

WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



"Come after me, and I will
make you fishers of men."
Mark 1: 17



Called by **Name**

Do you know a future priest or religious?



Our future priests and religious will come from our own parishes and schools. Will you help us to identify and encourage them? Any young person you recommend will receive invitations from the Vocation Office to help them explore God's call.

NOVEMBER 3, 2024

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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.

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

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- Hospitality
- Lectors
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- Music Ministry
- Centering Prayer Ministry
- OCIA
- Sacristan
- Ministers of Care

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- Alpha
- Baptismal Preparation
- Catholic Bible Study
- Faith Formation
- Marriage Preparation
- Radiate
- School Administrator

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- Parish Gardeners
- Stewardship

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- Comforting Chefs
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- Ministry of Hope & Consolation
- Parish Nurse
- Senior GEMS
- Welcoming Ministry

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- Good Samaritans
- Rebuilding Hope Mission Team
- Wheelchair Ramp Ministry
- Respect Life Group
- Pastoral Care

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From the Pastor's Desk

Daily Devotions? Daily life can be, for many, a grind. Taking the kids to and from one activity to another, washing clothes, and rising in the dark to go to work only to return in the dark even though it's 4:30 in the afternoon is tough. It certainly takes its toll on the human heart. Marriages creak and strain, some break, under this "rat race" of life. Friendships can be fleeting and hard to maintain. But for all the activity we find ourselves engaged in between family, school, sports and work, we can still be very lonely people.

Interest in matters "spiritual" continues to grow among all the segments of society, yet, we still are missing something. Years ago people had devotions, special prayers and religious activities that brought balance to their lives. Devotion is not dead; some people put this same passion into following a vegetarian diet or exercise or sports. Modern devotion has less to do with God and more to do with me. The consequence of this is "new" devotional emphasis on me or my "passions" is that I lose sight of God and in the end, lose sight of others. Consequently, my non-religious devotions become just part of the grind of daily life, too.

To have devotion is to put your whole self into the task at hand. To be devoted to God is not merely a statement about who you are but one about what you do daily. We cannot love God in private. God's love affair with us is not private. To love God is a public stance that anticipates our acting on that devotion. That "love your neighbor" stuff, God meant it!

As the famous Russian author, Dostoevsky, so adeptly said "Love in practice is a hard and dreadful thing compared to love in dreams." It is important to know the difference between *being in love with the idea of being loved* and *being in love with loving others*. The first, is what society tells us is love, the love that "sweeps you off your feet." But this love is not the main show. The ultimate maturity is embracing love that does not always realize a return. To love, to care for others, even if they don't care for you is the love that has real power. This is the love that will change you and me and the world. This is the love that bristles at tribalism and challenges doctrinaire opinions that divide and destroy the pursuit of the common good.



How do we get there? Being devoted to spending time with Jesus in prayer is most essential. It doesn't have to be anything complicated, just 3 or 4 minutes in the morning asking for His help during the day, and 3 or 4 minutes at night reviewing the day with Jesus and seeing where you followed Him well and where you might need a bit more grace to do better tomorrow. Being devoted to seeking forgiveness in the Sacrament of Penance is needed so God's grace can help us to love more readily. It works only when you and I exercise our trust in God, not in ourselves. Trust has no time for rumors or self-centered motives, rather trust thrives when respect towards the other is honored. This is a daily journey that also involves every person we engage during the day, the week, the month, the year. The fruits of our devotion to God properly challenges our opinions, our hardened attitudes towards others who are different or think differently than we do. It leads us to see as God sees, not as human beings see.

Daily devotions directed toward God is the surest way to help your family stay devoted to one another. It is the surest way for you to stay devoted to the core values of respect for others and concern for the well being of others, even those you don't agree with at the moment. It is the surest way to enter into Jesus' Divine Heart that can heal all division and hatred that you or I might be tempted to entertain. Be first, devoted to God, then your family and then all the rest falls into place.

Training and Renewal for Liturgical Ministers

The Office of Worship and Office of Intercultural Ministry invite all adult Liturgical Ministers to the upcoming CONFERENCE '24 Training and Renewal for all Liturgical Ministers in the Diocese of Gary, which will take place on Friday, *November 15th* with doors opening at 5:15 PM and Saturday, *November 16th*, 7:30 AM- 2:15 PM at Nativity of Our Savior Parish in Portage. To register, please contact Janice Gatons at 219-322-4505, ext. 8241 or jgatons@stmichaelparish.life.

