

Welcome to St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Community

*24th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

SEPTEMBER 15, 2024



# MINISTRY FAIR

**AFTER ALL MASSES  
THIS WEEKEND**



Ministry is “Heart” Work

There will be a drawing for \$100 from all completed Ministry cards after the 11:30 AM Mass.

*150th  
Anniversary  
Celebration*  
CELEBRATION LUNCHEON TO  
FOLLOW MASS IN CHURCH HALL.

*One People of God, One Joy Filled Celebration, One Mass*

SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY

29

2:00 PM

2024

**Holy Outdoor Mass on Mount Calvary**

Mass with Bishop McClory & the Clergy of the Diocese.

All parishioners and friends, past and present, of St. Michael parish community are welcome to participate in this historic event. Please bring a lawn chair.



## 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

## 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.

## BULLETIN DEADLINE

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Website: [www.stmichaelparish.life](http://www.stmichaelparish.life)

## MINISTRIES

If you are interested in participating in any of these ministries, please visit the website for Ministry Coordinator information.

### Spirituality & Worship Commission

Altar Servers

Art & Environment

Cross Bearers

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Hospitality

Lectors

Liturgy Committee

Music Ministry

Centering Prayer Ministry

RCIA

Sacristan

Ministers of Care

### Education & Formation Commission

Adult Catholic Education

Alpha

Baptismal Preparation

Catholic Bible Study

Faith Formation

Marriage Preparation

Radiate

School Administrator

### Stewardship & Parish Administration

AV Ministry

Cemetery Committee

Parish Gardeners

Stewardship

### Parish Life

Boy Scouts of America/Girl Scouts

Comforting Chefs

Festival Committee

Holy Name Society

Knights of Columbus

Labors of Love

Ministry of Hope & Consolation

Parish Nurse

Senior GEMS

Welcoming Ministry

### Peace & Social Justice Commission

Good Samaritans

Rebuilding Hope Mission Team

Wheelchair Ramp Ministry

Respect Life Group

Pastoral Care

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# From the Pastor's Desk

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## Choir of Angels

Submitted by Fr. Robert

We love to give odd names to groups of creatures: a herd of buffalo, a flock of geese, a school of fish, a murder of crows, a congress of baboons—to name a few. We traditionally call a group of angels a “choir” or “rank,” but why is that? Many of us don’t give a second thought about the angelic realm or its structure, but if we did, we might discover an important lesson about the way God has intended to structure the world.

First of all, we should know that there is a countless number of angels, and every single one of them is one-of-a-kind. Whereas we exist as different members of the human species, sharing one human nature, each angel exists as his own species of angel, equipped with a unique angelic nature; no two angels are the same. Two angels may be as different as a horse is to an eagle, for instance. And yet, the angels may be grouped together according to their similar missions, the reasons God created them.

Therefore, we have the concept of choirs or ranks of angels, giving us two images: a group of singers or a group of soldiers. A choir has singers with different timbre of voice, and yet they can be grouped according to the part they are to sing: Soprano, Alto, Baritone, Bass. An army has officers with varying levels of experience and capability, and yet they are grouped according to the degree of authority and clearance to military intelligence they have received: General, Major, Captain, Private. In a similar way, all the angels in heaven form a hierarchy, wherein the most intelligent, most beautiful, most powerful angels are nearest to God, and because they are entrusted with the greatest “military secrets,” they sing the highest pitch of God’s praises. The angels lower in the hierarchy receive their orders and starting pitches from the higher angels, but everything comes originally from God.

The Church fathers referred to the transfer of illumination between the angels as a series of lenses. Just as we might go blind if we stared directly at the sun, the brightness of God’s glory and wisdom is too intense for many spiritual creatures to gaze upon directly. However, if we took enough layers of shaded lenses (or a solar eclipse lens), we could eventually look at the light coming from the sun without being blinded. Thus, the ranks of angels act like layers of shaded lenses that filter out some of the brightness of God’s glory, in order that angels of a weaker nature may receive it and understand the wisdom of God. Herein lies a secret within the angelic hierarchy: the greater angels serve the lesser angels in their mission.

