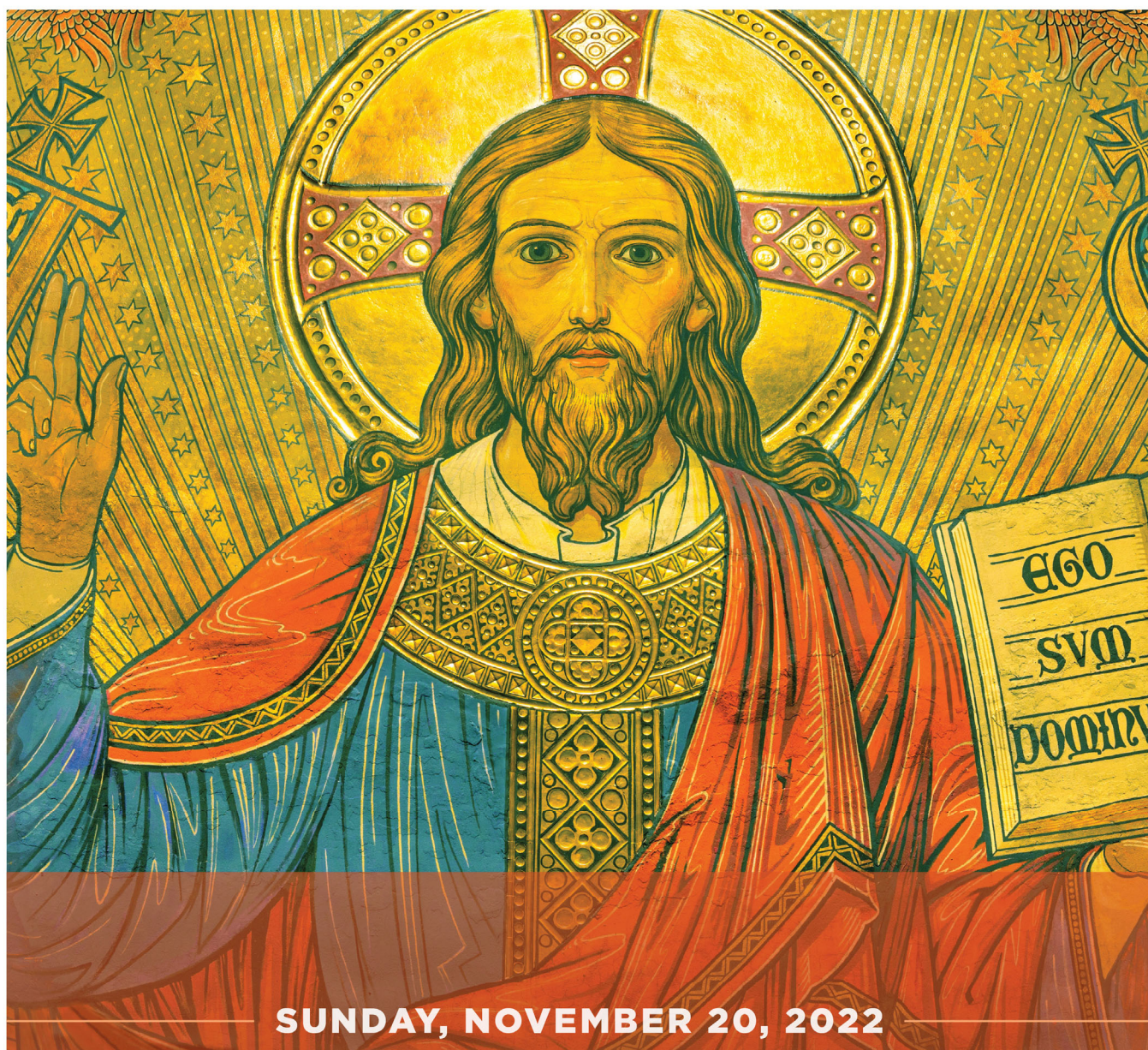


WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2022

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE



He said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." - Lk 23:42-43

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Traditional Classes.....Tuesday or Wednesday 6:00-7:30 PM
Sunday Family Classes.....Once a month 9:30-11:00 AM