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE NOVEMBER 5TH

7:00 PM
IN THE CHURCH



A liturgy of special remembrance for all the faithfully departed of the parish especially for those who have died since October 15, 2023.

Eucharistic Adoration



November 6th
1:00-4:00 PM in the Chapel

MINISTRY FAIR A SUCCESS THANKS TO YOU, THE PARISHIONERS

Thank you to all who took the time to visit our Ministry Fair and fill out a Ministry card. We are happy to share that we had an increase from the last two years in individuals wanting to share their time and talents! Also, congratulations to Adam Nowinski, the lucky winner of the \$100.00 cash ministry card drawing. Thanks again to all who have stepped up to God's call. We look forward to having another successful Ministry Fair in September 2025. *Submitted by the Stewardship Ministry*

It's Time to "Radiate" for All High Schoolers! Come experience Radiate with us!

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. **On the Menu: COMFORT FOODS** serving sloppy joes, mac & cheese, mini sandwiches, potatoes, chips & dip, cookies, 6:00-8:00 PM in St. Patrick Hall.

Nov. 24th: VOLLEYBALL GYM Night! 6:00-8:00 PM in SMS Gym.

Dec. 8th: Meeting in St. Patrick Hall, 6:00-8:00 PM

Dec. 20th: SERVICE PROJECT Night & CHRISTMAS PARTY Night! Meet at Dyer Nursing Home at 4:45 PM, Caroling with Respect Life Ministry and Jill Udani's family. Then meet at St. Patrick Hall for our Christmas Party!

Keep Informed with our NEW Remind messaging sign up: Send TEXT to **81010**. Then TEXT THIS MESSAGE: **@stmradi**

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



Radiate enjoyed our Hayride & Bonfire Night!
THANK YOU to our parishioners, Fritz Priller & Joan McInerney, for your generosity in sponsoring this event!

submitted by Jeannine Quigley



Conversations in Marriage

Wednesday, November 13th

6:00-7:30 pm

in St. Patrick Hall

Guest Speaker:

Dr. Marguerite Rebesco, Ph.D.

Clinical Psychologist

Refreshments and appetizers will be provided.

Free childcare will be available in the St. Amand room
this evening. Please indicate the number of children.

Register by November 8th by using QR Code
or contact Kathryn Sanders at 219-201-1172

email: klsanders219@gmail.com

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*Wedding-Honeymoon-Children,
Now What?*



*How can we build an even
stronger marriage?*

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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. **Confirmation** 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. **Today** we will celebrate with a Mass to start a new program, **“Catch the Spirit,”** for such families. At the **11:30 AM Mass**, the children who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation 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 Confirmation. This new and exciting program will help the families participate more fully in the celebration of the Liturgy!

Also, First Holy Communion is a key moment, and we are asking you, the parish, to help support the children making their First Holy Communion by taking a **NAME CARD** of one of the children and praying for them throughout their time of preparation.

Name Cards will be available in the vestibule after all Masses on November 9th & 10th.



Veteran's Day Program Presented by SMS Children November 8th 9:00 AM in SMS Gym

If you are a veteran and would like to attend this program, please contact Karen at 219-322-4531, ext. 8321 or krapacz@stmichaelparish.life for more information.

HELP SMS STUDENTS

School Scholarship Tax Credit Program donate and get 50% tax credit on your IN state taxes. To donate by mail: Make your check payable to **Sagamore Institute SGO**. On the check, please indicate that it is for St. Michael School, Schererville. Please mail the check to:

SEC at Sagamore Institute
P.O. Box 301076 Indianapolis, IN 46230

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Website: www.stmichaelparish.life

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Junior Achievement is Headed to St. Michael School

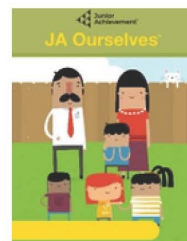
Join us as we inspire students, enlighten them about finances, and open doors to their futures. We are looking for volunteers to head into the classrooms and deliver the JA Programs!



