

WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

1 E. WILHELM STREET SCHERERVILLE, IN 46375

September 2, 2018 Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

SATURDAY LITURGY

Vigil: 5:00 PM
DAILY LITURGY
 Weekdays **7:00 AM**
 Saturday **8:00 AM**

SUNDAY LITURGY

7:30, 9:30, & 11:30 AM
HOLY DAY LITURGY
 See page 15 of the bulletin for
 Holy Day Mass Schedule.

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Sacrament of Penance...Saturday 3:30 PM-4:30 PM
Baptisms...First time parents at St. Michael must attend a
 Baptism Prep session before the baptism date can be scheduled.
 Please call Janice at 322-4505, ext. 241 to schedule the prep
 session and/or baptism date.
Marriage...The bride, groom, their parents/grandparents
 must be active registered members of the parish for at least one
 year 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.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

BULLETIN DEADLINE:

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

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ST. MICHAEL
PARISH
Schererville, Indiana

St. Michael Parish
 1 E. Wilhelm St.
 Schererville, IN
 46375

From the Pastor's Desk

Love is the root and the end. When Jesus walked this earth in the flesh, His religion had developed those first commandments of ten into a myriad of laws that instructed the believer how to follow the original ten commands set down by God. Now this was helpful, but it became over time a hindrance to the whole point of the law which was to be holy as God is holy. People began to worry about small portions of the larger law missing the point of the original command given through Moses. This led to judgments being laid upon people that were far from the original intent of God, the primary law giver.

It is exactly this behavior that Jesus confronts in today's gospel story. The disciples are doing God's will and need to be nourished but what the Pharisees (who were scholars of the law) see is an obscure violation of the commandment to keep holy the Sabbath. The disciples were working, rolling the ears of grain between their palms to break it open and eat the fruit of the kernel. What the disciples were doing was technically work but the judgment of the Pharisees does not take into account the very important work they were doing with Jesus. Thus, a small detail in the law overtakes the overall good that the original commandment intended to protect. That good is to set aside this one day, the Sabbath, to do God honor, to turn your pursuits that day towards God. This is exactly what the disciples were doing with Jesus.

As Americans we pride ourselves on being law abiding citizens. How often we have heard that we are a nation governed by the "rule of law." Indeed, this is even the argument used by some politicians who, personally opposed to abortion, nonetheless support it because it is the "law of the land."

Being governed by the "rule of law" is certainly better than lawlessness. But when the LAW becomes the object of veneration, we forget that those laws are the result of our limited human experience. For a Christian, it is important to remember that we who write the laws (our politicians do it for us) are deeply affected by our own lawlessness; our inability to be obedient to God's basic laws of forgiveness, justice and respect for life in all its stages.

The laws we devise are always flawed and though they order our common life they need not be worshipped as if they came down from heaven on stone tablets. Those true laws, or commands, given to us by God through Moses must always be the basis of our laws today. When the fleeting value of individualism takes precedence over the common good or over another powerless individual then the law, no matter how popular, is flawed.

The original commands of God were set down to help His people to know their boundaries; do not covet, respect life, do not murder, do not defame or slander, honor your God and those who He places over you, your parents, honor your neighbor's marriage, etc. These are set down to help the people to live in harmony and be close to their Creator. These commands, and Jesus' perfection of them in the Law of Love (love God and love your neighbor as yourself), must always guide any just law if happiness is to be truly pursued.

**Celebrating the Feast of the
St. Michael the Archangel
September 29th and 30th
Ministry Faire ~ St. Patrick Hall
September 30th
Eucharistic Adoration 12:30-4:30 PM
Evening Prayer and Benediction – 4:30 PM
Spaghetti Dinner in St. Patrick Hall**

Spirituality and Worship Commission



Marian Devotions at the Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine

DATE	TIME
09/09	7:15 PM
09/23	6:45 PM

September Intention

We pray for the Catholic Church in Haiti. In particular the Diocese of Fort Liberte, our sister Diocese, and for the Parish of Our Lady of Mercy, our sister parish, that they may continue to grow in Faith, Hope, and Charity and may they be protected from all harm.

