

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



MARCH 4, 2018 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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 Good Shepherd Classes....Tuesday 6:00 PM-7:30 PM
 Sunday Family Classes.....Once a month 9:30 AM-11:00 AM

SATURDAY LITURGY

Vigil: 5:00 PM

DAILY LITURGY

Weekdays **7:00 AM**
 Saturday **8:00 AM**

SUNDAY LITURGY

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

HOLY DAY LITURGY

See page 15 of the bulletin for
 Holy Day Mass Schedule.

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Sacrament of Penance...Saturday 3:30 PM-4:30 PM

Baptisms...First time parents at St. Michael must attend a
 Baptism Prep session before the baptism date can be scheduled.
 Please call Janice at 322-4505, ext. 241 to schedule the prep
 session and/or baptism date.

Marriage...The bride, groom, their parents/grandparents
 must be active registered members of the parish for at least three
 years prior to reserving a date for the wedding. The diocese
 requires that arrangements must be made at least six months in
 advance of the wedding date in order for the proper personal,
 spiritual and liturgical preparations of the couple to be
 completed.

Sacrament of the Sick...Please call the office until 4:00 PM.
 After 4:00 PM, please call 322-6623 Monday-Friday and
 anytime on the weekend.

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesdays from 1:00-6:00 PM in the chapel.

BULLETIN DEADLINE:

Monday prior to the Sunday printing 12:00 PM (Noon).
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 articles by email to bulletin@stmichaelparish.life or in print
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From the Pastor's Desk

The End Product. The end of a story is very important. Hollywood puts a lot of time and effort and research into the end of a movie. The "right" ending can either make or break the box office success of a production. Although Hollywood can re-write an ending pleasing to the public the most meaningful and memorable dramas and stories have endings that speak a truth to us.

Today the Gospel story ends in a particular way, but one that would not be satisfying to Hollywood. The story does not end centered around one of the main characters as is most appealing in the movies. The woman who encounters Jesus at the well, who plays such a significant part in the story, just seems to fade into the crowd. Why?

The end of the story is concerned with one thing. The villagers say it well: "We no longer believe because of your word, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the savior of the world." The woman at the well has a purpose; a purpose bigger than herself and yet absolutely essential to her very own salvation.

The ending given points out to me my ultimate purpose. My purpose in coming to know Jesus more intimately is to tell others about Him so they can believe. I cannot do this unless I am willing to encounter Jesus, to ask Him questions and to be ready to hear His answers, even when they cut to the quick. Like, when Jesus lets the woman know that she has had several husbands and now is living with another; she doesn't turn away in anger, she is further intrigued because Jesus speaks the truth, even though it's not a pretty truth.



So I must be open to Jesus showing me the not-so-pretty truths about my attitudes and/or behaviors. Jesus loves this woman and so He cannot allow her to continue in the untruths she exhibits, like about where to worship, or whose water it really is that truly quenches thirst, or about her failed relationships. The truth sets her free; it is not easy but it does free her to bring others to Jesus.

We often want to write our own ending to the story; one that downplays or ignores the truths about our unwillingness to trust, to see our sins or to recognize our stubbornness. This is what society tells us is "our right." Perhaps "our right" is not right for it leaves little room for Truth. Truth is not a Hollywood commodity to be manipulated into 50 shades of grey. It is found in God's Word, in the person of Jesus, and we see it at work in this Gospel today.

Openness to God's truth, the Truth, is the only way to lasting happiness. This is a central lesson to this poignant story. The woman fulfills her true ultimate purpose when she learns the Truth. She sees the Christ. She, who was once scorned and avoided by her neighbors, is now energized by the Truth she encountered at the well. With this she now teaches them, commands their attention, and they listen and they also come to believe.

If we are so concerned about the end product, this is it: listening and seeking God's Truth, which both challenges you and me and brings consolation but leads us to deeper belief and, so also, to mission. The mission is to tell others about the Truth Jesus gives that satisfies our thirst and sets us really free. We do this by our actions which demonstrate an increase in our trust that this is the Savior of the world. You and I begin to live out of that reality and when we do others are attracted too.

