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CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
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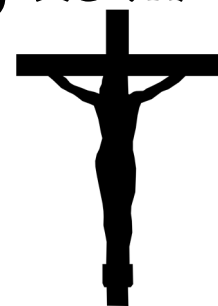
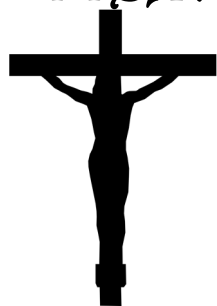
**WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18th, 2018**

Join us at our
Open House & Pancake Breakfast



Next Sunday, February 25th

11 am—12:30 pm



Community, Personnel, & On-Going Information

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 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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ST. MICHAEL
PARISH
 Schererville, Indiana

From the Pastor's Desk

A Velvet Hammer. Lent makes itself known to us like a velvet hammer. One week we're singing Alleluia, the next week we don't even mention the word. One week we hear the harmonic complexity of many instruments leading us in song, the next week we're the ones, our voice alone, that must make the vocal offering to God. One week we eat without regard for what we are eating, the next week we are enjoined to go without meat, and even to go without food. The movement from green to purple is far more significant in Lent than it was back in early December as we began Advent.

Yet, the Church calls this transition a "springtime." Hard to think about spring with the greyness of February all around us. Even the snow has turned ugly splotched with dirt and grime. Yet, the Church calls us to a new "springtime." It is this time of the year that you and I are once again called back to our innocence. The innocent freshness of spring in full bloom.

The Great Flood, recounted in the first reading today, reminds us of the destructive power of water. Here in the Midwest floods during the spring are not unheard of. Notice though, it is from the flood that God gives His first covenant, or promise, to humanity. Now washed clean in a most violent way, humanity can be made anew. This same theme is hinted at in the second reading from St. Paul. Paul is reflecting upon the resurrection of Christ and our participation in that resurrection through our baptism.

Jesus' resurrection was/is so powerful it even affected the past. Jesus "goes to preach to the spirits in prison." This is an illusion to Christ's descent "among the dead" or his descending "into hell," as the Apostles Creed testifies. Here Jesus takes the Good News even to Adam and Eve and all their children lost to disobedience and breaks the chains of eternal death. He brings them up out of the abyss to God. We are shown as we begin this "particular" time the end result of what all our Lenten preparation is about.

We begin in the barrenness of the desert but this is not where we will end up. No, we will end up in the fullness of spring. Our springtime begins with grey clouds, frigid temperatures and dirty snow; but the promised end for those who walk the journey of Lent is the brightness of truth, the warmth of God's eternal love and being washed in the Blood of the Lamb to be white as a new snow.

So, let our voices give praise to God alone, for true support is not many instruments but our faith. Let us make our food less, to tame our senses, and seek the real food for life, Jesus' word - His will for us. Let us curtail our celebrations so we can truly appreciate the celebration of the Easter promise. This is more a time of doing things differently not simply a time of giving things up. The full bloom of spring can only be accomplished with the harshness of the last days of winter. Without our changing how we behave we cannot enter the fullness of the new "springtime." This is a season of change and for change.

A Night of Love March 2nd & 3rd

A Night of Love is spending time with Jesus throughout the night. Also, confessions will be heard at different hours of the night.

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



Spirituality and Worship Commission



Wedding Sacristan(s) Needed

We are in need of a Wedding Sacristan to set up for weddings usually held on Saturday afternoons, Saturday mornings and a few Friday evenings. Please contact Mrs. Joan Hamnik, the Head Sacristan, at 322-4505, ext. 228 if interested or if you need more information.

First Sunday of Lent It is All about Baptism

The story of Noah and the flood is all about being saved in the water. Saint Peter is absolutely clear in saying that it points to Baptism. In these Christian waters, we repented and believed. In these Forty Days, we cherish the elect awaiting Baptism. Throughout this Lent, we recall our own being made new in the font and urgent desire to be new again.

What will I do this Lent to repent and believe in Good News?

How can my behavior imitate baptismal purity?

How will I keep in thought and prayer the elect who will plunge into the font this Easter Vigil and enter the fullness of our sacramental life with the Dead and Risen Christ?

