

# WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

## Celebrating the Feast of St. Michael the Archangel

September 29th and 30th

### Ministry Faire

The Ministry Faire will be held in St. Patrick Hall after the Vigil Mass on Saturday and after all Masses on Sunday. We encourage you to visit with participants of our various parish ministries. Find out how we can better serve your needs and how you can share in the stewardship of our parish. Refreshments will be served after all Sunday Masses as we gather to celebrate the Feast of our Patron, St. Michael the Archangel.

### Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration will begin after the 11:30 AM Sunday Mass. If you are able to come, please see the following list of suggested times based on ministries and last names. This will help assure there is someone in the Chapel all day. All parishioners are encouraged to visit our Eucharistic Saviour.

### Times for Eucharistic Adoration

#### 12:30 PM – 1:00 PM

Last Names Starting A-D  
Altar Servers  
Cross Bearers  
Extraordinary Ministers of  
Communion  
Hospitality Ministers  
Lectors

#### 1:00 PM – 1:30 PM

Last Names Starting S-V  
Finance Council  
Members  
Gardener Ministry  
Good Samaritans  
Knights of Columbus  
Sacristans

#### 1:30 PM – 2:00 PM

Last Names Starting O-R  
Ministers of Care  
Ministry of Consolation &  
Hope  
Senior GEMS  
Welcoming Ministry

#### 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Last Names Starting E-G  
Faith Formation Catechists  
& Assistants  
Faith Sharing Groups  
HSA  
Parish /School Advisory  
Board  
RCIA Team Members

#### 2:30 PM – 3:00 PM

Last Names Starting W-Z  
Deer Creek/Clarendale  
Ministers  
RADIATE Youth Ministry  
Respect Life Ministers  
Sports Advisory Board  
Scouts

#### 3:00 PM – 3:30 PM

Last Names Starting L-N  
Festival Committee  
Labor of Love Ministers  
Music Ministers  
Pastoral Council Members  
Rebuilding Hope Mission  
Team

#### 3:30 PM – 4:00 PM

Last Names Starting H-K  
Art & Environment  
Ministers  
Comforting Chefs  
Health & Spirituality  
Money Counting Ministry  
Parish Nurses



### September 30th

**Evening Prayer and Benediction 4:30 PM**

**Traditional Dinner with Spaghetti and  
Chicken in St. Patrick Hall**

### Following Evening Prayer

We are asking all who attend to please bring a dessert to share. Desserts can be dropped off in St. Patrick Hall prior to Evening Prayer. Please RSVP to Michaeline at 322-4505, ext. 220 by Wednesday, September 26th, so that we can know how much food to order.

# Community, Personnel, & On-Going Information

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 Website.....www.stmichaelparish.life

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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 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.

## 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.

## PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

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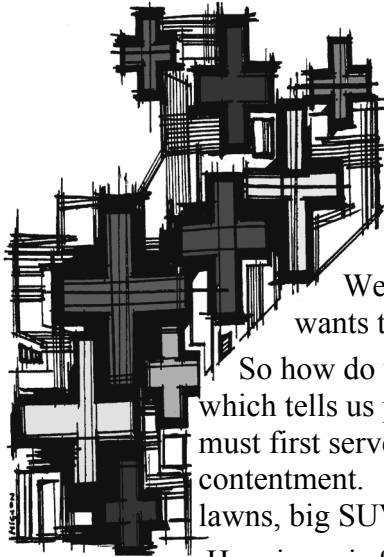
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## From the Pastor's Desk

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***Desire the things that last.*** Though many studies have demonstrated that having more things does not make a person any happier, we are not convinced. This revelation is still unheeded and even threatening news for a society based on consuming, buying one thing after another, in the search of happiness.

The promises advertisers make that you will be happier, cooler, more accepted and even saved by your next purchase or business conquest has such power that their claims cloud our inner vision. This advertising assault wants you and me to believe that the things of this world are eternal and the real eternal things are an illusion.