SATURDAY LITURGY

Vigil: 5:00 PM
DAILY LITURGY
Weekdays 7:00 AM
Saturday 8:00 AM

SUNDAY LITURGY

7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 AM
HOLY DAY LITURGY
See page 13 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 322-4505, 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

Monday prior to the Sunday printing 12:00 PM (Noon).
Holidays have exceptions. Please submit potential bulletin articles by email to bulletin@stmichaelparish.life or in print form to the office or by fax to 322-4508.

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Welcome to visitors and new members. If you would like to register, please visit the website or call 322-4505, x8220. Come Join Us!

From the Pastor's Desk

Real Power. Power and its use in our society has always been a mixed bag. Power can be used to encourage change for the good or it can be used to control. Power can guarantee freedom and it can also destroy it. Power in the hands of human beings has been used for all these things and even more than could be mentioned here.

In the end, we are suspicious of power, especially when it is wielded by one person or even a certain group of people. With this reality in mind, the solemn feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe might strike a pious cord in us but, on another level, it is hard for us to swallow with our inbred suspicion of absolute power.

The fact remains that today's feast is about power and how you and I can discern what is REAL power, as opposed to people and groups who play at being full of power. We are all subject to abuses of power; we play with it, we use it at times for the good of others but also at times for our own good, whether that be emotional, financial or interpersonal. But notice how the Author of power carries it.

Jesus, the Son of the Most High, carries REAL power and He carries it to the cross. He also carries on His back our feeble excuse for power, a power that condemns, that oppresses and kills. On the cross, His power crushes our weak imitation of the same. And what is the celebration of this ultimate defeat of our worldly power? It is the absolute opposite of what those who have absolute power usually do. It is to forgive.

Final and full forgiveness is the exercise of God's power. Condemnation comes not from the mouth of God but from the unrepentant thief who, by his own unwillingness to surrender to God's power, condemns himself. Through the other thief, Dismas is the name we give him, God's power is made fully manifest. Dismas surrenders to Jesus and in doing this, God shows His hand like an over anxious poker player. God shows us that REAL power on earth and in the heavens is about compassion, forgiveness and being reconciled to our Creator.

Below is a picture of an altar dedicated to St. Dismas in the Cathedral in Swidnica, Poland. The image of Dismas on the cross, a gruesome way to die, shows us a peaceful death on the part of the "good" thief. Notice the iconography in the lower left and right hand sides. It is an image of the parable of the Good Samaritan. Jesus, rescues us all from the cross just like Dismas.



The King we celebrate is not constrained by a constitution which seeks to limit power, nor a bill of rights that presumes power will be misused. The King we celebrate is singular and absolute. But you and I have no need to fear His power. Because God is all-powerful, He can be all-generous in forgiveness.

Not only this, but we too have a share in God's power; that REAL power that creates all things and sustains all things. We have a share in it when you and I forgive whom we need to forgive.

Spirituality and Worship Commission



**Eucharistic
Adoration
November 23rd
1:00-4:00 PM
in the Chapel**

Commission Members: Director of Liturgy, Art & Environment, Eucharistic Ministers, Hospitality, Lectors, Music, Sacristan, Altar Servers, Cross Bearers, Prayer Ministry, RCIA, Ministers of Care, Deer Creek/Clarendale Ministers

The new Lay Liturgical Ministers' schedule for Advent and the Christmas Season is now available.

**Advent Evening Prayer
Come Share a Moment of
Prayer and
Fellowship
Nov. 28th
Dec. 5th and 19th
7:00 PM**



Thank You to All of our Hospitality Ministers, Parish Staff and Rob's Homestyle Catering who helped to make this Diocesan Event, Conference "22, a wonderful experience. Without your help, it would not have been possible.

