

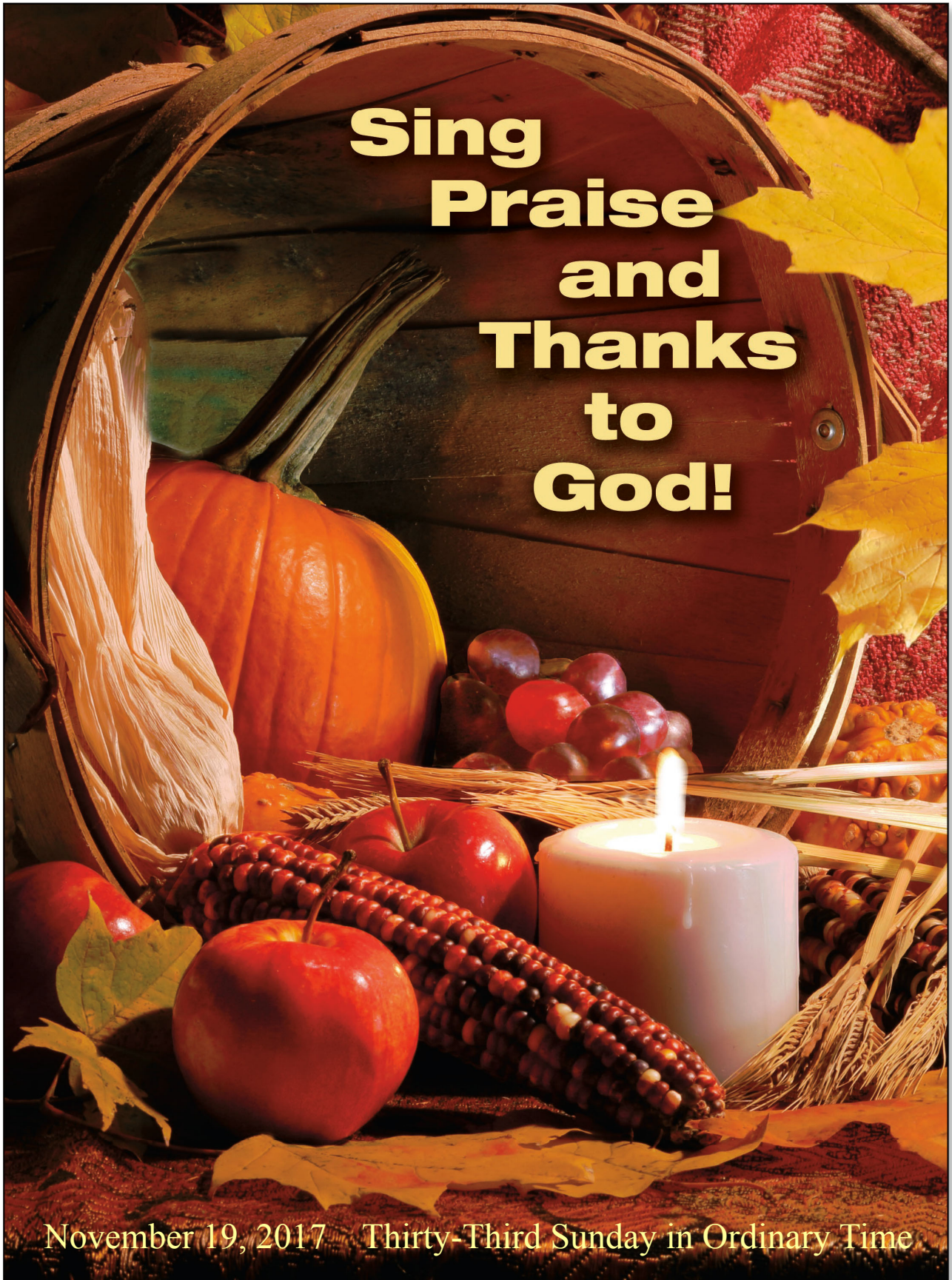
**WELCOME TO
ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY**

SCHERERVILLE, IN 46375

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November 19, 2017 Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 Good Shepherd Classes....Tuesday 6:00 PM-7:30 PM
 Sunday Family Classes.....Once a month 9:30 AM-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 15 of the bulletin for
 Holy Day Mass Schedule.