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Saint James in his letter to us reminds us of the vicious cycle of desire, want and consumption. Where do wars come from, where do conflicts arise? They come from our passions (he is not speaking about sexual passions but economic passions). The difficulty is caused by our insatiable desire to seek happiness in passing things and so we covet, we want what another has -- be that love, a greener lawn, oil, money or success and all its attachments. If it cannot be gotten, it is taken or you and I give in to depression.

We confuse our wants with our needs with commercials that intend to make our wants the same as our needs. But they are not the same.

So how do we ask rightly and not wrongly? You and I need to listen to the scripture which tells us plainly that in order to be first we have to be last and in order to be served we must first serve. Ministry, that is, acting for others in Jesus' name is the only way to contentment. Happiness that lasts, that suffers the ups and downs of life, is not found in nice lawns, big SUV's, or the right kind of smart phone.

Happiness is found not being a slave to changing fashions and societal expectations that drive people to drugs, sex and even taking their own life. The relentlessness of the "what's new" provides only passing satisfaction. Deep satisfaction comes from people, not things. People can be frustrating but they can be, more often than not, enlightening, loving, and infinitely more interesting. Being with others, assisting others, walking with others is a proven way to happiness.

Step forward and volunteer to minister to others as a Minister of the Holy Communion, as a Lector proclaiming God's Word to the people, as a Hospitality Minister, as a Sacristan helping clean the church and preparing the church for Mass or an Altar Server.

You could be a person who helps the less fortunate in our Good Samaritans ministry, or a catechist helping to teach our children about the Faith, or a gardener, a volunteer lawn care person or in the myriad of other opportunities to fulfill Jesus' command to serve and not seek to be served. Next week on our Feast Day weekend (September 29 & 30), you will have a chance to see all the ministries radiating from our parish and an opportunity to step into one or two that suit your God-given talents.

Give of your time to your school, share family time eating supper together at least a few times a week. You can be assured that your need to be content, successful and accepted will be met. It never fails that when we put our self-consuming passions behind us and direct that energy not to our wants but to the needs of others we always have enough and indeed more prosperity than we can imagine.

***Prepare for the Feast of St. Michael.*** Our patron is, among other things, a patron for the dying, considered a great protector of our souls as he brings us to God after we leave this world. St. Michael wants to accompany you and me into paradise, but that can only be if we are ready to enter. Our sins keep us from realizing what God has promised. That is why confession is so good for us. It makes us ready for what God has ready for us. As we approach our patron's Feast at the end of the month, it would be good for us to prepare our hearts and souls, seeking God's mercy in the Sacrament of Penance. There will be a penance service on Monday, September 24th at 7:00 PM. Eight priests will be available.



# Spirituality and Worship Commission



**Penance Service**  
**September 24th**  
**7:00 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/Clarendale Ministers

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



**Marian Devotions**  
**at the**  
**Our Lady of Lourdes**  
**Shrine**

DATE    TIME  
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.



Eucharistic Adoration is the respect and worship we give to Jesus, who is truly present to us under the appearance of bread and wine. The Eucharist is a priceless treasure; by not only celebrating it but also by praying before it outside of Mass we are enabled to make

contact with the very wellspring of grace. As St. Alphonsus Liguori noted, "of all devotions, that of adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest after the sacraments, the one dearest to God and the one most helpful to us."

Please join us in prayer during these Holy Hours of Adoration on Wednesdays, 1:00-6:00 PM, for hope and healing for the church, our priests and anyone who has been abused in any way. We ask the intercession of St. Francis, St. John Vienney and St. Maximillian Kolbe and all the saints.



**CONFERENCE '18**

*A Gathering for Liturgical Ministers*  
*Un Encuentro para Ministros Litúrgicos*

Training and Renewal for Lectors •  
EMHCs • Ushers & Greeters • RCIA •  
Ministers of Care • Art & Environment • Music Ministers

Diocese of Gary  
Offices of Worship and Intercultural Ministry



**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**

Registration forms are on the table by the minister sign up sheets. Please return to Janice Gatons at the parish office or drop them in the basket with Conference '18 written on the envelope.