Friday, December 13th, 2024

8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

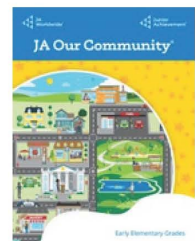
Lesson plans are scripted and easy to follow and training is provided to prepare you to confidently present the JA program in the classroom. The programs for each grade level are listed here. For more information on the program content, access program summaries at bit.ly/2024StMikeJA



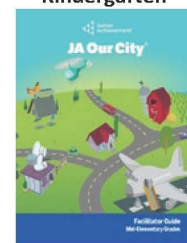
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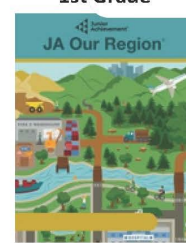
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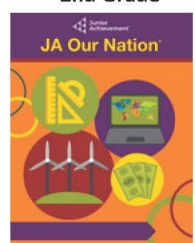
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3rd Grade



4th Grade



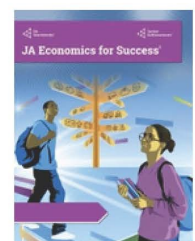
5th Grade



6th Grade



7th Grade



8th Grade

Sign Up to Volunteer: To volunteer your time to teach, please use the QR code or the following link to sign-up. More information will follow. bit.ly/2024StMikeVol

More Info: Joan Grott - jgrott@jachicago.org
JA Program Manager - Northwest Indiana



WAYS TO GIVE



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If you haven't taken advantage of this program before, it can sound intimidating, but we are here to help you every step of the way! We want to make the donation process simple and convenient for you. Many of our donors give year after year! Please contact us if you have any questions.

Can my gift support a particular student?

No. You may direct your gift to students attending one of our participating schools, but you may not specify a student to receive the gift.

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St. Michael's parishioners are in bold, italic print.

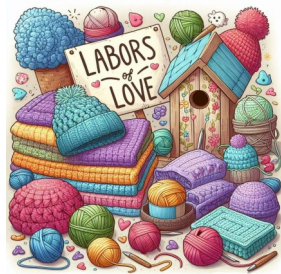
MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO SUPPORTED OUR ROSE SALE AND ATTENDED THE LIVING ROSARY

The Respect Life Ministry would like to thank all of you who participated in and supported our Rose Sale on Respect Life Sunday. Due to your overwhelming support, we sold all but 8 dozen roses and we started with (100 dozen or 1200 roses). Thanks to your participation and support (over \$1300) we will be able to continue supporting Lake County Right to Life and the Women's Care Center. We also would like to thank everyone who attended the Living Scriptural Rosary and Eucharistic Adoration with Benediction held on October 7th in the church. Thank you to all who helped put it together by preparing the program, coordinating the music, doing the readings and preparing the Church. We also want to thank everyone who participated as a 'Live Bead'. This is the first year since Respect Life has hosted this rosary that we had '60 beads' (no one had to do multiple beads) and there were still additional people in attendance. Although we know it was Our Blessed Mother who inspired everyone to come and participate, it was really beautiful to see everyone praying together as a 'Living Bead'.



Submitted by Cathy Bartczak

CHECK US OUT



On **November 10th**, Labors of Love will be showcasing a variety of handcrafted articles our very talented and creative ladies have made throughout the year. These items are routinely given out to any person or facility who would benefit from a personal gift. Please stop by our table during Coffee & Donuts Sunday to check out our "made with love and prayers" assortment. The items are free to parishioners and those in need. However, donations are welcome and enable us to continue God's work. Many of our items are one of a kind and make wonderful, thoughtful gifts for the upcoming season.

Submitted by Sharon Przybylinski

HONORING THOSE WHO SERVE



On October 23rd, St. Michael parishioner, Ronald Matonovich, was honored for his military service by going on an all expense paid one day trip to Washington D.C. Honor Flight Chicago flew Ronald and 114 other veterans to Washington, D.C. to visit the war memorials and return to Chicago Midway Airport



for the heroes welcome they all so deserved.

Submitted by Jim Koeling

Please pray this prayer for our country everyday until election day:



O Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Mercy, at this most critical time, we entrust the United States of America to your loving care. Most Holy Mother, we beg you to reclaim this land for the glory of your Son. Overwhelmed with the burden of the sins of our nation, we cry to you from the depths of our hearts and seek refuge in your motherly protection. Look down with mercy upon us and touch the hearts of our people. Open our minds to the great worth of human life and to the responsibilities that accompany human freedom. Free us from the falsehoods that lead to the evil of abortion and threaten the sanctity of marriage and family life. Grant our country the wisdom to proclaim that God's law is the foundation on which this nation was founded, and that He alone is the True Source of our cherished rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. O Merciful Mother, give us the courage to reject the culture of death and the strength to build a new Culture of Life. Amen.

Submitted by Cathy Bartczak

THE GOOD SAMARITANS

Can we help?

The Good Samaritans are offering a limited number of our annual Thanksgiving Dinner Baskets to **Parishioners** in need of assistance. Please contact our voice mail at 219-322-4505 extension 8250 and leave a message with your name and contact number **by November 15th**. A ministry member will return your call to explain distribution details. We are always here to assist our St. Michael Parish Family.

