

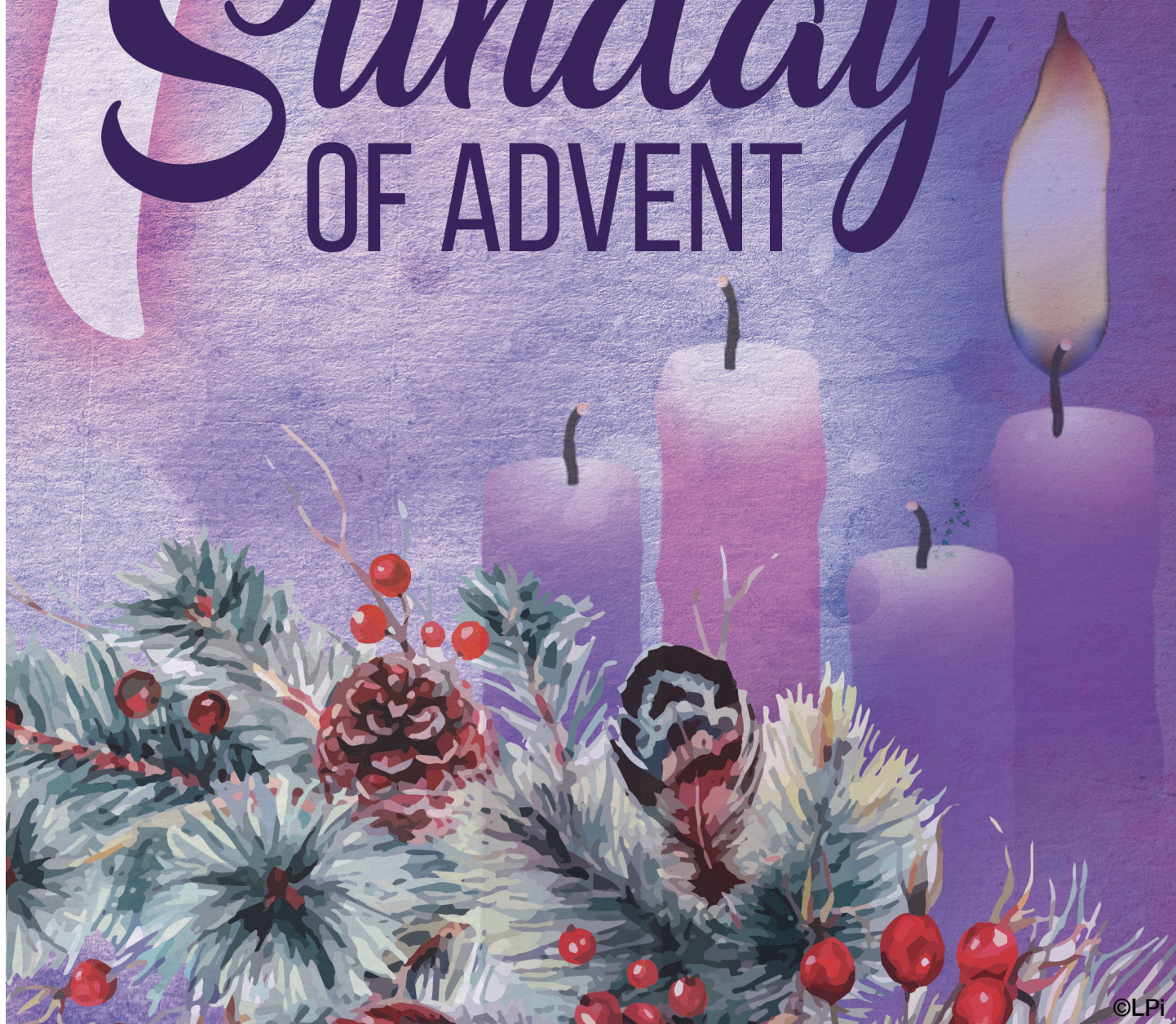
WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

November

27

2022

# 1st Sunday OF ADVENT





# Community, Personnel & On-Going Information

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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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Phone:.....322-4505 Fax:.....322-4508  
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Address.....1 E. Wilhelm St., Schererville, IN 46375

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## FAITH FORMATION

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Friday-by appointment  
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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!

