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ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

SCHERERVILLE, IN 46375

1 E. WILHELM STREET

FOURTH SUNDAY OF

*Lent*

MARCH 11, 2018

*I was blind  
and now I see.*

*John 9:25*

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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 three  
 years prior to reserving a date for the wedding. The diocese  
 requires that arrangements must be made at least six months in  
 advance of the wedding date in order for the proper personal,  
 spiritual and liturgical preparations of the couple to be  
 completed.

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

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

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

## BULLETIN DEADLINE:

Monday prior to the Sunday printing 12:00 PM (Noon).  
 Holidays have exceptions. Please submit potential bulletin  
 articles by email to bulletin@stmichaelparish.life or in print  
 form to the office or by fax to 322-4508.

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## From the Pastor's Desk

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***A Topsy-Turvy World.*** How do the seeing become blind and the blind able to see? The whole story of the man born blind hinges on Jesus' judgment. After Jesus' initial appearance, at the beginning of the story, where He heals the blind man various encounters ensue between the healed blind man and others. Though the theme of each encounter centers around Jesus, He is not physically present for those encounters. Jesus reappears at the end of the story and pronounces the obvious judgement that those who claim to see are blind and the blind now see.

The man born blind not only sees in the obvious physical way but also learns to see with the eyes of faith. He trusts more and more in Jesus, who moves from being a nice man, to being a holy man, to being a prophet, to being the Son of God.

At the same time the crowds, his parents and the leaders of the people move in the opposite direction. They, in the end, claim to "see" but really are blind because they have stifled their capacity to trust.

The gift of trust must always be safeguarded. But safeguarding it is not parking it away; it is only kept safe when it is spent; that is, when I trust. Trust not exercised becomes suspicion, then distrust, then stinginess, then downright hostility.

In short, we need to trust and renew our trust often in the Son of God. That means I need to move away from stinginess, from the idea that there is not enough to share with Jesus and the work of His Body, the Church. St. Michael's has a mission beyond the basics of education and burying the dead. Can we see it?!

We will only be able to see it with hearts and hands wide open like the man born blind. Jesus does expect you or me to "get it" all right-away. But He does give us the grace of many encounters that can help us hone our faith/trust so we can move from slight participation to a full acknowledgment that all I have comes from God and needs to be used to draw me closer to Him.

To shun such encounters, to ignore pleas for me to share my time, talents, and treasures and most importantly to share my faith with others will not allow me or you to deepen our love of Jesus. It is essential for you and me to possess the firm belief that life without Jesus is a disaster for you and me, indeed for anyone. Invitations to share our trust in the Lord Jesus with others who seek the real Truth cannot be side-stepped. These invitations to share/to trust are most practical.

Using the encounters in the story of the man born blind as an example to us we see that each time he shares his faith he actually deepens his faith/trust in Jesus. Indeed, the point of his sharing is not to be a "success" in converting others to Jesus, rather it is to demonstrate his faithfulness. The same is true of us. We share our experience of Jesus in our lives to first and foremost deepen our faithfulness to Jesus and his goodness for us and secondly to bring others to Christ.

Our trust does not go unrewarded. Our willingness to stretch our vision to include Jesus' larger vision for our community invigorates us, clarifies our vision to really see. I begin to see really how much I have, and how my worry about holding on really deflates my worth. Regrettably, the rewards of trust are only realized when I trust. So I need to take today's Gospel story at face value and recognize the movement of the characters in that story. Who do I want to be, or better where do I want to end up? With the people who are unwilling to see the obvious in the man born blind? Or with the man born blind who now truly sees and lays all he is before the Son of God?

***Stations of the Cross—Please join us on Friday, March 16th and 23rd, at noon and 7:30 PM for this very powerful and spiritual pilgrimage. The following ministries are asked to travel the Stations of the Cross together in the evening as a way to express devotion to God and commitment to the 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

# Spirituality and Worship Commission

## Stations of the Cross



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

**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

## 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.

## WE NEED YOUR HELP



The Hospitality Ministry is in need of ministers. Anyone, high school age and over, is welcome to help. Duties include:

- Greeting all those who enter our worship space
- Performing the collection of the gifts of our parish community
- Coordinating the presentation of these gifts along with the hosts, wine and water to the altar
- Coordinating the procession of the faithful as they partake in receiving the Body and Blood of Christ through communion.

