



SATURDAY LITURGY

Vigil: 5:00 PM

SUNDAY LITURGY

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

DAILY LITURGY

Weekdays 7:00 AM Saturday 8:00 AM

HOLY DAY LITURGY

See page 9 of the bulletin

CHAPEL HOURS:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 8:00 AM-3:00 PM Wednesdays 8:00 AM-4:00 PM Saturday 9:00-3:00 PM

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesdays

1:00-4:00 PM in the Chapel

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Sacrament of Penance...Saturday 3:30 PM-4:30 PM

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

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

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

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

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From the Pastor's Desk

A "whole" Family makes a holy Family. When you look at a picture of your family, what do you see? Some behavioral experts can read a family portrait as easily as we can read words on a page. A family portrait can give them insights into the relationships of the pictured family more than an interview with each member. Those who study the behavior of families can tell us that a "whole" family is not simply a snapshot of all the children and parents.

A whole family is more than just everyone being present for the picture. A whole family is one where the relationships between parent and child and between child and child lead to growth for everyone in the family. This does not mean that there are not some broken elements in our relating to our family members. No family

is perfect.

In celebrating the family of Jesus, the Holy Family, we do not celebrate a perfect family, but one that strives to be whole by being open to God's grace. Joseph, Mary and the child, Jesus, open themselves up to grow in wisdom and grace, first as individuals and consequently as a family. The relationship between mother and child and foster-father always sought balance. When the child Jesus throws the balance off and begins to assume the role of adult, growing up too fast, with His teaching in the temple, He learns from His mother that His actions had upset many people who love Him. Why? Because He did not really act like an adult in showing concern that His absence would put Joseph and Mary into a parental panic. Jesus had to learn to be respectful of His parents' feelings and they had to learn, as parents do, that their child was not really theirs, but that He had a mind of His own.

We reflect on the Holy Family, not to make us feel like we can never be like them, but to assure us that we can be like them by seeking whole and healthy

relationships within our families. A better father or mother or son or daughter is found when we seek a listening heart and an open mind to dream like Joseph, trust like Mary and to give ourselves time to grow like Jesus. The qualities of listening, trusting, having dreams and growing are the basic things needed to be a whole person. Only when we seek God's help and guidance to be a whole person do we build whole families that are truly holy.



Marriage Plans? 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 to 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, Deacons Ron and Gary and I 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 of six months is needed. We want to help you have a successful and happy marriage, not just a nice wedding day.

thank you thank you thank you thank you

Thank You! Fr. Robert and I thank you for all the many Christmas greetings and gifts. Together we are thankful to God for your faithfulness to this parish and to His work.

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ST. MICHAEL CHOIR

A CHRISTMAS CONCERT

January 5, 2025 3:00 PM in the Church

Special Performance by The Occasional **Brass Quintet** and an Organ Solo by Fr. Gregory Bim-Merle

January 1st, The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Mass times are Dec. 31st: 5:00 PM January 1st: 9:00 AM



It's time to "Radiate" with our Teen Ministry! We have a lot of fun: Themed Nights, Group Activities and Faith. All High Schoolers are Invited to Join Us - YOU ARE WELCOME!

Upcoming Calendar:

January 12th: COOK WITH CHEF JACK VALESQUEZ Night! Come for the Fun & Yum!! And come

hungry! 6:00-8:00 PM in St. Patrick Hall January 26th: GYM Night, 6:00-8:00 PM February 9th: GYM Night, 6:00-8:00 PM

February 23rd: St Patrick Hall Night, 6:00-8:00 PM

Any questions, please contact Mrs. Jeannine Quigley (219) 775-5356 or Mrs. Marisa

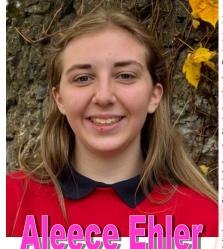
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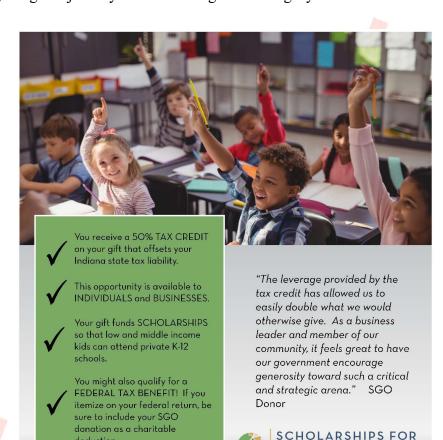
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me grow into a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. Through the guidance of my teachers, I have deepened my faith and formed a close relationship with God. I have absolutely loved being at SMS, and I hope to continue my religious journey with the strength and integrity that I have learned here at SMS.