But how many ranks of angels are there, and what are their missions? It is not for us to know exactly how the angelic world functions in all its complexity. St. Thomas Aquinas suggested that there are nine choirs or ranks of angels because there are nine different names referring to angels in Sacred Scripture: Angels, Archangels, Principalities, Virtues/Authorities, Powers, Dominions, Thrones, Cherubim, and Seraphim (Isaiah 6:2-3 | Ezekiel 10 | Romans 8:38 | Colossians 1:16 | 1 Peter 3:22 | Jude 1:9). By contrast, Pseudo-Dionysius thought that the names Thrones, Cherubim, and Seraphim all referred to the same rank of angel, those closest to God. What is important to know is that there is an order and structure in the spiritual world and that those spirits which most closely resemble God by reflecting His beauty and light shine upon other spirits, that they too may be illumined, until at last God’s light shines upon us, mankind, through the spirits whose mission it is to watch over us. These guardian angels will be next week’s topic.



## "A LOOK BACK IN TIME"



On October 31, 1999, the final Sunday Masses were held in the second church building. On the morning of November 3rd, the final Mass was held in the second church building. On the evening of November 3rd, parishioners gathered outside the second church building to process to the new church building. Bishop Dale J. Melczek dedicated the third church building in parish history at a Mass attended by a capacity congregation of 1200 parishioners and many priests who served the parish over the years. On November 7th, the first Sunday Masses were held in the third church building. On November 12, 2000, Fr. Connolly blessed the bell tower of the new church building. In January 2001, Fr. Connolly began a sabbatical. On March 7th, Fr. Connolly fell ill and was diagnosed with brain cancer. On December 1st, Fr. Connolly was appointed pastor emeritus and Rev. Martin J. Dobrzynski was appointed parish administrator and coadjutor pastor. On December 28, 2002, Fr. Connolly died. Fr. Marty became pastor upon Fr. Connolly's death. On January 1, 2003, parishioners, family and friends gathered for Fr. Connolly's wake. On January 2nd, Bishop Melczek presided at Fr. Connolly's funeral Mass. Both events were held in the church built under Fr. Connolly's leadership.



*Submitted by the 150th Anniversary Committee*



**Penance Service**  
**September 18th**  
**7:00 PM**  
**in the Church**



**EUCCHARISTIC**  
**ADORATION**  
**SEPTEMBER 18TH**  
**1:00-4:00 PM**  
**IN THE CHAPEL**



***Celebrate and Deepen Your  
Relationship with Mary,  
the Mother of God  
Marian Devotions  
September 15th at 7:00 PM  
at Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine***

*For the Cry of the Earth*



**Mass**  
**Schedule**  
**Mass on September 29th**  
**will be at 2:00 PM on**  
**Mt. Calvary.**  
**No morning Masses!**

## **It's Time for Catholic Bible Study!** **The Topic: Acts of the Apostles**

Catholic Bible Study registration for Acts of the Apostles Parts 1 & 2 starts this week. Don't miss out on the opportunity to deepen your understanding of Scripture and the message to the early Christians that still speaks to us today! Sign up for one part or both sessions. Classes will be on Tuesday evenings, **Oct 8th-Nov. 19th**, (no class on Nov. 5th), and **Feb. 18th-Mar. 18th**, 7:00-8:30 PM in St. Patrick Hall. The cost is \$20 per session due at time of registration. For more information, please call Linda Hansen (322-1717) or Deacon Ron Pyle (808-3255).







# NEW ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

September 15th: 6:00-7:30 PM in  
the Church

**OR**

September 16th: 6:00-7:30 PM in  
the Church

Parents, please plan on  
staying for the first 15  
minutes for information  
and some paperwork.



If you have any questions, please contact  
Deacon Ron.

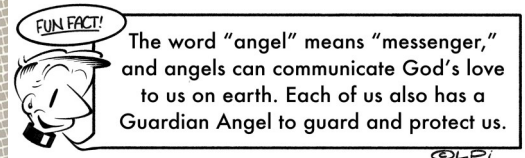
Coffee and Donuts  
this weekend



"What did the angel do when he forgot the  
message he was supposed to deliver?"