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

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:

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 23rd, 7:30 PM

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

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.



What Does Lent Have to Do with Those Becoming Catholic?

In Lent, some RCIA participants move into the final period of preparation for the sacraments. They have been nourished by the graces of various liturgical Rites throughout the RCIA process, which have helped them to embrace God's call. Today, our **Elect, Mariano Vlcek**, will celebrate the First Scrutiny with the parish. This Rite will help deliver him from the power of sin and Satan, protect him against temptation and give him strength in Christ, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

The Rites of Scrutiny are meant to uncover and then heal all that is weak, defective or sinful in the heart of the **Elect** as well as remind the whole parish community of the need to reflect on their own sins and the need for God's help.

Spirituality and Worship Commission



Little White Easter Season Reflection Books for Adults Available for Purchase After All Masses March 10th, 11th, 17th, and 18th

A donation of \$1.00 each is appreciated. Adult books are available in English only. Reflections will be based on the Acts of the apostles and the early Church beginning on Monday, April 2nd and going through May 20th.

Foot Washing Ministry in Need of Volunteers

Our parish is in need of volunteers to help assist at the foot-washing stations on **Holy Thursday, March 29th, at the 7:00 PM Mass.** Please call Cheryl at 242-2630 to volunteer. No experience is necessary, just a willingness to serve as Jesus did.

"Having loved his own who were in the world he now showed them the full extent of his love." -John 14:6



Third Sunday of Lent So Thirsty!

The People of the Hebrews: so thirsty, they grumbled to the very God who gave them quail and manna. The Woman at the Well: so thirsty, she missed the living water – at least, at first. And what does God do? Because of faithful care and covenantal love, water gushes from the rock, living water gushes from Christ.

For what do I "thirst?"

How can God slake that thirst?

What mercy work can I do to give drink to the thirsty?

Education and Formation Commission

Commission Members: Director of Religious Education, School Principal, Sport/School Advisory Board/HSA Representatives, Marriage Prep, Baptismal Prep, Adult Catholic Education, Vocations Ministry, RADIATE Youth Ministry, Bible Study

SCHOOL NEWS

Warrior of the Week



This week's Warrior of the Week is Joseph Cappello. Joey has been a student at St. Michael School since first grade. His favorite thing about SMS is science class. He loves the Science Olympiad competition and his teacher. Joey plays soccer, basketball and volleyball and runs track and cross country for the Warriors. Outside of school, he participates in a soccer club called Three Lions United. When Joey leaves St. Mike's, he will miss the teachers and his friends, because he's spent 8 years with most of his friends in 8th grade. His advice to younger students is, "Do not wish to move on from SMS because before you realize it you will be in 8th grade, so enjoy your years at SMS because you only get a certain amount of time."

Good luck to you in the future, Joey!

Education and Formation Commission

SCHOOL NEWS

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Need Assistance with Tuition?

Diocese of Gary tuition assistance applications for the 2018/19 school year are now available. 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.



Good Food & Good Company Make a Successful Open House

We are so proud of our amazing SMS students and families that came out and showed their Warrior Pride at last Sunday's Open House and Pancake Breakfast. The students were lecterns at the 9:30 AM Mass before heading across the street where they helped new families tour through the halls and classrooms. Father Marty and Miss Kennedy greeted current families and new alike with warm smiles while an astounding collection of dedicated parents and parishioners stood ready to answer any and all questions the new families may have to ask.

The next Open House will be Thursday, April 12th, from 6:30-8:00 PM. Come out and enjoy the Ice Cream Social while showing your support for St. Michael School.

Go Warriors!

Bringing Home the Gold

On Saturday, February 17th, the SMS 7th and 8th grade Science Olympiad team participated in the Regional Competition at Indiana University Northwest. We had a total of 21 students compete that weekend. This is an event that has many science related activities from anatomy to zoology. Two of our groups medaled in their specific event. Maggie Keith and Brianna Cook won 5th place in the Potions and Poisons event that was based on concepts in chemistry. Nathan Anderson and Gabriel Novales won 1st place for Roller Coasters. They demonstrated Physics concepts to make a marble complete a course in the fastest time given specific design requirements. We start preparing for this event in November by holding practices weekly after school. All students gave a tremendous amount of time and effort to proudly represent the St. Michael School spirit.