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

Stations of the Cross



Please join us as we partake in this very powerful and moving spiritual pilgrimage every Friday during Lent at 12:00 PM and 7:30 PM.

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. Below are suggested dates and times listed for the various ministries:

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 16th, 7:30 PM

Altar Servers
Holy Name Society
Knights of Columbus
RADIATE Youth Ministry
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

March 2nd, 7:30 PM

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

March 23rd, 7:30 PM

Rebuilding Hope Mission Team
Pastoral Council Members
Labor of Love Ministers
Money Counting Ministry
Gardener Ministry

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.

Spirituality and Worship Commission

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.

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

Congratulations to the students of our parish who made the Marian Catholic High School Honor Roll for the second quarter. We are so proud of your academic excellence!

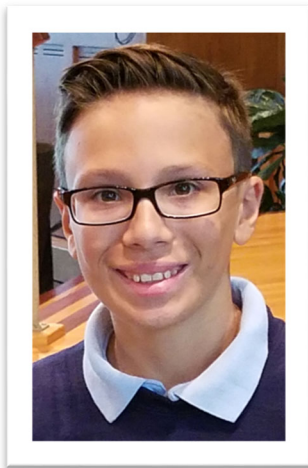
Christian Alexander
Samantha Avila
Nicholas Camacho
Olivia Ferguson
Crystal Gallegos
Kiersten Gora
Ruth Hansen

Legan Haws
Grace Jarzombek
Mary Keith
Thomas Keslin
Haley Knueppel
Mollie McKone
Alison Perry

Kaitlyn Perry
Kyle Rusin
Ryan Schmidt
Ryan Staack
Mary Udani
Simon Uhrick

SCHOOL NEWS

Warrior of the Week



This week's Warrior of the Week is Jacob Kaiser. Jacob has been a student at St. Michael School since kindergarten. He plays soccer and basketball and runs track for the Warriors. Jacob's favorite thing about SMS is playing knockout (basketball) with his friends after lunch. When he leaves SMS, Jacob will miss the students and teachers. Jacob says, "To all younger students, my advice is to not get in trouble and be nice to people." We wish you the best in the future, Jacob!

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.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SECOND GRADE STUDENTS OF ST. MICHAEL PARISH



These students made their First Reconciliation on February 10, 2018!

Kayden Adams
 Katelyn Anghelache
 Jack Banis
 Olivia Barish
 Dru Barlaislas
 Jacob Bjat
 Avram Brazzlae
 Vincent Bufano
 Nola Caposey
 Isabella Cardin
 Ellie Carlson
 Martin Carreon
 Aubree Chrace
 Megan Cirks
 Sophia Cuadra
 Elliot Comparon
 Giada Cook
 Ethan Cordova
 Morgan Dominik
 Andrei Dordea
 Lucido Enzo
 Alexis Evans
 Morgan Fontanetta
 Kendall Fredette
 Brian Gallas II
 Finley Golder

Vincent Innucci
 Max Janquart
 Jonas Jasaitis
 Gabriela Jiminez
 Noah Knizner
 Olivia Knizner
 Anna Lis
 Grace Litavec
 Elia Magallon
 David Majewski
 Trey Massacavollo
 Emilia Massucci
 James Matlon
 Hunter Mazzucca
 Nathan McKeague
 Febe Morey
 Alexia Murawski
 Jillian Murzyn
 John Nava
 Ryan Naylor
 Marina Negrete
 Alayna Nevarez
 Aidan Nowinski
 Hannah Palomo
 Deandrea Perez
 Nolan Pederson

Anthony Peterson
 Tristan Pintor
 Thomas Plebanski
 Aubrey Ralick
 Gabriel Ruano
 Caine Renko
 Ava Reno
 Giuliana Rodriguez
 Luke Rodriguez
 Gianna Santiago
 Olive Shultz
 Anna Schweinhagen
 Ryleigh Serna
 Matthew Silvas
 Elizabeth Skubisz
 Mia Snoreck
 Dylan Snyder
 Adam Steagall
 Lily Svetlin
 William Tillery
 Sidney Tomasko
 Matthew Tuftedal
 Devin Vagner
 Cecilia Vela
 Enrique Ybarra-Barrios

