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13 OCTOBER 2024



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

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Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 8:00 AM-3:00 PM Wednesdays 8:00 AM-4:00 PM Saturday 9:00-3:00 PM

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Wednesdays

1:00-4:00 PM in the Chapel

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From the Pastor's Desk

What Counts in the End? How do I count the days of my life? Do I count how much money I make? Do I add up the pleasures I feel? Do I keep track of the power I have acquired? Do I simply move from one year to the next counting birthdays?

God longs to teach us how to count our days. The Scripture is clear on this point. Real wisdom comes in counting each new dawn, not as a chance to make more, spend more, or indulge more, but as an opportunity to find God's kindness in others and in my own actions. Each day is filled with many blessings. Indeed, even our work, no matter if that is at home, in school, the factory or the office, is a daily participation in God's divine life.

It is only when we rejoice in each moment of the life that God has given us that we can understand the commandments of the Lord recounted in the Gospel today; first and foremost, "You shall not kill." Indeed, most of the commandments can be summed up in this one. For to envy, covet, gossip, be unfaithful, deny God respect, dishonor our parents are all forms of killing. Certainly, to treat our own bodies as if they were not of God, indulging in behaviors (our passions) which destroy our spirit even though they promise us fulfillment, is to kill. In a way, it is like suicide.

When we do something over and over again, we are trained. This is the premise for training our young how to eat, dress and clean themselves. Training does not stop with these normal habits. We are trained how to think and reason and how to judge the right from the wrong by many images and words which are often at odds with each other. Games have been used for ages to help train young people, like the game of "LIFE" or the game of "Monopoly" or even a game of tic-tac-toe. Games played over and over have an impact on us. Gaming with the up close and personal experience of killing another, as some very popular video games do, cannot certainly help us, especially our young people, to appreciate life. Remember, what gets heard or seen the most, usually wins out.

The "culture of death" that St. Pope John Paul II so accurately pointed out to us, trains us, young and old, by desensitizing us to death, not just physical death but the death of our true freedom and spirit too. Respect is lost for others, for their worth, and consequently, it is lost upon us as well; thus allowing the excuse to behave in any way that is most pleasing to my passions. Our very entertainment, gaming, movies, TV shows and music, make us so accustomed to death that it is not odd that our society passively condones or even supports killing the innocent, the unborn, the infirmed, the unwanted or even the guilty. It simply becomes just another "reasoned" decision to my own advantage.

Though the child in the womb is not convenient, you shall not kill. Though the scan shows the possibility of handicap, you shall not kill. Though the old man is sick and shares in Christ's pain, you shall not kill. Though some may look to end it all and seek our help and approval, you shall not kill. Though the convicted man has killed, you shall not kill. The command is clear, there is no room for ambiguity.

What counts? Living a life every day that seeks to promote LIFE by seeking God's blessings and passing them on. Passing on life, not death, that is what counts. Pursue the words and images that train us to see life and sift out those images and words that lead us down the path of death. This is a purposeful action on our part. Decide to watch and listen to those things that point you closer to the God of life. Decide everyday for life. Don't throw away what God has given.

A Request from Bishop McClory. Bishop McClory has asked that St. Michael's host a monthly Sunday Mass in Vietnamese. The Mass will be celebrated at 6:00 PM on the first Sunday of the month. We hosted our first Mass last week. Over 200 people attended. I can attest that many of them speak very little English. So, this is a great comfort for them to attend Mass, at least monthly, in their mother tongue. Many of those in

attendance, are parishioners and can be often seen at our regular Sunday Masses. Also, the 6:00 PM time allows many who work in the beauty industry as manicurists, etc. to attend, as they often work till 5:00 PM on Sundays. Anyone may attend this monthly Mass. Even though I do not speak Vietnamese, I was truly moved by their participation and piety. This is a credit to our parish which has worked very hard to be a welcoming Catholic community.