*Article submitted by Ashley Tabernacki
Photos submitted by Patrick Massoels*

Education and Formation Commission

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:

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 8th graders in Church until 6:15 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 Rock for a cause-inviting all high school teens in the Diocese of Gary to the dance. Meet at 5:00 PM Mass followed by the dance in SMS gym, 6:00-10:00 PM. \$10 includes pizza and DJ.

**NOTE: Please bring a paper product or canned food item to donate for The Good Samaritans.*

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



Faith Formation

March Calendar

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

Mar. 7th: Traditional Classes 6:00-7:30 PM

Mar. 13th: Good Shepherd/Traditional Classes
6:00-7:30 PM

Mar. 14th: Traditional Classes 6:00-7:30 PM

Mar. 18th: Family Session 9:30-11:00 AM

Mar. 20th: Good Shepherd/Traditional Classes
6:00-7:30 PM

Mar. 21st: Traditional Classes 6:00-7:30 PM

Mar. 27th/28th: No Classes-Spring Break



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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...

Pat Klamo
Stella Sowinski

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



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, ***Rich Benak***, ***Glenna Goldasic***, ***Donna Cistaro***, ***Tina Serna***, Noah Ramirez, Dr. Michael Krol, Mike Wolfe, Richard Jakes, George Weber 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.

Getting to Know **THE GOOD SAMARITANS** Part I

Longtime parishioners, Dottie and Elmer Doctor, organized the St. Vincent DePaul Society Ministry, now known as the Good Samaritans Ministry, at St. Michael Parish in the early 1980's, when Fr. Joseph Vamos was pastor. Dottie, who worked with the St. John Township office in assisting people in need through the Community Center, felt a ministry at St. Michael's could work together with the Township. After attending meetings at St. Mary's Parish in Griffith and familiarizing herself with the focus of this ministry, she organized the St. Vincent DePaul Society along with approximately six members from our parish. In the early years, this small group of dedicated members, delivered food to families in need, did minor repairs for parishioners and helped move furnishings to Sojourner Truth House. They also hosted the Baby Jesus birthday party which provided baby items for those in need. Today we have two ministries, the Respect Life Ministry and the Rebuilding Hope Mission Team who now provide those services. In the early to mid 2000's, our ministry was renamed The Good Samaritans, due to changes in the National Standards and Rules of the St. Vincent DePaul Society. Today our ministry has sixteen members and we are honored to have one of the original members, Richard Cox, in our present group.

Submitted by Sue Cohen



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.

Respect Life Ministry News

Spiritual Adoption Cards

April 9th is the Annunciation of the Lord and in honor of this day The Respect Life Ministry will have Spiritual Adoption cards available the weekends of March 10th/11th and March 17th/18th. The cards have a place for the date to indicate the beginning of the Spiritual Adoption of an unborn child and the completion will be 9 months later. There will also be a space to give a name to the unborn child you are spiritually adopting along with the following prayer recommended by Archbishop Sheen to be said every day for the 9 months to spare the life of a baby in danger of abortion.

“Jesus, Mary and Joseph,

We love you very much,

We beg you spare the Life of the Unborn Baby that

We have Spiritually Adopted who is in danger of Abortion.”

Please see Respect Life Ministry Members in the Gathering Space for cards and additional information.

Please note: Due to March 25th being Palm Sunday the Annunciation of the Lord has been moved to April 9th. We are passing out cards on these weekends to avoid distribution during Holy/Easter Week.

40 Days for Life

The Respect Life Ministry would like to remind everyone that there are only 22 days left of the 40 Days for Life 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 worldwide 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.

A group from St Michael's Respect Life Ministry is planning to meet at Planned Parenthood on Saturday, March 24th, around 11:00 AM for a peaceful, non-confrontational prayer vigil to pray for the end of abortion. We welcome all to join us.

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.



