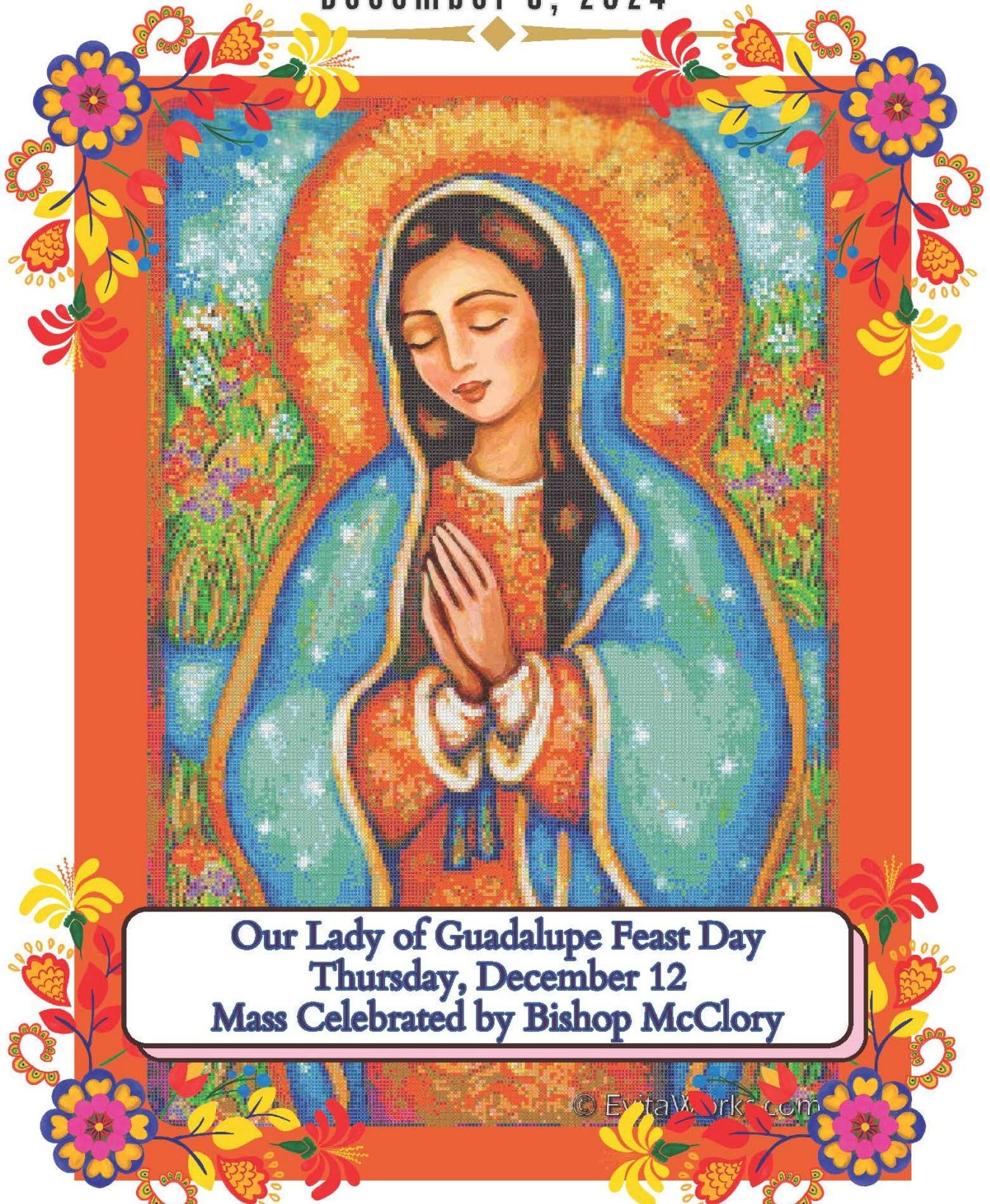


Welcome to St. Michael The Archangel Catholic Community  
*2nd Sunday of Advent*

December 8, 2024



**Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast Day**  
**Thursday, December 12**  
**Mass Celebrated by Bishop McClory**