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/Clarendale Ministers

Labor Day Mass



**September 3rd
on Mount Calvary
9:00 AM
(weather permitting)
Please bring lawn
chairs.**

**Rosary Leaders
Needed for
Deer Creek
Residences
Facility
Fridays at
10:30 AM.**

Please call Janice at 322-4505, ext. 241 if you are able to fulfill this need.



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Why is Baptism the First Sacrament we Receive?

Baptism is sometimes called “the door to life and to the kingdom of God.” It is the first sacrament we receive because it enables us, through the Holy Spirit, to respond to Christ’s Gospel and to serve God faithfully as members of the Body of Christ, the community of Christian believers. In Baptism, we die and rise with Christ. The other sacraments we receive in our lives—particularly the Eucharist—nourish and sustain us as we seek to live the call we received at Baptism. Those who have never been baptized, baptized in a non-Catholic Christian tradition, or baptized in the Catholic Faith and never received the sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation and are over the age of 7, are invited to seek information regarding becoming Catholic at 322-4505, ext. 241.

Liturgical Ministers

Sunday, October 21st - Wednesday, October 24th

6:30 to 9:00 PM each evening

Location: Nativity of Our Savior Parish, Portage

Registration forms must be in by October 5th

Janice Gatons is acting as the contact for our parish. Cost is \$30 per person if a person registers on their own, \$35 if a person walks in at the conference, but only \$25.00 if a person registers through the parish. This will be paid for by the parish as usual, but the person must register in the parish. There will be forms on the table by the minister signup sheets so please do this as soon as possible and return them to Janice Gatons at the parish office. You may also put them in the basket with Conference '18 written on the envelope. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Janice at 219-322-4505, ext. 241.

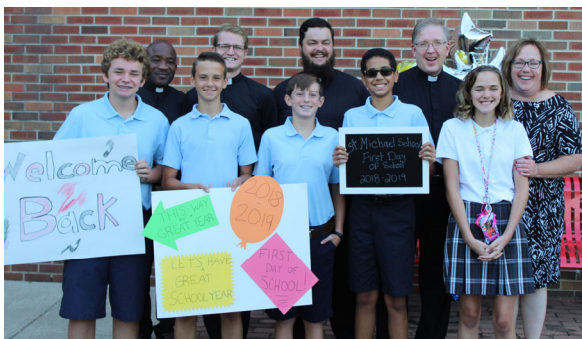
Education and Formation Commission

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



**First
Day of
School
08/22/2018**



Education and Formation Commission

From the Desk of Miss Kennedy ~ SMS Principal

Dear St. Michael Parish Community ~

Donuts, cheering, music, big smiles, and just the SMS Spirit makes the first day of school so special! St. Michael Catholic School started school on Wednesday, August 22nd! A great beginning for another faith-filled school year. Our school families and students were treated to donuts in the park prior to the 8:20 AM bell. As families and students entered the SMS parking lot, sounds of cheering, music, honking of horns, and greetings welcomed them. Greetings came from Fr. Marty, Fr. Gregory, and our 2018-2019 Student Council. It was a sight to see and a sight I'm so blessed to witness. Our students are embraced by the spirit of St. Michael Catholic School. A spirit that reminds every student, new or old, they belong to their school home. I'm proud to say that St. Mike's truly lives out the message of a family atmosphere, a family in faith, spirit, fun, and fellowship. I want to extend a big thank you to the St. Michael Community for helping our parish school to grow, thrive, and nurture our young. We raise our students to meet the academic challenges which will fill their studies, encourage them to walk with Christ in their daily lives, and to be a person of character. Thank you for believing in us, for your financial sacrifice, and prayers. Together we build God's Kingdom on earth. God bless and Keep the Faith!