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## From the Pastor's Desk

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***Getting Ready for What?*** The holiday cycle began long before Thanksgiving. The cycle of advertising and buying, to which we all succumb to one extent or another, finds its culmination in one day. On that day, my father used to jokingly greet us, when were a bit older, with a hearty “Happy Commerce Day!” We all laughed, but it was to a large degree very true.

As we begin Advent, a season that seems to get lost in the hustle and bustle, we are given a stark reminder that we really are “not to make provision for the desires of the flesh.” St. Paul is not talking about sexual matters. Paul’s use of the Greek word we translate as flesh encompasses everything that has to do with our bodies.

Our preoccupation with decorating our bodies in jewelry or tattoos. Our indulgence worrying too much about our “image;” an overdoing it with food and drink; giving of gifts many times beyond our financial means. All of these can easily distract us from the real reason for the season.

That reason is to prepare ourselves for the coming of Christ. Not to simply remember His first coming in the manger, but to remember it so as to be ready for His second coming in glory when, as we profess in the Creeds, “He will come to judge the living and the dead.”



Does this mean we have to be like a scrooge when it come to the customs that surround Christmas? Do we need to not shop, decorate or be happy about the promise of this time of the year? No, it does mean that you and I need to do all of these things with some degree of balance. If accomplishing all of these concerns of the flesh, as it were, distract us from readying our hearts and minds, if they keep us from more intense prayer, or from going to confession to prepare our hearts, or if they delay us or make us too tired to go to Sunday Mass, then they have nothing, nothing, to do with Christmas as Christ intends it to be celebrated.

First comes our interior decorating, the getting ready of our hearts and minds to welcome Christ as if He is going to show up on Christmas Day, not as a baby but as our Lord. We want Him to be pleased with our acts of charity and sacrifice that leads us to share more with others.

On the Mondays of Advent you are invited to slow down and reflect on what we are preparing for with all our activity. At 7:00 PM on the 28th of November and December 5th and 19th, please come for a few minutes of prayer and reflection and some fellowship. Praying the Evening Prayer of the Church together can help us appreciate a deeper meaning of what we celebrate on December 25th. This special prayer time will help to keep you alert to what really matters during a season that is far too commercialized. On Thursday, December 8th, we celebrate our National Feast Day, the Immaculate Conception. On Monday, December 12th, we will have a special celebration for Our Lady of Guadalupe with a Mass and a fiesta to follow. Most important, on December 13th, we have our Advent Penance Service at 6:30 PM. This is in addition to regular Saturday Confessions and a daytime Penance Service on Monday, December 5th, at 10:30 AM.

All the noise of Christmas celebrated without Advent makes us numb to God’s presence. The result is that we fall asleep and miss the special insight that Jesus is already in our midst. It’s not that we shouldn’t be glad or happy during this season, but it is that we should know what makes us really happy and eternally glad. Too much too early leads to not enough when the “real” celebration begins on December 25th.

# Spirituality and Worship Commission



## **Little Advent Books \$1.00 Donation**

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

*Submitted by Janice Gatons*

**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



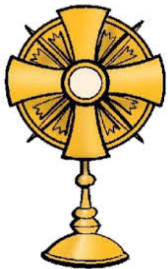
## **RCIA** A JOURNEY IN FAITH

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

### **THINKING OF BECOMING CATHOLIC?**

**ARE YOU CATHOLIC IN NEED OF  
COMMUNION OR CONFIRMATION?**

A process for those who are 8 years of age through adulthood. The person may be baptized in another faith tradition, non-baptized, or only baptized in the Catholic faith. For more information about this process, please call Kimberley at 219-322-3077.



## **Eucharistic Adoration November 30th 1:00-4:00 PM in the Chapel**



**Take some time away  
from the craziness of  
shopping, baking and  
parties and share in a  
moment of  
Prayer and Fellowship  
Nov. 28th Dec. 5th and  
Dec. 19th  
7:00 PM in the chapel**

## **Our 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.

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.

*Submitted by Tina Kempf*



# 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

## All High Schoolers are Invited to Radiate. It's Never Too Late!

Come and journey together as we encounter Christ, make friends, and have a great time.

### Upcoming calendar:

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

**Dec. 9th:** SERVICE PROJECT: Caroling at 6:00 PM. We will be caroling with our Respect Life Ministry at Dyer Nursing Home.

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

Radiate's Annual OPLATKI Fundraiser coming this Advent!

We will be in the back of the church after all Masses on the weekends of Dec 10th/11th & Dec 17th/18th.