If you are interested in helping with these duties or have any questions, please contact John Madrigal at 322-9792.

## 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



## Fourth Sunday of Lent So Dark!

On a starless, cloud-filled night, it is almost impossible to move in safety. That changes when dawn approaches, when light breaks on the horizon. That is why the dripping wet newly baptized (when real thirst is slaked) receive light from the paschal candle. Christ gives us light. Christ is light!

What are the times I prefer to "be in the dark?"

What blinds me from seeing goodness and truth?

What mercy work can I do to give light (and heat) to those in need?



# Spirituality and Worship Commission

## Little White Easter Liturgical Books

These books will be available in the gathering space after all masses this weekend and next weekend for a donation of \$1.00 each.



### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

This week we beg with the man born blind, to see Jesus, who is the light and gives us sight. The Rites of Scrutiny are meant to uncover, and then heal, all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the Elect and the community and to bring out through repentance all that is upright, strong, and good. Three Scrutinies are celebrated in the parish community on the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Sundays of Lent after the homily. **The Elect** is Mariano Vlcek. Please keep him in your prayers as he prepares for the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil.

**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.

## 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

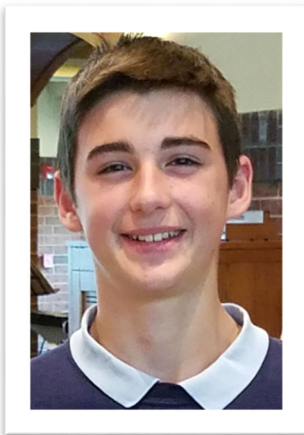


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(Patrick) or ext. 241 (Janice) during the hours of 9:00 AM-4:00 PM, Monday-Friday.

## SCHOOL NEWS

### Warrior of the Week



This week's Warrior of the Week is R.J. Kain. R.J. has been a student at St. Michael School since preschool. He plays soccer and basketball for the Warriors and also plays travel basketball and baseball outside of school. R.J.'s favorite thing about SMS is that all of the students are very nice and friendly. R.J. will be attending Marian Catholic High School next year, and when he leaves SMS, he will miss the students and also playing knockout (basketball) at lunch. R.J.'s advice to younger students is to behave in class, listen to your teachers, and never be disrespectful.

Enjoy the rest of your 8th grade year, R.J.!

### Career Day in First Grade



During Catholic Schools Week at St. Michael Catholic School, Mrs. Rusin's first grade students participated in "Career Day 2018" along with the entire student body. In preparation for this event, they wrote and presented their reports which explained their job requirements and the reasons for choosing their careers. Their enthusiasm shined while they shared their career duties and experiences!

### 100th Day in First Grade

Look who turned 100 years old today!! The first graders at St. Michael Catholic School celebrated this day by dressing like they were 100 years old! Some of the ways they celebrated were by dancing, exercising, playing bingo, and sharing meals together.

*Articles submitted by Catherine Rusin*

*Photos submitted by Patrick Massoels*



## 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](http://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

### March Calendar

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**

## 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!



#### Upcoming Events:

**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.

**April 14th (Saturday):** All high school teens from the Diocese of Gary are invited to RADIATE ROCK, dance with a cause. It starts with 5:00 PM Mass followed by the dance in SMS gym, 6:00-10:00 PM. The fee is \$10 and a nonperishable item for Good Samaritans. Pizza, snacks and DJ are included. Cash or check accepted.

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

## Peace & Social Justice Commission

**Commission Members:** Ministry of Consolation and Hope, Good Samaritans, Pastoral Care, Respect Life, Health & Spirituality Committee, Parish Nurse Ministry, Rebuilding Hope Mission Team, Visitation Ministry, Labors of Love



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, **Deacon Jack Krol**, **Evelyn Mathews**, Beth Anne Brown, Megan Bugg, William Kotinek, David Sarros, **Jen-Mei Dorris**, David Goldasic, Phil Krivickas, Zbigniew Sochacki, **Francisco X. Flores** 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.*

# Peace & Social Justice Commission

## Blood Pressure, Glucose and Oxygen Level Screenings



The next screenings will take place next weekend, March 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.

