

WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

December 31, 2017



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

The child grew and became strong,
filled with wisdom;
and the favor of God was upon him.

Luke 2:40

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Mrs. Marge Swanson.....mswanson@stmichaelparish.life
Traditional Classes...Tuesday or Wednesday 6:00 PM-7:30 PM
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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From the Pastor's Desk

The Family Fully Alive – Heroic Love. It is no secret that the past 75 years have seen a massive change in our family structures. The family remains the keystone of civilization and of development for the human person. However, we have convinced ourselves that we can re-invent the family. We call it the “modern family.” There’s even a TV show about it.

A driving force in this re-creation is our distorted sense of individuality. The splintering of family groups finds justification in the myth that true freedom lies in the ability to re-create myself even after I have made a commitment to another. This overactive desire to be “free” or be “themselves” denies the natural human connectedness between persons. The natural communal bond is meant to help us grow, to challenge us to look beyond our tendency to be self-centered, to teach us to be other-centered.

Today’s feast originated at the turn of the last century, 1893. The western world at that time was more and more tempted to treat the family as simply a social construct nothing more. This feast reminds us that the family unit is not ordained by man as a convenient social construct that can be re-constructed in our own image; rather it is an institution that is natural and for the purpose of love, love in the pattern and image of God who institutes the human family. This love is not self-centered but other-centered as both mother and father work out their difficulties together to grow in love with each other and thus show their children what love is all about.

This, sadly, is considered offensive to some. The Holy Family is holy not because the son is the Son of God, but because they, who did not know the full extent of Jesus’ Divine nature, were open to each other and to God. They sought the good of the other, Joseph looking out for the good of Mary and the Child, Mary caring for her Son, even when it meant giving Him up, Jesus caring for them both not just in the necessities of this life but in giving of Himself for them and us for life eternal. This pattern of self-giving love is holy because it reflects God’s Love.

It is not beyond us. It does take some discipline on our part, a willingness to curb our individualistic tendencies that ignore the good of the other; a willingness to grow, even when it hurts. In order for the family to be fully alive, love must be its mission; not a passing love but heroic love.

Our families might not be perfect as a marketing agent would see it; Dad, Mom, two and half kids and a dog, but they can be perfect if we grow in how to love as Jesus teaches us. More marriages would be healed, more children would know the security of relationships and more good would be accomplished in and out of the home if God is at the center. But when “I” am at the center “we” cannot survive. It is not easy in a world that constantly tells me that “I” am the most important person. Yet, the results of this pursuit of the “I” is evident in increased depression, developmental issues, educational problems, and a general sense of despair.

The family of Jesus which was large and extended as the Gospel relates, shows us another way; a way that even modern day studies affirm. When married people work at building the bond of their marriage, solving their problems together and looking out for the other, they have happier children and in the end have a more satisfying life. They have lowered their risk for heart disease and depression. The benefits of working at a stable family life are emotional, physical and financial. So, if the grass looks greener on the other side of the fence it might be time to start watering your side.

House Blessings. If you would like your house blessed during the first weeks of the New Year, please call the Parish Office at 322-4505, ext. 220 during the regular business hours. Fr. Gregory and I have set aside some times during the day and in the early evening for this purpose.



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Feast of The Holy Family

Spirituality and Worship Commission



As we prepare to celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, let us recall our own Baptism. We have all received the call to go and baptize all nations. Pray for those who are considering if they too are ready to renounce Satan and all his works and empty promises. 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.

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

ALTAR SERVER REFRESHER TRAINING

Saturday, January 6
Noon - 2:00pm • in church

MANDATORY for all new servers, 6th grade, and 7th grade. For all others it is optional

Includes Weddings & Funerals training

Any questions please contact kimknueppel@me.com



Christmas Concert

Come and Hear
the Sounds of the
Christmas Season
performed by our
St. Michael
Music Ministry
with

Featured organ solo by
Father Gregory!

