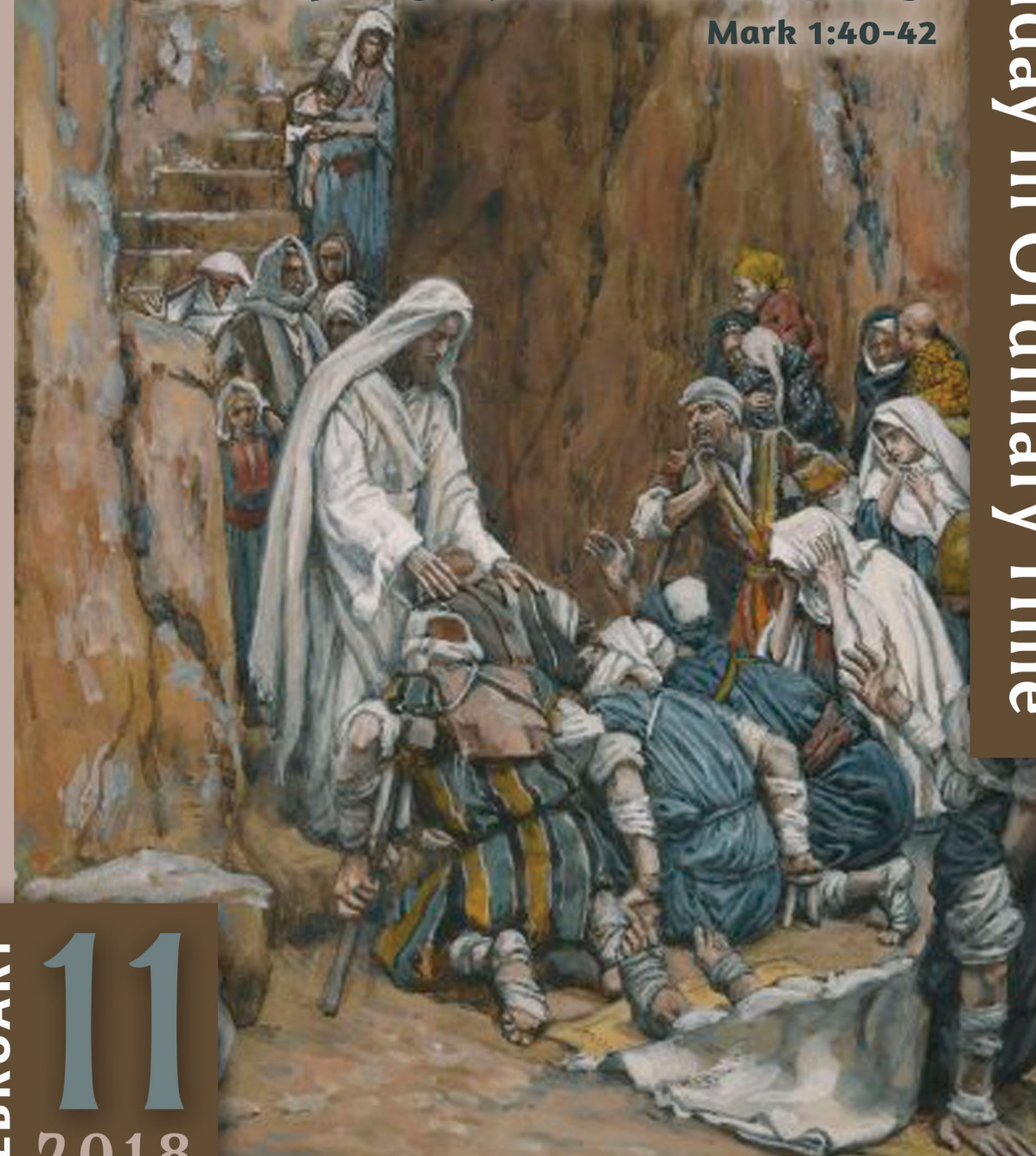


Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A leper came to Jesus and begged him:
"If you wish, you can make me clean."
Jesus stretched out his hand,
touched him, and said,
"I do will it. Be made clean."
The leprosy left him immediately.