## 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 this weekend and next weekend. 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.**

### Ads for Sale

Also at this time we will have patron ads for the Lake County Right To Life banquet for sale for \$10 - \$30. Please see Respect Life Ministry members in the Gathering Space for cards and additional information.

### 40 Days for Life

The Respect Life Ministry would like to remind everyone that there are only 15 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.**



# Peace & Social Justice Commission

## The Good Samaritans' News

# FOOD DRIVE



***“Find out how much God has given you and from it take what you need; the remainder is needed by others.”-St. Augustine***

At Holy Thursday 7:00 PM Mass on March 29th, the Good Samaritans will have their annual food appeal. The following items are needed: canned meats, spam, tuna, soup, cereal, canned fruit, peanut butter, jelly, rice, hamburger helper, potato sides, crackers, cookies, chili, stuffing mix, pasta sauce, canned vegetables, pasta. Also needed, personal care items such as shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, soap, household cleaners, dish detergent, kleenex, paper towels and toilet paper. Should you prefer a monetary donation, there are envelopes on the racks in the gathering space. Thank you for your support!

***“Gratitude is the most exquisite form of courtesy.”***

### Getting to Know **THE GOOD SAMARITANS** Part II

The original volunteers met each week; however today we meet once a month and weekly assist those in need. Our ministry is donation based and without the assistance of our St. Michael Parish family and the Schererville Community, we would not be able to help clients. We have two food drives each year, at Holy Thursday evening Mass and at Thanksgiving Day Mass. This past year we were blessed with the generosity of so many. We would like to, once again, acknowledge the friends of our ministry in 2017... The Knights of Columbus Council 12177, the St. Michael HSA, the St. Michael School Children, the Faith Formation Children, the RADIATE High School Ministry and both the Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts. The Schererville Fire Department, the Postal Service and Crowder Chiropractic have also been so generous and helpful filling our pantry. *Most importantly*, we could not exist without the consistent support of you, our kind parishioners. The monetary donations we receive help purchase meat for our freezer along with other perishable items and aid with utility/rent assistance. We have had parish families, during the holiday season, donate turkeys, hams and all the sides so that we could provide families with complete holiday dinners. Twenty families, for both Thanksgiving and Christmas, were able to enjoy dinner, along with gifts, some of which were donated by our very benevolent parishioners. You are so very important to our ministry. In addition, during this past year, we provided 196 families with groceries, assisted 60 families with NIPSCO bills, 9 families with water bills and 13 families with rent/mortgage payments. We are a busy group and work with Sojourner Truth House, the Sisters of Charity, Salvation Army and the Township Office. Our pantry is located in the basement of the Church office. We welcome anyone interested in joining our group. If interested, please contact Sue Cohen at 219-742-2478. Please know we are so grateful to you and appreciate your generosity throughout the year.



*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.



## Nutrition and Eye Care

Many optometrists are expanding their traditional roles to include other areas that affect eye health, such as nutritional education. Research has shown that certain nutrients can delay the development and progression of cataracts and age-related macular degeneration (AMD). These are two of the leading causes of blindness and visual impairment for millions of aging Americans. Nutrition may be particularly important in treating AMD. Also, people who suffer from dry eye, an increasing problem due to the visual demands of digital devices, can often benefit from nutritional supplements. Taking synthetic supplements that contain these carotenoids, along with the vitamins C and E and zinc, has been proven to limit the disease in patients with advanced signs and symptoms of AMD. Also, because the method of food preparation can impact your body's ability to fully benefit from these natural sources of carotenoids, taking supplements can help assure people are getting the proper levels. Other risk factors for AMD, although not thoroughly understood, may include smoking, alcohol intake, excessive sunlight and high total cholesterol levels. The American Optometric Association recommends patients reduce their risk of AMD by wearing appropriate sun protection to limit ultraviolet exposure, stop smoking, moderate alcohol consumption, maintain a nutritionally balanced diet, increase consumption of foods or supplements that contain antioxidants, and seek periodic optometric retinal examinations.