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. 241 to schedule the prep
 session and/or baptism date.

Marriage...The bride, groom, their parents/grandparents
 must be active registered members of the parish for at least three
 years 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.

Anointing of the Sick is celebrated on the third Saturday of each
 month at the 8:00 AM Mass in the chapel.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesdays from 1:00-6:00 PM 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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ST. MICHAEL
PARISH
 Schererville, Indiana

From the Pastor's Desk

From time to time I run across the reflections from other priests that I think are good to pass along. Below is one of those reflections from Fr. Blaney who is the founder and President of Sharing Meadows, a ministry for adults with special needs.



Fr. Blaney

As we prepare for Thanksgiving Day, we should look at the way the world is going.

In the past, Hitler developed the idea that there was a super race and the lesser people should be eliminated! This included especially Jewish people, everyone remembers. But there were other groups who were routinely eliminated, namely the handicapped!

In the United States of America, 90% of babies who are, through amniocentesis, discovered to have Down Syndrome, are eliminated through abortion. In Iceland and Denmark, there are no more babies being born with Down Syndrome. They are all aborted. In China, there is a rule—only one child per family and of course, if there is a child with a handicapping condition, the baby is aborted.

Abortion is now a big business in America. The abortion clinics claim to be health centers for women. But did you know that, if the unborn baby is discovered to be female, that baby is sometimes aborted for the sole reason of it being an unwanted female? What about young girls who have abortions when their babies were the result of sexual abuse. And the abortion clinics, against the law, never report to the authorities the sexual abuser, allowing the sexual abuse to continue.

Sadly, Hitler's idea of eliminating the less than perfect is still active in this world. Here at Sharing Meadows, the other abled are recognized as an important part of society as God made them. They have the ability of trying to love each person. That is why people visiting Sharing Meadows recognize its peacefulness!

At Sharing Meadows we have a guest house. Young parents of other abled persons often go through a very negative time with people commenting that their other abled child will not learn to drive, go to college, get a self-sustaining job etc. etc. We would love to have you spend a day out here working along with our villagers and seeing their good qualities, having a meal in one of the homes and experiencing the joy of our community. And if you have received news from your amniocenteses that your baby has Down Syndrome, before you make any decisions, come out here to visit and stay in our guest house to see the value and happiness of a Down Syndrome individual.

Sharing Good Thoughts and Experiences. Our students, parents, and teachers have so much love and enthusiasm for our school that they want to share their experiences. Look to our social media on Facebook and YouTube to see these heartfelt video testimonials about what makes St. Michael School so special. Look for the upcoming additions to this series from our parents and teachers.

Spirituality and Worship Commission

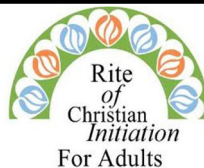
Commission Members: Director of Liturgy, Art & Environment, Eucharistic Ministers, Hospitality, Lectors, Music, Sacristan, Altar Servers, Cross Bearers, Prayer Ministry, RCIA, Ministers of Care, Deer Creek Ministers

Liturgical Season Reflection Books Little Blue Advent Books Available in Gathering Space Starting this Weekend and Continuing November 25/26 and December 2/3 after All Masses

Liturgical Advent Season Reflection Books normally presold will *only be available* after Masses on the above dates this year and a donation of \$1.00 each is appreciated. Adult books are available in English only. Reflections in the *Advent/Christmas Season Book* begin Dec. 3rd and end Jan. 8th.



The new schedule for the Lay Liturgical Ministers is now available for pick up in the Gathering Space.



After celebrating All Saint's Day, and recalling those "living witnesses" of the joy and peace that living the Catholic life can bring, let us ask for the saints' intercession for those who are thinking about finding out more about the Church. Please call 322-4505, ext. 241 for information. The **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** is the process for those who are over the age of 8, baptized in another faith tradition, non-baptized, or only baptized in the Catholic faith and wish to complete their Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.

