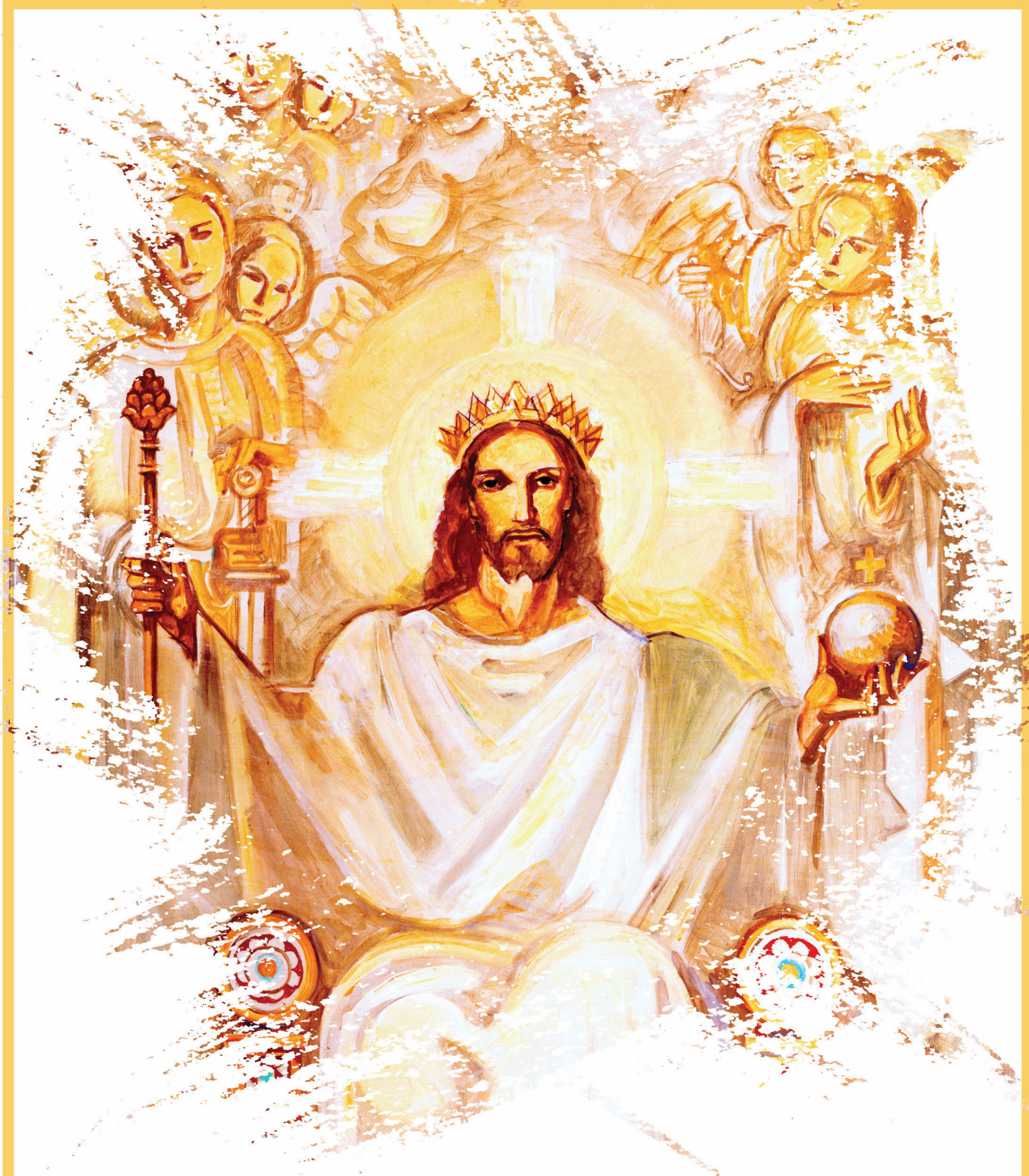


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FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD.” — MT 25:34

NOVEMBER 26, 2023

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE



SATURDAY LITURGY

Vigil: 5:00 PM

SUNDAY LITURGY

7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 AM

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

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Saturday

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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.

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From the Pastor's Desk

God's Will is Our Freedom. The effects of a society are inescapable. Societies are the repository for shared values and taboos. These values are sometimes in sync with the virtues of the Christian life and some are not. The taboos of a society too, are sometimes in harmony with the Christian moral perspective and some are not. Consequently, there is not a society in history or in existence today that is totally evil or totally true and just.

Even though our society has a belief in charity and justice, it is colored most assuredly by our other societal values of extreme individualism, personal rights, winning and a radical sense of equality that often reduces things to the lowest common denominator and leads us to assume that God see things just like we do. So, we begin to envision God as not being capable of anger or judgment.