Keep informed with our Radiate texts and updates: Send text to 81010 and then text message @Radiate

Any questions, feel free to call/text Jeannine Quigley (219)775-5356 OR Marisa Richardson (219)730-4735.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to Fr Marty for our "Behind-the-Scenes" Church Tour!

We appreciate you and thank you for sharing with us. It was great!



*Faith Formation News*

Kimberley Hoogeveen, DRE

## DECEMBER CALENDAR

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

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

**11th:** Family Session 9:30-11:00 AM

"Do This in Memory of Me" Mass 11:30 AM

**13th/14th:** Traditional Classes 6:00-7:30 PM

**20th/21st:** Traditional Classes 6:00-7:30 PM

**27th/28th:** No Classes-Christmas Break

# Peace & Social Justice Commission



**For Those Who Have Died...**

Rev. Frank Torres

***Life has changed, not ended***

**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



Theresa Cicco, Bob Blair, Joyce Stodola, Ralph J. Terrazas, ***Patrick Egan***, 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, Dorothy Bartoczi, ***Matthew "Sonny" Goldasic***, ***Jean Sanchez***, ***Jennifer Mance***, Dave Morehouse, Angela Koutsis, Linda Iwan, ***Kay Parker***, ***Tim and Helen Hazard***, Katelyn Rodgers, ***John Kish***, Sue Webb, Joe Olivotto, Zbigniew Sohacki, Beth Ann Brown, ***Tina Serna***, Barb Krivakas, ***Don Borem***, ***Kenny Lollasch***, ***Pat Christenson***, ***Sherry Lazzaro***, ***Kathy Wachter***, ***Blaine Parker*** 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 removed and then placed in the Book of Intentions in the Chapel.

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

**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**

## **RESPECT LIFE'S 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*

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](http://Prolifeweekly.com) for the weekly CALL TO ACTION!



## 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.

## Spiritual Adoption Program

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*

In celebration of the baby's birth next month, part of the Parish Advent Activity has Respect Life as one of the charitable organizations that will be helped. The donations you make will help the many organizations that promote life and nurturing care.

*Submitted by Cathy Bartzak*

## WHEELCHAIR RAMP MINISTRY BUSY AT WORK

St. Michael's Wheelchair Ramp Ministry installed three ramps and a wheelchair lift with concrete work in eight days.



One ramp was installed for Voilet Bancsi at the request of Catholic Charities. Mike Kapitan of Holy Martyrs along with Bill Marvel of St. John the Evangelist and Jim Koeling of St. Michael, assisted with the installation. Mike saw the Wheelchair Ramp Ministry published in the NWI Catholic and contacted St. Michael parish to offer to help!

The next ramp was a three month process that required cooperation of multiple parishes and volunteers that included St. Michael the Archangel, St. John the Evangelist, Holy Martyrs, Holy Name of Jesus and St. Ann's. It required purchase and installation of a wheelchair lift, wheelchair ramp and concrete work. The volunteers are too numerous to mention but without their assistance, this installation could not have occurred.



The third ramp, a referral from a Diocese of Gary clergyman, was installed for David Kremsner, a recent amputee.

If you wish to assist in this Ministry in any way, please call the St. Michael Parish Office at 219-322-4505, ext. 8220 or if you know anyone who may need our assistance, contact Catholic Charities at [outreach@catholic-charities.org](mailto:outreach@catholic-charities.org) or call 219-886-3549, ext. 113 and ask for Kyra Tressman.

*Submitted by Jim Koeling*



The Good Samaritans are here to assist anyone with temporary help. If you know someone from the Tri-town area who could use help with their NIPSCO bill, rent or groceries, **please have that person in need (due to privacy act)** call 322-4505, ext. 8250 and leave a message.



**Knights of Columbus #12177**

**with The First Catholic Slovak  
Ladies Association**



# **Pancakes and Waffles Breakfast**

## **Sunday, December 4**

**St. Michael Church  
1 W. Wilhelm  
Schererville, IN  
8 AM - 1 PM**

**Adults: \$8.00  
Children (6-12): \$5.00  
5 & Under: Free**

**INCLUDES:**  
Sausage Links  
Eggs Strata  
Country Potatoes  
Juice, Milk, Coffee  
&  
**All-You-Can-Eat  
Pancakes and  
Waffles**





## GET A PEEK OF OUR HANDIWORK



The Labors of Love Ministry will be showcasing the items they make and distribute on **December 4th** at the Pancake Breakfast hosted by the Knights of Columbus and First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association. Items are

free to all those who need them, but donations are welcome to help defray the cost of supplies.