**SATURDAY LITURGY**

Vigil: 5:00 PM

**SUNDAY LITURGY**

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

LIVESTREAM 9:30 AM MASS

**DAILY LITURGY**

Weekdays 7:00 AM

Saturday 8:00 AM

**HOLY DAY LITURGY**

See page 9 of the bulletin

**CHAPEL HOURS:**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

8:00 AM-3:00 PM

Wednesdays

8:00 AM-4:00 PM

Saturday

9:00-3:00 PM

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Wednesdays

1:00-4:00 PM in the Chapel

**SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION**

**Sacrament of Penance...**Saturday

3:30 PM-4:30 PM

**Baptisms...**First time parents at

St. Michael must attend a Baptism Prep session before the baptism date can be scheduled. Please call Janice at ext. 8241 to schedule the prep session and/or baptism date.

**Marriage...**The bride, groom or their parents/grandparents must be active registered members of the parish for at least one year prior to reserving a date for the wedding. The diocese requires that arrangements must be made at least six months in advance of the wedding date in order for the proper personal, spiritual and liturgical preparations of the couple to be completed.

**Sacrament of the Sick...**Please call the office until 4:00 PM. After 4:00 PM, please call 322-6623 Monday-Friday and anytime on the weekend.

Names of the sick are placed in the bulletin for a period of four weeks after which time they are either removed or placed in the Book of Intentions in the Chapel.

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- Centering Prayer Ministry
- OCIA
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- Baptismal Preparation
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- Faith Formation
- Marriage Preparation
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- Stewardship

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- Knights of Columbus
- Labors of Love
- Ministry of Hope & Consolation
- Parish Nurse
- Senior GEMS
- Welcoming Ministry

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

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## From the Pastor's Desk

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***Making a Clear Path.*** When we think of Christmas, we often think of an event, a one or two day event, December 24th and 25th. This might be why getting ready for it seems so daunting. When you think about it, it is a lot of work for one or two days. We start out with a lot of joyful expectation that this year's "Christmas" will be the most magical, the best, the most heartwarming. After a few weeks of preparation though, we begin to feel the strain and slowly the perfect Christmas we were dreaming of is invaded by the imperfections of daily life: sickness, depression, buyer's remorse and the ever ticking clock counting down to Christmas day.

We already feel behind schedule because our more perfect neighbors already have their tree up and all their shopping done, their Christmas cards sent out and the packages wrapped. It is though this din of preparatory tasks that the words of the Advent scriptures can redirect our energies and so improve our chances for a God-filled Christmas, which really is perfect.

A rewarding celebration of the birth of our salvation is found, not in the clutter of Christmas, as charming as it might seem. Rather, the perfect Christmas is prepared for by clearing a path for Christ to be more readily felt, seen and heard in our daily lives. Preparing our hearts is important, but it cannot stop there. With hearts ready for Christ, you and I have to actually start clearing the path for Him to come. This Advent season calls us to action; to clear some more of the path which is often obstructed by our tacit acceptance of the poverty around us and even our game-like celebration of violence. Perhaps the video game, "Halo Infinite," is not the best gift to give on the birthday of the Prince of Peace.

We clear the path one stone at a time. An act of charity towards another is like a bulldozer on the job. Tuning out of the violence glorified and trivialized in TV, movies and video games can be like an earth mover making the way smooth for Christ's message of peace to fully enter this world. One decision at a time to act like Christ in a crowded store, in a traffic jam, when you are in a hurry, or when someone is not kind to you is building the royal road on which together we can travel to meet our Lord.



***Marriage Preparation.*** It is at this time of the year and in the month ahead that many young people get engaged. If you or someone (another Catholic) is getting engaged, please remember that you need to contact the parish office no less than six months in advance.

A Catholic looking to get married must be married in a Catholic church witnessed by a Catholic priest or deacon. Any dispensation from the "form" must be approved by the Bishop. If one chooses not follow this expectation, the marriage is not sacramentally valid and thus the couple involved cannot go to communion. As Catholics, we believe that marriage is a sacramental state, not just a civil one.

Fr. Robert and I and the Deacons are charged with the responsibility to help couples prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage. Thus, it is best to contact the office sooner rather than later. The preparation period is at least six months, so it is best to contact us nine months from the wedding date. This preparation is bolstered by other married couples in the parish and it takes time. Time that cannot be made up. The whole six months is needed. We want to help you have a successful and happy marriage, not just a nice wedding day.