Mark 1:40-42



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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

From the Pastor's Desk

Love God and Do What You Will? Freedom is the cry of our common heritage. For most, freedom means being able to do what you want when you want to do it. Freedom is all too often associated with the individual and not the community. However, the ever desperate search for individual freedom has not gained for us freedom's fruit, that is, peace. Rather, you and I have become enslaved in a fruitless search for flawed freedom.

St. Augustine once said, "Love God and do what you will." Certainly the statement does not imply what our present society would consider "doing what you will." Doing what you will is dependent on loving God. Now, loving God does not mean loving sin (anger, gossip, stealing, etc.); loving selfishness (I'm #1, too bad for them, etc.) or loving deception (marital affairs, simulating marriage by living together outside the bond of marriage, lying to save your skin, etc.). More often than not we seem to "love yourself and do what we will."

God's love for us is not without God's love for justice. St. Paul reminds us that we are all condemned so that we can all be saved by God alone. So it is not to our advantage to add to our condemnation by seeking our individual freedom in opposition to God's law of love. True freedom empowers a person to move outside of his/her own little world. It strengthens the individual's faltering heart to feel the concerns of another. True freedom is only found in the shared relations of one person to another. It is in the dialogue we have with others that our fears can be calmed and so you and I can begin to experience true freedom; freedom from fear. In all honesty, it is a kind of fear that leads us to seek refuge in self-indulgence.

It is the fears that each of us possess in the deep recesses of our hearts that tempt us to believe that freedom is about protection of our self-interest. Constant pursuit of my self-interest only enslaves me to my fears. Fears that I am not good enough, rich enough, talented enough, strong enough, handsome enough or pretty enough to be loved.

For a faithful Christian seeking freedom is the opposite of what the popular society leads us to believe. Seeking freedom is not an individual pursuit but one that is rooted in Jesus, in His very Body, the Church. To love God is freedom because God is the only one who delivers us from our fears. To love God is to allow God to free me from myself, my self-destructive tendencies. Then freed, I am able to act in the interest of others knowing I am safe in God.

So, love God and do what you will. But don't be fooled into thinking that do what you will is the same as loving God.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. It begins on Valentine's Day this year. Fitting. Forty days to fall in love again, to stay in love with the One whose Baptism we share. Let us return with great hope to these special days for fasting, praying, and giving.

Discernment: We are seeking dedicated parishioners who want to participate more in the parish. The following Councils and Committees are looking for members: Parish Pastoral Council, Finance Committee, Home & School Committee, School Advisory Committee and Sports Advisory Committee. There are no nominations and no elections. Committee members are determined through a process of DISCERNMENT. This is the same way the Apostles came to choose those who would help them. The discernment process is painless and even a bit fun. You and other interested parishioners simply come to two Wednesday evenings, **February 28th and March 7th**, from 7:00-8:30 PM. At these two sessions a trained discernment team will assist you in learning about these groups, their function and their work.

If you are interested, please call 322-4505, ext. 220, and reserve a place for yourself at the table. Your reservation helps us to have enough materials on hand for everyone to participate.

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

We Need Your Old Palms

Please place old palms in baskets located by all entrances of the church including the chapel door by Monday morning. 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!

"And behold,
I am with you
always,
to the end
of the age."
Matthew 28:20



During the Season of Lent, Eucharistic Adoration is on Wednesdays, 1:30-6:00 PM, in the Chapel.

Please come and spend time with our Lord.

Our Lenten Parish Activity

During Lent, there are three words that come to mind: Prayer, Offering, and Sacrifice. These words remind us of what Jesus did for us. Would you like to become more like Christ? Set a goal and see how many deeds you can do. As you come to Mass each week, please take a ribbon corresponding to your Lenten deed and tie it to the cross. Here are some examples for you to consider:



Prayer--attend Stations of the Cross, Eucharistic Adoration or daily Mass, take time to read the Bible, pray for family or special intentions, pray the rosary, visit church.

Offering--donate money, food or other needed items to a charitable organization, participate in Operation Rice Bowl, give your time and talent to someone or group in need.

