

# 32<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A poor widow also came and put in two small coins worth a few cents. Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury."

- Mk 12:42-43



#### 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

#### **EUCHARISTIC 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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## From the Pastor's Desk

**Show Me the Money!** A catch phrase from the late 90's, "show me the money," expresses our need to be convinced before we commit. There are those who would claim this to be a natural state for human beings. We don't want to give until we know what we are going to get. If this is our natural tendency, I would argue that it does not come from God but from The Fall, the sin of our first parents.

The "show me the money" sentiment is one of distrust. Distrust that if I put in, I might not receive my share. The problem with this approach is that nothing happens. If everyone feels this way, we come to a stand still.

When we apply this philosophy to our relationship with God or with His Church (for the Church is Christ present in the world), then we have an even bigger problem. Because God has already "shown us the money" as it were. He loved us first. By holding back our participation either spiritually or ministerially or financially is to say to God that you have not done anything for me. I will not do anything for you until you do something for me. This is a problem because this is simply false thinking. God has given us Christ, He has given us the Church as His continued Presence in our midst through which we are nourished with the Body and Blood of Christ. He has given you Eternal Life.

The story of the widow of Zarephath from the First Book of Kings shows us the attitude we need to adopt. God sends the prophet Elijah specifically to this very poor woman to seek her hospitality. She, by all accounts, could not afford to be hospitable. Indeed, she at first politely protests his expectations that she should provide some food and drink for him. Elijah does not console her by promising that she will have plenty to eat in the future if she waits on him. No, he simply tells her those powerful words, "Do not be afraid." These are the same words Jesus speaks to the disciples and to us. This is all he says and then directs her to make him a small hearth cake before she mixes the last of her ingredients into her final meal.

She takes his advice and proceeds without fear. There is no miracle that she seeks before she acts. She doesn't say "show me the money." After she prepares the food and sends the prophet on his way, as she prepares for

her certain death by starvation, suddenly her jug of oil replenishes itself and her flour bag grows fat again. The miracle happens only after she gives, not before.

This powerful lesson is acted out in the Gospel account of the widow's offering at the Temple. Jesus does not say that she should not have given the offering rather He points out that those who have means gave less (even though in terms of dollars they gave more) because they gave from their surplus and did not make an offering that touched their need. Or as is said, they didn't give until it hurts.

These two occurrences are a powerful lesson for us all who fall into the trap of "show me the money." In a

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society that seeks first its own needs, the widow of Zarephath stands as our judge as does the generous widow in the Gospel. Let us take their examples to heart because God still works the same way as He did then.

**Pilgrimage Prayers** Be assured of my prayers for you all as I journey with Deacon Ron, Fr. Gregory Bim-Merle and Fr. Peter Muha to the Marian Shrines of Fatima and Lourdes. I would ask that you pray for us and the 41 other pilgrims joining us. We depart tomorrow and return on Friday, November 22nd. Fr. Robert will be here to attend to the regular needs of the parish. Please keep him in your prayers too. Thank you.

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## 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.



#### **REV. MARTIN HOLLER**

Next weekend please welcome Rev. Martin Holler who will be with us to celebrate Mass and tell us about the work of Unbound, a lay Catholic sponsorship ministry that helps children and elderly in 17 developing countries. To learn more, call 1-800-875-6564 or visit www.unbound.org.



Eucharistic Adoration November 13th 1:00-4:00 PM in the Chapel Choose a Job you love, and you will never have to work in a day in your life.

# 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.

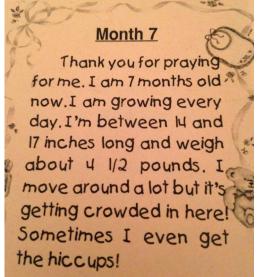
Dec. 8th: Meeting in St. Patrick Hall, 6:00-8:00 PM Dec. 20th: SERVICE PROJECT Night & CHRISTMAS PARTY Night! Meet at Dyer Nursing Home at 4:45 PM, Caroling with Respect Life Ministry and Jill Udani's family. Then meet at St. Patrick Hall (6:00-8:00 PM) for our Christmas Party!

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

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



# Spiritual Adoption Program



Please remember to pray daily for your Spiritually Adopted baby and the baby's mother and father. During your earthly life this spiritually adopted child of yours will be known only to God, but in the world to come it is hoped you will meet the child whose life was spared by your prayers and spend eternal happiness with them.

"Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion."

Prayer of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen Submitted by Cathy Bartczak

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#### JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT IS HEADED TO SMS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

### **DECEMBER 13TH 8:30-11:00 AM**

Join us as we inspire students, enlighten them about finances and open doors to their futures. Lesson plans are scripted and easy to follow and training is provided to prepare you to confidently present the JA program in the classroom. For more information on the program content, access program summaries at bit.ly/2024StMikeJA.