Submitted by Janice Gatons

**Come & Decorate the
Church for Advent
November 26th at 9:00 AM**

Parish Advent Activity

For our annual parish Advent activity, the Art & Environment Ministry picked four charitable organizations to sponsor: Sojourner Truth House, the Carmelite Home, the Good Samaritans and Respect Life. Starting next weekend in the Gathering Space, there will be links of paper with items needed by the above charities. Please take one or more links home and purchase the items. Return the link and the gift and place in the baskets provided. At Christmas, we will join the links and decorate the Gathering Space. Let us fill the space with a chain symbolizing our love and concern for our brothers and sisters.



Little Advent Books \$1.00 Donation

Little Advent Books will be for sale this weekend and next weekend after all Masses.

Advent starts November 27th.

Submitted by Janice Gatons

Education and Formation Commission

Commission Members: Director of Religious Education, School Principal, Sport/School Advisory Board/HSA Representatives, Marriage Prep, Baptismal Prep, Adult Catholic Education, RADIATE Youth Ministry, Bible Study

Dec. 4th: Gathering 6:00-8:00 PM in St. Patrick Hall

Dec 18th: Christmas Party Fun! 6:00-8:00 PM in St. Patrick Hall

Keep informed with our Radiate texts: Send text to 81010 and then text message @Radiate Any questions? Contact Jeannine Quigley at 219-775-5356.

Submitted by Jeannine Quigley



Education and Formation Commission

Faith Formation News

Kimberley Hoogeveen, DRE

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

22nd/23rd: Thanksgiving Break

29th/30th: Traditional Classes 6:00-7:30 PM



Tuesday Faith Formation Grade 2
Sharing a Pumpkin Prayer



Guest Speaker: Mark Gabrione shares his passion for
the love of Prayer & The Rosary with the Faith
Formation- Sunday Family Program

SMS NEWS
Michelle Wacnik, Principal



SMS STUDENTS HONORING VETERANS

On November 11th, SMS held a Veteran's Day program. Ms. Hess put on a phenomenal program with great student involvement. Thank you for such a heartwarming/honoring event. Also a special thanks to the group of teachers who assisted Ms. Hess with organizing, decorating, and general support with this program. It takes a team to put on a whole school production and make it look flawless. Great job!

School Scholarship Tax Credit Program

Donate and get 50% tax credit on your IN state taxes.

To donate online: <https://scholarshipsforeducationchoice.com/st-michael-school/>

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 PO Box 301076

Indianapolis, IN 46230

Peace & Social Justice Commission

Welcome the Newly Baptized

Georgie Hope Bonk
Gianna Layla Serrano
Allie Josefina Wilson
Anthony Daniel Wilson

Commission Members: Ministry of Consolation and Hope, Good Samaritans, Pastoral Care, Respect Life, Parish Nurse Ministry, Rebuilding Hope Mission Team, Wheelchair Ramp Ministry, Labors of Love, Emotions Anonymous

LIFE IS PRECIOUS; HANDLE WITH PRAYER

Special Prayers
For Those In Need



Charles Svitko, Don Miniuk, Mary Emery, Alison Gatons, Art Napollilo, Ralph J. Terrazas, Dorothy Bardocz, **Richard Good**, **Matthew “Sonny” Goldasic**, **Allen Girnus**, Theresa Cicco, Bob Blair, Joyce Stodola, Joan Hamnik, **Kathy Lakatos**, **Nicole Villanueva**, **Diana Marovich**, **Josephine Purnell**, Ed Labus, **Audrey Strayer**, Dan Krivickas, Mary Ellen Scheive, Linda Svihra, Ashley Floit, Ray Pacholski, Jerry Caravana, Marisa Kuethe, **Jean Sanchez**, **Jennifer Mance**, Dave Morehouse, Angela Koutsis, Linda Iwan, **Kay Parker**, **Tim and Helen Hazard**, Ray Pachoski, Katelyn Rodgers, **John Kish** 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. In praying for a sick person, we show our solidarity with that person and we remind ourselves to do all that is

within our power to help in the healing done through our Lord, Jesus Christ. 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.