In the Gospel reading, God separates those who have done and do His will from those who have chosen, in their freedom, to ignore God's message. Those condemned are not condemned by God but by their own actions.

You and I are given a choice everyday to use our freedom, to freely choose the Will of the one who gave us that freedom. Not to choose God's Will for us is to make a choice to accept society's will for us. Christ can not be my King or your King if we do not give Him allegiance.

Sometimes it is easier to see the clarity of our choice when we consider society's will. To choose the will of our society is to choose the "rat race" as it is often called. It is to choose the value of competition, keeping up with the Jones' and to never be satisfied with what you have, but always to look for the next big thing; the next "in" fashion or the next relationship after you tire of the present one. It is to be a slave of one's desires, which in all honesty can be quite fickle. It is to really relinquish your freedom to the "taste makers" and fleeting desires of a society that prides itself on science but ignores the evidence of science.

Reality is exchanged for perception. I am born a man but I "feel" like a woman, therefore I must be a woman even though I am born a man. Many studies over the years have clearly pointed out that living together before a marriage does not help the future marriage but rather increases the chances of divorce. Reality is trumped by perception. This is the choice when we do not choose to take on the Will of the One who in the end will call us to task for our choices.

God does forgive when we turn to Him. Yet, we must remember we cannot fool God. We cannot say we follow Him when in fact we do not or we pick and choose. Killing is wrong, yet, our society judges when life is given by setting an arbitrary border between what is in the womb and what is outside the womb? How can I judge that killing this person is OK but killing this one is not? How can I decide that this person is worthy of my assistance, but judge that this other person is not worthy of my mercy? This is just human silliness. Are we to take issue with a God that judges? We now judge and do so most poorly and with great prejudice.

So, what is clear? It is clear that you and I are given the gift of free will by the Author of true freedom. Freedom is not the removal of any boundaries, but is the acceptance the boundaries laid down by the King of the Universe. If you wish to enjoy true freedom take on the gentle yoke of Jesus; for the yoke society gives is not fashioned for your ultimate comfort and will drag you down.

God gives you and me, and indeed the whole world, a lot of time to figure this out, but not a one of us knows how much time that is in the end. Let us hasten then to join the sheep, accepting God's Will daily, asking for wisdom and patience so we do not lose heart as we live in this life, looking for the Life to come.



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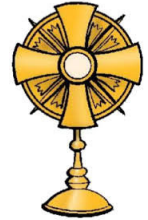
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in the Chapel



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after all Masses.
\$1.00 Donation
Advent starts
December 3rd.

Submitted by Janice Gatons

Come and DECORATE the
Church for Advent and
Christmas

Please look for the Advent &
Christmas schedule coming your
way in the mail.

December 2nd: Advent Set Up 9:00 AM
December 19th: All Nativity and Tree Set
Up, STRONG HANDS ARE WELCOME!
6:00 PM
December 24th: Christmas Flower Set Up
After the 11:30 AM Mass



ALL ARE WELCOME!

Submitted by Tina Kempf

Advent Evening Prayer
Come Share a Moment of
Prayer and
Fellowship
Dec. 4th, 11th
& 18th
7:00 PM in the
Church
Fellowship and
Refreshments
to Follow in St. Patrick Hall



WARRIOR OF THE WEEK



Austin Corral

When I came here in fifth grade, the students in my class were very welcoming. After the first week, I really felt like I was a part of the SMS school spirit. I would advise the younger students to make sure that they get their service hours attended to early, and start doing service work now so that they are prepared for 5th-8th. SMS helped me realize that even though you may have lots of hard challenges in your life (especially in school), you must always face them with the faith of God's glory. When you make it to middle school, it's not always as easy as K-5 so you have to be prepared for anything. I have also learned that it is a must to make good friends and relationships with others because you won't always be around them in high school or middle school. I truly love SMS and I hope you love it too.

Faith Formation Welcomes Phil's Friends



Sunday's Faith Formation families gathered to hear about Phil's Friends! The Sunday Program will partner with them on December 10th for their annual Advent Project! More to come...



Phil's Fiends is an organization that provides Christ-centered support and hope to those affected by cancer.

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Faith Formation Celebrated Vocation Awareness Week!

Fr. Robert, Sr. Deanna and the Hoogeveens made up our 2023 Vocations Panel. Faith Formation students had an opportunity to hear about the life stories about the three different vocations. Students asked many questions and learned that they do have a vocation!



Welcome the Newly Baptized

Hudson Wayne Lail
Madelynn Grace Natarelli
Elliana Nicole Sheppard

LIFE IS PRECIOUS; HANDLE WITH PRAYER



Mary Ann Adam, Mary Scheub, John Schnosenberg, Sue Zajac, Audrey Lyons, Sherry Lazzaro, Pat Christenson, Steven DeLuca, Faith DeBartolo, Audrey Weber, John LaMagdeleine, Tim & Helen Hazard, Pamela Matonovich, Betty Ann Bradtke, Timothy Bunchek, Sue Cohen, Joan Hamnik, Richard Benak 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.