## Advent Evening Prayer



**A Time to Reflect  
A Time to Pray  
A Time to Prepare  
Come Join us on  
Dec. 16th, 7:00 PM  
for Prayer and  
Fellowship**

**The Immaculate Conception  
of the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
Patronal Feast Day of  
the United States of America  
and a Holyday of Obligation**

**December 9th**

**Mass Times  
7:00 AM, 9:00 AM  
& 7:00 PM**

**BP, Glucose  
and  
Oxygen  
Level  
Screenings  
Dec. 14th/15th  
in the east coat  
room after the  
5:00 PM,  
7:30 AM and  
9:30 AM  
Masses**

## Congratulations Daniel

Daniel Kanelopoulos was recognized and blessed by Bishop McClory at The Rite of Call for Continuing Conversion for his Full Communion into the Catholic Church. May God Bless Daniel and his sponsor, Elizabeth, as they continue the journey through the OCIA process.

*Submitted by Kimberley  
Hoogveen*



## CHRISTMAS Music Concert

January 5, 2025  
3:00 PM in the Church

**SPECIAL PERFORMANCES BY**  
The Occasional Brass  
Quintet &  
Organ Solo by  
Fr. Gregory Bim-Merle



## Join us for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

**6:00 PM Doors Open  
6:30 PM Dance Azteca  
7:00 PM Mass with Bishop McClory  
and reception to follow Mass with  
Mariachi performance**

## Everyone's Help is Needed

*Please come and help the  
Arts and Environment Ministry decorate  
the Church for the Christmas Season.*

**Dec. 17th at 6:00 PM**  
*Nativity and tree set up*

**Dec. 23rd at 12:30 PM**

*Christmas fresh set up  
Submitted by the Arts and Environment Ministry*



## Our Parish Advent Activity

In the Gathering Space, there will be ornaments with items needed by Respect Life, Sojourner Truth House, The Women's Care Center and the Good Samaritans. Please take one or more ornaments home, decorate the ornament if you like, purchase the items needed and return the ornament and the donation and place in the boxes provided. The ornaments will be hung on the Christmas tree for all to see.

*Submitted by the Arts and Environment Ministry*

**It's Time to "Radiate" for All High Schoolers!  
Come experience Radiate with us!  
We can't wait to see you at our next gathering.**



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

Any questions, please contact Mrs. Jeannine Quigley (219) 775-5356 or Mrs. Marisa Richardson (219) 730-4735. Keep informed with our NEW Remind messaging sign up: Send TEXT to **81010**. Then TEXT THIS MESSAGE: **@stmrad**

*submitted by Jeannine Quigley*

**Radiate Annual Fundraiser**  
**OPLATKI**  
Dec. 14th/15th & 21st/22nd after all Masses and in the parish office during normal business hours

A small, stylized illustration of a gingerbread man wearing a top hat and holding a candy cane, positioned on the right side of the banner.

**SMS News**  
*Michelle Biscan, Principal*

## WARRIOR OF THE WEEK



**Braden Bazarko**

I've been attending SMS since preschool. I plan on attending Andean High School. I will definitely miss SMS. I enjoy playing sports, and I participate in soccer, basketball and volleyball for CYO. In my free time, I love to hangout with my family and friends. I love to play outside with my friends, and we go biking, walk around, play outside, go into the woods, etc. I also like to help out the parish and school with what they need. One of the things I did this year was help set up for St. Michael's Annual Festival. What makes SMS best is the smaller atmosphere. Being in smaller classrooms helps you get to know everyone better, especially the teachers. Everyone is always there to support you from the teachers to the staff. In the summer going into fifth grade, I opened up my own business called Smoothie Bomb. Many of the other students at SMS in 8th grade help run our company. We have done many events, from parties to St. Michael Parish Festival and Veterans 5K. We have also supplied smoothies for all of the school staff and teachers. We will be doing another event at SMS at the end of the 2024-2025 school year. It has been a great experience, and all of the middle teachers and the entire faculty have been so supportive. Our Art/Literature teacher, Mrs. Baron, was a huge inspiration and continues to help upgrade many aspects of our company. My advice for younger students is to cherish your moments at SMS, because it will fly by so fast. SMS has helped me become a better person, student, athlete, and friend. I've also grown closer to God with my time here. SMS teaches the values of the Catholic faith and how to act toward others. I have also learned the values of kindness and empathy. They also teach you how you should love one another. I am very thankful to my parents for sending me to SMS. I feel the values I have learned here will carry me through high school and beyond.