Sunday, January 7th
3:00 PM in the Church



HAPPY MOMENTS I PRAISE GOD,
QUIET MOMENTS I WORSHIP GOD,
DIFFICULT MOMENTS I TRUST GOD,
BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY,
ALL MOMENTS I THANK GOD ❤️

**Set These Dates Aside:
Wednesdays
February 21st-May 16th**

The Bible and the Virgin Mary is based on the work of world-renowned theologian, Dr. Scott Hahn, and presented by popular speaker and author, Matthew Leonard. It teaches Catholics how Marian doctrine and devotion are firmly rooted in Scripture and answers common objections from non-Catholics.



Spirituality and Worship Commission

Art & Environment Ministry

The Art & Environment Ministry is composed of a group of people working together to maintain the Church décor throughout the liturgical year. We meet informally several times a year to plan and prepare the Church for the seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter and also Ordinary Time.

We are always looking for help to put up the feast day arrangements, drape the cloths, place the flowers, water the plants, tinsel the trees, braid the palms, push a broom and lend a helping hand. There is no special artistic talent needed--only the desire to create an atmosphere for devout worship.

Our members consist of various ages, some of which have grown up with us as they came with their parents. So families are welcome.

If you want to have a wonderful time with friends, while preparing God's house for your parish community, please call Judy at 365-8613.



“Christ Is Coming Down” & Help Is Needed

Please come and help us on Tuesday, Jan. 9th, at 6:30 PM to take down the Christmas décor and set-up for Ordinary Time. Please call Judy at 365-8613 if you have any questions. Service hours are available, but parents need to accompany children under 16.

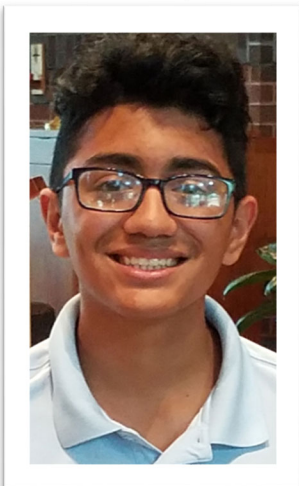


Education and Formation Commission

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



Warrior of the Week

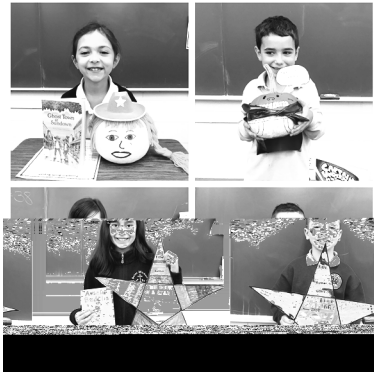


This week's Warrior of the Week is Mario Arreola. Mario has been a student at St. Michael School since kindergarten. He plays basketball, soccer, and volleyball for the Warriors. Outside of school, Mario plays baseball and also volunteers at a food bank. Mario's favorite things about SMS are "how close our school is, how we do fun activities and the sports we play." Mario will be attending Mount Carmel High School next year and he will miss all the teachers and the closeness of our school. Mario's advice to younger students is to listen to your teachers, and be yourself! Good luck in your future, Mario!

Tuition Payments

Parents who pay their tuition semiannually by EFT, check or cash, the next payment is due Monday, **January 8th**. You may come to the parish office Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, to make your payment. **Please note that the parish office is closed on Jan. 1st and 2nd.**

SCHOOL NEWS



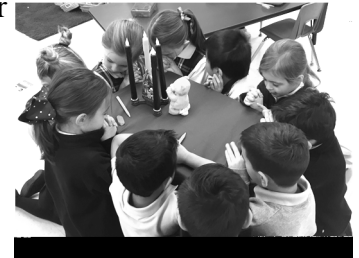
Warming Up with a Good Book!

The second grade students at St. Michael School are participating in the Pizza Hut BOOK IT! Program. Students are required to read a book each month and complete a book report/project on the book. For the month of October, students read a book of their choice and completed a written report about the main character of the book. In addition, students decorated a pumpkin to look like the main character of the book. In November, students read a book of their choice and completed a "star" book project highlighting the star elements of the book. The students enjoyed completing and presenting their projects!

Submitted by Mrs. Wieser

'Tis the Season to Be Thankful and Helpful!