The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe December 12th 7:00 PM Mass in the Church



In honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe, there will be a celebratory Mass with Mariachi and folk dancing afterwards in St. Patrick Hall. Refreshments and pastries will be available. If you are interested in helping to defray the cost of the Mariachi (the parish will pick up half the cost), volunteering to help with our celebration, or have any questions, please call Lucy Gallegos at 773-859-1014 or John Madrigal at 322-9792.

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, and our own 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.

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, Vocations Ministry, RADIATE Youth Ministry, Bible Study

SCHOOL NEWS

Warrior of the Week



This week's Warrior of the Week is Colin Small. Colin has been a student at St. Michael School since 2nd grade. Colin is a member of the SMS Student Council. He plays basketball and runs cross country and track for the Warriors, and also plays baseball outside of school. His favorite thing about SMS is how everyone gets along. He's not sure yet where he will be attending high school next year, but he knows that he will miss all his friends and teachers at SMS. His advice to younger students is to remember, "You never fail something. You either are successful or you learn, but you never fail." We know you will have much success in the future, Colin!

SMS Honors Veterans

The St. Michael Catholic School students came together last week to host our brave veterans for their annual Veteran's Day Program. It was a heartfelt morning of songs, poetry, and applause. Words cannot truly express the feeling of absolute wonderment that filled the gymnasium as our students sang "Proud to be an American." Tears were shed as the incredible patriotism resonated with everyone. We at SMS were so honored and delighted to host our veterans. We are immensely grateful for all that they have done to defend this nation and proud of the many men and women currently serving in our military at home and around the world. We thank them and all veterans for their sacrifices and their dedication to defend our freedom and this country. God bless America!



Education and Formation Commission

SCHOOL NEWS

A Fun-Filled Family Night

On Friday, November 3rd, St. Michael School put together their annual Fun Fair, a fantastic family event that transforms the school into a carnival of games and laughter. Classrooms were cleared out and filled with dance competitions, cake walks, ring toss, and so much more. The gymnasium became a hotspot of family activity. Dunk tanks, bounce houses, and photo booths were brought in, filling every available space with wonderment and smiles. And as though that wasn't enough, SMS teachers took their turns at the wall for a very special event where students could buy strips of duct tape, taping their teachers to the wall bit by bit until they were hanging in midair. We are so proud of all the hard work our parent-volunteers put into making this event such a special night and already cannot wait for next year.



Lower Your Taxes and Help the Children at St. Michael School

The State of Indiana has a School Scholarship Tax Credit Program. Here is how the program works. An individual or business will donate money into this program for St. Michael School. The donation can only be used for financial aid scholarships. You will receive an Indiana State tax credit for 50% of your donation amount. For example, if a business or individual donates \$100, they will receive a \$50 tax credit on their Indiana State income taxes. If a business or individual donates \$1000, they will receive a \$500 tax credit on their Indiana State income taxes. You can also use this same donation as an itemized tax deduction for your federal income taxes. It is truly a win-win situation. You can lower your taxes while helping the children at St. Michael School. This tax credit program is only available while state funding is available. In recent years, the tax credit program was only available through mid-December. The bottom line is to make your donation as early as possible to take advantage of this tax saving program. To donate online:

<https://www.scholarshipsforeducationchoice.com/donors/idonate/>

On the page, you will see a **Choose Your Designation** field, use the drop down search and select **St. Michael School, Schererville**. If you do not make this selection, your donation will not be applied to 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. You should mail the check to:

SEC at Sagamore Institute
2902 North Meridian Street
Indianapolis, IN 46208

Thank you for your generosity. If you have any questions or seek additional information, please contact Marty Lucas at 219-789-6970 or smlucas13@sbcglobal.net.

Education and Formation Commission



Faith

Formation

Parents of children making Reconciliation: There is a mandatory Reconciliation meeting on Nov. 30th at 7:00 PM in St. Patrick Hall.