*Article submitted by Janice Gatoms*

## Parish Life

### 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. We ask that you have the **dates and places of Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation and Marriage** for all members of the family. If you have any questions please call Debbie at the parish office 322-4505, ext. 225.

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

### Senior GEMS

All seniors over the age of 50 are invited to attend our meetings and outings. You do not have to attend the meetings to go to the outings.

#### Upcoming Events:

**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.



*Calling All Seniors!*



### Having a Special Wedding Anniversary?

If you are celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th or 50th+ anniversary, you and your family are invited to the Anniversary Mass and Reception with Bishop Donald Hying at Cathedral of the Holy Angels, May 5th at 4:00 PM. To reserve, please contact the parish office, 322-4505, ext. 220 by April 20th.

This event is sponsored by Catholic Charities.



## PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND AND EASTERN EUROPE 13 Days: September 10-22, 2018

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## Changes to the Bulletin Schedule:

Articles for the March 25th bulletin (Palm Sunday) are due on Wednesday, March 14th by noon.

Articles for the April 1st Bulletin (Easter) are due on Wednesday, March 21st by noon.

Articles for the April 8th bulletin are due on Wednesday, March 28th by noon.

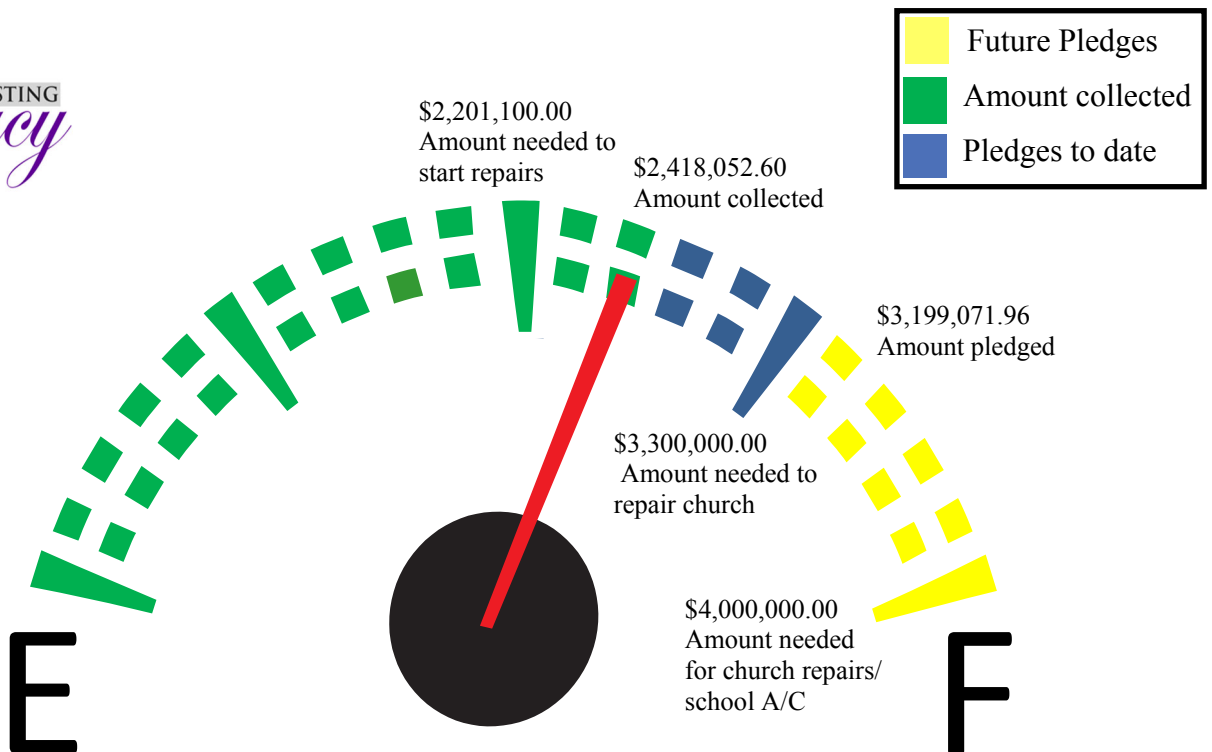
*Thank you for being considerate of these deadlines.*

## Today is Girl Scout Sunday



The St. Michael School Daisy, Brownie and Girl Scout Troops will be selling Girl Scout Cookies after all Masses this weekend. Pre-ordered cookies are also available for pick up.

