

WELCOME TO
ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Jesus said,

“LET US GO ON
TO THE NEARBY
VILLAGES THAT I MAY
PREACH THERE ALSO.
FOR THIS PURPOSE
HAVE I COME.”

Mark 1:38



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February 4, 2018

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Community, Personnel, & On-Going Information

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 Website.....www.stmichaelparish.life

ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL

Office Hours: 8:00 AM-3:30 PM Monday-Friday
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FAITH FORMATION

Office Hours: 9:00 AM-4:00 PM Monday
 12:00-8:00 PM Tuesday & Wednesday
 11:00 AM-4:00 PM Thursday
 By appointment on Friday
 Phone(219)322-3077 Fax.....(219)322-1710
 Director of Religious Education
 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 two
 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

St. Michael Parish
 1 E. Wilhelm St.
 Schererville, IN
 46375

From the Pastor's Desk

Power Play! Power is neither good nor bad, it simply exists. The exercise of power, on the other hand, can be benevolent or malevolent. Jesus knew about power, its good and its bad use. Jesus ministered in a time and place where the raw power of the Roman war machine ruled. This exhibition of power was certainly presented as the “only” real power. It was over against this pervading perception that Jesus plainly demonstrated that “real” power lies elsewhere. Jesus located the source of power not in Rome or even in the Jewish leaders but in the will and intention of God.

The cures we read about in the gospel were a direct threat to the powers of the day. Neither Rome nor the leaders of the people could deny the awesome power of Jesus’ work. Once the healing gates were opened, Peter’s mother-in-law cured, nothing could stop the force of God’s healing will. For God’s intention was and still is, that everyone can experience God’s power and indeed share it. God is very egalitarian and this has always upset the people who think they are in charge.

The power of God to lift up the lowly and diminish the powerful is still a serious threat for those who rule by force. In the countries of Latin America, nuns, priests and lay missionaries have been and are still tortured and killed. They are treated this way by the established powers because they bring God’s healing power to the poor. The healing they bring might be running water to a village, or educating the ignorant, or assisting the voiceless masses giving them a voice.



The healing power of God is often ridiculed by some in the medical establishment. Religion is often portrayed in a less than flattering light. Faith is reduced to a person’s feeling and then easily dismissed as an emotional experience.

God’s power even challenges the forces of the “free market” as religion is pushed to the edge of daily life as irrelevant. When a Catholic expresses his/her opinion, it is dismissed as backward or narrow. Even in our own life when we might sense that God wants to change us we often revolt; we are stubborn and look for excuses to push God’s power away. Yet none of the forces of world, those who call the shots, can bring you or me the happiness we seek let alone the deep healing we are in need of in order to be truly free.

Yes, here too, in our own backyard, God’s power at work worries people.

Rest assured, wherever God’s presence is felt, there is going to be a conflict with the established powers. Those powers are political, economic, social, psychological and spiritual; they are both communal and personal. The challenge for you and me is to be open to God’s power which heals. Be open to God’s power which puts any other exercise of power to shame. Be open to God’s power in which we share and are sustained.

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



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

Minister of Care Meeting February 6th at 7:00 PM

SE Meeting Room of St. Patrick Hall

As Lent approaches we look at the homebound and how we can help them through our ministry. During this meeting, we will discuss what our ministry involves during this season of Lent and arrange for our homebound to receive their Lenten reflection books and our schedule for ashes for Ash Wednesday. Please call Janice at 322-4505, ext. 241 if you cannot attend.

Lenten Season Reflection Books Available for Purchase

**After All Masses
This Weekend and Next Weekend**

Adult and children books are available in English only. Reflections in the *Lenten Season Books* begin on February 11th and go through April 1st. A donation of \$1 is appreciated.

Old Palms Needed

Please place old palms in baskets located by all entrances of the church including the chapel door. Please help us by removing any staples, rubber bands, etc. and cutting the palms into 4 or 6 inch strips.

Thank you and God bless you!