Please join me in wishing our faculty and staff a wonderful school year.

Pastor – Fr. Martin Dobrzynski

Associate Pastor – Fr. Gregory Bim-Merle

Secretary – Karen Rapacz

Preschool Teachers – Ellen Egert & Erin DeJong

Preschool Aides – Shannon Doffin & Kim Miketinac

Kindergarten – Pattie Barone

Kindergarten Aide – Shannon Janquart

First Grade – Catherine Rusin

Second Grade – Eileen Wieser

Third Grade – MaryAnn Tonkovich

Fourth Grade – Lynn Fisher

Fifth Grade — Michele McLaughlin

Middle School Language Arts – Megan Mossman

Middle School Math – Nancy Evans

Middle School Religion – Della VanderPol

Middle School Science – Sr. Serene Jacob

Art – Cathy Baron

Computers – Katy Pagorek

Library – Cathy Baron and Jessica Maya

Music – Debbie Mangione

Physical Education – Molly Grasha

Resource – Eileen Germek

Spanish – Jessica Maya

Director of ABC Care – Sylvia Guetzloff

Director of Band – Glenn Pawlak

Directors of Faith Formation – Marge Swanson

Maintenance – Rick Gilbert



Upcoming Schedule:

Sept. 4th/5th: Orientation/Classes
6:00 PM in SMS gym

Sept. 9th: Family Session
9:30-11:00 AM in SMS
gym

Sept. 11th: Good Shepherd/Traditional
Classes, 6:00-7:30 PM

Sept. 12th: Traditional Classes
6:00-7:30 PM

Sept. 18th: Good Shepherd/Traditional
Classes, 6:00-7:30 PM

Sept. 19th: Traditional Classes
6:00-7:30 PM

Sept. 25th: Good Shepherd/Traditional
Classes, 6:00-7:30 PM

Sept. 26th: Traditional Classes
6:00-7:30 PM

Education and Formation Commission

Historic Background and Practices of the Islam Faith

presented by **Dr. Shahabul Arfeen**
of the **NWI Islamic Center**

Wednesday, September 12th
7:00 PM in St. Patrick Hall

Please join us as we come to learn more about this faith tradition, background and practices. Father Gregory and Joan Crist will also join us for this evening as we come to understand the Muslim faith.



Radiate had a great Illuminate weekend cleaning up our grotto area, spending time together, serving our parish, and completing the busy weekend with a car wash. Thank you for all your prayers and also who were able to come out to our car wash, we appreciate your support!

All High School Teens AND Parents are invited to our **KICK-OFF Night on Sunday, September 9th at 6:00 PM.** Come see what we are about, and be a part of something special.

Radiate is a great place to be: Where Friendships, Fun and Faith meet!

Upcoming:

Sept 23rd: BEACH BASH at Indiana Dunes, 3:00-8:00 PM. Shelter rented, bring dish to share, leaving church parking lot at 3:00 PM, waiver needed, download at www.stmichaelparish.life

Sept 28th/29th: Igniting the Fire: "FAITH OVER FEAR" Lock-in Event at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Winfield. Visit www.igniting-the-fire.org. Sign up individually.

Any questions, please contact Jeannine Quigley at 219-755-5356.

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



Bereavement Sessions

September 20th-November 8th on Thursday Evenings

Following the loss of a loved one, a person may experience many different emotions. *Trained Bereavement Ministers of St. Michael Ministry of Consolation and Hope* are hosting 7 weeks of educational and support group sessions on *Grief* that include sharing and prayer starting September 20th from 7:00-8:30 PM. Sessions will be held in the southwest meeting room of St. Patrick Hall. Please call Janice at 322-4505, ext. 241 to register or for more information.

Peace & Social Justice Commission



For Those Who Have Died...