Education and Formation Commission



Faith Formation

February Calendar

- Feb. 20th: Good Shepherd/Traditional Classes
6:00-7:30 PM
- Feb. 21st: Traditional Classes 6:00-7:30 PM
- Feb. 24th/25th: Blessing of First Communi-
cants at All Masses
- Feb. 27th: Good Shepherd/Traditional Classes
6:00-7:30 PM
- Feb. 28th: Traditional Classes 6:00-7:30 PM



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Access code: (Code is case sensitive) **2Z668F**
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.

RADIATE: A PLACE FOR HIGH SCHOOL TEENS

There is a place for YOU in Radiate... You can be yourself, share your faith, and make new friends!

RADIATE is not "school," rather it's an inclusive environment where our teens take the lead.

From student-led discussions, to receiving support and encouragement from your peers, to playing games, RADIATE fosters leadership opportunities and a place to "hang out" with your friends.



Come experience RADIATE and join in on the fun!

Don't miss out, you are invited!

Yes, you can bring a friend too!

Save these dates:

February 25th: "Reconciliation - What is it? Why?" 6:00-8:00 PM in St Patrick Hall

March 11th: "Eucharistic Miracles," 6:00-8:00 PM in St Patrick Hall

March 14th (Wednesday): Eucharistic Adoration - meet in St Michael Chapel from 5:30-5:45 PM AND then Activities with FF 7th-8th graders in Church until 6:30 PM

March 16th - March 18th: TAPT (Teens Are Praying Together) RETREAT at Camp St. Lawrence, Valpo. Visit website to Register: <http://www.garyoyya.com/tapt/>

April 14th (Saturday): Radiate invites all High School teens in the Diocese of Gary to our Dance. Will be held in SMS Gym. More info coming soon.

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

Peace & Social Justice Commission

Welcome the Newly Baptized

Eleni Novak
Mia Isabella Trevino

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, Linda Hanes, Ken Drangmeister, David Leeth, Penny Machnik, Tony Romanowski, Dorothy Davis, Penny Velasquez 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



Screenings take place this 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.

**PRAY
TO END
ABORTION**

40DAYSFORLIFE
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40Days for Life Prayer Campaign

The Respect Life Ministry would like to inform everyone that there is another 40 Days for Life Prayer Campaign sponsored by Lake County Right to Life that began February 14th and will be going until 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 (non-confrontational) prayer vigil to end abortion. If you are still trying to think of something special to do for lent and 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. Peaceful vigil is not the only way to participate in this prayer campaign. If you cannot participate at Planned Parenthood perhaps you would be able to attend Adoration on Wednesdays from 1:30-6:00 PM or just praying and fasting in your own home.

One Life saved. One Mother protected. One Mind changed.

Peace & Social Justice Commission

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

HEALTHCHEK AVAILABLE

For various Blood Tests such as

Lipid Panel
Metabolic Panel
Complete Blood Count
ONLY \$40.00

Many other
Lab Tests are
available

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

Sponsored by Health & Spirituality Committee and 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.

Parish Life

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

Father, help me to see this holy season of Lent as a time of spiritual renewal, rather than a time of deprivation. Motivate me to reach a new level of experiencing your grace.

Registration for New Parishioners

Parish registration is today, 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.

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.



Upcoming Events:

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.

We have a tentative schedule for the Spring

April 24th: Lunch at Merrillville Tea Room

May 22nd: Sunrise Green House

June 12th: Notre Dame Cathedral and Lunch

If you have any questions, please call Carol at 805-0413.

Looking to Participate?

Come and Discern Where You Can Offer Your Gifts!



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-5 members

School Advisory Committee-5 members

Finance Committee-3 members

Sports Advisory Committee-4 members

Home & School Committee-5 members

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**, 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.

This process has worked well in helping people to decide where they want to give their talents and also where the Holy Spirit wants them to give their talents. Through prayer and scripture, learning about our parish mission and structure as a Catholic community and by good Christian camaraderie you might find a niche for your particular talents. Both sessions are necessary for a good discernment.