Last Chance to Register

The Bible & the Virgin Mary



**Wednesdays, February 21st–May 16th
in St. Patrick Hall**

**Sign-Ups: This Weekend After Vigil
Mass & All Sunday Masses**

Cost: \$20 (due at time of sign-up)

Liturgical Ministers

Morning of Reflection

**Saturday, February 17th
8:00 AM Mass in Chapel
After Mass in St. Patrick Hall**

**Nancy Marcheschi, MPS
Graziano Marcheschi, MA, D.Min.
will be the Guest Speakers
Coffee and Donuts Available**

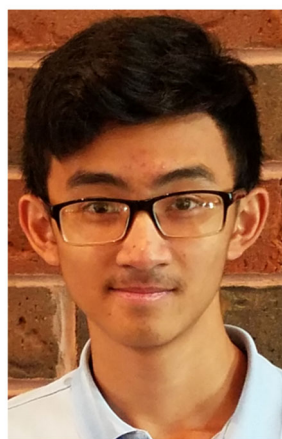
Education and Formation Commission

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

This week's Warrior of the Week is Tom Nguyen. Tom has been a student at St. Michael School since preschool. He plays soccer and basketball and runs track for the Warriors. Tom says his favorite thing about SMS is that everyone treats you like family. He says that when he leaves SMS, he is going to miss all the teachers who have taught him things about his faith. Tom's advice to younger students is, "Participate in as many things as you can. Being at St. Michael's is going to go by fast." Good luck Tom!

Warrior of the Week



St. Michael Catholic School | Preschool - 8th Grade
THE SECRET IS OUT!
Now Offering Full-Day Preschool

OPEN HOUSE & PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, February 25th 11:00 am—12:30 pm

(219) 322-4531



Education and Formation Commission



Faith Formation

February Calendar

- Feb. 6th: Good Shepherd/Traditional Classes
6:00-7:30 PM
- Feb. 7th: Traditional Classes 6:00-7:30 PM
- Feb. 10th: First Reconciliation 10:30 AM**
- Feb. 11th: Family Session 9:30-11:00 AM
- Feb. 13th: Good Shepherd/Traditional Classes
6:00-7:30 PM
- Feb. 14th: Traditional Classes 6:00-6:45 PM
Ash Wednesday Mass 7:00 PM
- Feb. 20th: Good Shepherd/Traditional Classes
6:00-7:30 PM
- Feb. 21st: Traditional Classes 6:00-7:30 PM
- Feb. 27th: Good Shepherd/Traditional Classes
6:00-7:30 PM
- Feb. 28th: Traditional Classes 6:00-7:30 PM

FORMED, “Netflix” for Catholics

To access, 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)
 - ◆ ◆ Password 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 ext. 241 (Janice) during the hours of 9:00 AM-4:00 PM.

Join RADIATE After 11:30 AM Mass to Experience The Miracle of the Shroud of Turin

If you have not experienced a RADIATE gathering, come check us out. We have students from Lake Central High School, Andean, Mt. Carmel, Marian, Bishop Noll and Crown Point High School. Lifelong friendships are guaranteed.

Stop wondering what Radiate is and join us tonight. It just might change your life. At the least you will be sure to make great friends.

Be sure to sign up for our texts for the most updated info so you won't miss out!
Text “@radiate” to 81010.

Upcoming Events:

Feb. 4th: Shroud of Turin video and discussion, 12:30-3:00 PM in St. Patrick Hall

Apr: 14th: RADIATE invites the NWI youth groups to Dance. More info to follow.

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



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

Welcome the Newly Baptized

Axel Joseph Kmak
Keelyn Frances Smith



Donna Velez, Donna Cistaro, Tina Serna, Noah Ramirez, ***Glenna Goldasic, Patti Mendoza, Monica Snyder, Deacon Ed Gatons, Wally Gargas, Joseph Butynski,*** Charlotte Rubino, Bill Haynes, ***Pamela Matonovich, Jean Sanchez,*** Leo Bassetto, Bill Haynes ***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, Debbie Kaminski,*** Michael Suty, ***Pamela Weber,*** Terence Quong, Mark Brake, Tony Fus, Mike Balog, Marion Krull 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.