You may sign up to volunteer using the QR code or use the link: bit.ly/2024StMikeVol

For more information, please contact Joan Grott at jgrott@jachicago.org.





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. 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 are available in the Gathering Space after all Masses this weekend.

# HELP SMS EARN EDUCATIONAL REWARDS

Please save your Strack's receipts, put them in an envelope marked Apples for Students and place in one of the collection towers in church, drop them in the dropbox by the parish office or bring them to the parish office during normal business hours.

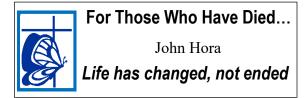
THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING SMS!



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#### Welcome the Newly Baptized

Paisley Danielle Riffle



#### LIFE IS PRECIOUS; HANDLE WITH PRAYER



Special Prayers For Those In Need Lillian Zaborske, Ronald Hlad, Kelly Musick, Carmlina Spiccia, Kathy Borem, Don Borem, Mary Ann Adam, Sr. Dominick Dybel, Sr. Colleen Loehmer, Suzy Bologna, Stephen Gatons, Tim & Helen Hazard, Robert Habasinski, Sandy Evans, David Sarros, Ruth Marie Sarros, Joan Gillespie, Glinda Davalos 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.



"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, Nov. 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, SOS 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.



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## **New Member Registration**



**November 17th After the** 7:30 and 9:30 AM Masses in St. Patrick Hall

#### CHECK US OUT



Labors of Love are showcasing the beautiful items they created throughout the year today in St. Patrick Hall. Please stop by and check out the blankets, hats and scarves, shawls, baby items, walker caddies, rosaries, ornaments and so much more.

For a donation of your choice, one of those specialty items could be yours. As always, thank you all for supporting our Ministry. Have a wonderful Holiday Season. Submitted by Sharon Przybylinski



All Those 50+, Parishioner or Non-Parishioner Join Us for the **Following Events:** 

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Nov. 12th: 10:00 AM business meeting in the SE room of St. Patrick Hall. Afterwards, trip to Antiques Store in Highland, lunch at Cracker Barrel and a visit to the Welcome Center to see decorations. Nov. 26th: No meeting due to Thanksgiving Dec. 4th: Joining St. Maria Goretti group for trip to Chicago (information available from St. Maria Goretti)

**Dec. 10th:** Meeting at 10:00 AM in SE room **Dec. 13th:** Joining Senior Promise for Christmas

Party at Teibel's, 1:00 PM

**Dec. 17th:** Joining Labors of Love for Christmas

Party at Ciao Bella, 11:30 AM

submitted by Nancy Finley

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**Blood Pressure, Glucose and Oxygen Level Screenings** November 16th & 17th in the east coat room after the 5:00 PM. 7:30 AM 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.

# Weekly Schedule

#### **SUNDAY NOVEMBER 10**

Advent Calendars for Children Available After All Masses, Gathering Space

First Communion Name Cards Available After all Masses,
Gathering Space

Coffee & Donuts After All Masses, St. Patrick Hall Labors of Love Display After All Masses, St. Patrick Hall OCIA 9:30 AM

Faith Formation Family Session 9:30 AM, SMS "Do This in Memory of Me" Mass 11:30 AM, Church Radiate 6:00 PM, St. Patrick Hall

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

#### **TUESDAY NOVEMBER 12**

GEMS 10:00 AM, SE Room Children's Choir Practice 3:15 PM, Church Faith Formation Traditional Classes 6:00 PM, SMS Catholic Bible Study 7:00 PM, St. Patrick Hall

#### **WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 13**

Eucharistic Adoration 1:00-4:00 PM, Chapel Marriage Tune Up 6:30 PM, St. Patrick Hall Formation Traditional Classes 6:00 PM, SMS

#### **THURSDAY NOVEMBER 14**

Bereavement Session 10:00 AM, SW Room Super Raffle Stuffing 3:00 PM, St. Amand Room Baptismal Prep 6:00 PM, SW Room The Good Samaritans 6:30 PM, SE Room Choir Practice 7:00 PM, Church

#### FRIDAY NOVEMBER 15

Chair Yoga 8:00 AM, St. Patrick Hall Respect Life 1:30 PM, SE Room Super Raffle Stuffing 3:00 PM, St. Amand Room Bell Choir Practice 6:00 PM, Church

#### **SATURDAY NOVEMBER 16**

Anointing of the Sick Mass 8:00 AM, Chapel Super Raffle Stuffing (if needed) 9:00 AM, St. Amand Room Confessions 3:30-4:30 PM, Chapel

Advent Calendars for Children Available Before & After Vigil
Mass, Gathering Space

BP Readings After Vigil Mass, East Coat Room Unbound Information After Vigil Mass, Gathering Space

#### **SUNDAY NOVEMBER 17**

KofC Pancake Breakfast 8:00 AM-1:00 PM, St. Patrick Hall KofC Membership Drive After All Masses, St. Patrick Hall Advent Calendars for Children Available After All Masses, Gathering Space

Unbound Information After All Masses, Gathering Space BP Readings After 7:30 & 9:30 AM Masses, East Coat Room New Members Registration After 7:30 & 9:30 AM Masses,

St. Patrick Hall

OCIA 9:30 AM Lector Meeting 1:00 PM, Church & SE Room ewardshi on what it would be consider giving m



Chair Yoga Class November 15th, 8:00-9:00 AM \$5/class

To register, please contact Ursula Buchnat at 219-741-3276.