November Calendar:

Nov. 21st/22nd: No Classes-Thanksgiving Break

***Nov. 28th: Good Shepherd/Traditional Classes
6:00-7:30 PM***

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

***Nov. 30th: Parents' Reconciliation Meeting
7:00 PM in St. Patrick Hall***

"Christmas Stockings for Soldiers" Service Project

Some of the 8th grade Confirmation candidates seeking a service project of generosity and thanksgiving for our military are asking for your help in donating to their Soldiers' Angels-sponsored holiday stocking drive. Soldiers Angels (<https://soldiersangels.org>) is a non-profit driven by community volunteers nationwide intent on making every soldier and veteran feel loved and remembered. Our St. Michael group hopes to achieve enough donations to assemble 75-100 stuffed stockings. There are two collection bins in the Gathering Space. You are asked to donate any of the items from the list below, or even better, an entire filled stocking! If you'd prefer to donate several loose items, feel free to put them in a baggie and our project volunteers will be sure to include them in a stocking. Items need to be turned in by Dec. 3rd for distribution in time for the holidays. Thank you SO much for your support!

Stocking Stuffer Requests:

- ◆ A handwritten card or short note for a service member or veteran; this means so much.
- ◆ Slim Jims or Beef Jerky
- ◆ Packages of Holiday nuts
- ◆ Single serving drink mix packets (i.e. Crystal Light), Apple cider & Hot chocolate packets
- ◆ Holiday-themed lip balm (wrapping and scent)
- ◆ Playing cards; Card games (Uno, Phase 10)
- ◆ Small notepads
- ◆ Puzzle book (Crosswords, Sudoku, Word Find) or small paperback
- ◆ Holiday themed writing pens or pencil
- ◆ Holiday candy (in sealed wrapping or small unopened bags)
- ◆ Candy Canes
- ◆ Gloves (preferably black, winter, one size fits all); Caps (warm winter)
- ◆ Stress balls (holiday themed preferred)
- ◆ Travel sized games
- ◆ Other holiday themed items

**** PLEASE NOTE: NO GLASS (containers, ornaments, etc), NO SHARP OBJECTS (safety pins, razors), NO PRODUCTS CONTAINING ALCOHOL (some mouthwashes, hand sanitizers), NO AEROSOLS**



Education and Formation Commission

High School Students: Celebrate with RADIATE!



At our last gathering, we had a fabulous time with a big group from Our Lady of Grace as we discussed the advantages and disadvantages of social media, professionally expressed through skits. Thanks to all who participated! Please keep all our RADIATERS in your prayers, especially those who are celebrating their Catholic faith in Indianapolis with 25,000 other kids from around the country at the National Catholic Youth Conference: Vicky Carbajal, Meredith Dainton, Kamren Gallas, Crystal Gallegos, Ann Marie Hemmerling, Grace Jarzombek, Joe Kawalski, David Leinberger, Gianna Lolli, Taylor Menke, Kerry Overland, Grace Richardson, Gunnar Richardson, Justin Schuller, Adam Sieracki, Veronica Uhrick, Mark Villanueva, Nicole Villanueva, Cami Wallace, Anastasia Watroba, Trey Watroba, Michael Wolfe, Mikaila Zvyak and adults, Fr. Gregory, Leann Lolli, Dorothy Overland, Jeannine and Mike Quigley, Mike Reesman, Marisa Richardson, and Jane Wallace.

THANK YOU ST. MICHAEL'S for your support in our fundraising efforts. With your help, we were able to take a bus together and pay for food for most of the weekend. Thank you for getting us there and helping us enjoy the experience together. What a blessing you are to us!

Be sure to sign up for our texts for the most updated info so you won't miss out! Text "@radiate" to 81010. Our upcoming meeting dates are Nov. 26th and Dec. 10th with our Caroling Service Project on Dec. 15th.

Peace & Social Justice Commission

Welcome the Newly Baptized

Blake Harper Wilson

Commission Members: Ministry of Consolation and Hope, Good Samaritans, Pastoral Care, Respect Life, Health & Spirituality Committee, Parish Nurse Ministry, Rebuilding Hope Mission Team, Visitation Ministry, Labors of Love

Special Prayers For Those In Need



John Conley, ***Debbie Petersen***, ***Cynthia Vanek***, ***Steve Kelleher***, William Kotinek, ***Jen-Mei Dorris***, David Sarros, Phil Krivickas, Zbigniew Sochacki, David Goldasic, ***Deacon Jack Krol***, ***Tammy Bougher***, ***Evelyn Mathews***, ***John Strantz***, ***Jeff Schieve***, Amayah Myszak, Carson Schafer, ***Kristin Finley***, ***Jean Mastey***, Beth Ann Brown, Mary Merkle, and all those in need of the healing touch of God.

