

WELCOME TO
ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

FIFTH SUNDAY OF

Lent

MARCH 18, 2018

*Jesus cried out
in a loud voice,
“Lazarus,
come out!”*

John 11:43

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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).
 Holidays have exceptions. Please submit potential bulletin
 articles by email to bulletin@stmichaelparish.life or in print
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From the Pastor's Desk

Fruitful Surrender? Today's Gospel is the final story in a trilogy of salvation. The woman at the well, who comes to know Jesus as her savior, longs to drink the "living" water Jesus can only provide. This water is used both to wash us clean and to quench our thirst so that the allurements of the world, that promise to quench our thirst, can be shown for what they are -- lies.

This is the same water used in last week's Gospel to wash the clay from Bartimaeus' eyes. He was the man born blind, like all of us. In the second installment of this trilogy we learn how to thirst with our eyes. How to long to see as Christ sees. In that story we are reminded how not to take our faith for granted, because we could easily also be the many characters in that same story who Jesus calls blind. To see with one's soul is to thirst for the living water that is Christ. This is where the third installment begins.

The main characters in today's gospel are both people who know Jesus as a friend and also know him as a great preacher and healer. But they do not yet acclaim him as the "Son of God" the "Christ." Today's story teaches us the logical conclusion for those who follow Jesus. To know Jesus, to drink his living water like Mary, see him for more than just a special man like Martha is to proclaim him for what he is, "the resurrection and the life." Both Martha and Mary have to make the last leap in the midst of sorrow and pain.

The woman at the well makes the leap in the midst of the excitement of discovery, "come see a man who told me everything about me, might he be the Messiah?" The man born blind came to make his leap from a powerful sense of thankfulness for new sight, both physical and spiritual. But Martha and Mary make the most profound leap, for it is out of helplessness and sorrow that they are asked to profess their faith.

You and I often fall into the temptation to want to approach God from our strength. We could sum it up in good sentiments like, "If I win the lottery, I'll take care of the church, the poor, or some worthy charity." This is a nice thought but it is one that says, out of my strength I'll do something. Or sometimes it is expressed in terms of time, like, "When I retire, when the kids are grown, when I get older, when I (you can fill in the blank) I will help with the Good Samaritans, or join the choir, or do (whatever). This too is to fall into the temptation that such surrender to God is meant to be on my terms.

Martha, who liked to have things just so, and Mary, who listened to Jesus teaching with great devotion both had to learn how to "give it over" to Jesus by way of sorrow, vulnerability and pain. In a sense, this story prepares us for what Jesus himself does on the cross. For it is out of these attitudes, or better, realities that he must surrender to the Father on our behalf.

We have plenty of opportunities to "give it over" to God. The most fruitful surrender though is not out of strength but out of vulnerability. Because, like Martha and Mary, we then have the possibility, indeed the promise, we will see new life, new hope, new horizons that help to better see God daily and satisfy our thirst for his loving embrace.

Preparing for the Great Week. God is clear that he desires most of all "a humble and contrite heart." That is, a willingness on our part to come to him and seek his forgiveness and mercy, especially in the Sacrament of Penance. Your preparation and mine involves a review of our conscience. This review is most useful when it digs deep to uncover those attitudes which lead us to hurt ourselves and others.

The key question to use in your review of conscience is WHY? Why do I lose my temper so quickly, what does God need to heal in me to help me with this? Why do I treat others with disdain, what part of me is disdainful even to myself? Why can't I show mercy to others, the poor or family members whom I don't like? Do I accept God's mercy for me or is my indifference or callousness a sign of how I ignore God's mercy for me?

Prepare yourself by giving some thought to those attitudes that lead you to walk in the opposite direction of God's love. What are those more hidden habits of the heart directing your actions that offend others and so offend God? Then as we gather this Tuesday, March 20th, at 6:30 PM bring those things that need God's healing love to the Sacrament of God's forgiveness.



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Spirituality and Worship Commission

Get Your Little White Easter Liturgical Books

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

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.

THE HOSPITALITY MINISTRY NEEDS YOU!