**Feast of the Holy Family
Mass Card Sale is
this weekend until December 9th (after all
weekend Masses) in the Gathering Space.
On December 10th, sales will take place in
St. Patrick Hall during
Breakfast with St. Nicholas & Baby Jesus.
Individual cards are \$2 and a
pack of 10 cards is \$15.**

**Proceeds help us support the many
organizations that need our help.**

**Breakfast with St. Nicholas & Baby Jesus
is December 10th after all Masses in
St. Patrick Hall.**

**Have your child's picture taken with Baby
Jesus & St. Nicholas.**

**For \$5, we can take your picture and frame
it or you may take your own picture.**

Submitted by Cathy Bartczak



Spiritual Adoption Program

Month 8

Thank you for praying
for me. I am 8 months old
now. I've got long
fingernails and I'm busy
getting ready for my
birthday. I can't wait to
see my Mom and Dad.
Thanks to you and your
prayers, I'll see
them soon.

Please remember to pray daily for your
spiritually adopted baby and the baby's mother
and father.

"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



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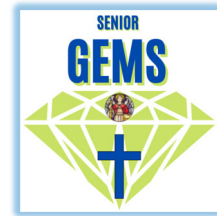
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Join the Fun!
10:00 AM in
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of St. Patrick Hall

On **November 28th**, we will make angels with instructions from Gladys D'Mello.
 On **December 12th**, Senior Gems will be joining Labors of Love at their Christmas party at Teibel's. We will not meet for a regular meeting that day.
 On **December 15th**, Senior Promise will be meeting at Teibel's for their Christmas party. Call Barbara Rossi at 219-757-6685 for reservations.
submitted by Nancy Finley

**YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE BETTER
 THAN EVERYBODY ELSE, YOU
 HAVE TO BE BETTER THAN YOU
 EVER THOUGHT YOU COULD BE.**

RADIATE IS FOR HIGH SCHOOL TEENS

YOU are invited! Radiate is for High School teens and we have a lot of things planned just for you. We share, experience and have a lot of fun with each other as we walk together in Life and in our Faith. Join us!

Upcoming Calendar:

November 26th: "Have You Ever Doubted Your Faith? Does God Really Hear Us?" 6:00-8:00 PM in St. Patrick Hall

December 10th: Gathering, 6:00-8:00 PM in St. Patrick Hall

December 22nd: SERVICE PROJECT—Caroling at Dyer Nursing Home at 5:00 PM.
 Then head over to St. Patrick Hall for our Christmas Party festivities! (Party ends at 8:30 PM)

Keep updated by signing up for our texts: Send a text to 81010 then text this message to: @radiate

Any questions, please contact Jeannine Quigley at 219-775-5256 or Marisa Richardson at 219-730-4735.

Submitted by Jeannine Quigley





ANDREW DINNER

Who would you like to introduce to the priesthood?



Thursday, November 30, 2023
5:30 pm Mass
Dinner to Follow

Queen of All Saints
 1725 E Barker Ave | Michigan City

TO RSVP: CONTACT JO ANNE ROSENOW
 ✉ jrosenow@dcdgary.org ☎ 219.769.9292
 EXT. 221

Stewardship in Action

When we feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit the sick and imprisoned we will find Christ.
How can we do more of these works of mercy?

Submitted by Conchita Bryner

Stewardship by the Book

When the Son of Man comes in glory, may we be among those who have fed the hungry, welcomed the stranger and clothed the naked. For Jesus tells us clearly that it is those who have demonstrated good stewardship by sharing their gifts with the less fortunate who will receive God's blessing and inherit the kingdom.

Campaign for Human Development

Thank you for your generous support last week for the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development! If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections and click "How to Give" under "Resources."

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

October 15, 2023

Adult	\$10,873.15
Children	\$6.00
EFTs	\$2,398.00
Loose	\$817.00

Total Weekly Offering
\$14,094.15

Thank you for your generosity!

