Avenue, Hammond. Doors open at 12:30 PM with Polka Music, 1:00-6:00 PM. Admission at the door is \$15. The following bands will be featured:

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The IPA Tribute Band
Polka Mojo
Polka Generations
DynaVersaStickToneAires

A full array of your favorite Polish foods and beverages will be available for purchase. This is a family event and everyone is welcome!

THE TRANSITUS OF ST. CLARE & FEAST OF ST. CLARE

On **August 10th**, the Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart will recall the last days of St. Clare with a Transitus Service, 4:15-4:50 PM, in the motherhouse chapel, 9201 W. St. Francis Road, Frankfort, IL.

On **August 11th** at 9:30 AM, the Feast of St. Clare will be celebrated with Mass in the motherhouse chapel. All are welcome!



BUNCO & BLESSINGS

St. Edward Altar & Rosary Society invites women and men to Bunco & Blessings on **August 13th** at St. Edwards, 216 S. Nichols, Lowell. Doors open at 12:30 PM and bunco starts at 1:30 PM. Tickets are \$25. There will be cash prizes for winners, raffle baskets and 50/50 drawing. For more information, please contact Vicki at 219-713-8979 or June at 219-476-6735.



*SACRED JOURNEY TO PEACE

With a focus on Franciscan spirituality, the Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart invite the public to journey with them on a pilgrimage to the sacred spaces on their campus, St. Francis Woods, on **September 10th**, 3:00-5:00 PM. For those with physical limitations, the same program will be replicated indoors in the auditorium. Please meet at the Motherhouse Library at 3:00 PM. May this journey be a call to learn and live as God desires! This event is free and open to the public. *Registration is needed by August 31st* for setup, materials and refreshments. To register, please go to fssh.net, choose the CONNECT menu and select ATTEND EVENTS to find "Sacred Journey to Peace."



*FRANCISCAN SPIRITUALITY PROGRAM

A Franciscan Spirituality Program will be offered in-person by the Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart, **September 2023-May 2024**, at St. Francis Woods, 9201 W. St. Francis Road, Frankfort, IL. Beginning on **September 13th**, it will be held in the Assisi Center on the 2nd Wednesday of every month, 10:30 AM-12:00 PM. The text will be *In the Footsteps of Francis and Clare* by Roch Niemier, OFM. To register, please visit fssh.net, choose the CONNECT menu and select ATTEND EVENTS to find the program's registration page. *Please submit registration by August 30th.*

RACHEL VINEYARD'S RETREAT

The Diocese of Gary is sponsoring a Rachel's Vineyard post-abortion healing retreat on **September 22nd-24th** in Michigan City. This retreat is for the spiritual and emotional healing of anyone who has had or has been involved in an abortion. The retreat is open to women and men of all faiths and is completely confidential. Please call 219-552-2944 or email nwinrv@outlook.com for more information or to register. You can also go to www.helphafterabortion.net.

SIP SAVOR SUPPORT

Catholic Charities is having a wine and food pairing dinner experience, *Sip, Savor, Support* on **October 13th** starting at 6:30 PM at Trinity Banquet Hall, 640 N. Calumet Ave., Chesterton. Proceeds from this event will provide emergency assistance for those living in Lake, Porter, LaPorte and Starke Counties. Please contact Kevin at kfeldman@catholic-charities.org for more information.





Mass Intentions

SATURDAY AUGUST 5

5:00 PM † Kyle N Arnold

SUNDAY AUGUST 6 TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

7:30 AM † Richard Kalembe

9:30 AM † Joseph "Patrick" Logue

† Deceased Members of Catholic
Order of Foresters Court 102

11:30 AM St. Michael Parish

MONDAY AUGUST 7

7:00 AM † Patt Axley

TUESDAY AUGUST 8

7:00 AM † Cary Bosak

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 9

7:00 AM † Ralph Grau

† Ed Wantuch

THURSDAY AUGUST 10

7:00 AM † Deceased Souls of the
Congregation of Mother of Carmel

FRIDAY AUGUST 11

7:00 AM † Donald Bohling

SATURDAY AUGUST 12

8:00 AM † John Finley

4:00 PM † Joseph Heintz

SUNDAY AUGUST 13 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 AM † Philip Bruno

9:30 AM † Dorothy Mravinac

† Eric Audenas

† John & Helen Sandor

11:30 AM St. Michael Parish

† indicates deceased



reflections...

THE WORD

(Readings for August 13, 2023, the 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

I. *1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a*

Elijah the prophet heard the Lord's voice not in wind, not in an earthquake nor in fire, but in a tiny whisper. When he heard the Lord, Elijah hid his face in his cloak, overcome with awe.

II. *Romans 9:1-5*

Paul wrote that he would willingly accept being separated from the Christ for the sake of his fellow Israelites, from whom came the Messiah.

III. *Matthew 14:22-33*

Jesus walked on the water. He called to Peter in the boat with the other disciples. Peter stepped out on the water until his faith faltered and he began to sink. Then Jesus stretched out His hand to save Peter.

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