## Capital Campaign Totals as of March 2, 2018



## Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

Thanks to you, our generous parishioners, St. Clare's Kitchen in Cedar Lake, St Joseph's Kitchen in Hammond and the Missionaries of Charity in Gary each received \$1,785.77 from our Ash Wednesday collection. A total of \$5,357.31 was collected.



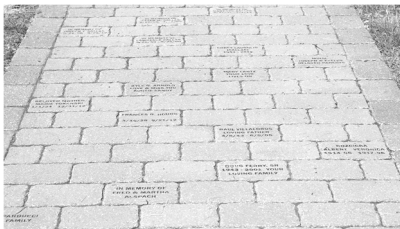
## NWI CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

### Rooted in Faith: Our Lady Full of Grace

### Northwest Indiana Catholic Women's Conference

***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, 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](http://www.nwicatholicwomen.com).

## Order Your Pavers Now!



Set your legacy in stone in St. Michael Cemetery's paved walkway. Order deadline is fast approaching. Forms may be found on the tables in the Gathering Space. Take one home to complete and mail or drop off with payment at our parish office:

1 E. Wilhelm St., Schererville, IN 46375

**Graduate - \$175**

**Memorial - \$125.00**

**Founder's Circle - \$250**

**Benefactor - \$200.00**

## Cemetery Clean-Up Has Begun

***Please remove all the decorations that you wish to keep from your cemetery grave sites.*** Eternal lights & attached vases can remain. If there are any Christmas decorations that remain and seem in good condition, 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! *Submitted by Kathy Jablonski*





# Stewardship & Parish Administration Commission

## Stewardship Challenge

Go out of your way sometime this week to make a small difference in someone's life.

## Weekly Schedule

### SUNDAY MARCH 11

Catholic Relief Services-2nd Collection  
Coffee & Donuts After All Masses  
Easter Reflection Book Sale After All Masses  
Girl Scout Cookie Sales After All Masses  
Respect Life Spiritual Adoption Cards After All Masses  
RCIA 9:30 AM  
RADIATE 6:00 PM

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

### MONDAY MARCH 12

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

### TUESDAY MARCH 13

OLPH Devotions 7:30 AM  
GEMS 10:00 AM  
Good Shepherd/Traditional Classes 6:00 PM  
Endow Study Group 6:00 PM

### WEDNESDAY MARCH 14

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

### THURSDAY MARCH 15

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

### FRIDAY MARCH 16

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

### SATURDAY MARCH 17

Anointing of the Sick 8:00 AM Mass  
Finance Committee Meeting 9:00 AM  
Confessions 3:30-4:30 PM  
BP Readings After Vigil Mass  
Easter Reflection Book Sale After Vigil Mass  
Respect Life Spiritual Adoption Cards After Vigil Mass

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

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

**March 4th, 2018**

Adult	\$20,975.00
EFTs*	\$3,690.00
Children	\$68.45
Loose	\$777.02

**Total Weekly Offering**  
**\$25,510.47**

**Easter Flowers**  
**\$3,743.00**

*\*Electronic Funds Transfer*



Flower donation envelopes need to be in the office no later than **Monday, March 12th**, at 9:00 AM if you wish to have your name listed in the Easter bulletin.

When was the last time you learned something new about your Catholic Church? One way to stay current on your faith is through the Northwest Indiana Catholic newspaper, coming into your home 43 times each year. Enjoy photographs from around the world that tell the many stories of our faith in action, along with the unique perspective of Catholic writers and columnists, including our own Bishop Donald J. Hying. Subscribe now using the envelope in your collection packet by March 26th. The rate is only \$26 per year! Credit or debit card users go to [nwcatholic.com](http://nwcatholic.com).

## EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

The Foundation would like to thank the following parishioner for her donation.