**"He winged it."**



## It's Time to "Radiate!"

- Are you in high school?
- Would you like to meet other teens?
- Strengthen your relationship with Jesus?
- Develop your leadership skills?

If you said 'yes' to any of these, then Radiate is the place for you! We've got lots of exciting things planned for you.



### Upcoming Schedule:

**Sept. 22nd – ITALIAN DINNER Night!** Come hungry & Bring a friend. We're making our own salad & dressing, serving spaghetti, including garlic bread & dessert. You don't want to miss this! Meet in St Patrick Hall, 6:00-8:00 PM.

**Oct. 13th – CARVE YOUR OWN PUMPKIN Night!** We're going to meet at Adam's house, 6:00-8:00 PM, at his pumpkin patch. Bring your own carving tools! (his address coming soon)

**Oct. 27th – HALLOWEEN PARTY Night!** Meet in St Patrick Hall, 6:00-8:00 PM.

*Any questions? Contact Mrs. Jeannine Quigley (219) 775-5356 or Mrs. Marisa Richardson (219) 730-4735.*



# St. Michael School News

Michelle Wacnik, Principal



Aloha!

IT'S A

**LUAAU**

Annual School Fundraiser

**October 5 : 5:30-9 pm**

**St. Michael School**  
16 W. Wilhelm Street, Schererville

**Tickets**

Adult: \$50  
Child: \$20  
(Ages 5 - 17)

Buy tickets here:  
[tinyurl.com/luauSMS24](https://tinyurl.com/luauSMS24)

Or, scan me!

Signs: MUSIC, DANCING, CASH BAR, GAMES

Sign: DINNER & LIVE PERFORMERS



Every year St. Michael is asked by the Town of Schererville to select a student to create a piece of artwork that will be featured during the town's 9/11 Memorial Service. This year Cadence L.H. was selected. She did an amazing job! We are so proud of her. The drawing will be professionally printed on the flyers and handed out to all who attend the event. Way to go, Cadence!



## FUNDRAISING

**20% OF SALES WILL BENEFIT**

St. Michael School  
September 18th, 11AM-10PM  
Dyer Rainbow Cone  
1387 Joliet St., Dyer  
Please show this flyer upon checkout



## St. Michael Faith Formation News

Kimberley Hoogeveen, DRE



Faith Formation classes have started. If you have not signed up your child for Faith Formation yet, please do so as soon as possible. Traditional classroom classes are weekly on Tuesdays or Wednesdays,

6:00-7:30 PM or the Family Program is once a month on Sundays, 9:30-11:00 AM. Please call 219-322-3077 for more information.

Special Prayers  
For Those In Need



## ***LIFE IS PRECIOUS; HANDLE WITH PRAYER***

**David Mendoza**, Grace Martin-Persenaire, **Pat Matz**, **Patricia Christenson**, **Sherry Lazzaro**, Cecilia O'Donnell, Joan Hamnik, **Timothy Buncek**, **Debbie Petersen**, Phyllis Leyba, Angela Koutsis, Georgene Johnson, Conrad Grigson, **Cathleen Rose**, **Mary Ann Adam** 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.*

## **bereavement sessions**

**Thursdays, Oct. 3rd-Nov. 14th**

**7:00-8:30 PM**

**SW Room in St. Patrick Hall**

Trained ministers will assist you by giving you the tools that will help you move forward in life. To register, please call Janice at 219-322-4505, ext. 8241.

**All Those 50+,  
Parishioner or Non-Parishioner,  
Join Us on Sept. 24th**



Please join us for our trip to North Judson weather permitting. If it is bad weather we will have a Game Day. Come and enjoy some laughs and friendship! *submitted by Nancy Finley*

**Blood Pressure, Glucose and  
Oxygen Level Screenings**

**September 21st/22nd**

**in the east coat room**

**after the 5:00 PM,**

**7:30 AM and 9:30 AM**

**Masses**



**September 17th**

**10:00 AM**

**in**

**St. Patrick Hall**



## **Wheelchair Ramp Ministry Helping Out Here At Home**

St. Michael's Wheelchair Ramp Ministry installed its 77th ramp at St. Michael's on Mt. Calvary for the 150th parish anniversary celebration. If you would like to participate in this ministry in any way, please contact the St. Michael's parish office at 219-322-4505. If you know of anyone who may need our services, please have them contact Catholic Charities at [outreach@catholic-charities.org](mailto:outreach@catholic-charities.org) or call 219-886-3549 and ask for Daniela Ocanas.