“If souls are humble, they will be moved to give thanks.” St. Teresa of Avila

The Good Samaritan Food Drive will again be at the 9:00 AM Thanksgiving Mass, November 28th. We will be collecting non-perishable food donations, personal care & cleaning supplies. The following items are needed:

Food: Pasta sauce, various canned soup, pork & beans, baked beans, kidney beans, chili, mixed vegetables, SpaghettiOs, black beans, corn, canned tomatoes, tomato sauce, Manwich, peanut butter, jelly, canned fruit, canned meats, tuna, tomato soup, various pastas, noodles, instant potatoes, pasta sides, rice sides, instant rice, mac n cheese, stuffing mix, hamburger helper, cereal, oatmeal, oyster crackers, cookies, pancake mix, syrup, jello, pudding & cake mix

Personal Care Items: shampoo, women & men's deodorant, bar soap, toothpaste & toothbrushes

Cleaning supplies & paper products: Kleenex, paper towels, toilet paper, dish soap, all-purpose cleaners, OS pads & kitchen cleanser

Should you prefer to make a monetary donation, envelopes are on the rack in the Narthex.

We thank you for your continual support of our ministry and may God richly bless you.

“Thank God ahead of time.” Blessed Solanus Casey

Submitted by Sue Cohen

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 12177



**MEMBERSHIP DRIVE
THIS WEEKEND AFTER ALL
MASSES
STOP AT THE TABLE IN THE
GATHERING SPACE AND
LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS
AWESOME MINISTRY**

**Doing nothing is hard,
you never know when
you're done.**



**Saint Michael the Archangel
Knights of Columbus Council #12177**

Pancake Breakfast

CHANGE IN DATE NOVEMBER 17TH



New Chair Yoga Class
Friday, November 8th
8:00-9:00 AM
\$5/class
To register, please contact
Ursula Buchnat at 219-741-3276.

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 3

DST Ends 2:00 AM
 2nd Collection-Education Foundation
 KofC Membership Drive After All Masses, Gathering Space
 OCIA 9:30 AM
 "Catch the Spirit" Enrollment Mass 11:30 AM, Church
 Confirmation & Sponsors Blessing at Mass 11:30 AM
 Vietnamese Mass 6:00 PM, Church
 Reception to Follow, St. Patrick Hall

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

MONDAY NOVEMBER 4

Liturgy Committee Meeting 7:00 PM, SE Room

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 5

Labors of Love 10:00 AM, St. Patrick Hall
 Children's Choir Practice 3:15 PM, Church
 Faith Formation Traditional Classes 6:00 PM, SMS
 Mass of Remembrance 7:00 PM, Church

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 6

Eucharistic Adoration 1:00-4:00 PM, Chapel
 Faith Formation Traditional Classes 6:00 PM, SMS
 The Good Samaritans 6:30 PM, SE Room

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 7

Bereavement Session 7:00 PM, SW Room
 Choir Practice 7:00 PM, Church

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 8

Chair Yoga 8:00 AM, St. Patrick Hall
 Veteran's Day Program 9:00 AM, SMS Gym
 Respect Life 1:30 PM, SE Room
 Bell Choir Practice 6:00 PM, Church

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 9

Pastoral Council Meeting 9:00 AM, SE Room
 Confessions 3:30-4:30 PM, Chapel
 Advent Calendars for Children Available Before & After Vigil
 Mass, Gathering Space

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 10

Advent Calendars for Children Available After All Masses,
 Gathering Space
 Coffee & Donuts After All Masses, St. Patrick Hall
 OCIA 9:30 AM
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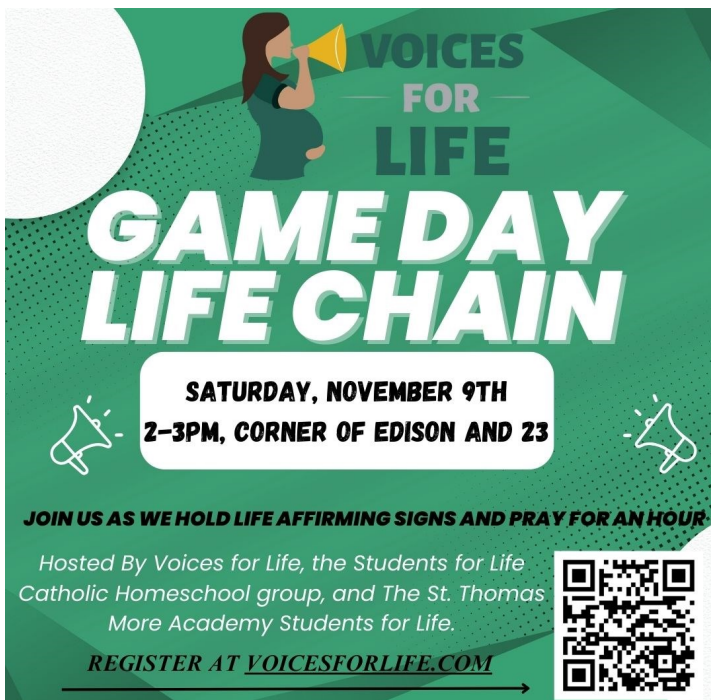
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TRAVELING MONSTRANCE FOR VOCATIONS