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Marian Devotions
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October Intention: For a Shared Mission



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November 13th 6:00-7:30 PM in St. Patrick Hall Guest Speaker: Dr. Marguerite Rebesco, PhD. Clinical Psychologist

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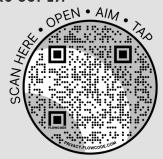
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SMS & Faith Formation News

Michelle Wacnik, Principal Kimberley Hoogeveen, DRE



In Pastoral work, it is always important to make Christian families part of the process of initiation. *First Holy Communion* is a key moment, not only for the individual receiving the Sacrament, but also for the entire family, which should be supported in its educational role by the whole parish community.

This Sunday we will celebrate with a Mass to start a new program, "*Do This in Memory*," for such families. At the *11:30 AM Mass*, the children who are preparing for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion and their families will begin to

participate in the liturgy through the "Mass of Enrollment."

Each child will begin to experience "Whole Faith Community," which goes far beyond the day of First Holy Communion. This new and exciting program will help the families participate more fully in the celebration of the Eucharist!



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THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING SMS!

It's Radiate Time for All High Schoolers!

We have some great things planned just for you!

Oct. 13th: CARVE YOUR OWN PUMPKIN Night! We're going to meet at Adam Nowinski's pumpkin patch and farm. Be ready for a contest on the best carved pumpkin. Bonfire, Hot Chocolate, Popcorn & FUN!, 6:00-8:00 PM. Bring your own carving tools! Adam's address will be texted on Remind group text.



Note: In case of inclement weather, we will have the carving party in SMS Gym.

Oct. 27th: HALLOWEEN & HAYRIDE Night! Oakridge Prairie County Park, Griffith, 5:30-8:00 PM. Please arrive no later than 5:45 PM so we can board the hayride. We will roast hot dogs and s'mores on an open fire. Costumes encouraged.

Note: In case of inclement weather, we will have the Halloween party in St. Patrick Hall.

Nov. 10th: "DELVING INTO THE ANGELIC WORLD" Night! Dinner discussion with Fr. Robert as he takes us through the hymn, "Angels Spirits, Do Not Tremble!" he wrote. 6:00-8:00 PM in St. Patrick Hall.

Nov. 24th: GYM Night! 6:00-8:00 PM

Keep informed with our NEW Remind messaging sign up: Send TEXT to 81010. Then TEXT THIS

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



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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!

Mega Raffle 2024 Charity Donation

Sharing our blessings with St. Mary of the Angels, Sts. Monica & Luke & St. Joseph Soup Kitchens.

A total of \$18,448 was equally divided among these giving community soup kitchens.



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Submitted by Elizabeth Munoz

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Special Prayers For Those In Need N YOUR PRAYER RECORD OF THE PRAYER AND TH

LIFE IS PRECIOUS; HANDLE WITH PRAYER

Tim and Helen Hazard, Joan Gillespie, Robert Habasinski, Sandy Evans, Ruth Marie Sarros, Nicole Villanueva, Stephen Gatons, *Richard Good, John Hora, Lillian Zaborske,* Aria Lopez, Cecilia O'Donnell, Joan Hamnik, *Deb Peterson, Timothy Bunchek, Pat Matz, Sherry Lazzaro,* Joe Dubczak, *Marlene Townsend,* Phyllis Leyba, Sue Gatons, *Ronald Hlad* 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.



For Those Who Have Died...

Freda Reyes

Life has changed, not ended

Welcome the Newly Baptized

James Alexander Genova



October 15th 10:00 AM in St. Patrick Hall



All Those 50+, Parishioner or Non-Parishioner, Join Us on October 22nd for Activity Day

Weather permitting, we will be going to Friendship Gardens at 10:00 AM in Michigan City, otherwise we will have an activity day inside the SE meeting room.

On **October 29th** at 10:00 AM in St. Patrick Hall, Senior Promise of Franciscan Hospitals will present a Medicare Review for the upcoming year. All are welcome. *Submitted by Nancy Finley*

The Cursillo Movement-Men's Weekend Oct 17th-20th at Camp Lawrence in Valparaiso Contact Carol Slager at 219-765-8600 for more information.