Ruth Czajkowski

Life has changed, not ended

Welcome the Newly Baptized

Blaire Nicole Baccino



Christopher Stroh, Patti Herr, Jean Carroll, Scott Stucky, Phil Krivickas, Noah Ramirez, Tina Serna, Zbigniew Sochacki, Donna Cistaro, Evelyn Mathews, Beth Ann Brown, Megan Bugg, David Sarros, David Goldasic, Jen-Mei Dorris, Cathy Hansen, Tom Hojnacki, Audrey Weber, Adrian George, Ed Zurawski, Ashley Soltis, Ardi Baker, Angela Malinowski, Sara DeLeon, Dennis Kozlowski 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.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED... CAN YOU HELP??

The Good Samaritans are having their annual school supply appeal for children in need. Pencils, crayons, folders, back packs, printing paper, notebooks, glue sticks, pens, scissors, hand sanitizer and children's scissors are just a few items needed. Please drop off in the Good Samaritans chest in the gathering space. As always we appreciate your generosity and we sincerely thank you for your support.



Blood Pressure, Glucose and Oxygen Level Screenings

The next screenings will take place September 15th & 16th in the east coat room after the 5:00 PM, 7:30 AM and 9:30 AM Masses by the parish nurses.



We are here to assist anyone with temporary help. If you know someone from Schererville, Dyer, or St. John who could use help with their NIPSCO bill, rent, or groceries, **please have that person in need (due to privacy act)** call 322-4505, ext. 250 and leave a message.

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

Senior GEMS Service Project

SOJOURNER TRUTH HOUSE



shoe collection

Soles in Step:

Give old shoes new life & take steps to end homelessness



A day center for homeless and at-risk women and children

Sojourner Truth House is sponsoring a shoe collection project called Soles in Step. They are collecting old shoes to help raise funds to support the STH programs for the homeless and at-risk women and children as well as providing food and clothing to those in need. The Senior GEMS have once again taken this on as a Service Project for the Parish. They will accept **pairs** of shoes of **any type** in **new or used** condition. Unlike the last couple of years, this year they are asking that the shoes are **STILL WEARABLE**. There will be two containers, one in the gathering space and one by the chapel (north) door with a poster on the side of it with more details about the project.

Please do not drop shoes off at the parish office.

This will be the perfect time to go through your closets and a way to get rid of any shoes you no longer need or wear. This drive will end on October 28th.



Calling All Seniors!

SENIOR GEMS

Upcoming Meetings:

September 11th: Meeting at 10:00 AM and Book Club/Games at 11:00 AM.

September 25th: No meeting. For those going on the Odyssey Boat Tour, meet in the church parking lot at 10:15 AM. Bus leaves at 10:30 AM. Boarding of the boat starts at noon and lunch will be served at 12:30 PM. NO TICKETS are available. The tour ends at 2:30 PM.



October 21st: Late Nite Catechism at Performing Arts, 2:30 PM. Cost is \$35 due at time of reservation.

NO REFUNDS.

RSVP by Sept. 21st.

Please call Carol at 219-805-0413 for reservations or any questions.



The Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart in Frankfort, IL, will host their annual fundraiser, "Simunye-We Are All One," on Sunday, **September 23rd**, at the Odyssey in Tinley Park. The proceeds of this event will provide for the Sisters in active ministry here and in Brazil and also for the Sisters at the Motherhouse in their years of contemplation and prayer.

Franciscan Sister(s), will be here after all the Masses next weekend, September 8th/9th to sell raffle tickets. Tickets are \$10 each, 3 for \$25 or 6 for \$40. The prizes are all cash- \$1,500.00 First Place, \$1,000.00 Second Place, \$500.00 Third Place and \$250.00 Fourth Place. The drawing will be September 23rd. Winners need not be present.

Thank you for whatever assistance you can give them.

White Mass

Tuesday,
October 2nd
6:00 PM
St. Joan of Arc
Church
200 E. 78th Ave.
Merrillville
No RSVP needed

All health care professionals are cordially invited to the Fourth Annual White Mass in honor of St. Luke, the patron saint of doctors and medicine.