### For Those Who Have Died...

Gerald Austgen  
Dolores Wright

*Life has changed, not ended*

### Welcome the Newly Baptized

Eden Joelle Mae Grossi  
Vivienne Jude McMahon

**New Member  
Registration after  
the 7:30 & 9:30 AM  
Masses Dec. 15th**

Special Prayers  
For Those In Need



## LIFE IS PRECIOUS; HANDLE WITH PRAY

Glenda Davalos, *Denise Hahney*, Joan Hamnik, *Sherry Lazzaro*, *Patricia Christenson*, *Pam Weslowski*, *Helen Marshall*, Karen Dezarn, *Mary Ann Adam*, Carmelina Spiccia, Nicole Villanueva, Sue Gatons, Jerilyn Chapman 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.*

All Those 50+,  
join us for our last  
meeting of the year,  
December 10th at  
10:00 AM in the SE room of  
St. Patrick Hall.



*Submitted by Nancy Finley*

### PLEASE JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST WITH ST. NICK AND BABY JESUS

This Sunday 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. This event is sponsored by the Respect Life Ministry.

*Submitted by Respect Life Ministry*

This is the last weekend  
to get your Holy Family  
Christmas cards.

Dec. 7th after the 5:00 PM  
Mass in the Gathering  
Space.

Dec. 8th after all Masses  
in St. Patrick Hall.

1 card/\$2 or 10 pack/\$15

*Submitted by Respect Life Ministry*

## Christmas

DINNER BASKETS FOR  
PARISHIONERS IN NEED  
OF ASSISTANCE

Please call The Good Samaritans voicemail at 219-322-4505, ext. 8250 and leave a message with your name and contact number by Dec. 16th. A ministry member will call you back with the details.

*Submitted by Sue Cohen*



## 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*

*Submitted by Respect Life Ministry*

**IT IS HERE!**

# 150th Anniversary Pictorial Directory

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## Pick up your Reserved Copy December 7 & 8

BEFORE AND AFTER EACH MASS TIME IN THE ST. AMAND ROOM.

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ONE DIRECTORY PER FAMILY

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### Trim the Good Samaritans' Christmas Tree

"Help trim our tree, help trim our tree, How lovely are thy branches."



"May the Holy Family bless you in a deep abiding way, with special joy and gladness of that first bright Christmas Day"

In that spirit, your cards help decorate our trees and your donations will allow our ministry to continue to do the work that is asked of us. We wish you and those you love Christmas peace and God's blessings for good health.

*The Good Samaritans thank you for your kind sharing.*

*Submitted by Sue Cohen*

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PARISH**  
Bloomington, Indiana

**CAPTIAL CAMPAIGN**



*Growing Into the Future  
Together*

*Created by Elizabeth Munoz*

**Additional Funding to the G.I.F.T. Campaign**

- Grant from the Centers for Congregation - **\$11,629.00**
- Grant from the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Assoc. - **\$10,000**  
*Thank you to Lillian and John Zaborske for their efforts.*
- Thank you to the 158 parishioners who have consistently contributed, even without making formal pledges. Your generosity has made a significant impact.

Questions? Email us at [gift@stmichaelparish.life](mailto:gift@stmichaelparish.life) or call 219-322-4505

**Christmas  
Flower  
Envelopes are  
due to the  
office no later  
than Dec. 11th  
if you wish to  
have intentions  
listed in the  
Christmas  
bulletin.**

**Weekly Schedule**

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 8**

Blessing of 2025 Calendars at All Masses  
Breakfast with St. Nick/Baby Jesus After All Masses, St. Patrick Hall

Church Directory Pick Up After Vigil Mass, St. Amand Room  
Respect Life Christmas Cards Sale After All Masses, Gathering Space