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

Please Help with our Thanksgiving Food Drive

“As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.” John F. Kennedy

The Good Samaritan Food Drive will be at the 9:00 AM Thanksgiving Mass, November 24th. We will be collecting food, as well as monetary donations, to assist families in need.

The following items are needed:

Food: pasta sauce, canned & dried soup, pork & beans, kidney, baked and various types of beans, canned vegetables, chili, Manwich, peanut butter, jelly, canned fruit, applesauce, canned meats, tuna, various pastas, noodles, instant potatoes, pasta sides, rice sides, instant rice, mac & cheese, stuffing mix, hamburger helper, cereal, oatmeal, saltine crackers, cookies, pancake mix & syrup, jello, pudding, cake and biscuit mixes.

Personal Care Items: shampoo, deodorant, bar soap, toothpaste & toothbrushes

Cleaning supplies & paper products: paper towels, toilet paper, Kleenex, dish soap, all-purpose cleaners, SOS pads, kitchen cleanser and laundry detergent.

Monetary donations: These dollars are used to purchase meat and perishable food items for our freezer and help with rent & utility assistance.

As always, we thank you for your continual support of our ministry and know your kind and generous hearts are greatly appreciated.

“No duty is more urgent than returning thanks.” Saint Ambrose

Submitted by Sue Cohen



Peace & Social Justice Commission

RESPECT LIFE NEWS - FAMILY CHRISTMAS CARD SALE

As in past years, the Respect Life Ministry will be selling Feast of the Holy Family Mass cards and as we have learned from our past sales, many people want to get their Christmas cards out right after Thanksgiving so we will begin selling cards after Mass the weekend of November 26th/27th and will continue until December 11th. We will have two tables in the gathering space, one at each end until December 10th. On December 11th, we will be in St. Patrick Hall where we will have Breakfast with St. Nicholas and Baby Jesus after all Masses. We will be selling individual cards for \$2 or cards in packs of 10 for \$15. Although the main focus of having these cards is being able to send a beautiful card to your family and friends, it also means having their names entered into our Book of Intentions and prayed for at Mass on December 30th, the Feast of the Holy Family and all throughout the year. Forms will be available to enter the names of those you are sending cards to and they can be dropped off in the gathering space during the month of December. Exact change will be greatly appreciated or your personal check made out to St. Michael's Respect Life. Proceeds from the sale help us support the many organizations that need our help.

As always, thank you for your support and God Bless You.

Submitted by C. Bartczak

**Blood Pressure, Glucose and
Oxygen Level Screenings
this Weekend
in the East Cloak Room
after the 5:00 PM,
7:30 AM and 9:30 AM
Masses**



**EMOTIONS ANONYMOUS
12 STEP PROGRAM
FREE EMOTIONAL SUPPORT GROUP
FOR THOSE
15 YEARS AND UP
EVERY MONDAY
(EXCEPT HOLIDAYS)
6:00-7:30 PM
IN ST. PATRICK HALL
USE EAST DOORS/SOUTHWEST
MEETING ROOM**

Parish Life

**Make the most of this day!
Laugh, love, read, live,
learn, play, dream and just
be happy! Live every
moment!**

<http://www.comeandseemyouagreeting.com>

Commission Members: Welcoming Ministry,
Holy Name Society, Knights of Columbus, Festival
Committee, Comforting Chefs, Senior GEMS,
Boy Scouts of America

**Hope your Thanksgiving
is filled with
peace, love and great joy.
Happy Thanksgiving!
From St. Michael Parish & School Staff**



**Hand Carved Religious Articles
From the Holy Land
This Weekend
After All Masses
in St. Patrick Hall**



**New Member Registration
This Weekend
After the 7:30 & 9:30 AM
Masses in St. Patrick Hall**

Seniors, Are You Looking to Have Some Fun?