Sacrifice--give up sweets, that special cup of coffee, television, texting, computer games or time, gossiping, etc. Sacrifices can also be that one thing you don't want to do but should.

Don't Forget to Get Your Lenten Season Reflection Books

After All Masses This 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.

BECOMING CATHOLIC
RCIA
Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Come and See

Are you searching for a Church to call your own? Do you struggle with questions about life, death, suffering, hope, forgiveness, love, God? Please call 322-4505, ext. 241 for answers to these and other questions you may have regarding the Catholic Faith and inquiry sessions will be scheduled for you. 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.

**Liturgical Ministers
Morning of Reflection
Saturday, February 17th
8:00 AM Mass in Chapel
After Mass in St. Patrick Hall
Coffee and Donuts Available**

Spirituality and Worship Commission

Stations of the Cross



Following in Jesus' footsteps, each of us is invited to "Take up your cross and follow me." This very powerful and moving spiritual pilgrimage can be experienced every Friday during Lent at 12:00 PM and 7:30 PM in the church. In the spirit of fellowship and formation, all *Lay Ministers* are invited to travel the Stations of the Cross together as a way to express your devotion to God and your commitment to your ministry. To facilitate this experience, some suggested dates and times are listed below.

February 16th, 7:30 PM

Ministers of Care
Ministry of Consolation & Hope
Parish Nurses
Health & Spirituality Committee
Cross Bearers
Visitation Ministry

March 2nd, 7:30 PM

Faith Sharing Groups
Faith Formation Catechists/Assistants
RCIA Team Members
Art & Environment Ministers
Sacristans

March 16th, 7:30 PM

Altar Servers
Holy Name Society
Knights of Columbus
RADIATE Youth Ministry
Eucharistic Ministers
Senior GEMS

February 23rd, 7:30 PM

Lectors
Parish School Advisory Board
HSA
Sports Advisory Committee
Music Ministers
Festival Committee

March 9th, 7:30 PM

Welcoming Ministry
Hospitality Ministers
Respect Life Ministers
Good Samaritans
Comforting Chefs
Vocations Ministry

March 23rd, 7:30 PM

Rebuilding Hope Mission Team
Pastoral Council Members
Labor of Love Ministers
Money Counting Ministry
Gardener Ministry
Boy/Girl Scouts



A Night of Love March 2nd & 3rd

Friday, March 2nd

4:00-5:30 PM Confessions
4:00 PM K of C Fish Fry
7:30 PM Stations of the Cross
(Mass will follow)
8:15 PM Mass followed by All Night
Eucharistic Adoration
9:15 PM Confessions

Saturday, March 3rd

Midnight Confessions
4:00 AM Confessions
7:00 AM Confessions
8:00 AM Mass

Lenten Schedule

Tuesday

1:00 PM
6:30 PM

Ash Wednesday

7:00 AM
8:55 AM

1:00-6:00 PM

7:00 PM

Friday

Noon
7:30 PM

Saturday

8:00 AM
9:00 AM

Tuesday

6:30 PM

Wednesday

1:00 PM

1:30 PM – 6:00 PM

6:30 PM

Friday

Noon
7:30 PM

Tuesday

6:30 PM

Wednesday

1:00 PM

1:30 PM – 6:00 PM

6:30 PM

Friday

10:30 AM 

Noon

4:00 PM

4:00-5:30 PM 

7:30 PM

8:15 PM

9:15 PM 

**NIGHT OF LOVE-EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT**

Saturday

Midnight
4:00 AM
7:00 AM
8:00 AM



February 13

Burning of the Palms-SMS
Burning of the Palms-Faith Formation

February 14

Mass with distribution of ashes
School Mass with distribution of
ashes

Exposition & Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament

Mass with distribution of ashes

February 16

Stations of the Cross
Stations of the Cross

February 17

Mass
Liturgy Day of Reflection

February 20

Faith Formation - Stations of the Cross
(Grades 6-8) *Everyone is invited*

February 21

SMS – Stations of the Cross
(Grades 6-8) *Everyone is invited*
Exposition & Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament

Faith Formation - Stations of the Cross
(Grades 6-8) *Everyone is invited*

February 23

Stations of the Cross
Stations of the Cross

February 27

Faith Formation - Stations of the Cross
(Grades 4-5) *Everyone is invited*

February 28

SMS – Stations of the Cross
(Grades 4-5) *Everyone is invited*
Exposition & Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament

Faith Formation - Stations of the Cross
(Grades 4-5) *Everyone is invited*

March 2

Children's Communal Penance Service
(Grades 3-8) *Everyone is invited*

Stations of the Cross

K of C Fish Fry

Confessions

Stations of the Cross

Mass followed by All Night
Eucharistic Adoration

Confessions

March 3

Confessions
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Mass

Tuesday

6:30 PM

Wednesday

1:00 PM

1:30 PM – 6:00 PM

6:30 PM

Friday

Noon
7:30 PM

Wednesday

1:00 PM

1:30 PM – 6:00 PM

6:30 PM



Friday

Noon
7:30 PM

Tuesday

6:30 PM



Wednesday

1:00 PM

1:30 PM – 6:00 PM

Friday

Noon
7:30 PM

Saturday

8:00 AM

9:00 AM

2:30-4:30 PM 

5:00 PM

*All Palm Sunday Masses will begin
in St. Patrick Hall with the Blessing
of Palms & Procession into Church*

Sunday

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

Wednesday

9:00 AM

1:30 PM – 6:00 PM

6:30 PM

March 6

Faith Formation - Stations of the Cross
(Grades 1-3) *Everyone is invited*

March 7

SMS – Stations of the Cross
(Grades 2-3) *Everyone is invited*

Exposition & Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament

Faith Formation - Stations of the Cross
(Grades 1-3) *Everyone is invited*

March 9

Stations of the Cross
Stations of the Cross

March 14

SMS – Stations of the Cross
(Grades K-1) *Everyone is invited*
Exposition & Adoration
of Blessed Sacrament

COMMUNAL PENANCES SERVICE

March 16

Stations of the Cross
Stations of the Cross

March 20

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE

March 21

SMS – Stations of the Cross
(Grades 6-7) *Everyone is invited*
Exposition & Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament

March 23

Stations of the Cross
Stations of the Cross

March 24

Mass in chapel
Art & Environment Set-Up
Individual Confessions
Vigil Mass for Palm Sunday



March 25

Mass

March 28

Living Stations of the Cross
Exposition & Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament
Living Stations of the Cross
Everyone is invited

Spirituality and Worship Commission



TRIDUUM SCHEDULE



Holy Thursday

7:00 AM
10:30 AM

7:00 PM
8:30 PM - Midnight

Good Friday

7:00 AM

Parish Office Closes at Noon

12:00 PM

1:30 PM

7:00 PM

March 29

Morning Prayer Service
Chrism Mass at Holy Angels
Cathedral

Mass of the Lord's Supper
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
and Meditation in St. Patrick Hall

March 30

Morning Prayer Service

Stations of the Cross
around Mt. Calvary

Good Friday Liturgy

Taizé Prayer Service

Holy Saturday

8:00 AM

9:00 AM

7:30 PM

Easter Sunday

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

Easter Monday

7:00 AM

Parish Office is Closed

March 31

Morning Prayer Service with
Anointing of the Elect
Blessing of First Foods of Easter
Easter Vigil Service

April 1

Mass

April 2

Mass



Guidelines Regarding Fast and Abstinence

Prepared by the Office of Worship, Diocese of Gary

THE LENTEN FAST

Ash Wednesday:

This day is commemorated by fasting and abstinence from meat.

Lenten Fridays:

These days are marked by the discipline of abstinence from meat.

The Lenten Fast is a fast of penance.

Our self-denial is a way of emphasizing our dependence on God.

THE PASCHAL FAST

"The Paschal Fast must be kept sacred. It should be celebrated everywhere on Good Friday, and where possible should be prolonged throughout Holy Saturday."

(Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy #110)

Good Friday through Holy Saturday:

These days are marked by fasting and abstinence from meat. Please note that these days are not part of Lent or the Lenten Fast.

The Paschal Fast is a fast of anticipation.