Life is precious; handle with prayer.

Placing the name of a loved one or yourself in the bulletin *Prayer List* can be done through Michaeline or Debbie at 322-4505, ext. 220 in the parish office. The names 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. 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.

Please remember that the names of parishioners and non-parishioners who are still in need of our prayers after the 4 week period of time of being in the bulletin are placed in our Book of Intentions in the Chapel. It is updated weekly.

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

Peace & Social Justice Commission



Blood Pressure, Glucose and Oxygen Level Screenings

Screenings will take place this weekend in the east coat room after the 5:00 PM, 7:30 AM, and 9:30 AM Masses by the parish nurses.

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS COLLECTION

"Each day is a gift from God, what you do with it is your gift to Him. May our hearts be filled with Thanks and Giving."



Thanksgiving
Food Drive

The Good Samaritans Food Drive will once again be at the 9:00 AM Thanksgiving Mass. We will be collecting food, as well as monetary donations, to assist families in need. The following items are needed:

Food: pasta sauce, canned and dried soup, pork and beans, kidney beans, canned vegetables, peanut butter, jelly, canned fruit, canned meat, tuna, various pastas, noodles, instant potatoes, pasta sides, rice sides, instant rice, mac & cheese, stuffing mix, hamburger helper, cereal, oatmeal, saltine crackers, pancake mix, and syrup

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

Cleaning Supplies and Paper Products: Kleenex, paper towels, toilet paper, dish soap, all-purpose cleaners, SOS pads and kitchen cleanser

Monetary donations are used to purchase meat and perishable food items for our freezer and help with utility assistance.

As always, thank you for your continual support of our ministry and your kind and generous hearts.

The Good Samaritans are here to assist anyone with temporary help. If you know someone from Schererville, Dyer, or St. John 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. 250 and leave a message.**

Respect Life Ministry News

Thank you for your generous support during October Respect Life Month

The Respect Life Ministry would like to thank all parishioners who purchased Roses on September 30th and October 1st in honor of Respect Life Sunday. Your support as always was overwhelming and with your help we are able to continue our support of Lake County Right to Life and the Women's Care Center in Hammond. We would also like to thank all those in the parish who assisted us with the sale.

We would also like to thank all who participated in the 40 Days for Life Campaign. Whether it was through prayer, fasting, peaceful vigil at Planned Parenthood or attending Adoration on Wednesdays your participation SAVED 4 BABIES lives in Merrillville alone. Praise God.

Thank you from Savior of the World Children's Center: We would like to thank St Michael's parish for allowing us to visit and share our story with you. We appreciate being able to meet with your parish community and talking to all the friendly people about our orphanage in Sierra Leone, Africa. We sincerely thank all who generously contributed to our efforts. Two hundred dollars was collected that day. Thanks again.

Thank you also for your generous donations to the Answer for Pregnancy Aid via the Baby Bottle Campaign which also took place during the month of October. We are still collecting baby bottles so at this time we do not have the total contributed but thank you to all who took and returned the baby bottles. Once we know how much was collected we will publish it.

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

Cemetery Clean-Up

St. Michael's maintenance crew has started the clean-up of our cemetery for the fall. Please remove any items (flags, vases, etc.) that are not planted in the ground so that we may pick up leaves, branches, acorns, etc. before winter hits. Once the crew is finished, artificial or natural wreaths of less than 30 inches placed on stands are permitted. Thank you for your cooperation!

Fundraiser for St. Michael Parish

Set Your Legacy In Stone in Our Cemetery Paved Walkway

From the Past Through the Present to the Future

The original walkway in our cemetery was established in September of 2012. Since then we have had other times when we have taken orders for the pavers to be etched and placed in the cemetery. With advancement in technology we are now able to etch these paver bricks easier thus giving the parish an opportunity to once again offer their availability. We will be taking orders now through March 1, 2018 to be placed in the walkway in the spring/summer of 2018. Below is the form for the various areas of the walkway. Letters for tax purposes are available upon request.