We welcome anyone 50+ to join us on November 22nd at 10:00 AM in St. Patrick Hall SE classroom. Here is a little preview for upcoming plans in 2023: the European Market in May, Gavis (formerly Taltree) in Valparaiso, the Carmelite Monastery and of course, we will reschedule the boat trip on Lake Michigan. The first quarter of 2023 we will plan outings closer to specific dates due to the unpredictable weather. Please watch the bulletin for details or come join us at the GEMS meetings, the second and fourth Sundays of the month at 10:00 AM.

Submitted by Carol Rusich



BECOME A MEMBER!

The St. Michael Knights of Columbus were chartered on March 2, 1998. Since then we have raised and donated over \$250,000 to charitable causes and hundreds of thousands of hours of service to the Church and the local Community. We could never have succeeded in changing so many lives without our members. We will be available in the gathering area after all Masses this weekend to answer your questions about how you can join us in our mission to help the poor, support the other-abled, support our seminarians, and much, much more. Come talk to us about how you can join us in our Mission.

**1998-2022
TWENTY-FOUR YEARS**

**SAVE THE DATE
PANCAKE BREAKFAST
HOSTED BY
THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 12177 WITH THE
FIRST CATHOLIC SLOVAK LADIES ASSOCIATION
DECEMBER 4TH
8:00 AM-1:00 PM IN THE HALL
ADULTS: \$8 CHILDREN 6-12: \$5
CHILDREN 5 & UNDER: FREE**



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Red Cross**

Blood Emergency—Give Now!

Blood products are currently being distributed to hospitals faster than donations are coming in. Your donation is crucial in helping support patients' ongoing needs as well as unforeseen trauma situations.
Give now and help overcome a blood emergency!

Blood Drive

St. Michael the Archangel Parish

St. Patrick Hall

Thursday, December 8th

11:00AM-5:00PM



Sign up by scanning the QR code with your phone's camera or visit **redcrossblood.org** with the sponsor keyword: **smap**

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Please keep an eye out for the 2023 Advent/Christmas Season calendar coming in the mail very soon.

Hope,
but never
expect.

Look
forward,
but never
wait.

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Hospice
of the
Calumet
Area

cherishing Life

Dear St. Michael the Archangel Church:

On behalf of our organization, thank you so much for generously supporting Hospice of the Calumet Area. For 41 years our hospice has had the great privilege of providing professional, compassionate care to individuals facing life-limiting illness throughout Northwest Indiana and neighboring Illinois communities. Through it all our supporters have been with us, helping us serve over 24,000 individuals and their families.

Hospice of the Calumet Area believes everyone deserves comfort, dignity and peace in life's last chapter and takes great care to honor each life's unique journey. It is our mission to provide this compassionate and individualized care, regardless of ability to pay. Annually, over 1,000 individuals benefit from support like yours, whether they are in their own homes or at our hospice house, the William J. Riley Memorial Residence. Your gift connects others to vital community resources through our free, palliative Transitions™ program. It also touches the lives and spirits of those in our community who are navigating the loss of a loved one through our Healing Hearts grief support services.

Again, please know this thoughtful gift makes a difference in the lives of our neighbors and friends here in the Calumet area and is deeply appreciated by us all.

Sincerely,

Joan McInerney

Joan McInerney
Director of Development

*Fr. Marty & Mega Raffle Team -
Thank you so much for this
generous donation. This year was
especially exciting given the
blessings for St. Mike's & Hospice
both organizations that mean
so much to me! Warm Regards,
Joan*

Stewardship & Parish Administration Commission

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE



October 9, 2022

Adult	\$13,758.00
Children	37.00
EFTs*	\$6,477.50
Loose	\$497.15

Total Weekly Offering
\$20,769.65

**Electronic Funds Transfer*

Thank you for your generosity!