The Mass is a special opportunity for all health care workers to pray, thank God for their vocation and reflect on the spiritual purpose of their work.

Bishop Donald J. Hying presiding

NWI CATHOLIC men's conference

All men ages 16 and over are invited to attend the Third Annual NWI Catholic Men's Conference on **September 22nd** at St. Patrick Catholic Church, Chesterton, IN. This is a one day conference to encounter the living presence of Jesus Christ in word and sacrament, to learn and grow as a disciple of the Lord, and to meet and worship the Lord with other men of faith!

Keynote Speakers are renowned Catholic evangelist Jesse Romero and founder of St. Joseph Communications, Terry Barber.

Registration for New Parishioners

The next parish registration will be **September 16th** 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.



ALL BOYS GRADES K-5
who attend the following schools:
HOMAN, PEIFER, WATSON, FOREST RIDGE or
ST. MICHAEL
Sign up for CUB SCOUTS

Upcoming Recruitment/Sign-up Events:

September 8th – **Cubmobile Races**

Intersection of Pershing and 75th, 11:00 AM-2:00 PM

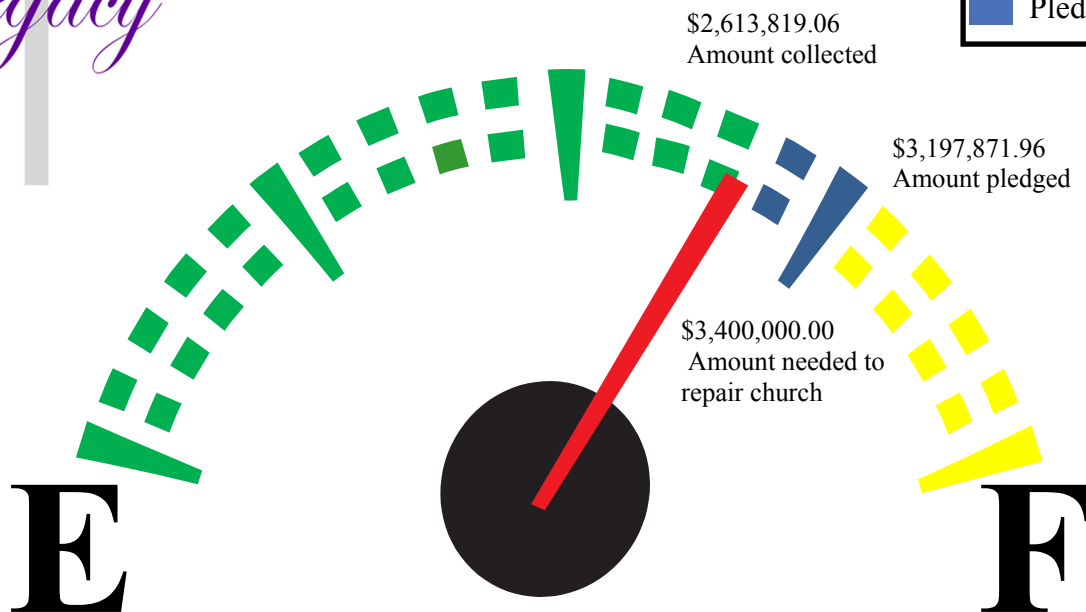
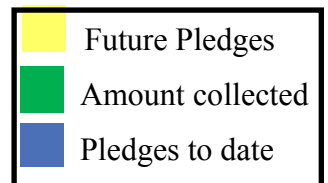
September 8th/9th – Sign up after all Masses at St. Michael Church

September 19th – **1st Pack Meeting**

American Legion Hall; 7485 Burr St., Schererville - 6:30 PM

Please contact Greg Evanatz at 219-313-1895/ kgrk29@comcast.net or
 Scott Nowinski at 219-741-5335/dscott8873@aol.com.