Faith Formation Family Session 9:30 AM  
OCIA 9:30 AM

“Do This in Memory of Me” Mass 11:30 AM  
Radiate 6:00 PM, St. Patrick Hall

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

**MONDAY DECEMBER 9**

Holy Day of Obligation Masses: 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM & 7:00 PM

**TUESDAY DECEMBER 10**

GEMS 10:00 AM, SE Room  
Children’s Choir 3:15 PM, Church  
Faith Formation Traditional Classes 6:00 PM, SMS

**WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 11**

Communal Penance Service 10:30 AM, Church  
Eucharistic Adoration 1:00-4:00 PM, Chapel  
Faith Formation Traditional Classes 6:00 PM, SMS

**THURSDAY DECEMBER 12**

Choir Practice 7:00 PM, Church  
Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass 7:00 PM, Church  
Fellowship in St. Patrick Hall After Mass

**FRIDAY DECEMBER 13**

Chair Yoga 8:00 PM, St. Patrick Hall  
Bell Choir Practice 6:00 PM, Church

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 14**

Confessions 3:00-4:30 PM, Chapel  
Blessing of Baby Jesus Figurine at Vigil Mass  
BP Readings After Vigil Mass, East Coat Room  
Oplatki Sales After Vigil Mass

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 15**

Blessing of Baby Jesus Figurine at All Masses  
BP Readings After 7:30 & 9:30 AM Masses, East Coat Room  
New Member Registration After 7:30 & 9:30 AM Masses, St. Patrick Hall

Oplatki Sales After All Masses, Gathering Space  
OCIA 9:30 AM

“Catch the Spirit” Mass 11:30 AM



**Chair Yoga Class  
December 13th**

**\$5/session**

**Please call Ursula at  
219-741-3276 to  
register.**

**Stewardship in Action**

Donate a little extra at church this week.  
*submitted by Conchita Bryner*

**STEWARDSHIP  
OF TREASURE**

“For  
where your  
treasure is,  
there your  
heart will be  
also.”  
Matthew 6:21

**November 24, 2024**

Adult	\$14,961.15
Children	\$124.46
EFTs	\$5,095.58
Loose	\$704.00

**Total Weekly Offering  
\$20,885.19**

**Campaign for Human development  
\$3,978.75**

**December 1, 2024**

Adult	\$12,717.00
Children	\$90.25
EFTs	\$2,725.30
Loose	\$891.82

**Total Weekly Offering  
\$16,424.37**

**Vietnamese Mass  
\$2,223.00**

**Thank you for your generosity!**

## \*EVENING PRAYER

Come share a moment of prayer and fellowship and take a moment off from the craziness of shopping, baking, and parties. On **Dec. 11th and 18th**, you are invited to join us at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, 509 W Division Road, Valparaiso for Evening Prayer and socializing. Fr. Robert Ross will reflect on the three apparitions of the Archangel Gabriel to Daniel, Zechariah and the Blessed Mother. We will begin at 7:00 PM and be finished by 7:45 PM.

## ADVENT SERIES

Our Lady of Consolation is having an Advent Series during the month of December at 7:00 PM.

**Dec. 13th:** *"Make Room in your Heart"* by Fr. Steven Caraher

**Dec. 19th:** *"Receive the Gift"* by Sr. Deanna Love  
Light refreshments will be provided in the Narthex afterwards. For more information, please call 219-769-1755, ext. 308.



## CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

You are invited to the Second Annual Christmas Bazaar on **December 14th**, 9:00 AM-2:00 PM at the St. Timothy Center of Sharing Meadows, 6357 N 300 E, LaPorte. For details, please call 219-778-2585.

## CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Our Lady of Consolation in Merrillville is hosting a Christmas Concert featuring *"The Noteables"* on **December 15th** at 2:00 PM. Doors open at 1:30 PM. Adult tickets are available in advance for \$10 or \$12 at the door. Tickets for ages 12 and under are \$3. For more information or tickets, please call 219-769-0304 or 219-277-9507.

## SENSORY SANTA VISIT

Logan's Love—Logan Speaks presents Sensory Santa Visit at Homan Elementary School-Door F on **Dec. 14th**, 12:00-5:00 PM.

Homan is located at 210 E. Joliet St., Schererville.