Commission Members: Finance Council, Gardener Ministry, Education Foundation, Cemetery Committee, Campus Facilities Coordinator, Stewardship



Spread Advent Kindness will take the place of Stewardship in Action for the next four weeks.



Ministry is **HEART** work

Spread Advent Kindness

27	28	29	30	1	2	3
Pray Each day for those you are serving.	LOVE & JOY Share with a heart of love and joy.	Gratitude Give back with a heart of gratitude.	Smile at someone you don't know and say hi!! Try to do this everyday for the fun of it.	Give someone a compliment.	Make a card for someone you love or someone in a nursing home.	Sing a Christmas song to someone.
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Donate a little extra at Church.	Read the Christmas story of Jesus to a young person.	Donate food clothes or toiletries to the church food pantry.	Rake, sweep, snow shovel or pick up random trash.	Drop old Blankets and Towels to an Animal Shelter.	Bake cookies and share with a neighbor.	Call someone who lives alone or has lost a loved one this year.
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Have someone over for dinner or take dinner to someone.	Give a loved one an extra long hug and let them know how much you appreciate them.	Donate to a charity such as Salvation Army or Toys for Tots.	Dance to a Christmas song like no one is watching and record it.	Leave a festive treat for your mail carrier or delivery person.	Watch A Christmas Movie as a family or with a senior citizen.	Write a love note and put it under a loved one's pillow.
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Pray for the sick, the health care workers and the homeless. Do something kind.	Do a chore for someone. Help decorate or wrap presents.	Call and old friend and chat.	Pay for a drink or food for the person in front of you or behind you in line.	Make a list of what you are thankful for about your family and share it on Christmas.	Share your experiences with hot chocolate and cookies.	Go to church today or tomorrow and give thanks for the gift of Christ.

Have fun and invite all your family members to participate. Remember to take time each day to slow down, get present, pray and to take deep breaths of appreciation.

Please send pictures of your family participating to Conchita@CallConchita.com or text 219-712-6518 to be included in the church bulletin. Please list participants names.



Stewardship & Parish Administration Commission

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 20

2nd Collection-Campaign for Human Development
Blood Pressure Readings After 7:30 & 9:30 AM Masses
New Membership Registration After 7:30 & 9:30 AM Masses
RCIA 9:30 AM
Knights of Columbus Membership Drive After All Masses
Olive Wood Sales After All Masses

**The Rosary is said after the 7:00 AM Weekday Mass
Except Tuesday-after OLPH devotions**

MONDAY NOVEMBER 21

No School
Emotions Anonymous 6:00 PM
Choir Practice 7:00 PM

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 22

No School/No Faith Formation Traditional Classes
Senior GEMS 10:00 AM

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 23

Eucharistic Adoration 1:00-4:00 PM
No School/No Faith Formation Traditional Classes

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 24 THANKSGIVING

No School
Parish Office Closed
Thanksgiving Mass 9:00 AM

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 25

No School
Parish Office Closed

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 26

Advent Décor Set-Up 9:00 AM
Confessions 3:30-4:30 PM
Christmas Card Sales After Vigil Mass

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 27

RCIA 9:30 AM
Christmas Card Sales After All Masses

**new article*

Diocesan Life Information

***THANKSGIVING DINNER**

The St. Vincent de Paul Society of 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 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. May everyone have a thankful and blessed Thanksgiving!



STREAM LAB FAMILY NIGHT

Families considering a Bishop Noll education for their children are invited to STREAM Lab Family Night, on **Nov. 29th**, 5:30-7:30 PM, at 1519 Hoffman St., Hammond. Bishop Noll's STREAM Lab, the first STEM lab of its kind in the region, focuses on the disciplines of science, technology, engineering and math along with religion and art. Families with children of all ages are encouraged to attend and explore the lab.