In November, the kindergarteners joined with the first graders to learn and celebrate about the first Thanksgiving with the Indians and the Pilgrims. We made crafts, prayed together and celebrated with a Thanksgiving Feast in St. Patrick Hall. Our eighth grade helpers assisted in this event. The eighth graders work so well with the younger students in both the kindergarten and first grade. The younger students really love when the eighth graders work with them and guide them in their learning! This year our eighth grade helpers are Sam Egnatz, Caleigh Doffin, Katherine Foster, Natalie Struzik, and Eleanor Anderson. Thank you to those students on behalf of Mrs. Rusin and Mrs. Barone.



In December, the kindergarteners enjoyed a day using their imagination by climbing aboard the Polar Express with their pajamas, slippers and favorite stuffed animals. We started our day watching the wonderful animated movie, "The Polar Express." They enjoyed hot chocolate, graham crackers, and fun activities throughout the day. Our Elf on the Shelf, "Crinshaw," helped us celebrate the Advent season by preparing us for the coming of Santa and our dear Savior, Jesus. Not only did we write out our lists for Santa, but we also did good deeds at home helping our families get ready for Christmas! The Kindergarten Advent Wreath which we filled with stars of great things we did to help others in the name of Jesus is a long standing tradition here at St. Michael School along with the "Joy Box." The "Joy Box" is a prayer box that gets sent home with all the children in Kindergarten to remind them to keep the prayers and the season alive in our hearts and minds, as well as giving back to others in our St. Michael Family. It is a very busy time of year in Kindergarten but one that is filled with love, hope, joy and peace. Everyone in Mrs. Barone's Kindergarten class wishes everyone at St. Michael School and Church Community a wonderful and blessed Christmas Season.



Submitted by Mrs. Barone

Putting our Science Lesson to Good Use!

The seventh graders have been having so much fun in science class. We just finished a chapter about speed, motion, forces and Newton's three laws of motion. To wrap up everything we have learned, the students are building working models of an amusement park ride or game of their choosing. These rides must move just like the real thing and demonstrate all three of the laws. They also need to be creative and come up with different types of forces (contact and non-contact) to get the object in the ride/game to work.



Submitted by Ashley Tabernacki

Education and Formation Commission



Faith Formation

RADIATE Wishes All High School Students a Very Happy New Year!

RADIATE invites all high school students for fun, friends, and faith. Have you been wondering what RADIATE, St. Michael's high school youth ministry, is all about? Please contact any of us and we'll tell you more. We'll explore a topic, maybe watch a video, enjoy group discussions, play some games, and take some breaks for snacks and to get to know each other.



Upcoming event:

Jan 14th: 6:00-8:00 PM in St. Patrick Hall. Bring a friend!

Questions? Please contact Jeannine Quigley (Adult) at 775-5356, jm.quigley@sbcglobal.net, Mike Reesman (Adult) at 670-1975 or Grace Richardson (teen) at 276-9903.

January Calendar

Jan. 2nd/3rd: No Classes-Christmas Break

Jan. 9th: Good Shepherd/Traditional Classes
6:00-7:30 PM

Jan. 10th: Traditional Classes 6:00-7:30 PM

Jan. 16th: Good Shepherd/Traditional Classes
6:00-7:30 PM

Jan. 17th: Traditional Classes 6:00-7:30 PM

Jan. 21st: Family Session 9:30-11:00 AM

Jan. 23rd: Good Shepherd/Traditional Classes
6:00-7:30 PM

Jan. 24th: Traditional Classes 6:00-7:30 PM

**Jan. 25th: First Communion Parents' Meeting
7:00 PM in St. Patrick Hall**

Jan. 30th/31st: No Classes-Winter Break

Our Christmas Gift to You

In case you were out of town for Christmas, we are giving you the gift of "Netflix" for Catholics, as Father Gregory calls it. Dive in to watch movies and documentaries, read books and studies, or listen to audio books and interviews. It is an amazing place to find both entertainment and resources. To get started, you just need to follow these instructions:


- ◆ Website <https://formed.org>
- ◆ Click on "enter code" to get started
- ◆ New screen: enter access code: (Code is case sensitive) **2Z668F**
- ◆ Click on Next; put in information needed to register (Please make sure you write down your password for future reference)
- ◆ Pass word must include 8 characters and include numbers and a special character, example: stmichael5!
- ◆ Check in box of terms and agreement and click on Create Account
- ◆ Watch short video or click on Start Now (bottom of the page)
- ◆ Use guide on the site to view a program, etc.
- ◆ You may use "Topic" heading for something specific, just enter your topic
- ◆ Enter or click on a symbol and you are good to go

You must register through their website prior to using the mobile app on your phone or tablet. Next time you want to visit the site just go to the site, click on Login in the Right Hand upper corner and you should be set to go. If you have any questions, please call 322-4505, ext. 226 (Patrick) or 241 (Janice) during the hours of 9:00 AM-4:00 PM.



Peace & Social Justice Commission

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



For Those Who Have Died...

Rosemary Heacock
John Kosiara
Rose Zych

Life has changed, not ended

Welcome the Newly Baptized

Anthony Ryan Jacobs

Special Prayers For Those In Need



Rich Elliott, Connie Hernandez, Jen-Mei Dorris, David Sarros, David Goldasic, Phil Krivickas, Zbigniew Sochacki, William Kotinek, Megan Bugg, Beth Anne Brown, ***Evelyn Mathews, Deacon Jack Krol, Tammy Bougher, Deacon Ed Gatons,*** Barbara Knight, ***Dylan Morgan, Cathy Daigre, Kathleen Lakatos,*** Anna Mae Kmalich, ***Donna Velez,*** 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.

Are You Struggling After the Loss of a Loved One?

YOUR GRIEF IS AS UNIQUE AS
YOU ARE



Grief (Bereavement) Sessions will start on Tuesday, ***February 1st*** and continue every Tuesday, through ***March 15th***. At these sessions you will be actively listened to and nonjudgmental support will be offered. This trained group is here to assist you by giving you tools that we believe will help you to move on with your life. You will receive suggestions about coping techniques, ideas to overcome obstacles, and help to adjust to life after loss. Please call Janice at 322-4505, ext. 241 to register for sessions. ***Last day to register is January 29th.***



We 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.

Blood Pressure, Glucose and Oxygen Level Screenings

The next screenings will take place the weekend of Jan. 20th and 21st in the east coat room after the 5:00 PM, 7:30 AM, and 9:30 AM Masses by the parish nurses.



Parish Life

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

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:

Jan. 9th: Meeting at 10:00 AM in St. Patrick Hall with Book Club and games to follow.

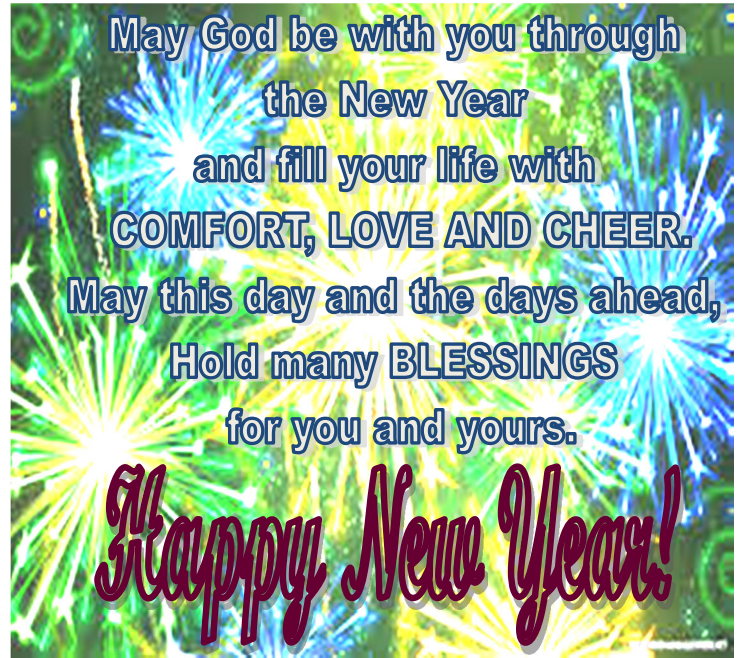
Feb. 13th: Fat Tuesday Celebration, 12:00-2:00 PM

Feb. 28th: Steel Magnolias at Theatre in the Center, Munster, 2:00 PM.