Blood Pressure, Glucose and Oxygen Level Screenings

The next screenings will take place the weekend of Feb. 17th and 18th in the east coat room after the 5:00 PM, 7:30 AM, and 9:30 AM Masses by the parish nurses.



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.

Peace & Social Justice Commission

DEMO DAY AT SHADY OAKS

St. Michael's Rebuilding Hope Mission Team worked at Shady Oaks Summer Camp for those with disabilities in Homer Glen, Illinois last Saturday and gutted a building down to the studs in preparation for a complete restoration.

If you would like to participate in future mission efforts, please contact Rebuilding Hope Mission Team members (see list below) or the parish office at 322-4505, ext. 220. Many hands make these efforts easy and as you can see from the pictures, there is always something you can do to participate.

Rebuilding Hope Mission Team Members

Mike Macki, Team Leader: mike-macki@sbcglobal.net

Sharon Vail: rosiesv9@yahoo.com

Rob Olson: rdbawks@gmail.com

Rick Lisak: rick.lisak@comcast.net



St. Michael Parish Health Fair

Sunday, February 25th

8:30 AM to 11:30 AM

St. Patrick Hall

Everyone is Welcome



This event will feature **many informational tables** regarding various aspects of our health. Free Health screenings will also be available.



Free Screenings

Blood Pressure Screening Oxygen Level Screening
Glucose Screening Pulse Oximetry
Cataract Screening Vision Screening
Glaucoma Screening

Sign up with Healthchek at 219-322-7041
or use the on-line appointment calendar at
www.healthchek.net

HEALTHCHEK AVAILABLE
For various **Blood Tests** such as

Lipid Panel
Metabolic Panel
Complete Blood Count
ONLY \$40.00

Many other
Lab Tests are
available

Sponsored by Health & Spirituality Committee and Parish Nurses

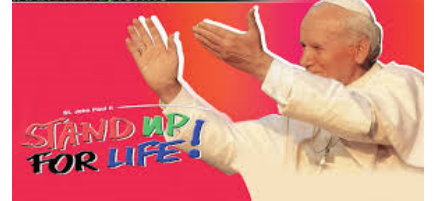
Peace & Social Justice Commission

Respect Life Ministry News

40 Days for Life Prayer Campaign

The Respect Life Ministry would like to inform everyone that there is another 40 Days for Life Campaign beginning on Ash Wednesday, February 14th and ending Palm Sunday, March 25th. The 40 Days for Life is a prayer campaign held world wide with a vision to access God's power through prayer, fasting and peaceful vigil to end abortion. Some interesting facts surrounding the 40 Days for Life: 13,998 babies have been saved (that we know of), 170 workers have quit working at abortion clinics and 90 abortion clinics have closed. There also are now 750,000+ Pro-Life Americans praying and fasting for an end to abortion and 19,000 church congregations standing up for life.

If you would like to take part in this 40 Days for Life Campaign, consider joining other pro-lifers "on the hill" at Planned Parenthood in Merrillville anytime between 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM to pray for the end of abortion.



Parish Life

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

Registration for New Parishioners

The next parish registration will be February 18th 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.

LAST CHANCE TO GET YOUR TICKETS FOR

"That's A more"

Dinner Dance

***In celebration of World Marriage Day
& Valentine's Day***

Saturday, February 10th

6:00 — 11:00 PM

\$80 per couple

***Join us for an elegant buffet dinner
catered by Scarborough Faire***

***followed by a
romantic evening of
dancing and fellowship
with other married couples***

Tickets on sale this weekend after all Masses and until February 5th in the office.

Hurry and Get Your Pavers

Set your legacy in stone in St. Michael Cemetery's paved walkway. Order deadline is April 1st. Forms may be found on the tables in the Gathering Space. Take one home to complete and mail or drop off with payment at our parish office: 1 E. Wilhelm St., Schererville, IN 46375

Graduate - \$175

Memorial - \$125.00

Founder's Circle - \$250

Benefactor - \$200.00

ONE NIGHT ONLY!