This event is open to all ages and abilities. Reserve a time using the QR code. Free admission. Donations appreciated. For more information, please call Nicole 219-805-0750 or Eliana 219-885-8434.



## COOKIE WALK

Descent of the Holy Spirit, 545 E. 77th Ave., Schererville is hosting a Cookie Walk on **Dec. 21st**, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM. Delicious homemade cookies, pastries, nut rolls and breads, homemade cabbage rolls, halushki and pierogies (sold by the dozen) will be available. For additional information, please call Sharon Holowaty 219-864-4342.

## A DAY OF DISCERNMENT

All high school aged men are invited to a Day of Discernment, "Vocasti Me" or "You Have Called Me" on **Dec. 27th** at St. Teresa of Avila, 1511 LaPorte Ave, Valpo, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM. Come for a day of prayer, discussion, food, sports and fellowship. To RSVP or obtain more information, email [jrosenow@dcgary.org](mailto:jrosenow@dcgary.org) or call 219-769-9292, ext. 221.

## \*MARCH FOR LIFE

The Diocese of Gary Office of Pro-life Activities and Lake County Right to Life invite you to join us at the annual March for Life in Indianapolis on **Jan. 22nd**. We will be traveling via a premium coach bus. Registration and prepayment is required. Cost is \$35 per person which includes a box lunch for the way home. Youth Rally and Mass are being hosted by the 5 Dioceses of Indiana. The fight for the right and dignity of life is not over! Come and be a voice for the voiceless. For more information and to register, go to the [dgary.org](http://dgary.org) events page. Or call Rosanne at 219-769-9292.

## \*BECOME A MISSIONARY

Make this summer one you will always remember, sharing the Gospel with children and teens in NWI, May 29th-July 26th. \$3000 stipend + meals and housing. Learn more and apply at [dgary.org/totustuus](http://dgary.org/totustuus).





# Mass Intentions

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 7</b>
5:00 PM	✦ Anton & Soraya Haddad
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 8 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>
7:30 AM	✦ Alicia & Andres Magana ✦ Mary Lee Thiel ✦ John (Bob) Dobrzynski
9:30 AM	St. Michael Parish
11:30 AM	For an End to Abortion on Demand and for a Conversion of Heart for those who Provide Abortions
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 9 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION</b>
7:00 AM	✦ Rev. Terrence McCarthy
9:00 AM	For Expectant Mothers
7:00 PM	For Expectant Mothers
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 10</b>
7:00 AM	✦ Kristin & John Finley ✦ Marie Therese Perry-6th <i>Anniversary</i>

<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 11</b>
7:00 AM	✦ Rodrigo Murcia
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 12 OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE</b>
7:00 AM	✦ Ann Ayersman
7:00 PM	✦ Leyone Haddad
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 13</b>
7:00 AM	✦ Ray Pohlman
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 14</b>
8:00 AM	✦ Tim Kapitan
5:00 PM	✦ Thomas Kudzia
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 15 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>
7:30 AM	St. Michael Parish
9:30 AM	✦ Henry Lyza ✦ Deacon Jack Krol ✦ Kyle Arnold
11:30 AM	✦ Frank Sink

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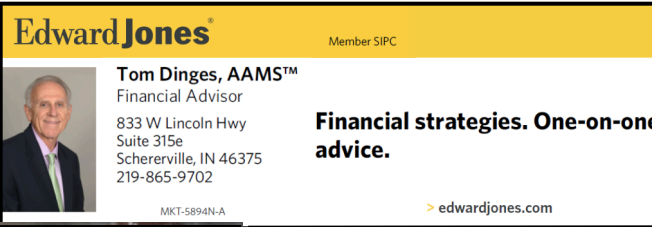
*(Readings for December 15, 2024, Third Sunday of Advent)*

- I. *Zephaniah 3:14-18a*      Be joyful, Jerusalem! The Lord will come and save you from your enemies. Do not be discouraged or lose heart, for “the Lord, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior.”
- II. *Philippians 4:4-7*      “Rejoice in the Lord always,” wrote Paul. “I say it again: rejoice! The Lord is near. Make your requests known to God; then the peace of God that surpasses understanding will guard your hearts and minds.”
- III. *Luke 3:10-18*      John the Baptizer said to the crowds, “I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.” In that way, he preached good news to the people.

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