# Spirituality and Worship Commission

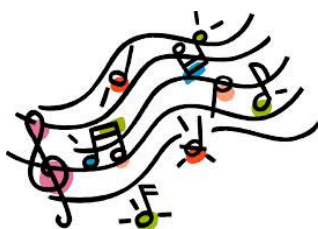


## Living Rosary/Benediction

October 2nd 7:00 PM in the Chapel  
Fr. Gregory-Presider



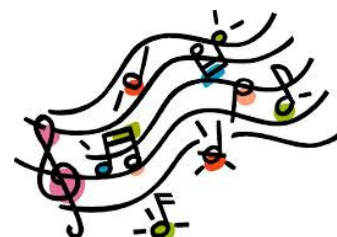
Come join us and be a part of this special evening by either participating as a “living bead” in the Rosary or by praying along. All prayers are prayed together so that you don’t have to worry about forgetting a prayer. If interested in participating as a “living bead,” please come to the chapel between 6:30-6:45 PM and pick your place in the rosary. Otherwise, let us fill the chapel with LIFE...old, young, and all in-between to honor our Lord and His Mother. We will be closing with Benediction.



## Music Ministry

Can this ministry be for you?

*ADULTS, YOUTH AND CHILDREN ARE WELCOME!*



Our purpose is to lead, enhance, and inspire the congregation to participate in prayerful song at liturgies as we give praise, thanks, and glory to God.

### Ministry Roles/Responsibilities:

- Sing or play an instrument for Sunday liturgies, Holydays, and special services.
- Learn new music, as required.
- Participate in the annual Christmas concert.

### Gifts and Talents Needed:

- Love of praising God through music.
- Pleasant singing voice for vocalists.
- Exhibit technical proficiency for instrumentalists.
- Ability to sing and play in tune and blend well with others in the group.

### Training/Time Commitments:

- Attend weekly rehearsals throughout the fall/winter/spring months.
- Attend extra rehearsals for the Christmas concert or other special events, as needed
- Cantors continue rehearsals during the summer when scheduled.
- Occasional participation in continuing development of musicianship and spirituality through formation at the parish and diocesan level.

## MUSIC MINISTRY INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in:

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Adult Choir

Bell Choir

Children's Choir

Playing an instrument

Please return this panel to the Music Director by dropping off at the parish office or dropping in the collection basket. You may also call 322-4505, ext. 227 to leave a message.

Many wonderful friendships have developed in this Ministry. Come and join the family of music-makers!

## ~Singers and Instrumentalists NEEDED~

# Education and Formation Commission

## SCHOOL NEWS

**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

### We Wish You Well, Mr. Massoels!

The eighth graders made posters of gratitude for Mr. Patrick Massoels as he takes on a new job adventure at St. Xavier University in Chicago. The covert operation of making posters and successfully having the *entire* student body signing them was no easy task. Mr. “M” was often seen in the halls of St. Mike’s covering events from preschool to 8th grade. If not at school, Mr. “M” could be found at the parish office, church, sporting events, field trips, special events, you name it, Mr. “M” covered it. Always promoting why St. Michael School is soooo special. Many times going beyond his “job description.”

Miss Kennedy presented Mr. Massoels with gift cards of appreciation from the students and staff. Then the entire student body stood to sing our heartfelt tradition of We Wish You Well!

Mr. Massoels energetically became part of the most important aspect of St. Michael School... We are a **FAMILY**. We may “Wish You Well” Mr. Patrick Massoels, but don’t think for a minute we won’t miss you (and your camera J)!

*Submitted by Mrs. Mossman, 8th grade homeroom/Language Arts and Mrs. VanderPol, 8th grade homeroom/Religion*

### Preschool and 5th Grade Make New Friends

Mrs. McLaughlin’s 5th grade class came down to the preschool classes to make new friends. The students paired up and the 5th graders read stories about friendship to the preschoolers who have been learning about new friends. After the 5th graders read to their partners, they gathered up some supplies and worked on drawing friend portraits. The children drew each other and had a great time chatting and learning about their new friends! What a wonderful morning for us teachers to watch the connection between the children and the kindness and patience the 5th graders showed to the preschoolers. And the preschoolers were so excited to meet the big kids and make new friends. The portraits are displayed in the school hallway for all to see.