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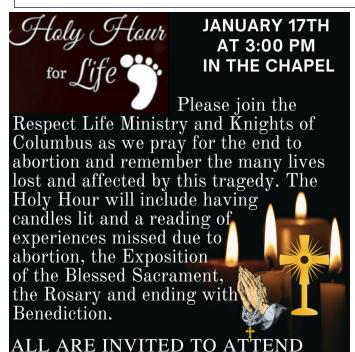
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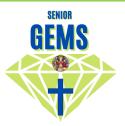
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St. Michael's parishioners are in bold, italic print.





Gathering January 7th 10:00 AM in St. Patrick Hall



All Those 50+ Parishioner or Non-Parishioner Join Us for the First Meeting of 2025 **January 14th** 10:00 AM in the SE Meeting Room

> of St. Patrick Hall submitted by Nancy Finley



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January 3rd 8:00 AM in St. Patrick Hall Cost: \$5 Please call Ursula at 219-741-3276 to register.

S[†]ewardship in Action

Do something kind for a family member who is struggling. Pray for healing for all families.

Submitted by Conchita Bryner

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY DECEMBER 29

Super Raffle Ticket Sales After All Masses, Gathering Space OCIA 9:30 AM

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

TUESDAY DECEMBER 31

Parish Office Closes at Noon Vigil Mass: 5:00 PM

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 1

Mass: 9:00 AM Parish Office Closed No Eucharistic Adoration

THURSDAY JANUARY 2

Choir Practice 7:00 PM, Church

FRIDAY JANUARY 3

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

SATURDAY JANUARY 4

First Saturday Devotions After 8:00 AM Mass Choir Practice 9:00 AM, Church Confessions 3:30-4:30 PM, Chapel Super Raffle Tickets After Vigil Mass, Gathering Space

SUNDAY JANUARY 5

Super Raffle Tickets After All Masses, Gathering Space OCIA 9:30 AM Christmas Concert 3:00 PM, Church

Christmas Concert 3:00 PM, Church Vietnamese Confessions 5:00 PM, Chapel Vietnamese Mass 6:00 PM, Church Reception to Follow Mass, St. Patrick Hall

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*PANCAKE BREAKFAST

On **January 18th**, 8:00-10:00 AM, a Pancake Breakfast at Applebee's, 8425 Broadway, Merrillville, will be held. Proceeds will help Sojourner Truth House programs. Cost is \$10 for coffee or juice, bacon and all you can eat pancakes. There will be door prizes, STH Strong wristbands and a bake sale. Purchase your tickets by calling 219-947-8560 or email sboyer@poorhandmaids.org.

MARCH FOR LIFE

The Diocese of Gary Office of Prolife 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 degary.org events page. Or call Rosanne at 219-769-9292.

Diocesan Life Information —

MARRIAGE DATE NIGHT

The Diocese of Gary is hosting a Marriage Date Night on **February 7th** at Don Quijote Restaurant, 119 E. Lincolnway, Valparaiso. Cash bar starts at 5:30 PM followed by dinner at 6:30 PM and speakers, Sofia and James Bilder at 7:30 PM. The topic of the evening is "Pilgrim Hearts." Cost for the evening is \$120/couple. Learn more and register at dcgary.org.

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5:00 PM	♦Fr. Patrick Connolly	7:00 AM	♦Al Yelich
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	♥Fr. Biegel	7:00 AM	†Kristin & John Finley
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SUNDAY	FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY &	SATURDAY	JANUARY 4
	JOSEPH	8:00 AM	† Henry & Patricia Lyza
7:30 AM	†Thomas Tadevic	5:00 PM	Mary Beth Burczyk
9:30 AM	♦Ted & Marie Tokarski	SUNDAY	JANUARY 5 THE EPIPHANY OF
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	of Intentions who Purchased	7:30 AM	♦Walter & Mildred Prenizny
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11:30 AM	St. Michael Parish		Nick & Genevieve Dolfin
MONDAY	DECEMBER 30	9:30 AM	St. Michael Parish
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WEDNESDAY	JANUARY 1 THE SOLEMNITY		
9:00 AM	All Souls		

THE WORD

(Readings for January 5, 2025, The Epiphany of the Lord)

I. Isaiah 60:1-6

Darkness covers the earth and heavy clouds hang over the people. But

the light has come and the glory of the Lord shines bright.

II. Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

In Christ Jesus, Gentiles and Jews are co-heirs and co-sharers in the

saving promise.

III. *Matthew 2:1-12*

The magi from the east followed the star until it stopped still over the house. They entered, found the child with Mary, prostrated themselves

and did Him homage.

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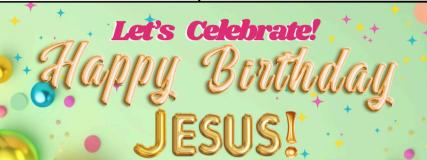




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