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.

An Evening of Fine Dining & Dancing

40 couples attended the 2018 That's Amore Dinner Dance on February 10th in celebration of World Marriage Day. It was an evening of great food, dancing and a chance to enjoy the company of other married couples. A big thank you to the committee members who volunteered their time to sell tickets, set-up for the dance, help put the hall back together for Coffee & Donut Sunday as well as for their donations of restaurant gift cards to use as door prizes. A thank you to Patrick Massoels for also getting donations for additional door prizes. The evening would not have been a success without the help of all those involved.

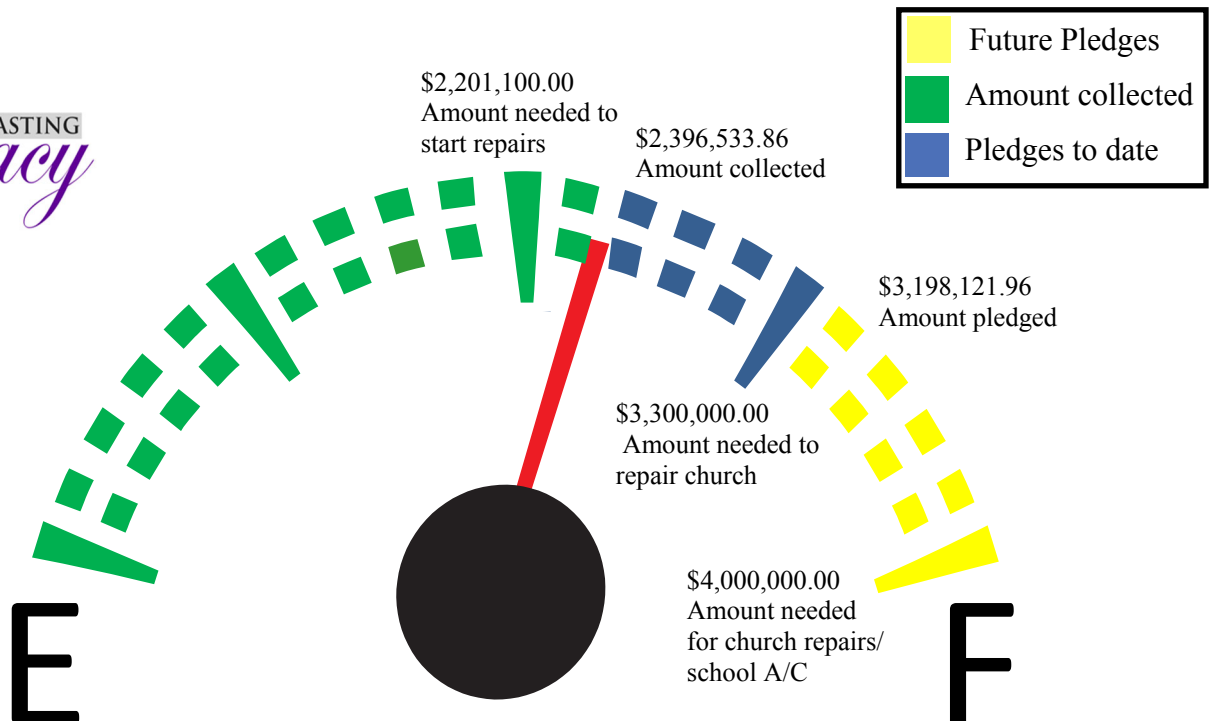
Ambassador of Mary, a Marian program, is looking for men to carry the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary to homes in the area to pray the rosary on Saturdays. Please contact Ed Padilla at 322-6479 for more information or if you are interested.



greeters

Looking for families or individuals who would like to open doors and greet parishioners at Easter, Mother's Day, Confirmation, Father's Day, and/or Christmas masses. You don't have to do all of the masses, just the one or more that appeal to you. It's a great way to get service hours (if needed) and create an welcoming, warm spirit to our church. Please email Conchita Bryner at Conchita@callconchita.com.

Capital Campaign Totals as of February 9, 2018



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!