With the blessing of Bishop Robert McClory, the traveling monstrance for vocations, blessed by Pope St. John Paul II, will be in the Diocese of Gary for the first time during National Vocations Week. Members of the Serra Club of NWI will transport the monstrance through the diocese as part of our pledge to foster and support vocations. Contact Susan Gryfakis for more information about the Serra Club of NWI at: vsgryfakis@gmail.com. See schedule below:

Date	Church	City	From	To
November 4	St. Bridget	Hobart	12:30 PM	7:00 PM
November 5	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	Valparaiso	7:30 AM	8:30 PM
November 7	Holy Martyrs Parish	Merrillville	11:30 AM	12:30 PM
November 7-8	St. Matthias (Overnight)	Crown Point	6:00 PM	6:00 AM
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*THANKSGIVING DINNER

The St. Vincent de Paul Society, St. James the Less Conference would like to invite the community to celebrate Thanksgiving Dinner with us. The dinner is free and will be held 12:00-3:00 PM in the St. James the Less Hall, 9640 Kennedy Avenue (corner of Kennedy Avenue and 45th Street) in Highland. For more information on the dinner or if you want to volunteer to help with this event, please contact Whitney Lenart at (812) 369-1672.

*ADVENT EVENING OF REFLECTION

Join St. Matthias for an Advent Evening of Reflection and dinner, presented by Kevin Driscoll, Director of Mission and Ministry and chair of the Theology Department at BNI in Hammond. Mr. Driscoll will give a talk on Advent and Theology. This will take place on **December 1st**, 5:30-7:00 PM, in the St. Matthias Parish Center Lobby and Chapel. For more information, please call the office at 219-663-2201 or sign up at stmatthiasparish.net.

*CHRISTMAS AT VALPO: A VESPERS CONCERT

A service of readings, prayers and music in preparation for Christmas will be held on **Dec. 6th** at 7:30 PM and **Dec. 7th** at 5:00 PM in the Chapel of the Resurrection, Valpo University. Tickets are \$20/adult and \$15/seniors (62+), children (6+) and non-VU students. Tickets may be purchased through the VUCA box office or in person at the University Center for the Arts. Visit valpo.edu/chapel/cav24/ for more information.



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 2 ALL SOULS

5:00 PM All Souls

**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 3 31ST SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

7:30 AM †Ann Ayersman

9:30 AM †Henry Lyza

†Chester White

†Paul Jukura

11:30 AM St. Michael Parish

MONDAY NOVEMBER 4

7:00 AM †Chandler Cowser

12:00 PM All Souls (8th Grade Mass on Mt. Calvary)

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 5

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

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 6

7:00 AM †Ricardo Ospino

8:55 AM †Jim Ruf

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 7

7:00 AM †John & Kristin Finley

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 8

7:00 AM All Souls

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 9

8:00 AM †Jeanne Babonick

Lillian Zaborske

†Robert Eskew

5:00 PM †Kyle Arnold

**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 10 32ND SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

7:30 AM †Hugh Beaton

9:30 AM †Joseph Zaborske

†Ervin Bohling

11:30 AM St. Michael Parish

†indicates deceased



reflections...

THE WORD

(Readings for November 10th, Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time)

I. *1 Kings 17:10-16*

Elijah the prophet arrived at the city gate and met a poor widow gathering sticks. He asked for water and a bite to eat. She made a little cake from her flour and gave it to him.

II. *Hebrews 9:24-28*

Christ, the high priest standing before God was “offered once to take away the sins of many.” He will appear again “to bring salvation to those who eagerly await Him.”

III. *Mark 12:38-44*

Jesus saw a poor widow go up to put all she had into the collection box: a few cents. She put in more than all the others, for she gave from her need while they from their surplus.

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