# S ewardship in Action

Reflect on what it would be like to give all you have. Reconsider giving more.

submitted by Conchita Bryner



October 6, 2024

Adult Children EFTs Loose \$17,966.00 \$85.00 \$7,432.33 \$547.00

Total Weekly Offering \$26,030.33

Vietnamese Offering \$2,608.00

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.

#### \*BINGO CLUB AT OLC

Our Lady of Consolation Bingo Club for ages 55+ will be meeting on **November 11th** at



1:00 PM in the Holy Family Room at OLC. Come enjoy an afternoon of fellowship while playing bingo. Coffee and refreshments will be served. All people ages 55

and over are welcome, and members are not required to be a parishioner of the Merrillville parishes, so BRING YOUR FRIENDS! No RSVP is required.



# \*2025 JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Bishop McClory and Fr. Nate Edquist invite you to join them on **November 21st**, 6:30 PM at the Diocese of Gary Pastoral Center in Holy Angels Hall, Merrillville to learn more about the 2025 Jubilee Pilgrimage (Sept. 25-Oct. 3, 2025) and how to register. Refreshments provided.



#### \*ST. JUDE RELIC VENERATION

On **November 25th**, 2:00-10:00 PM, St. Paul Parish, 1855 W. Harrison Blvd, Valpo, is having a Veneration of the St. Jude Relic. Veneration begins at 2:00 PM with Mass in honor of St. Jude starting at 7:00 PM. Veneration ends at 10:00 PM.

#### THANKSGIVING DINNER

The St. Vincent de Paul Society, St. James the Less Conference would like to invite the community to celebrate Thanksgiving Dinner with them. 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.

## **Diocesan Life Information**

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### **EMOTIONS ANONYMOUS**

Emotions Anonymous is a 12-Step program, based off the recovery program of Alcoholics Anonymous. Anyone experiencing emotional difficulties who is willing to try this recovery program is welcome to attend our meetings. Every Monday at 7:00 PM in ST. Thomas More Weis Center, 8635 Calumet Ave., Munster. We meet in Room 101. For more information, please visit www.emotionsanonymous.org

#### \*RELIEF FOR HURRICANE VICTIMS

Charities

Catholic Charities USA, the official disaster relief agency of the Church in the United States, has an online donation mechanism at <a href="mailto:catholiccharitiesusa.org">catholiccharitiesusa.org</a>.

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Please note: 100% of donations made via the link above go to support recovery efforts.

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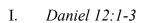
directly with local Catholic Charities agencies in the affected areas to provide humanitarian relief.



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7:30 AM	♦Hugh Beaton	FRIDAY	NOVEMBER 15
9:30 AM	♦Joseph Zaborske	7:00 AM	♦Gerald Verdeyen
11:30 AM	†Ervin Bohling St. Michael Parish	SATURDAY	NOVEMBER 16
MONDAY	NOVEMBER 11	8:00 AM 5:00 PM	<ul><li>Ann Ayersman</li><li>For an End to Abortion on Demand</li></ul>
7:00 AM	♦Deacon Jack Krol		and for a Conversion of Heart for
TUESDAY	NOVEMBER 12		those who Provide Abortions
7:00 AM	<del>†</del> Henry Lyza	SUNDAY	NOVEMBER 17 33RD SUNDAY
WEDNESDAY 7:00 AM	NOVEMBER 13  Petrilena	7:30 AM 9:30 AM	#Cali Blakely St. Michael Parish
8:55 AM	Departed Souls in the Congregation of Mother of Carmel	11:30 AM	<ul> <li>John &amp; Helen Sandor</li> <li>Pearl Salach</li> <li>Deceased Members of Catholic</li> <li>Order of Foresters Court 102</li> </ul>
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## THE WORD

(Readings for November 17th, Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time)



"I, Daniel, heard this word of the Lord: At that time...your people shall escape."

II. Hebrews 10:11-14

"Brothers and sisters: By one offering he has made perfect forever those who are being consecrated."

III. Mark 13:24-32

The Son of Man will appear from heaven in power and glory. He will "gather his elect from the four winds."

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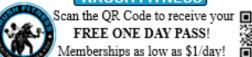
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