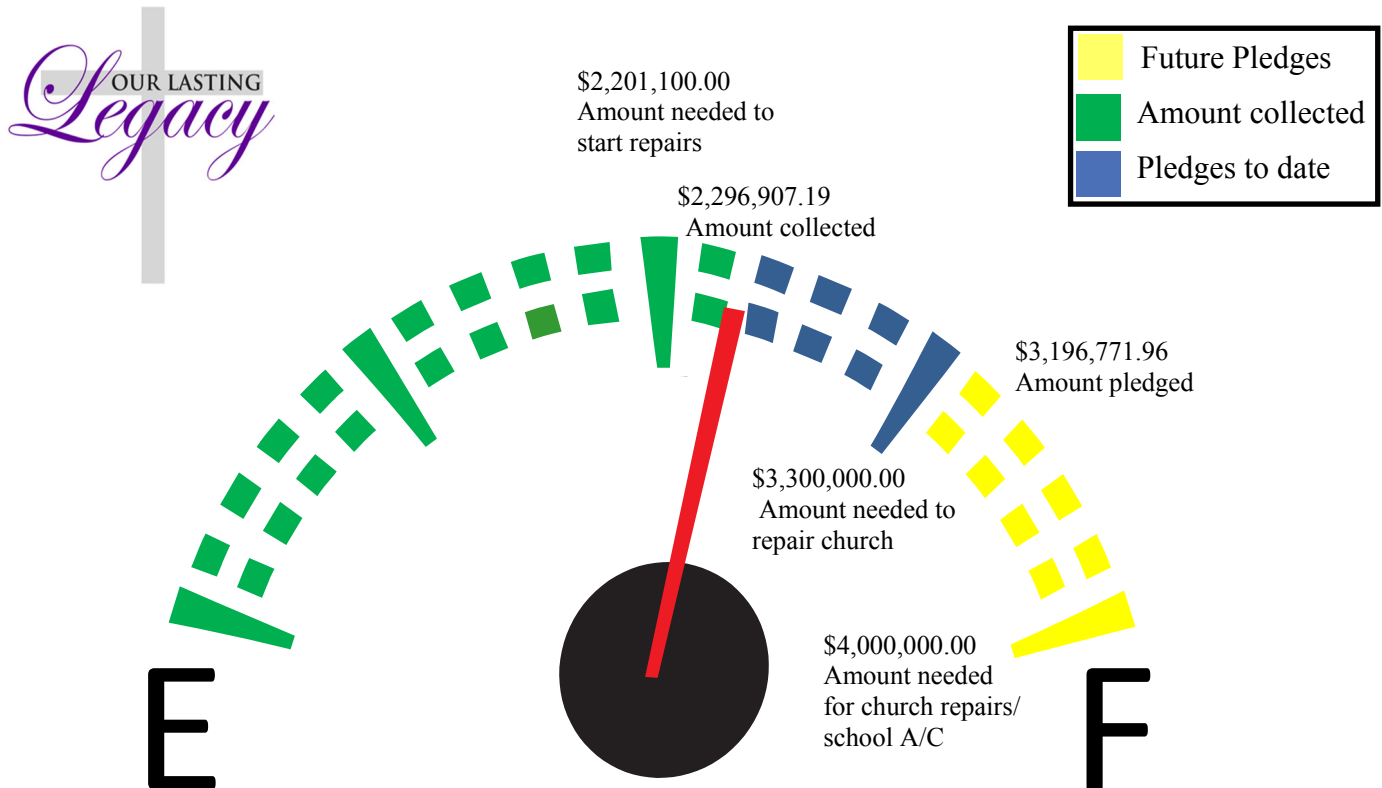
Any questions, please contact Carol at 805-0413.



Calling All Seniors!