Taking Time to Learn About Health at the St. Michael Health Fair

A big **THANK YOU** to all the many participants of the health fair this past weekend and to those who attended this wonderful event. Much information on many health care topics as well as home care, dentistry, vision care and advance directives were offered to name a few. See you again in 2020. This event was presented by the Health and Spirituality Committee of St. Michael Parish.

*Article submitted by Janice Gatons
Photos submitted by Patrick Massoels*

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

Senior GEMS

Upcoming Events:

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.

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

Registration for New Parishioners

The next parish registration will be March 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.

Set Your Legacy In Stone In Our Cemetery Paved Walkway

Only a Few Weeks Left

From the Past Through the Present to the Future

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

Name: _____

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

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Type of Paver:

Graduate - \$175

Memorial - \$125.00

Founder's Circle - \$250

Benefactor - \$200.00

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

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



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FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT FR. DOBRZYNSKI:

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Spring forward



Don't forget to set
clocks ahead
one hour
at 2 a.m.
Sunday

March 11th

get-healthy.com

Spring Forward

You may lose an hour of sleep, but...

FOCUS ON THE POSITIVE

It's a sign of spring

More sunlight after work hours

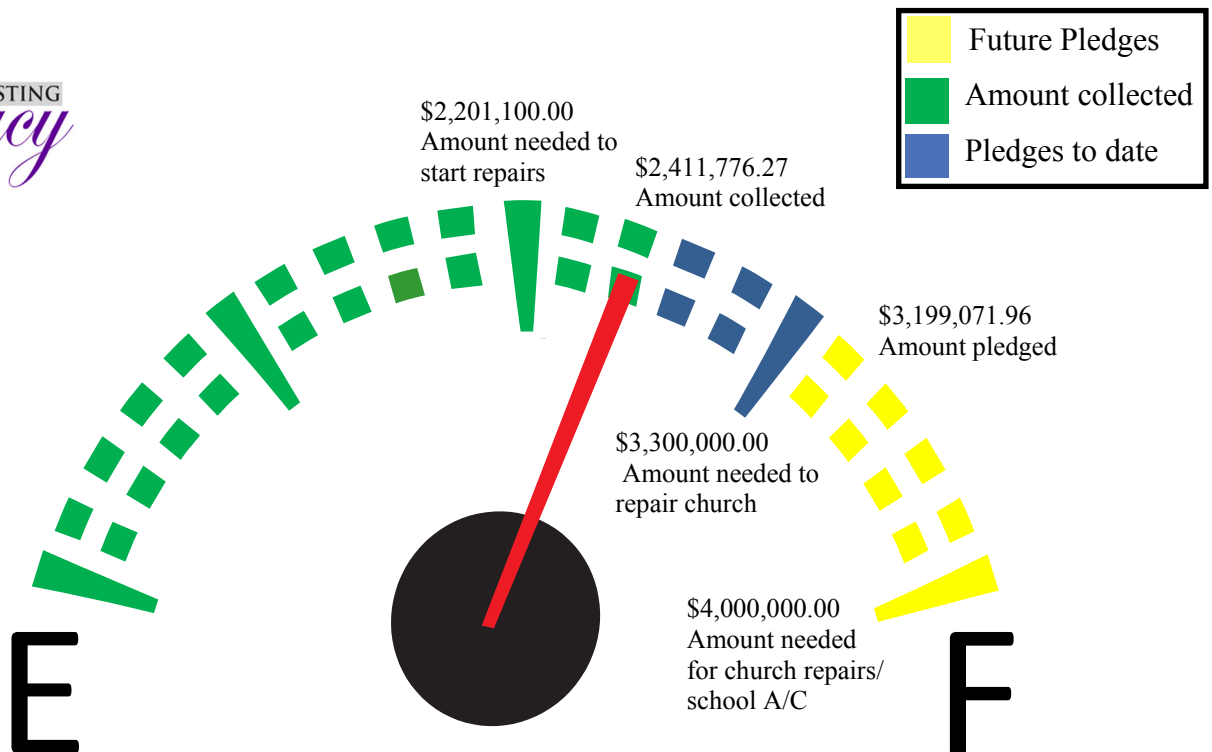
A brighter evening commute home

Opportunity for an outside
workout in the evening

Move more: Take a walk after dinner

A little sunshine = vitamin D

Capital Campaign Totals as of February 23, 2018





NWI CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Rooted in Faith: Our Lady Full of Grace