Name: _____

Address: _____ **City, State, Zip** _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Type of Paver:

Graduate - \$175

Memorial - \$125.00

Founder's Circle - \$250

Benefactor - \$200.00

Each paver may contain up to 3 lines, with 15 characters (this includes spaces) per line.

Mail form and check to: St. Michael the Archangel Church / Paver Project
1 E. Wilhelm Street
Schererville, IN 46375

*Christmas Party for
Children with Special Needs*

*Sponsored by the
Knights of Columbus
St. Michael the Archangel Council 12177*

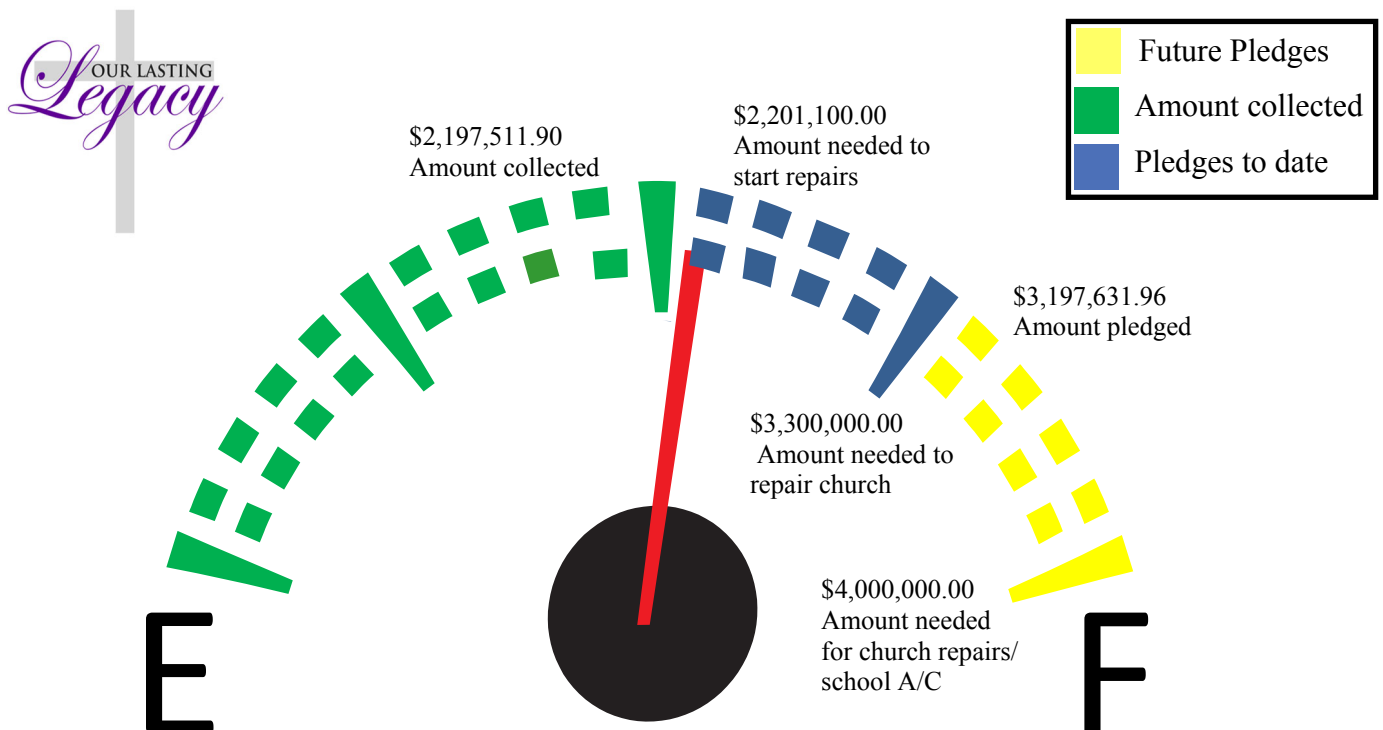
*Sunday, December 3, 2017
2:00 PM*

St. Patrick Hall

*Please RSVP to Deacon Ron Pyle at 322-4505, ext. 284
by November 23rd. JUST LEAVE A MESSAGE!*

Games, Stories, Prizes, and Snacks and a Special Visitor!