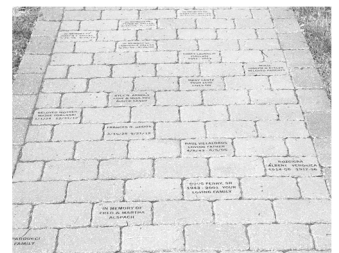
Don't Be Left Out: Order Your Pavers

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
Founder's Circle - \$250

Memorial - \$125.00
Benefactor - \$200.00



Stewardship & Parish Administration Commission

Attention High School and College Students

Envelopes for the new year are available on the west side of the gathering space. Please pick up your new box and write your name and the number you choose on the sheet provided. Please discard any old envelopes you may have.

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 18

2nd Collection-Eastern Europe Churches
BP Readings After 7:30 & 9:30 AM Masses
Fish Fry Ticket Sales After All Masses
Member Registration After 7:30 & 9:30 AM Masses
RCIA 9:30 AM

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

MONDAY FEBRUARY 19

Centering Prayer 6:00 PM
Catholic Bible Study 7:00 PM

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 20

OLPH Devotions 7:30 AM
Labors of Love 10:00 AM
Good Shepherd/Traditional Classes 6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 21

Stations of the Cross 1:00 PM
Eucharistic Adoration 1:30-6:00 PM
Traditional Classes 6:00 PM
Stations of the Cross 6:30 PM
The Bible and Blessed Virgin Mary 7:00 PM

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 22

Bereavement Sessions 7:00 PM
Choir/Cantor Practice 7:00 PM
Education Commission Meeting 7:00 PM
Grief Support 7:00 PM

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 23

Stations of the Cross 12:00 PM & 7:30 PM
Bell Choir Practice 5:00 PM
WOW 7:00 PM

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 24

Finance Committee Meeting 9:00 AM
Confessions 3:30-4:30 PM
Fish Fry Ticket Sales After Vigil Mass
Blessing of First Communicants at Vigil Mass

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

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE



February 11th, 2018

Adult	\$15,914.00
EFTs*	\$1,735.00
Children	\$35.20
Loose	\$476.91

Total Weekly Offering
\$18,161.11

**Electronic Funds Transfer*

Stewardship Challenge

Share your favorite bible passage with your family at dinner, ask others to tell you theirs.

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
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Dr. Ed Udani, Donna Velez

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*denotes new or updated article

Diocesan Life Information

*OUR FAMOUS AYCE

SOUP & SALAD BAR RETURNS Fridays, Feb 16th-March 23rd

4:00-7:00 PM

*Columbian Club of East Chicago, Inc.
1104 Knights of Columbus Drive
@ Indianapolis Blvd and the EC South Shore*

Featuring over 25 salad bar items including 2 Soups and 1 Hot Appetizer, plus desserts, puddings, and jello. Fish available for purchase starting at \$10: Ocean & Lake Perch, Frog legs, Shrimp, Catfish, Combos, and Fisherman's Delight. New this year are Crab Cakes and Fish Tacos. Baked fish includes Tilapia or Salmon with Vegetables and also Pierogis and a \$5 Kids Menu. Takeouts and full bar available. Bake Sale provided by Boy Scout Troup 111.

*A LENTEN SEASON OF MERCY

The Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community invites you to participate in **4 Lenten Wednesdays (Feb. 21st, 28th, March 14th, & 21st)**, 7:00 PM at *St. Adalbert's Church, Indianapolis Blvd, Whiting*. Fr. Dennis Chriszt, C.P.P.S., sacramental theologian, writer, retreat and religious formation director, is the guest presenter. With sacred scripture, song, charismatic preaching and meaningful liturgical action, Fr. Dennis invites participants to reflect on the topic of *God's Mercy in Our Lives*: mercy toward ourselves; toward others; God's mercy given to us; and the call to take God's mercy into the world. It is hoped that you will include this series as a means of spiritual growth during the Lent.

*CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP MEETING FEBRUARY 25TH

This support group encompasses Alzheimer's/Dementia, Cancer, stroke or other adult care responsibilities and is open to family and friends looking for compassion and information sharing. The meeting is held at *Franciscan St. Margaret Hospital in Dyer in the Blessed Mother Conference room located at the west entrance* at 2:00 PM. For more information, please contact James and Pat Koeling at 365-3898 or call toll-free 1-888-303-0180. **Care giving may be one of the most important roles you will undertake in your lifetime.**

FISH FRY

St. James the Greater Catholic Church, 22400 Torrence, Sauk Village IL, in Didier Hall will be hosting a Fish Fry on **Feb. 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.

*ST. PATRICK CHURCH SOCIAL EVENTS

Fish Fry

Feb. 23rd, March 2nd, 9th, 16th, & 23rd, 4:00-7:00 PM, cost is \$10 with salad bar.



St. Patrick Feast Day Celebration

March 11th: Bilingual Mass at 10:30 AM.

Catered Luncheon Family Style

Entertainment by Mayer Irish Dancers and Keenan Baxter. Tickets are \$15. Doors open at 11:30 AM. Program starts at 1:30 PM. For more information, please call 398-3191 or 398-1036.

St. Patrick is located at 3802 Grand Blvd., East Chicago.

*AYCE SOUP & SALAD

The St. Stephen Men & Women's Clubs are sponsoring an AYCE Soup & Salad Dinner on **March 3rd**, 5:00-7:00 PM, in Jacob Hall at *5920 Waite St., Merrillville*. We will feature many home-made soups, bread, salad, and soft drinks for \$8!

*KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DINNER

The Good Shepherd Council of the Knights of Columbus will host a corned beef and cabbage dinner (while quantities last) on **March 7th**, 4:00 to 7:00 PM, at *Our Lady of Consolation Vamos Hall, 8303 Taft St. Merrillville*. Tickets are \$12 at the door or \$10 in advance. Tickets are available at www.kofc10811.org or by calling 219-365-1505.

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.

*DYNAMIC CATHOLIC IS COMING TO CROWN POINT

St. Matthias, 101 W. Burrell Dr., Crown Point, is hosting "Find Your Greatness: Four Habits that will Transform Your Life" featuring Dominick Albano on **April 20th**, 7:00-10:45 PM. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased at DynamicCatholic.com or by calling 859-980-7900. If you have any questions, please call 663-2201 or email jackiemgentry@yahoo.com.

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SATURDAY FEBRUARY 17

5:00 PM †Victor Makiejus

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 18

7:30 AM †Patricio Carlay

9:30 AM †Elaine Jen
 †Dolores Leluga
 †Beverly Mullaney

11:30 AM St. Michael Parish

MONDAY FEBRUARY 19

7:00 AM †Helen Frantz

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 20

7:00 AM †Sandra Morgan
 6:30 PM Stations of the Cross

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 21

7:00 AM †Departed Souls of the Congregation of
 Mother of Carmel

8:55 AM 25th Wedding Anniversary-Michael &
 Mary Jo Rymarczyk

1:00 PM Stations of the Cross
 6:30 PM Stations of the Cross

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 22

7:00 AM All Souls

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 23

7:00 AM All Souls
 12:00 PM Stations of the Cross
 7:30 PM Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 24

8:00 AM All Souls
 5:00 PM †Bill Zlystra

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 25

7:30 AM St. Michael Parish
 9:30 AM †Herb Lemon III
 11:30 AM †Phyllis Kryzanowski
 †Catherine Curley
 †Sandy Pyle

†indicates deceased



reflections...

THE WORD

(Readings for February 25th, Second Sunday of Lent)

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| <p>I. <i>Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18</i></p> | <p>God tested Abraham, asking him to sacrifice his only son, Isaac. Seeing Abraham's obedience, God blessed him greatly..</p> |
| <p>II. <i>Romans 8:31b-34</i></p> | <p>We have received the ultimate proof of God's love: Christ Jesus, given up to death for the sake of us all. "If God is for us, who can be against us?"</p> |
| <p>III. <i>Mark 9:2-10</i></p> | <p>Jesus went up a mountain with His disciples and was transfigured before their eyes. A voice from a cloud proclaimed, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to Him."</p> |

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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