The observance of this most ancient fast is a solemn way to prepare ourselves for the reception of the Easter Communion.



HOW DO WE FAST?

The customary fast:

This fast allows for only one full meal to be taken during the day. Two smaller meals are permitted, if necessary, to maintain strength according to one's needs. Eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

The fast of the early church:

This fast begins upon rising. No meals are taken until the customary work day (5:00 PM) is ended. A glass of juice may be taken in the morning and simple liquids, such as water, coffee and tea during the day. The fast ends with a brief prayer followed by an adequate meal. For many this may work as a more natural way to fast.

Age Guidelines for fasting:

Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics who have celebrated their 18th birthday and who have not yet celebrated their 59th birthday.

HOW DO WE ABSTAIN?

Traditional abstinence:

This is the practice of refraining from meat and meat products.

Abstinence as penance:

Entering fully into the spirit of the Lenten Fast and the Paschal Fast, we are also encouraged to abstain from other foods, practices or activities.

Age guidelines for abstinence:

Abstinence is to be practiced by all who are 14 years of age and older.

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 Caleigh Doffin. Caleigh has been a student at St. Michael School since kindergarten. Caleigh plays travel softball and club volleyball, and also plays volleyball for the Warriors. She volunteers with Vacation Bible School and FunFest setup through St. Michael Parish. She is also an altar server. Caleigh's favorite thing about SMS is the teachers. She says, "All of the teachers are nice and caring." When Caleigh leaves SMS, she will miss her teachers and friends. Her advice to younger students is to stay true to who you are. Enjoy the rest of your 8th grade year, Caleigh!

Warrior of the Week



Celebrating Catholic Schools Week

Last week, the SMS student body celebrated Catholic Schools Week. It was a wonderful series of themes and fun, holding to the school's exciting traditions to add a little extra flair. The students did everything from showing up to class in their pajamas to wearing their favorite sports jerseys to dressing up in the clothes of their future professions, filling the classrooms with police officers, doctors, scientists, and so much more. Father Gregory spent a couple days touring the classrooms and talking to the students about his personal story of vocations and discussing the importance of Catholic education. But what was even more amazing were the answers the students gave to Father Gregory's question: "What makes SMS and Catholic Education so special?" The answers were heartwarming, talking about the teachers and their friends. But what the students of all ages seemed to agree on was that the best part was the fact that they actually get to talk about God and their faith in the classroom. Reasons such as this is why Catholic Schools Week is so important and we were so thrilled to celebrate Catholic Education.

Article & photos submitted by Patrick Massoels



Education and Formation Commission



**ST. MICHAEL
SCHOOL**

ENROLL TODAY
Pre K - 8th Grade

"Quality Education With Catholic Values since 1900"

EARNED AN "A" FROM THE INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

OPEN HOUSE & PANCAKE BREAKFAST
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH 11:00 AM-12:30 PM

2018-2019 Diocese of Gary Tuition Assistance Applications

The Diocese of Gary would like to announce that tuition assistance applications for the 2018-2019 school year will open on **Monday, February 19, 2018**. FACTS Management will continue to provide and process our tuition assistance applications.

The applications are only online at the Diocesan website, www.dcgary.org. You will find the application by clicking on the Schools tab and then clicking on the blue rectangle labeled Tuition Assistance Application. There are no paper applications. The regular application period will close on **March 19, 2018**. After that date, families must wait for initial awards to be distributed before the application will open again sometime in June for late applications, appeals, and new families.

Tuition assistance is only open to Catholic families who are registered members of parishes within the Diocese of Gary. You may complete an application if you have children entering grades kindergarten through twelve. Pre-school students are not eligible for tuition assistance. There is a \$27 fee per family to apply. If you need help with the application, FACTS will have an e-mail address, phone number, and chat line on the application website for customer service.



**Faith
Formation**

February Calendar

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
- ◆ 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)
- ◆ Enter or click on a symbol and you are good to go

If you have any questions, please call 322-4505, ext. 226 (Patrick) or ext. 241 (Janice) Monday-Friday during the hours of 9:00 AM-4:00 PM.

Peace & Social Justice Commission



For Those Who Have Died...