Capital Campaign Totals as of November 13, 2017



Senior GEMS

All seniors over the age of 50 are invited to attend our meetings and outings. You do not have to attend the meetings to go to the outings.



Upcoming Events:

Nov. 28th: Village Shoppes/German Restaurant, New Carlisle-Meet in church parking lot at 10:00 AM. **No Meeting or Book Club.**

Dec. 12th: 10:00 AM Meeting with Book Club or games to follow.

Dec. 13th: Christmas Story at Valpo Opera House. Meet in church parking lot at 10:15 AM. Lunch at Suzy's Café before show.

Dec. 29th: Christmas Light Show at Theatre in the Center. Meet at the Center at 1:30 PM.

Feb. 28th: Steel Magnolias at Theatre in the Center, Munster, 2:00 PM. Cost is \$34 and must be reserved by Dec. 29th.

Tickets to all shows must be paid in advance and NO REFUNDS allowed. Any questions, please contact Carol at 805-0413.

Registration for New Parishioners

Parish registration is today, Nov. 19th, after the 7:30 & 9:30 AM Masses. You may also register at the parish office Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM. We ask that you have the **dates and places of Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation and Marriage** for all members of the family. If you have any questions please call Debbie at the parish office 322-4505, ext. 225.

Changing Your Address

If you will be moving, we ask that you contact the parish office at your earliest convenience to inform us of your new address and phone number. If you will be leaving the parish and do not wish to be included in future mailings, please let us know that as well. Thank you in advance for being good stewards.

Hand Carved Religious Articles From the Holy Land

Beautiful collection of hand carved olive wood religious articles from the Holy Land will be for sale in St. Patrick Hall this weekend, Nov. 18th & 19th. The profit goes to support 27 Catholic families who made these articles in Bethlehem and Jerusalem. Please stop by and support our suffering Catholic families in the Holy Land.

*Don't cry over the past, it's gone.
Don't stress about the future, it
hasn't arrived. Live in the present
and make it beautiful....*

St. Patrick Hall Rental

Have a special event, such as a Christmas party, anniversary, wedding shower, or baby shower, coming up and need a location? St. Patrick Hall is the perfect place to hold your special function or meeting. Spacious, well maintained hall with seating up to 300. Meeting rooms available for groups of 24 or less. On-site catering exclusively by two approved caterers, Rob's Home Style Catering and Scarborough Faire. Food may be brought in by the renter but will have no access to the kitchen facilities. Bar area (beer, wine, & mixed drinks) available. The parish holds a valid State of Indiana Liquor License.

Hall rental is available only to registered parishioners of St. Michael Parish and always subject to scheduled parish events.

For rental rates and additional information, visit the link www.stmichaelparish.life or call 322-4505 ext. 220.

Stewardship & Parish Administration Commission



Commission Members: Finance Council, Gardener Ministry, Education Foundation, Cemetery Committee

Stewardship Challenge

Give a little bit extra back to God! Make some interest on the investments (gifts/talents) that God has given you by speaking about the faith with someone else this week.

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 19

Campaign for Human Development-2nd Collection
BP Readings After 7:30 & 9:30 AM Masses
New Member Registration After 7:30 & 9:30 AM Masses
Olive Wood Sales After All Masses
RCIA 9:30 AM

**The Rosary is said after 7:00 AM Weekday
Mass Except Tuesday – after OLPH Devotions**

MONDAY NOVEMBER 20

HSA Pie Sale Pick-Up 2:00-4:00 PM
Centering Prayer 6:00 PM
Bible Study 7:00 PM
Choir/Cantor Practice 7:00 PM

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 21

OLPH Devotions 7:30 AM
Labors of Love 10:00 AM
Children's Choir Practice 3:15 PM
No Good Shepherd/Traditional Classes

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 22

Eucharistic Adoration 1:00-6:00 PM
No Traditional Classes

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 23 THANKSGIVING

Parish Office Closed

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 24

Parish Office Closed

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 25

Confessions 3:30-4:30 PM

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE



November 12, 2017

Adult	\$17,934.00
EFTs	\$625.00
Children	\$73.25
Loose	\$790.92

Total Weekly Offering
\$19,423.17

Christmas Flowers
\$3,201.00

**Electronic Funds Transfer*

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Please consider supporting our education endeavors at St. Michael Parish through the

**St. Michael Education Foundation
with a Memorial Donation.**

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Look for us on the website: www.stmichaelparish.life.