Capital Campaign Totals as of August 24, 2018



St. Patrick Hall Rental

Have a special event, such as an anniversary, wedding shower, baby shower, or Christmas party coming up and need a location? St. Patrick Hall is the perfect place to hold your special function or meeting. Spacious, well maintained hall with seating up to 300. Meeting rooms available for groups of 24 or less. On-site catering exclusively by two approved caterers, Rob's Home Style Catering and Scarborough Faire. Food may be brought in by the renter but will have no access to the kitchen facilities. Bar area available (beer, wine, & mixed drinks available). The parish holds a valid State of Indiana Liquor License.

Hall rental is available only to registered parishioners of St. Michael Parish and always subject to scheduled parish events.

For rental rates and additional information, please call the office at 322-4505, ext. 220.

Stewardship & Parish Administration Commission

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

Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Stewardship: A Way of Life

HEARING AND DOING

It is made clear throughout the Gospels and Epistles that our discipleship, as followers of Jesus, is not over until our bodily death. In today's second reading we are urged, "Be doers of the word and not hearers only" (James 1:22). Discipleship is hard. Sometimes we have "reasons" why we cannot do things—we are too tired, too old, too sick, too needy. We are too busy with work, with children, with other responsibilities. Yet some of the best "prayers" are people confined by illness or disability. Some of the wisest listeners are the elderly, who have a lifetime of patience and wisdom to draw on. Some of the most generous givers are those who have endured poverty and suffering themselves. Some of the most admired organizers are those who delegate and let other people shine. And let us not forget the heroes who put their lives on the line in time of crisis. Not everyone is called to heroism, but all of us are called to live generously and selflessly. The opportunities are endless: in our families, our parish, our neighborhood or town, and in places around the world. Try to balance prayer, action and financial giving. A busy mother with three toddlers can hardly spend hours in prayer or at church. A man who must work two jobs to support his family has limited time to volunteer, and a person on a tiny fixed income cannot give large donations to the church or charity. However, the busy mother can talk to God as she chases after her little ones. The hardworking man can help with an occasional parish event, and the person with a limited income can put a steady few dollars in the collection each week. Everyone can be a "doer."

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Stewardship & Parish Administration Commission

DO ALL YOU CAN
DO ALL THE GOOD YOU CAN,
BY ALL THE MEANS YOU CAN,
IN ALL THE WAYS YOU CAN,
IN ALL THE PLACES YOU CAN,
AT ALL THE TIMES YOU CAN,
TO ALL THE PEOPLE YOU CAN,
AS LONG AS EVER YOU CAN.
-JOHN WESLEY

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 2

RCIA 9:30 AM

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

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 3 LABOR DAY

Parish Office Closed

Mass on Mount Calvary 9:00 AM

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 4

OLPH Devotions 7:30 AM

Labors of Love 10:00 AM

Good Shepherd/Traditional Classes 6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 5

Eucharistic Adoration 1:00-6:00 PM

Traditional Classes 6:00 PM

Good Samaritans' Meeting 6:30 PM

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 6

Choir/Cantor Practice 7:00 PM

Adult Education (Catholicism) 6:30 PM

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 7

Cleaning of Church 2:00 PM

Bell Choir Practice 5:30 PM

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 8

Respect Life Meeting 8:30 AM

Baptism Prep 9:00 AM

Confessions 3:30-4:30 PM

Franciscan Sisters Ticket Sales After Vigil Mass

Cub Scouts Recruitment After Vigil Mass

2nd Collection-Haiti

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE



August 26, 2018

Adult	\$16,046.00
EFTs*	\$430.00
Children	\$39.35
Loose	\$815.47

Total Weekly Offering
\$17,330.82

**Electronic Funds Transfer*

Stewardship Challenge

Let us take heed of St. Paul's exhortation to us from the second reading: Reach out to a widow or widower this week.

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Please consider supporting our education endeavors at St. Michael Parish through the
St. Michael Education Foundation

with a Memorial Donation.