Monica Snyder
Norma Laudeman

Life has changed, not ended

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



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, Patty Pearson 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.

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. There are 960 hours that make up the 40 Days for Life; can you give just 1 hour to stand up for life?



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 next weekend, 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.



Peace & Social Justice Commission

St. Michael Parish Health Fair

February 25th ~ 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM ~ St. Patrick Hall

Everyone is Welcome

Many informational tables regarding various aspects of health.

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

Many other
Lab Tests
are
available

HEALTHCHEK AVAILABLE

Lipid Panel
Metabolic Panel
Complete Blood Count
ONLY \$40.00

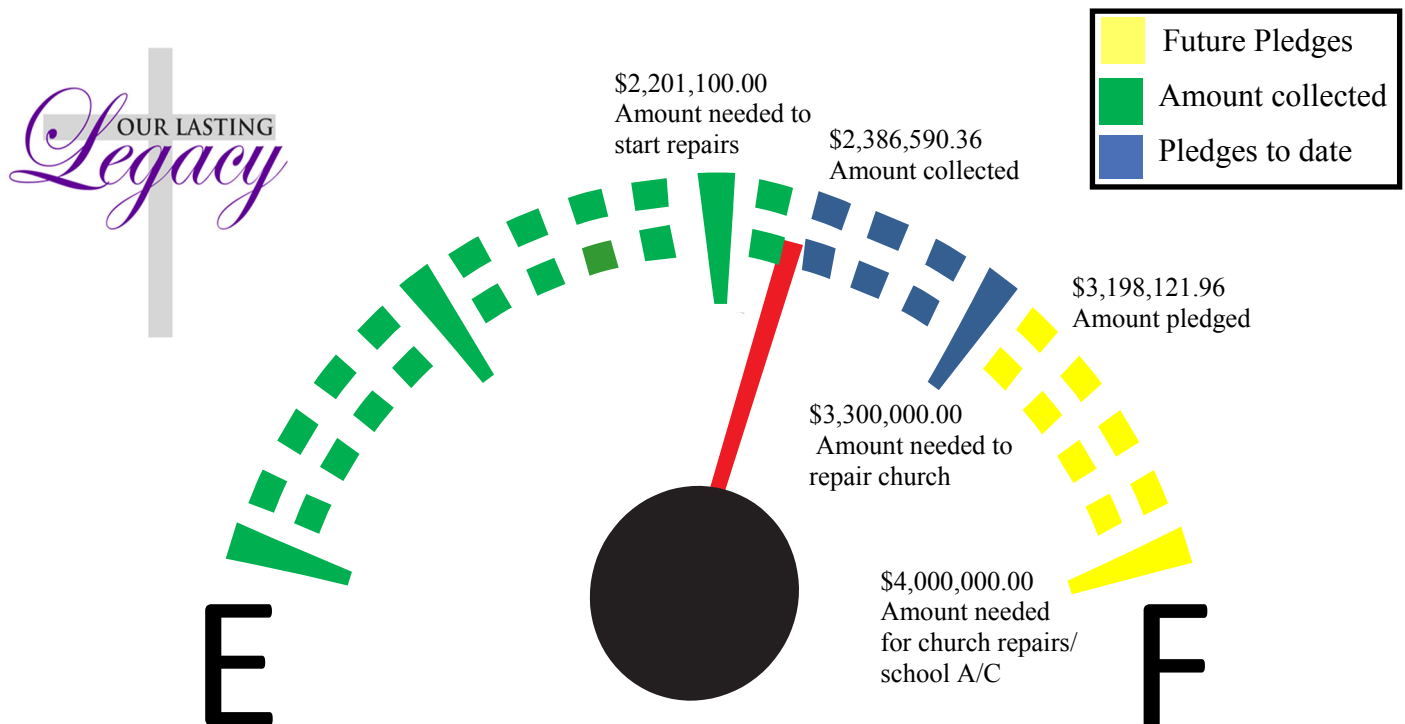


Sponsored by Health & Spirituality Committee and Parish Nurses

Parish Life

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

Capital Campaign Totals as of February 2, 2018



Catholic Religious Award Recipients

Congratulations to this year's Scouts who have earned their Catholic Religious Award from Cub Scout Pack 504.