## 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  
St. Patrick Hall  
December 8th  
11:00-5:00 PM



Sign up by scanning the QR code with your phone's camera or visit [recrossblood.org](https://recrossblood.org) with the sponsor keyword: smap.

Download the Blood Donor App |  
[RedCrossBlood.org](https://RedCrossBlood.org) | 1-800-733-2787

## Breakfast with St. Nicholas and Baby Jesus

### December 11th After All Masses in St. Patrick Hall

Have your child's picture taken with Baby Jesus and St. Nicholas. As part of Coffee and Donuts Sunday, you will have the opportunity to take a picture with Baby Jesus and St. Nicholas. You can either take your own picture for a Good Will Offering or for \$5, we can take the picture for you that will include a festive picture frame.

It will also be your last opportunity to purchase Feast of the Holy Family Mass cards being sold for \$2 a piece or 10 for \$15.

*submitted by Cathy Bartczak*



## Hope To See You There!



## SENIORS GET INVOLVED WITH GEMS



We welcome anyone 50+ to join us on Dec. 13th at 10:00 AM in St. Patrick Hall SE classroom. Here is a little preview for upcoming plans on 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*



## SUPPORT OUR PARISH & SCHOOL



### SCHOLARSHIPS FOR EDUCATION CHOICE

by SAGAMORE INSTITUTE

This School Tax Credit Program allows you to support St. Michael Catholic School and receive a tax credit! Donate and get 50% tax credit on your IN state taxes.

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- 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. You should mail the check to:

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

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- Once completed your Amazon should say "Supporting St. Michael Church!"
  - Questions?: Contact Marty Lucas at 219-789-6970



Save Strack & Van Til receipts (Sept. 1, 2022-March 31, 2023) put them in an envelope marked Apples for the Students and place in the collection basket or drop them off at the parish office during normal business hours. The school will earn technological items. The more receipts saved the more the school receives!

**Office  
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Make a purchase of qualifying school supplies, provide SMS id, 70037368, at checkout and SMS will receive 5% back in credits for FREE supplies!



**ST. MICHAEL  
PARISH**

Schererville, Indiana

**ST. MICHAEL  
EDUCATION FOUNDATION**

The gifts that the Education Foundation receives are used to:

- Provide tuition assistance for families in need
- Support professional development
- Assist in the enhancement of school facilities

The Education Foundation is empowered to accept donations of all forms, including: cash, installments, stocks, bequests, and other forms of planned gifts as components of a long-term investment strategy in support of St. Michael Parish & School and educational ministries. Contact Jessica Cherry, [jcherry@stmichaelparish.life](mailto:jcherry@stmichaelparish.life) for more information!



## GIVE ON OUR WEBSITE

Scan the QR code or visit our website at  
[www.stmichaelparish.life](http://www.stmichaelparish.life) & click the DONATE button!



# Stewardship & Parish Administration Commission

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

October 16, 2022

|          |             |
|----------|-------------|
| Adult    | \$13,200.00 |
| Children | 28.00       |
| EFTs*    | \$1,842.50  |
| Loose    | \$354.00    |

**Total Weekly Offering**  
**\$15,424.50**

**Hurricane Ian Collection**  
**\$2,743.00**

*\*Electronic Funds Transfer*

**Thank you for your generosity!**

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



Christmas Flower Envelopes are due in the office no later than December 12th if you would like your name and intentions printed in the Christmas Day bulletin.

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



Ministry is **HEART** work

## Spread Advent Kindness

|                                                                                 |                                                                                    |                                                              |                                                                                         |                                                                                       |                                                                |                                                                        |
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| 27                                                                              | 28                                                                                 | 29                                                           | 30                                                                                      | 1                                                                                     | 2                                                              | 3                                                                      |
| <b>Pray</b><br>Each day for those you are serving.                              | <b>LOVE &amp; JOY</b><br>Share with a heart of love and joy.                       | <b>Gratitude</b><br>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](mailto: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 27