K of C FISH FRY

Friday March 2, 2018 4 - 7 PM
St. Patrick Hall @ St. Michael Church
1W Wilhelm Schererville, IN

Baked and Fried Pollock
Baked and French Fries
Homemade Coleslaw
Fresh Green Beans
Tossed Salad, Beets
Bread & Butter
Lemonade and Coffee



Adults: \$12.00
Children (6-12): \$5.00
5 and Under Free
Additional charge for:
Pop, Wine, Beer &
Desserts
Carry-Outs Available

SAVE BIG ON ADVANCE TICKET SALES!!

500 Dinners will be sold

Advance tickets for sale after all Masses Feb 17-18 and Feb 24-25

Purchase at the Parish Office until March 1st

Save \$2 on adult tickets!



*From our family to you...
Thank you.*

Thank you for all the prayers, cards, and support that you have given us during the past 2 months as Deacon Ed was prepared and then went through heart valve surgery. Please continue to keep him in your prayers as he continues to get stronger. Peace and Blessings to all.

Deacon Ed, Janice and family

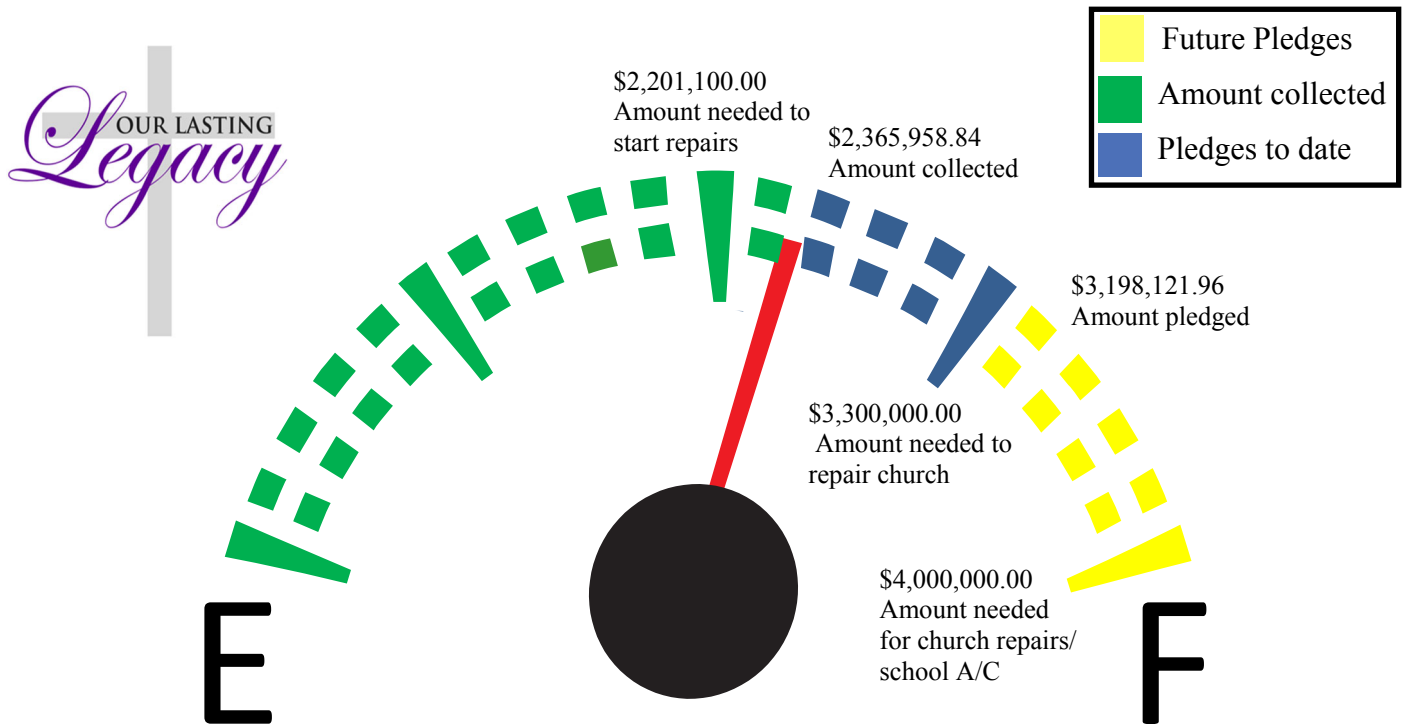


You won't want to miss this **13 Day Pilgrimage to Poland** with Fr. Marty, Sept. 10-22, 2018. An informational meeting will be held next Sunday, Feb. 11th, at 1:00 PM in the St. Amand room in St. Patrick Hall. Cost of the trip is as follows:

Air/land price	\$3249.00
Taxes/surcharges	450.00
Gratuities/insurance	440.00
Grand total	\$4139.00

This includes **most** meals. If you have any questions, please call the office at 219-322-4505, ext. 225.

Capital Campaign Totals as of January 26, 2018



Please Come & Join 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.



Calling All Seniors!

Upcoming Events:

Feb. 13th: No Meeting. Fat

Tuesday Celebration, 12:00-2:00 PM with refreshments, bingo, cards, fun and fellowship.

Feb. 27th: Fr. Gregory will give a presentation on FORMED, 10:00 AM in St. Patrick Hall with Book Club/Card Playing to follow.

Feb. 28th: Steel Magnolias at Theatre in the Center, Munster, 2:00 PM. Meet in the lobby at 1:30 PM.

Mar. 13th: Sr. Joyce Diltz, Spiritual Director, will do a presentation about what a spiritual director is and does, 10:00 AM in St. Patrick Hall with Book Club/Card Playing to follow.

Mar. 27th: Meeting at 10:00 AM in St. Patrick Hall with Book Club/Card Playing to follow.

**Watch for our
2018 Events Schedule!**