They did a great job!!

*Submitted by Ellen Egert*



# Education and Formation Commission



## September/October Calendar

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

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

Oct. 2nd: Good Shepherd/Traditional Classes  
6:00-7:30 PM

Oct. 3rd: Traditional Classes 6:00-7:30 PM

Oct. 9th: Good Shepherd/Traditional Classes  
6:00-7:30 PM

Oct. 10th: Traditional Classes 6:00-7:30 PM

Oct. 14th: Family Session 9:00-11:00 AM

Oct. 16th: Good Shepherd/Traditional Classes  
6:00-7:30 PM

Oct. 17th: Traditional Classes 6:00-7:30 PM

**Oct. 18th: Parent Confirmation Meeting**  
**7:00 PM in St. Patrick Hall**

**Oct. 19th: Confirmation Retreat**  
**4:30-9:00 PM in St. Patrick Hall**

Oct. 23rd: Good Shepherd/Traditional Classes  
6:00-7:30 PM

Oct. 24th: Traditional Classes 6:00-7:30 PM

**Oct. 30th/31st: Fall Break - No Classes**



## ANNUAL BEACH BASH & BONFIRE

ALL High School Teens are invited to join us today, September 23rd, at Indiana Dunes. We have a shelter reserved and lots of fun things planned. Games on the beach, hanging out by the fire, campfire music, s'mores, hiking—it's gonna be a great time!

- Leave from church parking lot at 2:00 PM, we will carpool.
- Please fill out and bring Waiver found at [www.stmichaelparish.life](http://www.stmichaelparish.life)
- Bring side dish to share
- Bring flashlight, chair is optional
- Will be back at church at 8:00 PM

### Upcoming:

**Oct. 7th:** Teen planning after 9:30 AM Mass for upcoming Radiate gatherings

**Oct. 14th:** Radiate Gathering, 6:00 - 8:00 PM in St Patrick Hall

**Oct. 26th:** Halloween Party, 6:00 - 9:00 PM in St. Patrick Hall

**Nov. 3rd:** FORTIFY Youth Conference at St John Evangelist. To register and for more information go to: [www.stjohnparish.org](http://www.stjohnparish.org).

***Be in the 'Know' and join our RADIATE TEXT NOTIFICATIONS.***

***Sign up: @radiate to: 81010***

For any questions, please call Jeannine Quigley at 219-775-5356.

# Peace & Social Justice Commission



## For Those Who Have Died...

Julia Grish  
Elaine Balcerzak  
Carmella Adducci

***Life has changed, not ended***

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



Jean Carroll, Scott Stucky, Phil Krivickas, Noah Ramirez, ***Tina Serna***, Zbigniew Sochacki, ***Donna Cistaro***, Sara DeLeon, Dennis Kozlowski, Anita Thomas, ***Cathy Daigre***, Dawn Light, Matt Castel, Elaine Spitz, Bertie Encarnado 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.***

## Respect Life Ministry News

### 40 Days For Life Campaign September 26th – November 4th

***There is no single area of pro-life work more important than standing at the abortion mills praying and witnessing for life.*** -Brian Gibson, Executive Director, Pro-Life Action Ministries; St. Paul, MN  
What happens when prayer and witnessing take place at abortion facilities? Babies' lives are saved. Internal memos from Planned Parenthood officials point out a percentage of "no-shows" every time "protestors" make their presence. Abortion facilities close. The witness in recent years of the 40 Days for Life campaigns, as well as other prayer efforts at abortion mills, is the closure of these places. The peaceful, prayer-filled presence of Christians keeping vigil, coming back regularly and consistently has been an important part of closing dozens of facilities across the country.