Northwest Indiana Catholic Women's Conference

Saturday April 21st

Want to be inspired and uplifted? Does your faith need a boost? Then join other Catholic women, of all levels of faith, from Indiana and surrounding states as they gather to revitalize their faith! The 2018 Northwest Indiana Catholic Women's Conference will be held at Queen of All Saints in Michigan City on Saturday **April 21st** from **9:00 AM to 3:30 PM**. Conference speakers include Bishop Donald J. Hying, Robin Rock, Fr. Leo Patalinghug, Michele Faehnle and Emily Jaminet. Tickets include lunch and entry to a drawing for lunch with Bishop Hying and Fr. Leo. Cost is \$30 dollars for adults and \$20 dollars for college and high school students. For tickets or more information call Janice @322-4505, ext. 241 or visit the conference web site at www.nwicatholicwomen.com.

Cemetery Clean-Up

Please remove all the decorations that you wish to keep from your cemetery grave sites so that St. Michael's maintenance crew can start clean-up as soon as possible (weather permitting). Eternal lights & attached vases can remain. If there are any Christmas decorations that remain and seem in good condition, are artificial, and have not blown off the grave sites they will be left on the south side of the storage shed on the east side of the cemetery. Everything else will be disposed of and the **Decorating Rules & Regulations**, (available at most entrances to the cemetery) will be strictly followed after the clean-up is finished. It is hoped that the cemetery will be ready for Easter decorations. *The saved items will be kept through April 9th and then disposed.*

Labors of Love

Anyone looking for a way to perform Corporal Works of Mercy for Lent? Why not consider joining the Labors of Love Ministry? Did you know that you don't need to know how to crochet, knit, or sew to be part of our ministry? We make the mats for the homeless from plastic grocery bags that requires only a pair of scissors. We also use peg looms to weave the mats, so you don't need crocheting skills!

Also, if you have any yarn or fleece laying around the house that you don't use, please consider donating it! St Michael's Right to Life Ministry has graciously offered to share the use of their bin in the vestibule, so any donations may be dropped off there. Donations help us help God's people in our community! If you have any questions, please call Kathy at 322-5436. God Bless You!



Northwest Indiana Catholic

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Stewardship & Parish Administration Commission

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

Stewardship Challenge

Prepare yourself this Lenten season and go to confession before Easter.