Congratulations Sr. Alice



Sr. Alice is celebrating her 25th anniversary as a nun in the Congregation of Mother of Carmel. Please join us at Coffee and Donuts next Sunday, Feb. 11th, after the 9:30 AM Mass to congratulate her on her silver jubilee.

Calling All Young Women 18-35

Are you a woman age 18-35 looking for a community of young women with whom you can grow in faith? Join us for an Endow study group! The eight week study will take place on every other Tuesday starting **Feb. 13th**, 6:00-8:00 PM in St. Patrick Hall. Please call Clare McCullough at (219) 712-1940 to inquire or visit <https://store.endowonline.org/clare-mccullough-p4075.aspx> to register.

Stewardship & Parish Administration Commission

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

It's Subscription Sunday

How much is staying current with your faith worth to you? Consider the value of bringing a Catholic publication into your home each week by renewing or starting a subscription to the award-winning Northwest Indiana Catholic, the newspaper of the Diocese of Gary. A one-year subscription including our annual diocesan directory (a \$15 value) is a bargain at the low price of \$26. Read Bishop Donald J. Hying's weekly column; follow the words of Pope Francis; learn about spiritual opportunities, ministries and events in our own local parishes; and follow the progress of our diocesan synod implementation. Our Catholic faith is a strong voice in the world. Here's a chance to read and be proud of all that is accomplished each week. The wealth of articles, photos and commentaries will educate, inspire and encourage reflection and conversation for all ages. All this for less than \$.60 a week! Isn't it worth staying current with our Church? Subscribe by March 23rd by using the envelope provided in your collection packet or make your check out to St. Michael in the amount of \$26 (please note that it's for the Northwest Indiana Catholic on the memo line) and drop it into the Sunday collection basket. To pay using your credit or debit card, go to our secure website at nwcatholic.com.

Stewardship & Parish Administration Commission

Stewardship Challenge

Spend time with someone you know who is depressed or sick. Lovingly hold them in your hearts in prayer.