Two Ministries Help Out at the Same Place

Members of St Michael's Rebuilding Hope Mission Team volunteered at Shady Oaks Summer Camp for those with disabilities in Homer Glen, Illinois back in September. Members finished a project that was started last month which included drywall repair, painting the second level, the kitchen, and laying vinyl planking throughout the whole lower level. Volunteers received donuts and coffee, pizza for lunch, and a "T" shirt.



Members of St. Michael's Wheelchair Ramp Ministry installed its 80th ramp at Shady Oaks. The installation first required the removal of the existing wood ramp. There were volunteers from St. Michael, St. John and Holy Name to help with the installation. If you know of anyone who may need our assistance, please have them contact Catholic Charities at outreach@catholic-charities.org or call 219-886-3549 and ask for Daniela Ocanas. If you would like to participate in either of these ministries, please contact the St Michael's parish office at 219-322-4505.

Submitted by Jim Koeling

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Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY OCTOBER 13

Blood Pressure Readings After 7:30 & 9:30 AM Masses,

East Coat Room

Coffee & Donuts After All Masses, St. Patrick Hall Cub Scout Popcorn Sales After All Masses, Gathering Space Faith Formation Family Session 9:30 AM, SMS OCIA 9:30 AM

"Do This in Memory of Me" Mass 11:30 AM Marian Devotions 6:00 PM, Our Lady of the Lourdes Shrine

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

MONDAY OCTOBER 14

Pastoral Council Meeting 6:00 PM, SE Room

TUESDAY OCTOBER 15

Labors of Love 10:00 AM, St. Patrick Hall Faith Formation Traditional Classes, 6:00 PM, SMS Catholic Bible Study 7:00 PM, St. Patrick Hall

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 16

Eucharistic Adoration 1:00-4:00 PM, Chapel Faith Formation Traditional Classes, 6:00 PM, SMS Education Foundation 6:30 PM, SE Room

THURSDAY OCTOBER 17

Bereavement Session 7:00 PM, SW Room Choir Practice 7:00 PM, Church Confirmation Parent Meeting 7:00 PM, St. Patrick Hall

FRIDAY OCTOBER 18

Bell Choir Practice Canceled

SATURDAY OCTOBER 19

Finance Council Meeting 9:00 AM, SE Room Confessions 3:30-4:30 PM, Chapel 2nd Collection-Propagation of Faith

SUNDAY OCTOBER 20

2nd Collection-Propagation of Faith New Member Registration After 7:30 & 9:30 AM Masses, St. Patrick Hall

OCIA 9:30 AM

Blood Pressure, Glucose and
Oxygen Level Screenings
this weekend in the east coat
room after the 5:00 PM, 7:30 AM
and 9:30 AM Masses

Come and Join Our Parish Family

New Member Registration Oct. 20th After the 7:30 and 9:30 AM Masses



STewardship in Action

What are you being called to give up that will bring you closer to Christ? A habit, a relationship, overspending? Give away something that has meaning to you.

Submitted by Conchita Bryner

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.



September 8, 2024

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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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Diocesan Life Information

OCTOBERFEST

St. Michael's Byzantine Catholic Church, 557 W. 57th Ave., Merrillville is having an Octoberfest on Oct. 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.

REMEBERING FR. UBALD FROM **RWANDA!**

The Center for the Secret of Peace founded by the late Fr. Ubald invites you to "Let's Make" Joy!" on October 17th in Northfield, IL in celebration and support of Fr. Ubald's life and continuation of the ministry he founded. Featuring guest speaker Immaculée Ilibagiza, best-selling author, Rwandan Genocide Survivor, and dear friend of Fr. Ubald. We hope you join us! And we also have a silent auction with fabulous items for you and your loved ones. Tickets are \$200, silent auction registration is free. For details, please visit onecau.se/makejoy or scan the QR code.