RCIA 9:30 AM

Christmas Card Sales After All Masses

### MONDAY NOVEMBER 28

Emotions Anonymous 6:00 PM

Liturgy Committee Meeting 6:00 PM

Advent Evening Prayer 7:00 PM

### TUESDAY NOVEMBER 29

Faith Formation Traditional Classes 6:00 PM

### WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 30

Eucharistic Adoration 1:00-4:00 PM

Faith Formation Traditional Classes 6:00 PM

### THURSDAY DECEMBER 1

Choir Practice 7:00 PM

### SATURDAY DECEMBER 3

Confessions 3:30-4:30 PM

Christmas Card Sales After Vigil Mass

### SUNDAY DECEMBER 4

K of C Pancake Breakfast 8:00 AM-1:00 PM

Labors of Love Display After All Masses

Christmas Card Sales After All Masses

RCIA 9:30 AM

Radiate 6:00 PM

*\*new articles*

## Diocesan Life Information

### 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.

### VOLUNTEER MEAL DELIVERY DRIVER/PACKERS/STAMPERS NEEDED

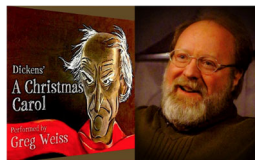
Meals on Wheels is looking for a Volunteer Meal Delivery Driver this fall to deliver nutrition to those in need in local communities. Pickup time for meals by the volunteers is at lunchtime. Bag packers and stampers are also needed. Various two hour daytime shifts are available. To sign up for a volunteer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

### \*EVENTS AT ST. FRANCIS WOODS

#### ADVENT SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

Sr. Marilyn Renninger will host Advent Scripture Reflections at 10:30 AM on Thursdays both in-person at the Motherhouse of the Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart (in the Assisi Center) and on Zoom. To begin receiving Zoom links for this, go to Upcoming Events on our home page at [fssh.net](https://fssh.net).

#### 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.

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](https://fssh.net) by Dec. 10th. Please meet in the chapel at St. Francis Woods.

St. Francis Woods is located at 9201 W. St. Francis Rd., Frankfort, IL.



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## Mass Intentions

|                                                        |                                         |                                                        |                     |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>SATURDAY    NOVEMBER 26</b>                         |                                         | <b>THURSDAY    DECEMBER 1</b>                          |                     |
| 5:00 PM                                                | ✠ Jim Candreva, Sr.                     | 9:00 AM                                                | ✠ Deacon Ed Gatons  |
| <b>SUNDAY    NOVEMBER 27    FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> |                                         | <b>FRIDAY    DECEMBER 2</b>                            |                     |
| 7:30 AM                                                | ✠ Philip Bruno                          | 7:00 AM                                                | ✠ Jeff Scott        |
| 9:30 AM                                                | ✠ David LaMagdeleine                    | <b>SATURDAY    DECEMBER 3</b>                          |                     |
|                                                        | ✠ Virginia Popovich                     | 8:00 AM                                                | ✠ Joseph Zaborske   |
|                                                        | ✠ Bridget D'Souza                       | 5:00 PM                                                | ✠ Tom Kudzia        |
| 11:30 AM                                               | St. Michael Parish                      | <b>SUNDAY    DECEMBER 4    SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> |                     |
| <b>MONDAY    NOVEMBER 28</b>                           |                                         | 7:30 AM                                                | St. Michael Parish  |
| 7:00 AM                                                | ✠ Kiet Quoc Nguyen                      | 9:30 AM                                                | ✠ Bill Adams        |
| <b>TUESDAY    NOVEMBER 29</b>                          |                                         | 11:30 AM                                               | ✠ Chuck Cary        |
| 7:00 AM                                                | ✠ Otis Cochran                          |                                                        | ✠ Mike & Mary Starr |
| <b>WEDNESDAY    NOVEMBER 30</b>                        |                                         |                                                        |                     |
| 7:00 AM                                                | ✠ James "Nacho" Mendoza-6th Anniversary |                                                        |                     |
| 8:55 AM                                                | All Souls                               |                                                        |                     |

✠ indicates deceased



## THE WORD

(Readings for December 4, 2022, Second Sunday of Advent)

I. *Isaiah 11:1-10*

"A shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse," prophesied Isaiah. "The spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him" through wisdom, understanding, counsel, strength, knowledge and awe in the presence of God.

II. *Romans 15:4-9*

The Scriptures were written for our instruction, that we might draw encouragement from them and that "we might have hope."

III. *Matthew 3:1-12*

John the Baptist came as a preacher in the Judean desert: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" Many people flocked to him for baptism and conversion to prepare for the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire.

reflections...

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