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 4

Adult Education Sign-Ups (The Bible & the Virgin Mary)
After All Masses
Football Party/Raffle Ticket Sales After All Masses
Lenten Reflection Book Sales After All Masses
That's Amore Ticket Sales After All Masses
RCIA 9:30 AM
RADIATE 12:30 PM

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

MONDAY FEBRUARY 5

Centering Prayer 6:00 PM
Catholic Bible Study 7:00 PM
Liturgy Committee Meeting 7:00 PM

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 6

OLPH Devotions 7:30 AM
Labors of Love 10:00 AM
Good Shepherd/Traditional Classes 6:00 PM
Reconciliation Practice 6:15 PM
Ministers of Care Meeting 7:00 PM

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 7

Eucharistic Adoration 1:00-6:00 PM
Traditional Classes 6:00 PM
Reconciliation Practice 6:15 PM
Good Samaritans Meeting 6:30 PM
Health & Spirituality Meeting 7:00 PM

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 8

Bereavement Sessions 7:00 PM
Choir/Cantor Practice 7:00 PM
Stewardship Ministry Meeting 7:00 PM

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 9

Bell Choir Practice 5:00 PM

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 10

Respect Life Meeting 8:30 AM
First Reconciliation 10:30 AM
Followed by Reception in the Hall
Confessions 3:30-4:30 PM
Boy Scout Awards at Vigil Mass
Lenten Reflection Book Sales After Vigil Mass
That's Amore Dinner/Dance After Vigil Mass

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE



January 28, 2018

Adult	\$19,249.00
EFTs*	\$490.00
Children	\$94.35
Loose	\$372.31

Total Weekly Offering
\$20,205.66

**Electronic Funds Transfer*

God gave us ALL...
all we can do is GIVE BACK.

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Thank you to
Carol & Robert Godoy
for their donation in memory of
Kate Godoy Wade

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 -
Deceased Memorial

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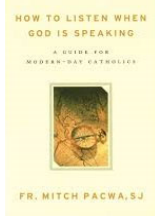
Look for us on the website: www.stmichaelparish.life.

*denotes new or updated article

Diocesan Life Information

ST. JAMES THE LESS BOOK CLUB

Our relationship with God is a two-way street. We need to talk to Him, but we also need to listen to Him. The St. James the Less Book Club will be learning about this often overlooked aspect of our relationship with God – listening. We will be reading the book “*How to Listen When God is Speaking*” by Father Mitch Pacwa. We will meet each Thursday in Lent, Feb. 22nd -Mar. 22nd, 6:30-7:30 PM. On **Feb. 8th**, there will be a sign-up and an opportunity to purchase the book. The cost of the book is \$11. For more information on the book club, please contact Phyllis Steiner, 934-0967.



BNI ENTRANCE EXAM DATES

Bishop Noll Institute is hosting two entrance exams for prospective students for Fall 2018: **Feb. 8th & 10th** at 8:00 AM. On Feb. 8th, students will take the exam, have lunch and shadow a current BNI student for the remainder of the day. On Feb. 10th, there will just be an exam. Prospective students are to arrive by 7:45 AM the exam day of their choice. Enter through Door A and bring two No. 2 pencils. Exam fee is \$25. Parents may stop by the main office, 7:30 AM-3:30 PM, Monday through Friday to complete the forms and make payment or do so on the date of the exam. Walk-ins are welcome. Please call 932-9058 or e-mail admissions@bishopnoll.org with questions.

*ETHNIC BAKE SALE

The First Catholic Slovak Ladies Branch 58 & 81 will be holding an ethnic bake sale on **Feb. 10th**, during *St. John the Baptist Winter Festival in Whiting*. Homemade bread, nut roll, roshky, nut cups, cakes, cookies and more will be available. Senior Day begins at 2:00 PM. Come early for the best selection, we sell out quickly! All proceeds go directly back to St. John School.

*ST. MATTHIAS HAPPENINGS

Carnivale, “A Vegas Night Experience,” featuring various game tables, a buffet, basket raffles, a large cash raffle, paczki parade, and much more will be held on **Feb. 10th**, 5:00-11:00 PM. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door.

Mardi Gras, a family fun fair featuring games, prizes, a King & Queen contest, and affordable family meals, will be held on **Feb. 13th**, 5:00-7:30 PM.