Adrian Bristol	Light of Christ
Trey Massacavollo	Light of Christ
Sidney Tomasko	Light of Christ
Ryan Naylor	Light of Christ
Noah Scheele	Parvuli Dei



Special thanks to St. Michael's Holy Name Society and Knights of Columbus for their financial support to fund the Scouting Religious Programs. For more information on the Scouting Programs, please contact Todd Schmitt at schmitt0826@gmail.com.

**Senior GEMS
Mardi Gras
Celebration
Feb. 13th
12:00 – 2:00 PM
in St. Patrick Hall
Refreshments
Bingo Cards
Fellowship**

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SUPER RAFFLE 2018 WINNERS:

Prize	Name	Prize	Name	Prize	Name
\$15,000	Laura Mazurkiewicz	\$150	Brenda Dumont	\$100	Ronald Hlad
\$2,500	Chad Johnson	\$150	Joyce Mullaney	\$100	Mary Ketchmark
\$1,500	Agnes Wiatr	\$100	John Ancich	\$100	Don Fancher
\$500	Ray Mahaffey	\$100	Frank Koriol	\$100	Robert Giordano
\$500	Sheila Vanek	\$100	Thomas Ortega	\$100	Lou Bufano, Jr.
\$500	Tim Bourget	\$100	Jerry Pressner	\$100	Veronica
\$500	Dennis Wisner	\$100	Linda Miller	\$100	Braelyn LaMere
\$250	Dave Hinkel	\$100	James Mullins	\$100	Chuck Mauder
\$250	Brianne Gargas	\$100	Michael Woolsey	\$100	Sherry Lazzaro
\$250	Donna Connor	\$100	Ruth Mary Palis	\$100	Joel Vazquez
\$250	Mary Lefko	\$100	Kyle Johnson	\$100	Anthony Mancini
\$250	John Lantz	\$100	Ronald Pyle	\$100	Jacob Jakubowicz
\$250	Mark Czazasty	\$100	Clyde Gercken	\$100	Chuck Hansen
\$250	Robin Thiel	\$100	PJ Klocek Family	\$100	Wayne Adams
\$250	Dave Hinkel	\$100	Mary Bokodi	\$100	Joe Gonino
\$150	Colleen Romeli	\$100	Shirley Arentz	\$100	John Strantz
\$150	Ruth Hensley	\$100	Jen Chiabai		

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FISH FRY**

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

Registration for New Parishioners

The next parish registration will be Feb. 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. If you have any questions please call Debbie at the parish office 322-4505, ext. 225.

Stewardship & Parish Administration Commission

Stewardship Challenge

How well are you listening to Christ in your life?
Do we impede the proclamation of the Gospel by
our actions like the Leper in today's Gospel?

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 11

Coffee & Donuts After All Masses
Lenten Reflection Book Sales After All Masses
RCIA 9:30 AM
Pilgrimage Meeting 1:00 PM

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

MONDAY FEBRUARY 12

Centering Prayer 6:00 PM
Catholic Bible Study 7:00 PM
Pastoral Council Meeting 7:00 PM

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 13

OLPH Devotions 7:30 AM
GEMS 12:00 PM
Burning of Palms 1:00 & 6:30 PM
Endow Study Group 6:00 PM
Good Shepherd/Traditional Classes 6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 14 ASH WEDNESDAY

Masses with Distribution of Ashes 7:00 AM, 8:55 AM &
7:00 PM

Eucharistic Adoration 1:00-6:00 PM
Traditional Classes 6:00-6:45 PM

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 15

Bereavement Sessions 7:00 PM
Choir/Cantor Practice 7:00 PM

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 16

Stations of the Cross 12:00 PM & 7:30 PM

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 17

Anointing of the Sick at 8:00 AM Mass
Liturgical Day of Reflection After 8:00 AM Mass
Confessions 3:30-4:30 PM
BP Readings After Vigil Mass
Fish Fry Ticket Sales After Vigil Mass
2nd Collection-Eastern Europe Churches