## 2024 Parish Fun Fest & Mega Raffle Results

### RAFFLE RESULTS

Raffle Ticket Sales.....	\$327,200.00
Raffle Expenses.....	-29,118.97
Raffle Winners Payments.....	-\$113,600.00
Net Raffle Results.....	\$184,481.03
% Return on Ticket Sales.....	56.4%
Donation-Soup Kitchens.....	-\$18,448.10
Net Raffle Results.....	\$166,032.93

### FUN FEST RESULTS

Fun Fest Income/Donations.....	\$35,435.15
Fun Fest Expenses.....	-\$64,616.54
Net Fun Fest Results.....	-\$29,181.39

NET EVENT.....\$136,851.54

150TH ANNIVERSARY IN PERSON PHOTO MAKE UP DATE

SEPTEMBER 22ND 8:30 AM - 1:30 PM

NO APPOINTMENTS NECESSARY WALK-INS WELCOME



## 150th Anniversary Feast Day Celebration

Sunday, September 29th

Luncheon RSVP

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



SCAN HERE

Created by Elizabeth Munoz

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 QRcode or  
call the parish office at 219-322-4505 ext. 8220.

JOIN US FOR A HISTORICAL NIGHT WITH FR. BERTINO

SEPTEMBER 27TH AT 7:00 PM

DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 PM

ST. PATRICK HALL

A PRESENTATION ON THE HISTORY OF  
ST. MICHAEL AND THE IMPACT/GROWTH IN THE  
SCHERERVILLE COMMUNITY.






**ST. MICHAEL  
PARISH**  
Schererville, Indiana



**THE GOOD SAMARITANS**

SERVING THE SCHERERVILLE COMMUNITY...  
 FOR GROCERIES OR UTILITY/ RENT ASSISTANCE,  
 PLEASE CALL


**219-322-4505 EXT. 8250**



## Stewardship in Action

Please open your heart to helping in a new ministry. Signups are being held this weekend.  
*submitted by Conchita Bryner*



**Come and  
Join Our  
Parish Family**

**New Member Registration  
September 15th  
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.



**August 4, 2024**

Adult	\$12,596.00
Children	\$9.00
EFTs	\$5,871.10
Loose	\$306.00

**Total Weekly Offering  
\$18,782.10**

**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.

## Weekly Schedule

### SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 15

New Member Registration After 7:30 & 9:30 AM Masses,  
 St. Patrick Hall  
 Bible Study Registration After All Masses, St. Patrick Hall  
 Coffee & Donuts After All Masses, St. Patrick Hall  
 Ministry Fair After All Masses, St. Patrick Hall  
 Popcorn Sales by Cub Scouts After All Masses, Gathering Space  
 OCIA (formerly RCIA) 9:30 AM  
 New Server Training 6:00 PM, Church  
 Marian Devotions 7:00 PM, Our Lady of the Lourdes Shrine

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

### MONDAY SEPTEMBER 16

New Server Training 6:00 PM, Church

### TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 17

Labors of Love 10:00 AM, St. Patrick Hall  
 Faith Formation Traditional Classes 6:00 PM, SMS

### WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 18

Eucharistic Adoration 1:00-4:00 PM, Chapel  
 Faith Formation Traditional Classes 6:00 PM, SMS  
 Penance Service 7:00 PM, Church

### THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 19

Finance Council Meeting 6:00 PM, SE Room  
 Choir Practice 7:00 PM, Church

### FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 20

Bell Choir Practice 6:00 PM, Church

### SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 21

Anointing of the Sick Mass 8:00 AM, Chapel  
 Confessions 3:30-4:30 PM, Chapel  
 Blood Pressure Readings After Vigil Mass, East Cloak Room

### SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 22

Blood Pressure Readings After 7:30 & 9:30 AM Masses,  
 East Cloak Room  
 Last Chance Photo Shoot After All Masses, St. Amand Room  
 OCIA (formerly RCIA) 9:30 AM  
 Radiate 6:00 PM, St. Patrick Hall



## RECONCILIATION

Encounter God's Mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation on **September 15th**, 1:00-5:00 PM at Our Lady of Consolation, 8303 Taft St., Merrillville. Multiple priests from the diocese will be available to hear confession. Las confesiones estaran disponibles en español de 2pm a 3pm.