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

Living Memorial - Anniversary Memorial -
Deceased Memorial

Directors of the Foundation

Rev. Martin J. Dobrzynski, Pastor

Colleen Kennedy, Principal

Kenneth Bohling, Patrick Cusick, Don Doffin,

David Jarzombek, Hal Slager, Joe Townsend,

Dr. Ed Udani, Donna Velez

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

PARISH FESTIVAL

All Saints Parish, 570 Sibley, Hammond, will be having its annual festival.

Sept. 1st: 4:00-8:00 PM, Hispanic Day

Sept. 2nd: 11:00 AM-8:00 PM, Polish Day
Food, games, and FUN for all ages.

WEEKEND RETREAT FOR POST-ABORTION HEALING

Rachel's Vineyard is sponsoring a retreat for post-abortion healing and reconciliation to women/men/couples. The retreat is being held **September 14th-16th** and focuses on the love of God, on His mercy, and on new beginnings and new hope. Cost is \$150 per person. For more information, please contact Rosanne Kouris at 219-552-2944 or rkouris@dcgary.org.



STM Career Networking Group

"Developing a Mindset that Produces Results" is the topic at the next STM Career Networking Group meeting held at the *STM Weis Center, 8635 Calumet Ave., Munster, 7:00-8:30 PM on September 20th*. These meetings are free and open to all who are unemployed, new to the job market, changing careers or those who can offer employment opportunities through their current professional connections.

*LISTENING SESSION FOR THOSE WHO ARE DIVORCED

On **September 20th**, 6:00-8:00 PM, all those who have experienced a divorce are welcome to attend a listening session at the *Blanchette Catholic Center in Crest Hill*. Facilitated by Dr. Valerie Maty, the Associate Director of Family Ministry, this gathering will include prayer and we will strive to listen and understand how the church can support and encourage each one of you. We hope that you will join us for conversation and light refreshments. To register, please call 815-828-5334 or register online at <https://conta.cc/2AvPHiV> by September 10th.

CHANCE TO WIN TWO NOTRE DAME TICKETS

ND vs. Pittsburgh
October 13, 2018
Includes \$200 cash



**Drawing on
September 21st**



Tickets are \$25 each.

Proceeds to benefit Gibault Children Services.
For more information, please contact
Mike Siorek at 865-5494.

MIDWEST MARIAN PILGRIMAGE

Make a pilgrimage to the heart of the Byzantine Tradition in the heart of the Midwest. The Eparchy of Parma proudly announces its inaugural Midwest Marian Pilgrimage **Oct. 6th & 7th** held at *St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church in Whiting*. Special guests include Bishop Milan Lach, S.J. of Parma, Bishop Donald Hying, and guest speaker, Fr. Marek Visnosky, accomplished iconographer. Come for the prayer and stay for the ethnic food. For more information, please visit www.stmarywhiting.org/pilgrimage or call the parish office at 219-659-0277.

FORTIFY YOUTH CONFERENCE

Join members of *St. John Evangelist in St. John* for the upcoming Fortify Youth Conference, **Nov. 3rd**, 8:30 AM to 6:00 PM for teenagers in grades 9-12. Join Fr. Rob, a dynamic young priest and singer-song-writer from Australia as he addresses the youth of our area. In addition, Sr. Alicia, a young religious from the Archdiocese of Chicago, who has appeared on the food network, will join Fr. Rob. Please contact Andrew Wolfe, Director of Youth Ministry at 365-5678 or awolfe@stjohnparish.org with any questions.

*RETROUVAILLE WEEKEND

Many couples continue to struggle in a marriage, but are not willing to give up on each other. There is hope. Retrouvaille is a program designed to help struggling marriages regain their health. It helps a husband and a wife rediscover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. For more information about an upcoming weekend, please contact the registration team: 708-802-1830, nwi@retrouvaille.org or visit HelpOurMarriage.com.

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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