*Pro-Life Action Newsletter, Vol 35 No. 2; April 2015.*

**Parishioners from St Michael are planning to go to Planned Parenthood in Merrillville on Saturday, October 6th, at 10:30 AM for an hour of peaceful vigil to pray for the end of abortion.**

### RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY – ROSE SALE

Respect Life Sunday is on October 7th and in honor of the day, the Respect Life Ministry will be selling roses after all masses the weekend of October 6th and October 7th. The roses are \$1 each or a dozen for \$10. Proceeds help to support Lake County Right to Life and the Women's Care Center.

At 2:00 PM on October 7th, please join the Life Chain that takes place on Ridge Road from Wicker Park and goes West into Lansing where pro-lifer's stand together to form a Chain to promote Life and pray for an end to abortion.



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# Peace & Social Justice Commission

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## 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 which started September 20th, 7:00-8:30 PM. Sessions are held in the south-west meeting room of St. Patrick Hall. Please call Janice at 322-4505, ext. 241 to register or for more information.



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.



## "YOU'RE WONDERFUL, YOU'RE MARVELOUS"

The Good Samaritans wish to thank our St. Michael Parish family for their generous response to our recent School Supply Drive. Your donations provided two underserved schools with items that will help their school year get off to a great start. We collected over 800 items and supplied Bailly and Longfellow

Elementary Schools with crayons, pens, pencils, rulers, notebooks, construction and multiuse paper, folders, writing paper, scissors, markers and backpacks and other items. These schools were so appreciative and our ministry sincerely thanks you. Your support is crucial to our work and YOU, once again, answered our request with your kindness and we value your help.

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## Parish Life

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



October 17th: Odyssey boat tour is rescheduled. Watch for more details in upcoming bulletins.

**NO TICKETS AVAILABLE!**

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

## SENIOR GEMS

Upcoming Gatherings:

September 25th: 10:00 AM in St. Patrick Hall with book club/games at 11:00 AM.

October 9th: 10:00 AM in St. Patrick Hall with book club/games at 11:00 AM.

October 23rd: Book club/games at 10:00 AM in St. Patrick Hall.



*Calling All Seniors!*

## White Mass

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.



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

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

## Can You Please Help?

Because of the repairs going on in the church, we need extra hands to clean the church on Friday afternoons around 2:00 PM to get our worship space ready for weekend Masses. Please call the parish office for more details.



Don't cry because  
it's over.  
**SMILE**  
because it  
happened.

- Dr. Seuss



## Mass of Hope and Healing with Bishop Donald J. Hying

Sunday, October 7th at 4:00 PM

St. Paul Catholic Church

Queen of the Apostles Chapel

1855 W. Harrison Blvd., Valparaiso, IN

Whether the death of a child happened recently or many years ago, the Mass of Hope and Healing is for all parents whose child died because of: miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, stillbirth, Sudden Infant Death Syndrome or infant or childhood death. Grandparents, siblings, relatives and friends are also encouraged to attend. To prepare for the candle lighting memorial, please provide the infant's name by October 2nd by calling: Jill McNamara at 219-730-9199 or Joann Epple at 219-929-7343 or email: [info@miscarriedbaby.com](mailto:info@miscarriedbaby.com).

## Registration for New Parishioners

The next parish registration will be October 21st 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.



## BIG NEWS: ALPHA is coming to St. Michael's Parish!

### WHAT is Alpha?

Alpha is an opportunity to explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment. It's run in churches, bars, coffee shops and homes worldwide. Essentially, Alpha is a safe place to explore life's biggest questions.