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY MARCH 4

RCIA 9:30 AM

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

MONDAY MARCH 5

Centering Prayer 6:00 PM

Catholic Bible Study 7:00 PM

Liturgy Committee Meeting 7:00 PM

TUESDAY MARCH 6

OLPH Devotions 7:30 AM

Labors of Love 10:00 AM

Good Shepherd/Traditional Classes 6:00 PM

Stations of the Cross 6:30 PM

WEDNESDAY MARCH 7

Stations of the Cross 1:00 PM

Eucharistic Adoration 1:30-6:00 PM

Traditional Classes 6:00 PM

Good Samaritans 6:30 PM

Stations of the Cross 6:30 PM

Discernment II 7:00 PM

The Bible and Blessed Virgin Mary 7:00 PM

THURSDAY MARCH 8

Bereavement Sessions 7:00 PM

Choir/Cantor Practice 7:00 PM

Health & Spirituality Meeting 7:00 PM

Stewardship Ministry Meeting 7:00 PM

FRIDAY MARCH 9

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

Bells Choir Practice 5:00 PM

SATURDAY MARCH 10

Respect Life Meeting 8:30 AM

Confessions 3:30-4:30 PM

Girl Scout Cookie Sales After Vigil Mass

Respect Life Spiritual Adoption Cards After Vigil Mass

Catholic Relief Services-2nd Collection

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE



February 25th, 2018

Adult	\$17,208.00
EFTs*	\$1,535.00
Children	\$62.35
Loose	\$960.25

Total Weekly Offering
\$19,765.60

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

***FISH FRY DINNERS IN THE AREA
ALL FRIDAYS DURING LENT EXCEPT
GOOD FRIDAY**

- *Bishop Noll Institute, 1519 Hoffman-Door C, Hammond, 4:30-7:00 PM, Cost is \$8-\$11 depending on type of fish. For more information, please call 932-9058 or visit bishopnoll.org.*
- *Columbian Club of East Chicago, Inc. located at 1104 Knights of Columbus Drive @ Indianapolis Blvd and the EC South Shore, 4:00-7:00 PM. Fish available for purchase starting at \$10.*
- *St. James the Greater Catholic Church, 22400 Torrence, Sauk Village IL, in Didier Hall. Cost is \$8 per person. Dinner starts at 5:00 PM and runs until 7:00 PM unless food runs out. St. Patrick, 3802 Grand Blvd, East Chicago, 4:00-7:00 PM, cost is \$10 with salad bar.*



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.

ST. PATRICK FEAST DAY CELEBRATION

On **March 11th**, *St. Patrick, 3802 Grand Blvd., East Chicago* will start its celebration with a Bilingual Mass at 10:30 AM followed by a 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. STAN'S PARISH MISSION**

St. Stanislaus Kostka Church, 109 Ann St., Michigan City is having a Parish Mission, "Divine Mercy, Source of Our Happiness and Joy," **March 19th-22nd**. For more information, please call 219-879-9281.

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.

***WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

WWME begins with a private weekend experience including presentations about practical tools for growing in loving relationships and continues with ongoing enrichments in the community after the weekend. Learn more and apply online today! **April 6th-8th** at *Wyndham Garden Hotel in Elk Grove Village, IL*.



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What are your habits? Are they helping you become the best version of yourself or some second rate version of yourself? *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.

***BNI'S CLASS OF 1968 REUNION**

Bishop Noll Institute's Class of 1968 has begun planning for its 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 . . . —



SATURDAY MARCH 3

5:00 PM ✠ Stanley Mastey

SUNDAY MARCH 4

7:30 AM ✠ Kyle Arnold

✠ Victor Makiejus

✠ Dolores Leluga

9:30 AM ✠ Sandra Morgan

11:30 AM St. Michael Parish

MONDAY MARCH 5

7:00 AM ✠ Jerry Ehresman

✠ Antonio Rossignuolo

TUESDAY MARCH 6

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

6:30 PM Stations of the Cross

WEDNESDAY MARCH 7

7:00 AM All Souls

8:55 AM ✠ Beverly Mullaney

1:00 PM Stations of the Cross

6:30 PM Stations of the Cross

THURSDAY MARCH 8

7:00 AM ✠ Rosemary Gordon

FRIDAY MARCH 9

7:00 AM All Souls

12:00 PM Stations of the Cross

7:30 PM Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY MARCH 10

8:00 AM All Souls

5:00 PM ✠ Deceased Members of the
Jentkryzarowski Family

SUNDAY MARCH 11

7:30 AM For an End to Abortion on Demand and
for a Conversion of Heart for
those who Provide Abortions

✠ Joseph Plahtaric

✠ Camilo Ibarra

9:30 AM St. Michael Parish

11:30 AM ✠ John Krull



✠ indicates deceased

Reflections...

THE WORD

(Readings for March 11th, Fourth Sunday of Lent)

I. *1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7,
10-13a*

The Lord sent Samuel to Bethlehem to the house of Jesse, where Samuel was to anoint the new king of Israel. After Jesse presented each of his sons, the Lord instructed Samuel to anoint the youngest, David.

II. *Ephesians 5:8-14*

Live as children of light in goodness, justice, and truth. "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light."

III. *John 9:1-41*

Jesus cured a man born blind. The Pharisees became upset because He did this on the Sabbath. After the Pharisees rejected the man's story, he met Jesus again. Jesus, "Son of Man," explained how the blind will see, but those who hold on to sin will remain in darkness.

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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