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 26

Advent Books Available After All Masses
Respect Life Card Sales After All Masses
Tree of Life Sales After All Masses
RCIA 9:30 AM
Radiate 6:00 PM

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

MONDAY NOVEMBER 27

Emotions Anonymous 6:00 PM
Choir Practice 6:30 PM

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 28

Senior GEMS 10:00 AM
Faith Formation 6:00 PM
Catholic Bible Study 7:00 PM

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 29

Eucharistic Adoration 1:00-4:00 PM
Faith Formation 6:00 PM

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 30

Children's Choir Practice 3:15 PM
Parent Meeting for First Reconciliation 7:00 PM
Choir Practice 7:30 PM

FRIDAY DECEMBER 1

Bell Choir 6:00 PM
GIFT Dinner 6:30 PM

SATURDAY DECEMBER 2

First Saturday Devotions After 8:00 AM Mass
Advent Décor Set Up 9:00 AM
Confessions 3:30-4:30 PM
Blessing of Advent Wreath at 5:00 PM Mass
Advent Books Available After Vigil Mass
Respect Life Card Sales After Vigil Mass

SUNDAY DECEMBER 3

Blessing of Advent Wreath at All Masses
K of C Pancake Breakfast 8:00 AM-1:00 PM
Advent Books Available After All Masses
Respect Life Card Sales After All Masses
RCIA 9:30 AM

HOLIDAY MARKET

The St. Margaret Ann Polish Language School will host a Holiday Market, 11:00 AM-3:00 PM, **Dec. 3rd** at the Our Lady of Czestochowa Shrine's Millennium Hall, 5755 Pennsylvania St., Merrillville. Admission is free; featured will be baked goods, crafts, clothing, jewelry and more. Proceeds will benefit the students and also used toward school supplies. Interested vendors should contact Margaret Blachut at 219-613-5148; *vendor forms and a \$25 rental fee are due by Nov. 25th*. Participants must bring their own tables.



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ROYAL BRUNCH

Hear Ye, Hear Ye! Bishop Noll Institute invites families to attend its first Princess Brunch and enjoy a day of magical experiences. The event will take place 10:30 AM-12:00 PM on **December 9th** at Bishop Noll in Hammond. Tickets include brunch, swag bags, visits by Region Royalty princesses, games, mini princess makeovers (hair and nails) and more. Tickets, on sale now, cost \$20 for children 12 and younger and \$15 for adults. Visit <https://bniprincess.givesmart.com> for tickets. No tickets will be sold at the door. For more information, visit bishopnoll.org or call (219) 932-9058.

CAMP SHARING MEADOWS

The Share Foundation is seeking staff, volunteers and campers, for our 2023-2024 Mini-Camps for adults with intellectual & developmental disabilities. The camps are filled with activities, community & prayer and will take place **December 15th-17th** (2024 dates coming soon) at the St. Timothy Center in LaPorte, IN. The session runs 7:00 PM (CDT) on Friday to 2:30 PM (CDT) on Sunday. For more info contact Corinne at (219) 778-2585 or camp@sharefoundation.org.

*MARCH FOR LIFE-

BE A VOICE FOR THE VOICELESS

The Diocese of Gary ProLife Activities and Lake County Right to Life invite you to join us at the Indianapolis March for Life on **Jan. 22nd**. We will be leaving the Our Lady of Consolation parish parking lot at 7:00 AM on premium coach buses. The day starts with Mass celebrated by 4 bishops from Indiana, continues with the March and a rally afterwards. The trip home includes a box lunch. Space is limited. Registration and prepayment are required. Cost is \$30 per person. Take a stand for life! <http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07ek34o9ug9523a355&llr=auyfgkvab>

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Mass Intentions

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 25

5:00 PM ✠ James Candraeva, Sr.

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 26 OUR LORD

JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

7:30 AM ✠ Carol Jakubowicz
✠ Gerald Macki
✠ Elizabeth Bohling

9:30 AM ✠ Deceased Parents of the
Congregation of Mother of Carmel

11:30 AM St. Michael Parish

MONDAY NOVEMBER 27

7:00 AM ✠ Kathy Scott

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 28

7:00 AM All Souls

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 29

7:00 AM ✠ James "Nacho" Mendoza-7th
Anniversary

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 30

7:00 AM ✠ Henry Lyza
✠ Hedy Miloshoff

FRIDAY DECEMBER 1

7:00 AM ✠ Deacon Ed Gatons-5th Anniversary
✠ Tom Kudzia
✠ Greg Mis

SATURDAY DECEMBER 2

8:00 AM ✠ Deacon John Townsend

5:00 PM ✠ Anton & Soraya Haddad

SUNDAY DECEMBER 3 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:30 AM ✠ Marcia Jurek

9:30 AM St. Michael Parish

11:30 AM ✠ Donald Meyer
✠ Dave Harangody
✠ John & Helen Sandor

✠ indicates deceased



reflections...

THE WORD

(Readings for December 3, 2023, First Sunday of Advent)

I. *Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b,
64:2-7*

Isaiah prophesied, "All our good deeds are like polluted rags; we have all withered like leaves...We are the clay and you are the potter: we are the work of your hands."

II. *1 Corinthians 1:3-9*

Paul wrote, "God is faithful, and by Him you were called to fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. You are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ."

III. *Mark 13:33-37*

Jesus said, "Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come...Watch therefore" whether at sunset, midnight, cock crow or sunrise. "Watch!"

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