St. Matthias is located at 101 W. Burrell Dr., Crown Point. For more information, please call the parish office at 663-2201.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT THE SHRINE

Spreading the message of Jesus Christ brings great joy. We do this every day at the Shrine; and it can be done, as St. Francis said without words, simply by the way we treat our guests and each other. Please consider joining our fabulous team of volunteers. Please call 219-365-6010 to sign up today!
New Gift Shoppe Volunteer Training: **Feb. 20th** at 6:00 PM in The Shrine Gift Shoppe
New Tour Guide Training: **Feb. 21st** at 6:00 PM in The Shrine Gift Shoppe

*ATTENTION SPANISH SPEAKING MARRIED & ENGAGED COUPLES!

Has anyone every 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. A course starts **February 24th** in *Hammond, IN*. For more information or to register, please contact Nester and Yanelly Soto at (219) 932-0384 or [syanelly@yahoo.com](mailto:syanely@yahoo.com).

THE LUNCHEON

On **March 21st** at 10:30 AM at the *Halls of St. George, Schererville*, a benefit luncheon for Sharing Meadows, a community for other abled adults, will be held. The luncheon features a delicious meal, a variety of door prizes, entertainment, fellowship and a bake sale. Tickets are \$40. For more information, please contact Eileen Schweitzer at 322-5428.

BNI'S CLASS OF 1968 REUNION

Bishop Noll Institute's Class of 1968 has begun planning for it's 50-year reunion in 2018. We are seeking information regarding lost classmates. If you are a member of our class or know of a friend or relative who either graduated from Noll in 1968 or would have attended Noll from 1964-1968, please have them email dgf1950@gmail.com or visit Facebook group: BNI Class of 1968.

The date is set for **Sept. 28th & 29th**. Friday night we will have an informal gathering at the House of Pizza, 6:30-10:30 PM. On Sat. night, a dinner is planned at the Briar Ridge Country Club with cocktails at 6:00 PM followed by dinner at 7:00 PM.



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



<p><u>SATURDAY FEBRUARY 3</u> 5:00 PM †Que Kim Kuan</p> <p><u>SUNDAY FEBRUARY 4</u> 7:30 AM †Ed & Sue Stanish 9:30 AM †Karen Dixon †Beverly Mullaney Intentions of Families who Purchased Christmas Cards</p> <p>11:30 AM St. Michael Parish</p> <p><u>MONDAY FEBRUARY 5</u> 7:00 AM All Souls</p> <p><u>TUESDAY FEBRUARY 6</u> 7:00 AM All Souls</p> <p><u>WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 7</u> 7:00 AM †Victor Makiejus 8:55 AM All Souls</p>	<p><u>THURSDAY FEBRUARY 8</u> 7:00 AM All Souls</p> <p><u>FRIDAY FEBRUARY 9</u> 7:00 AM All Souls</p> <p><u>SATURDAY FEBRUARY 10</u> 8:00 AM All Souls 2:00 PM <i>Wedding</i>-Nolan Rogers & Lessie Reeves 5:00 PM †Stanley Mastey</p> <p><u>SUNDAY FEBRUARY 11</u> 7:30 AM St. Michael Parish 9:30 AM †Kyle Arnold 11:30 AM For an End to Abortion on Demand and for a Conversion of Heart for those who Provide Abortions †Sandra Morgan †Sheila Ann Sikora</p> <p style="text-align: center;">† indicates deceased</p>
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THE WORD

(Readings for February 11th, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

- I. *Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46* According to the law of Moses, people with leprosy had to live alone, outside the camp. Aaron or another priest declared them unclean as long as they had a disease.

- II. *1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1* Paul wrote to the Corinthians, “Do everything for the glory of God. Avoid giving offense, whether to Jews or Greeks or the church of God...Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.”

- III. *Mark 1:40-45* A leper said to Jesus, “If you wish, you can make me clean.” Moved with pity, Jesus touched him: “I do will it. Be made clean.” The leprosy left him and he was healed.

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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