SIP SAVOR SUPPORT

Join us to benefit the many Catholic Charities programs in NWI at the 4th annual event for wine and food enthusiasts. Wine & Food airing Dinner, 6:30 PM at the Hellenic Banquet Center in Merrillville on October 18th. For sponsorship, donations and tickets, please contact Kevin Feldman at (219) 886-3549, ext.102 or KFeldman@Catholic-Charities.org.



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HOLIDAY BAZAAR

St. Thomas More's Altar & Rosary Society Holiday Bazaar will be held on October 26th, 9:00 AM-3:00 PM in the STM gym. Join in for a day filled with beautiful paintings, floral décor, knit & crocheted items, ornaments, wreaths, jewelry, vendors & more.

*LAS VEGAS NITE

On November 2nd, 5:30-11:30 PM, at St. Joseph Gym, 440 Joliet St. (RT. 30) Dyer, there will be a Las Vegas

Nite featuring \$1 bets on all games like blackjack, roulette, money wheel, beat dealer dice, 3-card poker, and live poker. \$15 admission includes all foods. desserts and beverages. Must be 21 plus years to attend. For more

info: 219-718-3787. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council #8082 to raise funds for those in need. License #001636

*SAVE THE DATE

FCSLA Branch 81 Annual Fundraiser Luncheon November 10th More details to come.

*OUINCEANERA FORMATION CLASS

Young women planning to celebrate a Quinceanera are required to participate in a day long formation program prior to the date of their celebration. This

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program, facilitated by Adeline Torres, will take place at St. John Bosco School, 1231-171st Place, Hammond, {use Door A) on March 1, 2025, 10:00 AM-4:00 PM. Cost is \$25 for materials, lunch and snacks. To register or for more Uninceancea information, please contact Vickie Blackwood at 219-844-9027 or

sibreligion@comcast.net.



SATURDAY	OCTOBER 12	THURSDAY	OCTOBER 17
5:00 PM	♥Victoria Gargas	7:00 AM	♦Gerald Verdeyen
SUNDAY	OCTOBER 13 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		†Deacon Jack Krol Donald Trump
7:30 AM	St. Michael Parish	FRIDAY	OCTOBER 18
9:30 AM	†Henry Lyza	7:00 AM	†Joseph Gonino
	†Tony Iannacito †Laverne Vicik	SATURDAY 8:00 AM	OCTOBER 19 Steve Shelby
11:30 AM	For an End to Abortion on Demand and for a Conversion of Heart for those who Provide Abortion	2:00 PM	Wedding-Carlo Demma & Aubrey Doescher
MONDAY	OCTOBER 14	5:00 PM SUNDAY	♦Ronald Prenizny OCTOBER 20 29TH SUNDAY
7:00 AM	All Souls	SUNDAI	IN ORDINARY TIME
TUESDAY 7:00 AM	OCTOBER 15 *Nancy Gordon	7:30 AM	†Jose Macaya †Nick Kinzer
WEDNESDAY 7:00 AM 8:55 AM	OCTOBER 16 ◆Charles Cary ◆Harold Rich	9:30 AM 11:30 AM	♦Eric Vlcek St. Michael Parish ♦Pat Logue
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THE WORD

(Readings for October 20th, Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

I. Isaiah 53:10-11

If the servant of the Lord "gives his life as an offering for sin, he shall

see his descendants in a long life."

II. *Hebrews 4:14-16*

Brothers and sisters: "Let us confidently approach the throne of

grace."

III. Mark 10:35-45

Jesus replied to James and John, "The Son of Man did not come to be

served but to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many."

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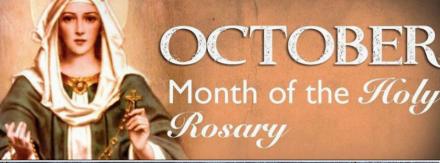




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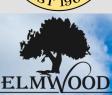
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