## 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](mailto:jrosenow@dcgary.org).



## RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

Are you or someone you know suffering from the emotional and spiritual pain of a past abortion? 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 **Sept. 20th to 22nd** in Michigan City. The retreat is completely confidential and non-judgmental. It is open to all faiths and financial assistance is available. Visit [www.helpafterabortion.net](http://www.helpafterabortion.net), text/call 219-552-2944, or email [nwinrv@outlook.com](mailto:nwinrv@outlook.com) for more information.

## "THE CHOSEN" WATCH PARTY



Tapped In, a ministry of Queen of All Saints in Michigan City, is having a Season 4 Watch Party of "The Chosen" **September 21st and 28th**, 6:00-7:30 PM in QAS Legacy Center. Popcorn, pizza and water will be provided. Limited seating.

## DAY OF RECOLLECTION

St. John the Evangelist, 10701 Olcott Ave, St. John is hosting a Day of Reflection 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](mailto:BoomersandBeyondsSJE@gmail.com)

## LIFE CHAIN

The Annual Lake County Right to Life "Life Chain" will be **October 6th**, 1:00-3:00 PM. This is a time of prayer for the end of abortion, for those who have suffered from abortion and for the respect and dignity of ALL human life. Pro-life volunteers will be stationed along Ridge Road holding pro-life signs and praying. If you wish to be a part or you would like more information, please contact Christine Lukawski at 219-838-1138.

## 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](http://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](http://garyoyya.org/rescue2024)

## \*OCTOBERFEST

St. Michael's Byzantine Catholic Church, 557 W. 57th Ave., Merrillville is having an October-fest on **October 13th**, 11:30 AM-2:30 PM. There will be a menu of stuffed cabbage, mashed potatoes or cabbage and noodles, green beans, bread, butter and dessert for \$15/adult and \$7.50/children 12 and under. Music will be provided by John Pruzin, Jr and his Tamburitza Band. Proceeds to benefit the less fortunate.





# Mass Intentions

## **SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 14**

**5:00 PM** †Vivian & Arnold Peifer

## **SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 15 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**7:30 AM** †Irene Macaya

**9:30 AM** †Janice Barg-Edwards

†John & Helen Sandor

†Pearl Salach

**11:30 AM** St. Michael Parish

## **MONDAY SEPTEMBER 16**

**7:00 AM** †Charles Cary

†Tina Aloisio

†Joseph Graven

## **TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 17**

**7:00 AM** †Joseph Heintz

## **WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 18**

**7:00 AM** †Kristin & John Finley

**8:55 AM** Lionel "Bob" Gard

## **THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 19**

**7:00 AM** †Gerald Verdeyen

## **FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 20**

**7:00 AM** †Departed Souls in Congregation of  
Mother of Carmel

## **SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 21**

**8:00 AM** †Paulina Rodriguez

**2:00 PM** Wedding-Joseph Rodriguez &  
Alyssa Nunez

**5:00 PM** †Jim Candreva, Sr.

## **SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 22 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**7:30 AM** †Bill Salas

†Helen Lesniak

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*(Readings for September 22, 2024, Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time)*

I. *Wisdom 2:12, 17-20*

The wicked plotted to condemn the just one to death saying, "Let us condemn him to a shameful death."

II. *James 3:16-4:3*

Wars and conflicts arise because of envy; "The fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace."

III. *Mark 9:30-37*

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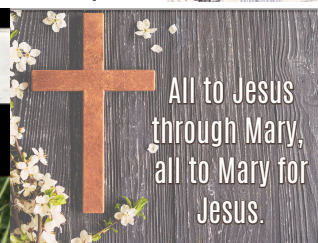
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