Capital Campaign Totals as of December 21, 2017



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
Scherville, IN 46375

From the Communications Department

UPDATING OUR WEBSITE

St. Michael Parish has been very blessed to have so many parishioners, parents, and students interested in our social media. Thanks to all of you and your enthusiasm in our pictures, posts, and articles, 2017 saw our social media engagement almost triple. As we approach 2018, we will make it a priority to continue our communication efforts by supplying you with so detailed a look at our events that you practically feel like you were there. 2018 will also see a drastic change to our website. Over the next couple weeks, you may notice differences to www.stmichaelparish.life that should make the overall experience simpler and more compelling for the user, including a cleaner design for the mobile presence. We invite everyone to explore the new design complete with pictures, fun facts, schedules, and so much more. With the new year nearly here, we hope to further shape the way we communicate both with you and anyone interested in our parish and school. Happy New Year and God bless!

Stewardship & Parish Administration Commission

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

EDUCATION FOUNDATION GOLF OUTING

The Education Foundation is looking for ANY and ALL help with planning the 2018 Education Foundation Golf Outing that will take place in June of 2018 at Sherwood Golf in Schererville.

WE COULD USE HELP IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

- *Attracting golfers*
- *Attracting Sponsorships {hole sponsors, lunch & dinner sponsors, beverage cart sponsors}.*
- *Soliciting Donations {door prizes, gift certificates, golf related items, athletic tickets}.*

ABSOLUTELY NO EXPERIENCE OR EXPERTISE IS NEEDED.

GOLF = GOOD TIME!



ST. MICHAEL
PARISH

Please contact PAT CUSICK
with interest or questions.

219.713.5472

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Thank you to all those who donated to our November 2017 second collection for the
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Also the following two families made a donation and received one of the Nativities that are displayed at the back of church:

Mr. and Mrs. David Martin
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Stewardship & Parish Administration Commission



Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY DECEMBER 31

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

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

MONDAY JANUARY 1 NEW YEAR'S DAY

Parish Office Closed

No School

No Good Shepherd/Traditional Classes

TUESDAY JANUARY 2

Parish Office Closed

No School

No Good Shepherd/Traditional Classes

OLPH Devotions 7:30 AM

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 3

No Traditional Classes

Eucharistic Adoration 1:00-6:00 PM

THURSDAY JANUARY 4

Choir/Cantor Practice 7:00 PM

FRIDAY JANUARY 5

Bell Choir Practice 5:00 PM

SATURDAY JANUARY 6

First Saturday Devotions Following Morning Mass

Choir Practice 9:00 AM

Server Refresher Training 12:00 PM

Confessions 3:30-4:30 PM

Bible Study Sign-Ups After Vigil Mass

That's Amore Ticket Sales After Vigil Mass

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE



December 17, 2017

Adult	\$17,980.00
EFTs	\$3,480.00
Children	\$31.60
Loose	\$1,048.57

Total Weekly Offering
\$22,540.17

**Electronic Funds Transfer*

The December 24th collection will be posted in the next bulletin.

Stewardship Challenge

Mary and Joseph are reminders to us that we need to teach our children the faith and how all of us should live holy lives after the example of the Holy Family.

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

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

St. Michael Education Foundation
with a Memorial Donation.

Your gift will be listed here and acknowledged to the family or individual you memorialize.

Living Memorial - Anniversary Memorial -
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Look for us on the website: www.stmichaelparish.life.

FOR MARRIED AND ENGAGED COUPLES




COUPLE TO COUPLE LEAGUE

Has anyone ever clearly explained for you WHY the Catholic Church does not approve of contraception? For most of us, the answer is NO. Discover the answer, deepen your faith, and learn a natural method of family planning that goes beyond the physical. The cost of the course is \$135 and runs **January 7th, 14th & 21st** in St. John, IN. For more information call 219-769-9292, ext. 259 or go to www.ccli.org to register for the class.

***COLLEGIATE CATHOLICS**

College-aged young Catholics, you are invited to a new monthly gathering on the first Sunday of each month where you can explore your faith and connect with others. Featuring food, friends, witness, faith exploration, inspiration, and prayer, it might be just what you need to keep Christ at the center of your hectic life. Check us out at dcgary.org under office for youth and young adults.



***LIRA'S POLISH HOLIDAY**

Join the Lira singers, dancers, and chamber players as they perform Polish and American Christmas carols in this ethnic extravaganza to be held **January 7th** at *St. Andrew the Apostle Church, 768 Lincoln, Calumet City, IL*. For tickets and more information, please call 773-508-7040 or 800-347-5472.