MARIAN OPEN HOUSE
November 19th, 1:00-4:00 PM
Marian Catholic High School
700 Ashland Avenue
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***WOUNDED HEALERS HOLIDAY PROGRAM**
“Healing Through the Holidays,” a non-denominational grief support program, is being held today, **Nov. 19th**, in *St. James Hall, 9640 Kennedy Ave., Highland*, 2:00-4:00 PM. Sponsored by the Wounded Healers.



***CATHOLIC CHARITIES PROJECT RACHEL**
Catholic Charities Project Rachel program provides a post-abortion support group in a safe, non-judgmental space with other women who share the same experience. All Faiths welcome! This group is free of charge. The group meets on Tuesday evenings, **Nov. 21st– Dec. 19th**, 6:00-7:30 PM. The facilitators are Clare Thompson, MA and Deacon John Bacon, MA. Please call 844-4883 for location information.

***CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP MEETING**
This support group encompasses Alzheimer's/Dementia, Cancer, stroke or other adult care responsibilities and is open to family and friends looking for compassion and information sharing. The next meeting is **November 26th** at *Franciscan St. Margaret Hospital in Dyer in the Blessed Mother Conference room located at the west entrance* at 2:00 PM. For more information, please contact St. Michael parishioners, James and Pat Koeling at 365-3898 or call toll-free 1-888-303-0180. **There will be no December meeting.**

*ANDREAN EVENTS

Nov. 28th: Prospective families are invited to “Meet a Niner Night” at 6:00 PM. Families will be able to attend the varsity basketball game and student panel to learn about academics and student life.



Dec. 9th: Entrance Exam, 8:00-11:30 AM. Please check in by 7:45 AM through Door L. Please register for the exam at andeanhs.org.

Andean is located at 5959 Broadway, Merrillville. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Director of Enrollment Management, Jim Nohos, at 219-887-5959 ext. 260 or visit our website.

REACH FOR THE STARS RAFFLE

Reach for the Stars Fall Raffle is Bishop Noll Institute's single most important fundraising initiative of the year. The \$20,000 grand prize drawing will take place **Nov. 28th**. Other cash prizes will also be awarded. Winner need not be present but must be 18 or older. Raffle tickets are available in the Main Office during regular school hours. For more information, please contact Juli Sandoval in the Advancement Office at 219-932-9058 or jsandoval@bishopnoll.org. Gaming license #142304



*WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

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Worldwide Marriage Encounter is having its next weekend retreat, **Dec. 8th -10th**, at the *Wyndham Garden Hotel in Elk Grove Village, IL*. Questions? Please call 630-577-0778 or email applications@wwme-chicagoland.org.

*CHRISTMAS COOKIE WALK & BAZAAR

St. Andrew Women's Guild is having its Annual Christmas Cookie Walk & Craft Bazaar on **Dec. 9th**, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM, in *Ameling Hall at St. Andrew the Apostle Church, 801 W. 73rd Ave., Merrillville*. Assortment of cookies is \$7.00/lb. Handmade gifts and delights from local crafters and artisans will be for sale. Crafters needed. Please contact Irene at 219-670-8848 to reserve a table.

NATIONAL MEMORIAL FOR THE PREBORN AND THEIR PARENTS

On **January 19th** at historic *DAR Constitution Hall at 1776 D Street, NW, Washington DC*, there will be a Catholic Mass at 7:30 AM and an Interdenominational Service at 8:30 AM with the March for Life Rally starting at 11:30 AM. Please email Christa@nprcouncil.org to let them know you are coming.

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS



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The Parish Website

Visit our website, www.stmichaelparish.life for up-to-date information on upcoming events, St. Michael Catholic School, St. Michael Cemetery, photo gallery, information on all of our ministries/committees, and St. Patrick Hall and our adjacent meeting rooms.

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