CRAFT/VENDOR FAIR

On **December 3rd**, Descent of the Holy Spirit Church, 545 E. 77th Ave./Seberger Rd., Schererville is hosting a Craft/Vendor Fair, 9:00 AM-1:00 PM. For more information, please contact Stephanie Losito at 219-628-5202 or slosito87@gmail.com.

***DICKENS' A CHRISTMAS CAROL**

Join the family and friends at St. Francis Woods as Gregg Weiss performs a one-man presentation of "Dickens' A Christmas Carol," **December 3rd** at 5:00 PM at the St. Francis Woods Auditorium, 9201 W. St. Francis Rd., Frankfort, IL. Tickets are \$20/adult, \$5/children 6-12, children 5 and under are free. Order tickets online using <https://fssh.net/> or mail/drop off a check payable to FSSH. Questions? Call Sr. Judith Plumb at 815.464.3814.

***A FRANCISCAN CHRISTMAS**

Enjoy a holiday gathering with the Christmas story told through the eyes of St. Francis, carols, and the sharing of Christmas traditions, **December 18th**, 3:00-5:00 PM. Hot beverages and sweet n' salty snacks provided. Bring a picture of your favorite Christmas ornament. RSVP to the Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart at fssh.net by Dec. 10th. Please meet in the chapel at St. Francis Woods, 9201 W. St. Francis Rd., Frankfort, IL.

VOLUNTEER MEAL DELIVERY DRIVER/PACKERS/STAMPERS NEEDED

Meals on Wheels is looking for a Volunteer Meal Delivery Driver this fall to deliver nutrition to those in need in local communities. Pickup time for meals by the volunteers is at lunchtime. Bag packers and stampers are also needed. Various two hour daytime shifts are available. To sign up for a volunteer training session or for further information, please contact Charlie Misovye, Volunteer Manager, at 219-756-3663 or charlie@mownwi.org.

We Remember . . . We Prepare . . .



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 19		THURSDAY NOVEMBER 24 THANKSGIVING	
5:00 PM	✦ Florence Revenew	9:00 AM	✦ Charles Ensweiler ✦ Rosa V. Eskew
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 20 OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE		FRIDAY NOVEMBER 25	
7:30 AM	For an End to Abortion on Demand and for a Conversion of Heart for those who Provide Abortions	7:00 AM	✦ Elizabeth Bohling
9:30 AM	✦ Frank Bugaski ✦ Richard Kalemba	SATURDAY NOVEMBER 26	
11:30 AM	St. Michael Parish	8:00 AM	✦ Deceased Parents of the Sisters of Congregation of Mother of Carmel
MONDAY NOVEMBER 21		5:00 PM	✦ Jim Candreva, Sr.
7:00 AM	✦ Ed Wantuch	SUNDAY NOVEMBER 27 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	
TUESDAY NOVEMBER 22		7:30 AM	✦ Philip Bruno
7:00 AM	✦ Clarence & Barb Kuhn	9:30 AM	✦ Dana LaMagdeleine ✦ Virginia Popovich ✦ Bridget D'Souza
WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 23		11:30 AM	St. Michael Parish
7:00 AM	✦ Soraya Haddad	✦ indicates deceased 	

reflections...

THE WORD

(Readings for November 27, 2022, First Sunday of Advent)

I. *Isaiah 2:1-5*

On that day, "they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks" prophesied Isaiah. "One nation shall not raise the sword against another." He went on: "Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord."

II. *Romans 13:11-14*

Paul urged the Romans: "It is the hour now for you to awake from sleep. For our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. Let us put on the armor of light. Put on the Lord Jesus Christ."

III. *Matthew 24:37-44*

Jesus said that the Son of Man will come at an hour no one can expect. Therefore, all people must stay awake, keep a watchful eye and be prepared.

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