Loretta DePrez

Look for us on the website: [www.stmichaelparish.life](http://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.*
- *Descent of the Holy Spirit Orthodox Church, 545 Seberger Rd., Schererville, 3:00-7:00 PM. For more information, visit [www.holyspiritschererville.com](http://www.holyspiritschererville.com).*
- *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.*

## \*ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER

Enjoy a St. Patrick's Day Dinner, corned beef, cabbage, potato and carrots, bread and butter and dessert, all for \$12 per plate at *Descent of the Holy Spirit Orthodox Church, 545 Seberger Rd., Schererville* on **March 17th**, 4:00-8:00 PM or until sold out.

## ST. JOSEPH'S DAY DINNER

Saturday, **March 17th**

Hosted by Marquette Council #3631 of the *Knights of Columbus, 1400 S Broad St, Griffith, IN 46319*.

Doors open at 6:00 PM with dinner served at 6:30 PM. Traditional Polish food! Pierogi, Kraut, Sausage, Kluski, bread, salad, dessert.

Cost is \$12 for adults, \$6 for children, toddlers 6 and under eat free!

All proceeds benefit Council and K of C Charities. Charity for the evening will be Savior of the World Orphanage in Sierra Leon, Africa.

Good will donations accepted as well!

## \*EASTER BREAKFAST

The Knights of Columbus St. Pope John Paul II Council 16008 will be hosting an Easter Breakfast on **March 18th**, 7:30 AM - 1:00 PM at *St. James the Less, corner of Kennedy and 45th Ave., Highland*. This is a free will donation and is open to all. For more information, please contact Dan Mills at 219-801-5250.



## 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*.

## **Dynamic Catholic** Be Bold. Be Catholic.®

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](http://DynamicCatholic.com) or by calling 859-980-7900. If you have any questions, please call 663-2201 or email [jackiemgentry@yahoo.com](mailto: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. 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](mailto: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 to 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.



**\*COUNSELORS AND STUDENT NURSE NEEDED**  
Camp Lawrence in Valparaiso is looking for counselors and a student nurse to work the 2018 camp season. Please contact the Catholic Youth Organization at 219-736-8931 or [nwicyo@comcast.net](mailto:nwicyo@comcast.net) for more information.

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



## **SATURDAY MARCH 10**

**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

## **MONDAY MARCH 12**

**7:00 AM** ✠ Rose Zych

## **TUESDAY MARCH 13**

**7:00 AM** ✠ Valeria Breski, Frank Breski, Sr., &  
Frank Breski, Jr.

## **WEDNESDAY MARCH 14**

**7:00 AM** ✠ Sandra Morgan

✠ Dolores Redman-3rd Anniversary

**8:55 AM** ✠ Beverly Mullaney

**1:00 PM** Stations of the Cross

## **THURSDAY MARCH 15**

**7:00 AM** ✠ John Kosiara

## **FRIDAY MARCH 16**

**7:00 AM** ✠ Donnabelle Bohling

**12:00 PM** Stations of the Cross

**7:30 PM** Stations of the Cross

## **SATURDAY MARCH 17**

**8:00 AM** ✠ Fr. Ron Lewinski

**5:00 PM** ✠ Joan Dambek

## **SUNDAY MARCH 18**

**7:30 AM** ✠ Skip "Gary" Rice

**9:30 AM** St. Michael Parish

**11:30 AM** ✠ Catherine Curley

✠ Luis A. Colon

✠ Carol Jakubowicz

✠ indicates deceased



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## **THE WORD**

*(Readings for March 18th, Fifth Sunday of Lent)*

I. *Ezekiel 37:12-14*

The Lord God told the people that soon the graves of the dead would open and they would rise. "I will put my spirit in you that you may live...says the Lord."

II. *Romans 8:8-11*

"Whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him." God, who raised Jesus from the dead, will raise also those in whom the Spirit dwells.

III. *John 11:1-45*

Lazarus died, and Jesus raised him from death. Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."

## The Parish Website

Visit our website, [www.stmichaelparish.life](http://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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and a strong business community is good for our parish.***

If you would like to advertise in our bulletin, please call Barbara at 219-427-4803.



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