### WHEN: January 2019

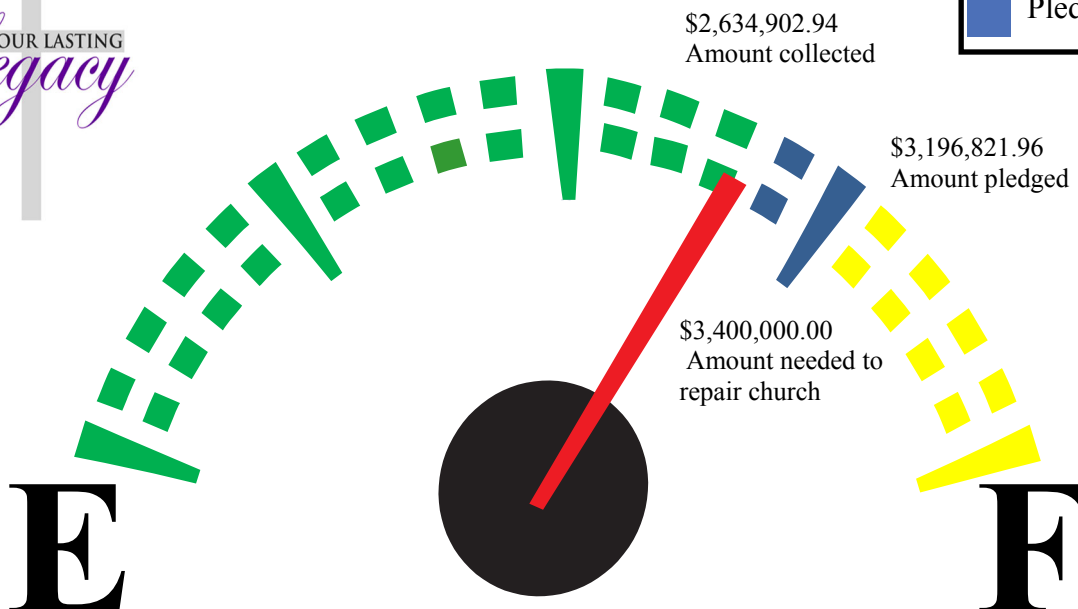
Keep watching in the weeks ahead, as we fill you in on all the details!

**St. Michael Feast Day 5K  
Run & Walk**  
September 29th  
**Register on the website**



If you have any yard signs from this year's FunFest please return them to the gathering space in the church.

## Capital Campaign Totals as of September 14, 2018



## Senior GEMS Service Project

The Senior GEMS have once again taken on the shoe collection project called Soles in Step sponsored by Sojourner Truth House 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.

## Looking for Volunteers of All Ages to Help Clean Up the Cemetery

Join Catholic Order of Foresters St. Mathias Court 102 as we respond to *Matthew 25's* call to service through this *Serving God's Children* event. Together, we hold the power to better our communities. This year, we will be cleaning St. Michael's cemetery, collecting hats and gloves to benefit Caps for Kids and cans of food for the Good Samaritans. ***Help us make a difference on Saturday, October 6th, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM.*** Please meet at the east side of the cemetery.

Please bring rakes, yard cleaning tools, and your donation. Everyone is invited to participate — youth and adults, St. Mathias Court 102 members and non-members, friends and family. If you aren't able to attend, we still ask for your help. Please pray for us, the event's success, Caps for Kids and The Good Samaritans. For more information or to sign up, please contact Julie Buksa at 922-1182 or [4juldan@sbcglobal.net](mailto:4juldan@sbcglobal.net).



## Stewardship & Parish Administration Commission

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

### Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Stewardship: A Way of Life

#### EYE ON THE PRIZE

Today's second reading is part of a letter from James the Apostle to a community of Christians who are living in conflict. James offers advice and counsel by contrasting human wisdom and heavenly wisdom. Human wisdom is limited and intertwined with our tendency to sinfulness; hence we fall into strife, jealousy, immorality, and worse, all resulting from our self-centered desires. Heavenly wisdom, on the other hand, originates with God, so it is pure, peaceable, merciful, and expressed in good deeds. Following heavenly wisdom can lead to the perfect happiness God desires for all of us. None of us—even Jesus' own disciples—are immune to the temptations of this world, such as status, wealth, and power. In today's Gospel, Jesus urgently tells them about his impending suffering and death; yet they ignore him and continue squabbling about who is the greatest among them! We are sometimes like the disciples and the early Christians James is writing to when we indulge in behavior that contradicts who we say we are. When we reproach the pastor, complain about the parish staff or ministries, bicker and gossip, or withhold money or service from our parish, we harm the community of faith. Yet every person in a parish who freely gives their time to a ministry, who regularly prays for fellow parishioners, who brings help and comfort in times of need, who welcomes the poor and forgotten, and who gives generously to the offertory collection, is responding to heavenly wisdom. It is these continuing and cumulative acts of generosity and goodness that build up faith and strengthen the community. To follow Christ is hard work, requiring commitment, perseverance, and courage. Success in the Christian life is achieved by becoming not the greatest, but the servant of all. The prize is life eternal.