***DIOCESE OF GARY YOUTH MINISTRY LEADERS' FORMATION RETREAT**

JANUARY 27TH 11:00 AM EST TO JANUARY 28TH NOON EST

LINDENWOOD RETREAT & CONFERENCE CENTER DONALDSON, IN


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ALSO: PRAYER, SPIRITUAL REFLECTION, NETWORKING, IDEA-SHARING, MASS

IT'S THE RETREAT YOU DESERVE!

MARCH FOR LIFE CHICAGO

Please save the date to join thousands at the March for Life Chicago on **January 14th** to stand up, protect and celebrate LIFE! Bishop Donald Hying will be celebrating a pro-life kickoff Mass at *Nativity in Portage* at 11:00 AM and will be a featured guest speaker at the rally/march in Chicago at 2:00 PM. The NWI Pro-Life coalition will be offering a free bus trip and lunch from Nativity. Please visit www.MarchForLifeChicago.com for more details.



***HELP NEEDED AT CATHOLIC CHARITIES**

Translator Volunteer Program

Can you speak other languages and share that skill with others? Catholic Charities is looking for volunteers to assist our counseling clients so that we can better provide services to our clientele who might not be fluent in English.

Crisis Team Volunteers

Catholic Charities is looking for individuals to volunteer to join our Crisis Team. If you have a background in crisis, mental health, counseling, etc., please consider volunteering 1 or 2 days for 2 months out of the 9-month school year. There will be one 1.5 hour training in Hammond on **January 23rd, 6:00-7:30 PM**.

If interested, please call Catholic Charities at 844-4883.

***LOVING OUTREACH TO SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE**

Loss (Loving Outreach to Survivors of Suicide) offers monthly meetings at the *Diocesan Pastoral Center, 9292 Broadway, Merrillville* on the third Monday of each month, 7:00-9:00 PM. Support for adults grieving the loss of a loved one to suicide with trained facilitators to help through the process in a safe, non-judgmental, non-denominational environment. Please call 312-655-7284 or 219-241-2732 for more information.

ATTENTION ALL OUR LADY OF GRACE ALUMNI

We are trying to connect with all Our Lady of Grace Alumni! We are also trying to update and keep our records current. Please visit our page and update your contact information at olgdevelopment@yahoo.com.



— We Remember . . . We Prepare . . . —



<p><u>SATURDAY DECEMBER 30</u> 5:00 PM †Sheila Ann Sikora-12th Anniversary</p> <p><u>SUNDAY DECEMBER 31 THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH</u> 7:30 AM †Neil & Virginia Boyle 9:30 AM Jennifer Baker †Ted & Marie Tokarski †Margaret Kulig-Sink 11:30 AM St. Michael Parish</p> <p><u>MONDAY JANUARY 1</u> 9:00 AM Kolin S. Adams</p> <p><u>TUESDAY JANUARY 2</u> 7:00 AM †Fr. Ron Lewinski</p> <p><u>WEDNESDAY JANUARY 3</u> 7:00 AM James Brady Deacons of St. Michael †Catherine Curley 8:55 AM †Sandy Pyle</p>	<p><u>THURSDAY JANUARY 4</u> 7:00 AM †Delores Leluga</p> <p><u>FRIDAY JANUARY 5</u> 7:00 AM †Victor Makiejus</p> <p><u>SATURDAY JANUARY 6</u> 8:00 AM †Stanley Pytel 5:00 PM †Robert Keyl</p> <p><u>SUNDAY JANUARY 7 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</u> 7:30 AM St. Michael Parish 9:30 AM †Sandra Morgan 11:30 AM †Dominic Pocci †Shirley Samels †Erlene Racich</p> <p style="text-align: center;">†indicates deceased</p>
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THE WORD

(Readings for January 7th, Epiphany of the Lord)

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| I. <i>Isaiah 60:1-6</i> | 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. <i>Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6</i> | In Christ Jesus, Gentiles and Jews are co-heirs and co-sharers in the saving promise. |
| III. <i>Matthew 2:1-12</i> | 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. |

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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