VOLUNTEER
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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

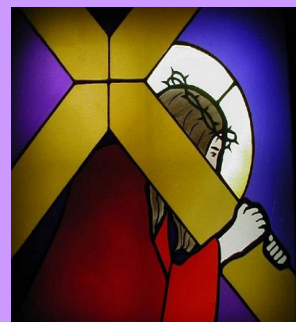
Our parish is in need of volunteers to help assist at the foot-washing stations on **Holy Thursday, March 29th, at the 7:00 PM Mass.** Please call Cheryl at 242-2630 to volunteer. No experience is necessary, just a willingness to serve as Jesus did.

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



Experience the... Living Stations of the Cross

Wednesday,
March 28th at
9:00 AM
and 6:30 PM



Stations of the Cross



Please join us as we partake in this very moving spiritual pilgrimage this last Friday of Lent at 12:00 PM or 7:30 PM.

Spirituality and Worship Commission



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

This week we lie with Lazarus within the tomb of oblivion and death, built with the stones of our own sins, until Jesus reaches out His hand and pulls us from the pit. The Rites of Scrutiny are meant to uncover, and then heal, all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the Elect as well as ourselves and to bring out through repentance all that is upright, strong, and good.

Three Scrutinies were celebrated in the parish community on the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Sundays of Lent after the homily. *The Elect* is **Mariano Vlcek**. Please keep them 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.

Fifth Sunday of Lent-So Dead

Some people do everything possible, and then some more, to stay alive. Some fear death. If we think ritually, we can be dead because of sin. We should fear that. But grace is stronger than sin. God's life is stronger than death. In fact, Christians cherish death because it is entrance from this life to life anew; it is entrance from this home to our eternal home. This death we should not fear.

- What life do I really need?
- What behaviors need (must) I avoid?
- What mercy work can I do to comfort the dying, to pray for the dead?



The Art & Environment Ministry Sends You an Invitation

The Art & Environment Ministry is decorating the Church for Easter on March 31st starting at 9:30 AM. You are invited to help us get ready for this sacred season. This is an opportunity for you to see what our ministry does. Please call Judy at 365-8613 if you have any questions.

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

Warrior of the Week



This week's Warrior of the Week is Catherine Foster. Catherine has been a student at St. Michael School since preschool and will be attending Lake Central High School next year. She plays basketball and cheers for the Warriors. She is also an altar server and plays in the bell choir for school Masses. Catherine's favorite thing about SMS is, "how great my teachers and principal are to me. They show us how to be kind and create a great environment for everyone to be in." When she leaves SMS, Catherine says, "I will obviously miss my classmates! But I will also miss Miss Kennedy and my SMS family." Catherine's advice to younger students is "to treat everyone with respect, especially your teachers!" We wish you all the best in the future, Catherine!

Need Assistance with Tuition?

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



ST. MICHAEL
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PASSPORT TO OUR *Heritage*

CELEBRATE THE PAST & INVEST INTO THE FUTURE OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY
JOIN US FOR THE "GETAWAY"... SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 2018
5:30 P.M. TO MIDNIGHT AT ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

CHECK BACK HERE NEXT WEEK FOR ANOTHER SNEAK PEEK AT WHERE
THE EVENING CAN "TAKE YOU" AND WHAT SOUVENIRS COULD BE YOURS.
FOR MORE INFO VISIT WWW.STMICHAELPARISH.LIFE/PASSPORT
BUY YOUR TICKETS ONLINE BEGINNING MARCH 12TH.

THE EVENT FEATURES AN ARRAY OF ENTERTAINMENT,
FOOD & DRINKS AT THE INTERNATIONAL PORTS,
& AN ASSORTMENT OF SILENT AUCTION AREAS.

CELEBRATE HISPANIC HERITAGE AT THE PORT OF MEXICO!
SAMPLE CUISINE LIKE TAMALES AND RICE, OR
QUENCH YOUR THIRST WITH A MARGARITA OR CERVEZA

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

Education and Formation Commission



Faith

Formation

March Calendar

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*

SAVE THE DATE
ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
FROM DIOCESE OF GARY
RADIATE ROCK
DANCE WITH A CAUSE
APRIL 14TH
5:00 PM MASS
6:00-10:00 PM

Peace & Social Justice Commission

Blood Pressure, Glucose and Oxygen Level Screenings

Screenings will take place this 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.