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# Stewardship & Parish Administration Commission

## Stewardship Challenge

Pray for the victims of human trafficking.

## Weekly Schedule

### **SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 23**

RCIA 9:30 AM

Marian Devotions 6:45 PM

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

### **MONDAY SEPTEMBER 24**

Centering Prayer 6:00 PM

Bible Study 7:00 PM

Communal Penance Service 7:00 PM

### **TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 25**

OLPH Devotions 7:30 AM

GEMS 10:00 AM

Children's Choir Practice 3:15 PM

Good Shepherd/Traditional Classes 6:00 PM

### **WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 26**

Eucharistic Adoration 1:00-6:00 PM

Traditional Classes 6:00 PM

Health & Spirituality Committee Meeting 7:00 PM

### **THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 27**

Adult Education (Catholicism) 6:30 PM

Bereavement Session 7:00 PM

Choir/Cantor Practice 7:00 PM

Grief Support 7:00 PM

### **FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 28**

Cleaning of Church 2:00 PM

Bell Choir Practice 5:30 PM

WOW 7:00 PM

### **SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 29**

Feast Day 5K Run/Walk 8:30 AM

Confessions 3:30-4:30 PM

Ministry Faire After Vigil Mass

2nd Collection-Feast Day

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE



**September 16, 2018**

Adult	\$16,007.00
EFTs*	\$535.00
Children	\$55.35
Loose	\$662.74

**Total Weekly Offering  
\$17,260.09**

*\*Electronic Funds Transfer*



## EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

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

**St. Michael Education Foundation**

**with a Memorial Donation.**

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

Living Memorial - Anniversary Memorial -

Deceased Memorial

### ***Directors of the Foundation***

Rev. Martin J. Dobrzynski, Pastor

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Dr. Ed Udani, Donna Velez

Look for us on the website: [www.stmichaelparish.life](http://www.stmichaelparish.life).

## 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 today, **September 23rd**, at *Franciscan St. Margaret Hospital in Dyer in the Blessed Mother Conference room located at the west entrance* at 2:00 PM. For more information, please contact James and Pat Koeling at 365-3898 or call toll-free 1-888-303-0180.

*Care giving may be one of the most important roles you will undertake in your lifetime.*

## TAPPED IN SERIES

Queen of All Saints is hosting a series on "The Ten Commandments-Today" on Wednesdays, **Oct. 3rd-24th**, at 7:00 PM at *Gelsosomo's Pizzeria, 5184 Franklin St., Michigan City*. Beer and wine available. Please contact Eileen at 219-861-3825 or [tappedinqueenofallsaints@gmail.com](mailto:tappedinqueenofallsaints@gmail.com).

## YOUNG ADULT ADORATION & SOCIAL NIGHT

Young adults-college aged, 20's 30's-you are invited to bring your lives and its many emotions before the True Presence of our Lord, who is perfect, compassionate and just. Gather on **October 6th**, 7:00-8:30 PM, at *St. Bridget in Hobart* for a night of Adoration, Reconciliation, conversation, and reflection. Afterwards, stick around for social time in adjacent downtown Hobart restaurants and bars. Presented by the Diocese of Gary Bishop's Council on Young Adult Evangelization. Visit [adorationnwi.com](http://adorationnwi.com) for more information.

## 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*. Come for the prayer and stay for the ethnic food. For more information, please visit [www.stmarywhiting.org/pilgrimage](http://www.stmarywhiting.org/pilgrimage) or call the parish office at 219-659-0277.