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

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE



February 4th, 2018

Adult	\$17,524.00
EFTs*	\$3,730.00
Children	\$51.35
Loose	\$471.01
Education	\$1,154.40

Total Weekly Offering
22,930.76

**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.**

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

Living Memorial - Anniversary Memorial -
Deceased Memorial

Directors of the Foundation

Rev. Martin J. Dobrzynski, Pastor

Colleen Kennedy, Principal

Kenneth Bohling, Patrick Cusick, Don Doffin,

David Jarzombek, Joe Townsend,

Dr. Ed Udani, Donna Velez

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

*MARDI GRAS

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

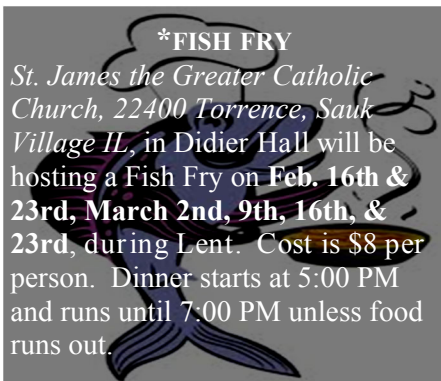


THE LUNCHEON

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.

*FISH FRY

St. James the Greater Catholic Church, 22400 Torrence, Sauk Village IL, in Didier Hall will be hosting a Fish Fry on **Feb. 16th & 23rd, March 2nd, 9th, 16th, & 23rd**, during Lent. Cost is \$8 per person. Dinner starts at 5:00 PM and runs until 7:00 PM unless food runs out.



*TWO GREAT CATHOLIC TOURS

Come and journey away on a tour of the Holy Land, **April 24th-May 5th** or Fatima and Lourdes, **June 15th-22nd**. Prices begin at \$1449.00 per person based on double occupancy for land. Call us for your air city departure price. Mass is offered. Deposits of only \$250/person for the land will reserve your space. Space is limited. For further info or to register, please contact Doug or Eileen at 860-399-1785/ Eileen@CatholicCruisesandTours.com



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 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. 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.

*LOOKING FOR ADORERS

St. John the Evangelist in St. John is in need of Adorers for these times:

Sundays at 11:00 AM

Mondays at 7:00 AM

Tuesdays at 11:00 AM

Wednesdays at 2:00 & 7:00 AM, 3:00 PM

Fridays at 2:00 AM

To become an Adorer, please call Marilyn at 374-6590, Mura at 365-3453 or Paul at 365-5217.



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



SATURDAY FEBRUARY 10

5:00 PM †Stanley Mastey

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 11

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

MONDAY FEBRUARY 12

7:00 AM †Dorothy Drabik

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 13

7:00 AM Sr. Alphy and Family

1:00 PM Burning of the Palms

6:30 PM Burning of the Palms

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 14 ASH WEDNESDAY

7:00 AM †Barney Davis

8:55 AM †Ann Elliott

7:00 PM †Carol Jakubowicz

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 15

7:00 AM †Fr. Ron Lewinski
Anthony & Nicholas Siorek

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 16

7:00 AM All Souls

12:00 PM Stations of the Cross

7:30 PM Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 17

8:00 AM All Souls

5:00 PM †Victor Makiejus

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 18

7:30 AM †Patricia Carlay

9:30 AM †Elaine Jen

†Dolores Leluga

†Beverly Mullaney

11:30 AM St. Michael Parish

†indicates deceased



reflections...

THE WORD

(Readings for February 18th, First Sunday of Lent)

I. *Genesis 9:8-15*

After the great flood, God told Noah of the covenant between heaven and earth. Never again would a flood destroy the earth. To mark this covenant, the Lord set up a rainbow in the sky.

II. *1 Peter 3:18-22*

As the ark saved a chosen few in Noah's day, so does baptism by faith save God's chosen today. Baptism is "an appeal to God for a clear conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ."

III. *Mark 1:12-15*

The spirit sent Jesus to the desert to fast and pray for forty days. Afterwards, Jesus appeared in Galilee proclaiming "the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the gospel."

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.

Dear Parish Members,

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