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

Rebuilding Hope Mission Team Lends a Helping Hand

St. Michael's Rebuilding Hope Mission Team helped Shady Oaks Summer Camp for those with Disabilities in Homer Glen, IL last Saturday to repair the structural supports for the flooring in building 12. This is in preparation for the complete restoration of the facility.

Pictures show some of our youth assisting with this effort. Their efforts were a literal demonstration of how to be the hands and feet of Jesus.

If you are interested in participating in projects like this, please contact St. Michael's Rebuilding Hope Mission Team through the parish office at 322-4505, ext. 220.



Peace & Social Justice Commission



For Those Who Have Died...

Julius Cheranko

Florence Kropiewnecki

Life has changed, not ended



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,*** Don Smith, Angie Mangione 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.

The Good Samaritans' Semi-Annual 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's 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."

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 this 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.

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 7 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.

Submitted by Cathy Bartczak

Parish Life

Cemetery Clean-Up Has Begun

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

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.*

Volunteers Needed

The Easter Bunny needs help to fill eggs for the egg hunt.

This will take place on Thursday, **April 5th at 6:00 PM** in the SW Meeting Room in St. Patrick Hall.



DISCERNMENT 2018:

Nine parishioners completed the second of two sessions of Discernment for the Parish Finance Council, the Parish Pastoral Council, School Sports Advisory and School HSA. We thank them for their interest in serving their parish. The following is a list of the newly discerned members.

Finance Council	Jason Bazarko, Janice Malinowski & Ron Smolen
HSA	Erin Rich
Pastoral Council	Lee Ann Egan & Tom Molnar
School Sports Advisory	Veronica Cappello, Tim Doffin & Jodi Small

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:

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



Calling All Seniors!

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.

Registration for New Parishioners

Parish registration is today, **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.

Changes to the Bulletin Schedule:

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.

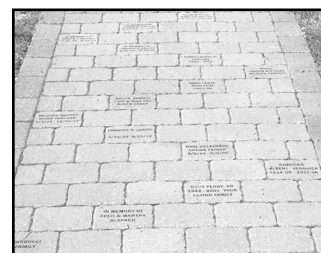
Thank you for being considerate of these deadlines.

Don't Be Left Out: Order Your Pavers

Set your legacy in stone in St. Michael Cemetery's paved walkway. Order deadline is right around the corner. 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





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Having a Special Wedding Anniversary?