## \*FALL FEST

St. Nicholas Apostolate Ministry is having a Fall Fest on **October 14th** at *St. Michael's Byzantine Catholic Church Social Center, 557 W. 57th Ave., Merrillville*, 11:30 AM-2:30 PM. Adult menu is \$10 and includes your choice of sausage and kraut or stuffed cabbage. Entertainment provided by John Pruzin, Jr. and his band.

## \*ANDREAN EVENTS

### Schedule Your Shadow Day Now!

Contact Andrean's Director of Enrollment Management, Mr. Jim Nohos, at 219-887-5959 ext. 260 to schedule your visit today!

### Upcoming Admissions Events

Every Wednesday: Parent Tours of Andrean High School 9:00 - 10:00 AM

October 17th: Parent Information Night 6:30 - 8:30 PM

November 4th: Open House 5:00 - 7:30 PM

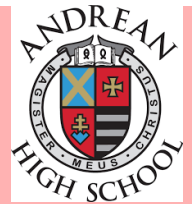
November 10th: Entrance Exam 1:00 - 4:30 PM

November 29th: Parent Information Night 6:30 - 8:30 PM

December 9th: Entrance Exam 1:00 - 4:30 PM

December 13th: Parent Information Night 6:30 - 8:30 PM

Pre-register for an event by visiting [andeanhs.org/rsvp](http://andeanhs.org/rsvp)



## BAGS, BAUBLES & MORE!

The St. George Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society is sponsoring a purse and accessory auction, "Bags, Baubles & More!", on **Oct. 18th** at the *Banquets of St. George, 528 W. 77th Ave., Schererville* starting at 6:00 PM. Cost is \$40 with prepaid reservation by Oct. 11th. \$45 after Oct. 11th. Please contact Mary Panas at 219-670-688 or Georgianne Glavas at 219-789-5451 for reservations and information. Portion of the proceeds to benefit Northwest Indiana Cancer Kids Foundation (NICK).

## SHARE OUR DREAMS GALA

The Share Foundation is hosting a "Share Your Dreams" Gala on **November 2nd** at the *Croatian Banquet Hall, Merrillville*. All proceeds from this evening benefit Share Foundation with the Handicapped. Please call 219-778-2585 or email [share@sharefoundation.org](mailto:share@sharefoundation.org) for more details.

## 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](mailto:awolfe@stjohnparish.org) with any questions.

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



## **SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 22**

**5:00 PM**     †Frank & Helen Gard

## **SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 23**

**7:30 AM**     †Stanley & Margaret Kulig

**9:30 AM**     †Kyle Arnold  
                  †Len Lula  
                  †Edward J. Vondrak  
**11:30 AM**     St. Michael Parish

## **MONDAY SEPTEMBER 24**

**7:00 AM**     All Souls

## **TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 25**

**7:00 AM**     †Sandy Pyle

## **WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 26**

**7:00 AM**     †Deacon Jack Krol

**8:55 AM**     Anita Thomas

## **THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 27**

**7:00 AM**     †John “Hawk “ Aguliera

## **FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 28**

**7:00 AM**     Richard & Mary Jane Gerlach-55th  
    *Wedding Anniversary*

## **SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 29**

**8:00 AM**     †Frances Murphy

**5:00 PM**     †Jim Candreva

## **SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 30**

**7:30 AM**     St. Michael Parish

**9:30 AM**     †JeanMarie Clancy-Caroll

**11:30 AM**     †Beverly Mullaney

                 †Charles E. Revenew

                 †Lawrence DeBold

† indicates deceased



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## **THE WORD**

*(Readings for September 30, 2018, Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time)*

I.    *Numbers 11:25-29*

Moses said to Joshua, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the people of the Lord were prophets!”

II.   *James 5:1-6*

“Come now, you rich, weep and wail over your impending miseries. Your wealth has rotted away.”

III. *Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48*

Jesus reassured the disciples, “Whoever is not against us is for us...If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off.”

## 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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