If you are celebrating a
25th, 30th, 40th, 50th or 50th+
anniversary,

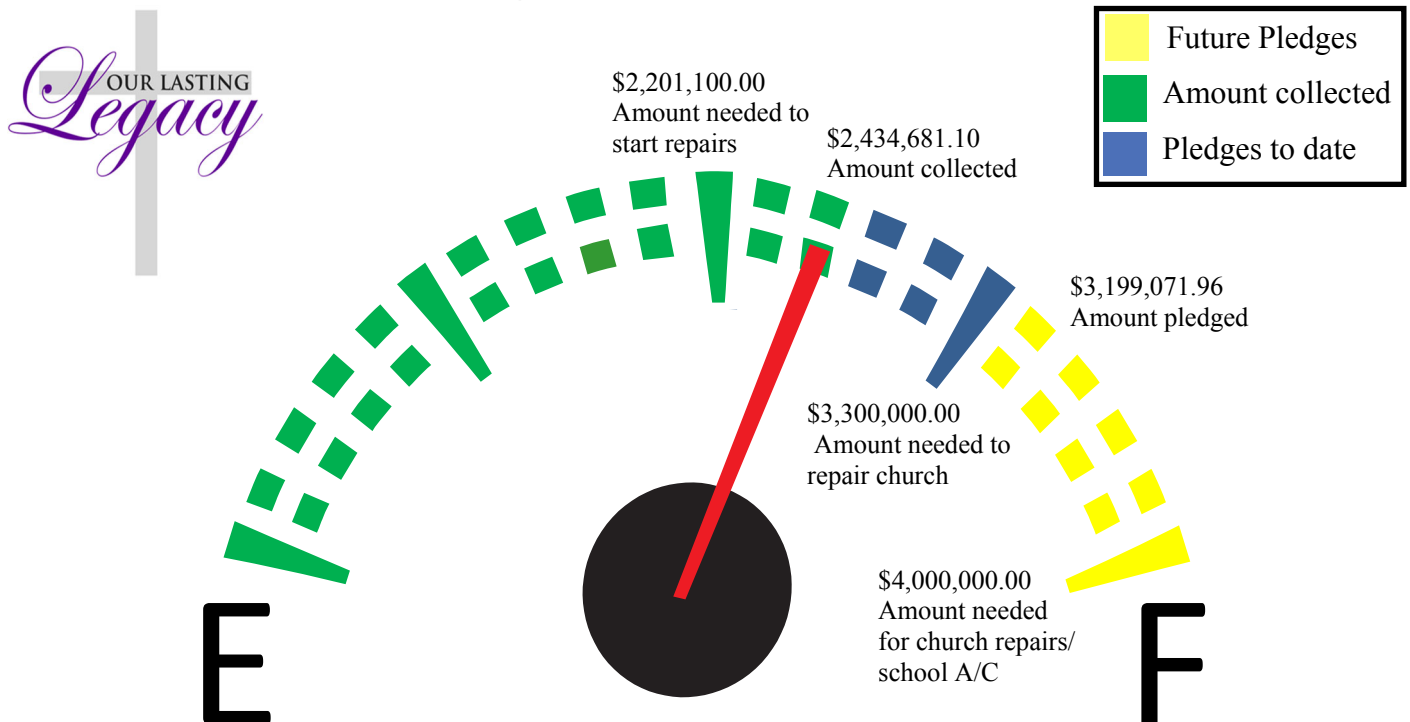
you and your family
are invited to the

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.

Capital Campaign Totals as of March 9, 2018



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

An Evening of Fun at the Altar Servers' Bowling Bash!

Thank you, Servers, for all you do in the parish and thank you to Jill Hartog for planning this event every year!

Photos submitted by Kim Kneuppel



When: Sunday, April 8th
Where: Soccer Field (if raining-gym)
Time: 1:00 PM
For whom: Children 10 years and younger
Sponsored by St. Michael's Holy Name Society



NWI 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** 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.

Stewardship & Parish Administration Commission

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

Stewardship Challenge

Create a clean heart in me, Oh God. This week reflect on who you need to forgive and lovingly do so.

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY MARCH 18

BP Readings After 7:30 & 9:30 AM Masses
Membership Registration After 7:30 & 9:30 AM Masses
Easter Reflection Book Sale After All Masses
Respect Life Spiritual Adoption Cards After All Masses
RCIA 9:30 AM

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

MONDAY MARCH 19

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

TUESDAY MARCH 20

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

WEDNESDAY MARCH 21

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

THURSDAY MARCH 22

Choir/Cantor Practice 7:00 PM
Grief Support 7:00 PM

FRIDAY MARCH 23

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

SATURDAY MARCH 24

Art & Environment Palm Sunday Set-Up 9:00 AM
Confessions 3:30-4:30 PM
Knights of Columbus Membership Drive Before & After Vigil Mass

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE



March 11, 2018

Adult	\$17,631.00
EFTs*	\$1,735.00
Children	\$94.35
Loose	\$558.29

Total Weekly Offering
\$20,018.64

Catholic Relief Services
\$4,672.51

**Electronic Funds Transfer*

If you are interested in subscribing to the Northwest Indiana Catholic, our Diocesan newspaper, please have the \$26 payment to the office no later than March 26th at 9:00 AM.

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

*denotes new or updated article

Diocesan Life Information

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.*
- *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.*

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.

*EASTER PIEROGI SALE

St. Andrew Men's Club is having an Easter Pierogi Sale. Available flavors: potato & cheese, potato & cheddar, potato, kraut, kraut & mushroom, kraut potato & bacon, cabbage, meat, mushroom, meat & spinach, spinach, cheese, cherry, strawberry, plum and blueberry. **Deadline to order is March 28th.** Pickup in *Ameling Hall, 801 W. 73rd Av., Merrillville* on **March 31st** from 12:00-6:00 PM. Orders must be prepaid. Each flavor is sold by the dozen for \$6.00. Call the parish office at 769-8534 to order or for information.

*CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

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 next meeting is **March 25th** 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.

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.*

*MARY POPPINS AT ANDREAN HIGH SCHOOL

Andrean High School invites families to the Spring musical production of Mary Poppins on:

April 12th, 13th, 14th, 19th, 20th, 21st at 6:30 PM

April 15th and 22nd at 2:00 PM

The musical will take place at Andrean's Small Gym. Admission is \$10 unless students have the Andrean Admissions wristband.



*DEEPER INTO THE HEART OF GOD

Author and speaker, Sharon Garlough Brown, will be giving a presentation, "Deeper into the Heart of God: Spiritual Practices for the Beloved" on **April 7th** at *St. Mary Catholic Community School Hammes Hall (Door D), 321 Joliet St., Crown Point, 12:15-5:00 PM.* Seating is limited so make your reservations today. Must RSVP by April 3rd. There is no cost to attend. While Sharon feeds us spiritually, a free will offering or a donation of non-perishable food items will be accepted for those who are physically hungry.

*AYCE HOMEMADE SPAGHETTI DINNER

St. Stephen the Martyr Men & Women's Clubs are hosting an AYCE Homemade Spaghetti & Meatball dinner on **April 14th, 5:00-7:00 PM.** Cost is \$10 for dinner with salad and bread. Beer, Wine and soft drinks available. Raffles, prizes and good company! *5920 Waite Street, Merrillville.* Please call 219-980-9348 for more information.

*SAVE THE DATE

**BISHOP NOLL'S FUNDRAISER
FOR THE PRINCIPAL'S SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

**APRIL 27TH
6:00-11:30 PM**

**BISHOP NOLL'S FIELDHOUSE
1519 HOFFMAN ST, HAMMOND**

**TICKETS ARE \$50/PERSON BEFORE APRIL 20TH,
\$60 AFTER**



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



<p><u>SATURDAY MARCH 17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY</u> 5:00 PM †Joan Dambek</p> <p><u>SUNDAY MARCH 18</u> 7:30 AM †Skip "Gary" Rice 9:30 AM St. Michael Parish 11:30 AM †Catherine Curley †Luis A. Colon †Carol Jakubowicz</p> <p><u>MONDAY MARCH 19 ST. JOSEPH'S DAY</u> 7:00 AM †Joseph R. Kolanko 8:55 AM †Edward J. Vondrak</p> <p><u>TUESDAY MARCH 20</u> 7:00 AM Davis Chin</p> <p><u>WEDNESDAY MARCH 21</u> 7:00 AM †Mary Sandor 1:00 PM Stations of the Cross</p>	<p><u>THURSDAY MARCH 22</u> 7:00 AM †Victor Makiejus</p> <p><u>FRIDAY MARCH 23</u> 7:00 AM †Sandra Morgan 12:00 PM Stations of the Cross 7:30 PM Stations of the Cross</p> <p><u>SATURDAY MARCH 24</u> 8:00 AM †Sandy Pyle 5:00 PM †Jim Candreva</p> <p><u>SUNDAY MARCH 25 PALM SUNDAY</u> 7:30 AM †Jerry Eberle 9:30 AM †Josephine B. Kolanko †Walter M. Kolanko †Kyle Arnold 11:30 AM St. Michael Parish</p> <p style="text-align: center;">† indicates deceased</p>
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THE WORD

(Readings for March 25th, Palm Sunday)

I. *Isaiah 50:4-7*

The servant of the Lord God was rebuffed but did not turn back; he was beaten and spat upon. The suffering one knew the Lord God was with him.

II. *Philippians 2:6-11*

Christ was in the form of God but did not consider equality with God a thing to be grasped at. He emptied himself, took the form of a slave, and was obedient unto death! Therefore, God exalted Him and all proclaim Him Lord.

III. *Mark 14:1-15:47*

The Passion of the Lord.

The Parish Website

Visit our website, www.stmichaelparish.life for up-to-date information on upcoming events, St. Michael Catholic School, St. Michael Cemetery, photo gallery, information on all of our ministries/committees, and St. Patrick Hall and our adjacent meeting rooms.

Dear Parish Members,

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***A strong and vibrant parish is good for our community
and a strong business community is good for our parish.***

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