

November 4, 2018 | ThirtyFirst Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saint Michael the Archangel

Parish Mission:

*Running the Paschal
Mystery Marathon*



November 11 - 14



7pm - 8:30pm



with Dr. Terry Nelson-Johnson

Community, Personnel, & On-Going Information

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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 re-
 quires that arrangements must be made at least six months in
 advance of the wedding date in order for the proper personal,
 spiritual and liturgical preparations of the couple to be
 completed.
Sacrament of the Sick...Please call the office until 4:00 PM.
 After 4:00 PM, please call 322-6623 Monday-Friday and
 anytime on the weekend.
 Anointing of the Sick is celebrated on the third Saturday of each
 month at the 8:00 AM Mass in the chapel.
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
 Wednesdays from 1:00-6:00 PM in the chapel.
BULLETIN DEADLINE:
 Monday prior to the Sunday printing 12:00 PM (Noon).
 Holidays have exceptions. Please submit potential bulletin
 articles by email to bulletin@stmichaelparish.life or in print
 form to the office or by fax to 322-4508.

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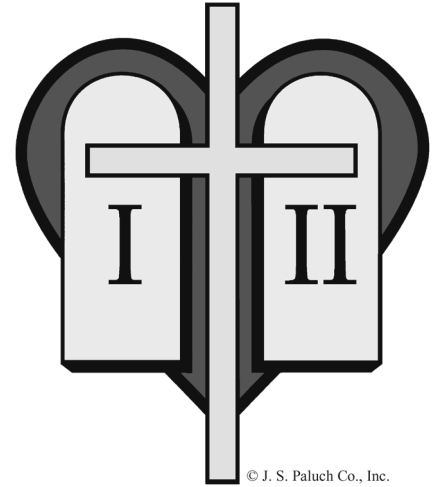
ST. MICHAEL
PARISH
 Schererville, Indiana

From the Pastor's Desk

DAILY DEVOTIONS. Daily life can be, for many, a grind. Taking the kids to and from one activity to another, washing clothes, and rising in the dark to go to work only to return in the dark even though its 4:30 in the afternoon is tough. It certainly takes its toll on the human heart. Marriages creak and strain, some break, under this “rat race” of life. Friendships can be fleeting and hard to maintain. But for all the activity we find ourselves engaged in between family, school and work we are still very lonely people.

Interest in matters “spiritual” continues to grow among all the segments of society. We still are missing something. Years ago people had devotions, special prayers and religious activities that brought balance to their lives. Devotion is not dead; some people put this same passion into following a vegetarian diet. Modern devotion has less to do with God and more to do with me. And if our devotional energies center more on me, I lose sight of God and in the end lose sight of others. Consequently, my non-religious devotions becomes just part of the grind of daily life.

To have devotion is to put your whole self into the task at hand. To be devoted to God is not merely a statement about who you are but one about what you do, daily. We cannot love God in private. God’s love affair with us is not private. To love God is a public stance that anticipates our acting on that devotion. That “love your neighbor” stuff, God meant it!



As the famous Russian author Dostoevsky so adeptly said “Love in practice is a hard and dreadful thing compared to love in dreams.” It is important to know the difference between *being in love with the idea of being loved* and *being in love with loving others*. The first, is what society tells us is love, the love that “sweeps you off your feet.” But this love is not the main show. The ultimate maturity is embracing love that does not always realize a return. To love, to care for others even if they don’t care for you is the love that has real power. This is the love that will change you and me and the world. This is the love that bristles at tribalism and challenges doctrinaire opinions that divide and destroy the pursuit of the common good.

How do we get there? It is a daily journey that involves every person we engage during the day, the week, the month, the year. It challenges our opinions, our hardened attitudes towards others who are different or think differently than we do. A daily examination of our conscious is needed to keep us on the right path. Seeking forgiveness in the Sacrament of Penance is needed so God’s grace can help us to love more readily. It also works only when trust is undertaken and underpins all we do. Because trust has no time for rumors or self-centered motives, rather trust thrives when respect towards the other is honored.

Parish Mission November 11th-14th

Saint Michael's parish mission is fast approaching! The theme of the mission is the Paschal Mystery. Come out **7:00-8:30 PM, November 11th - 14th** for the mission led by Dr. Terry Nelson-Johnson, esteemed author and theologian, who invites you to reevaluate your understanding of this key Catholic concept and become an active participant in the Paschal Mystery. Each night will run for about an hour and a half and consist of a scripture reading, preaching, and ritual. Parishioners are highly encouraged to attend these nights, which are designed to rejuvenate and deepen our faith.

Spirituality and Worship Commission

**Ministers of Care Meeting
November 8th at 7:00 PM
in St. Patrick Hall**

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

As we celebrate All Saints Day and recall those “living witnesses” of the joy and peace that living the Catholic life can bring, let us ask for the saints’ intercession for those who are thinking about finding out about the Church.

The RCIA process is for 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. Please call 322-4505, ext. 241 for information on exploring the Catholic Faith.



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



Eucharistic Adoration provides us with a chance to be with our Savior one on one. Through this practice, we are invited to spend time alone with God in his real, physical form and to bring to Jesus all our cares, concerns, prayers, hopes and thoughts. We set aside a special time, a respite from our hectic modern lives, to create a personal space in which to meet our God. Please join us in prayer on Wednesdays during the Holy Hours of Adoration, 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.

Attention Altar Servers, Lectors, Hospitality Ministers & Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion!

Advent is just around the corner!

It is time to create the new schedule of the Lay Liturgical Ministers. This schedule will include Advent, Christmas and the early days of Ordinary Time, and will run from 12/01/2018 through 03/05/2019. If you are not available for the new schedule or need to make a change, please contact your Ministry Coordinator by November 5th. The new schedule will be available the weekend of November 16th-17th.

If you need to be removed or request a change on the new schedule you must contact your coordinator:

Lectors	Carol Schiessle	322-4505, ext. 262
Hospitality Ministers	Bob Hansen	322-1717
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Gary Wolfe	678-1332
Altar Servers	Kathryn Sanders	201-1172

Thanks for sharing your time and talents with our community!

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



**Veteran's Day Program at SMS
November 12th
9:30 AM in SMS Gym
All are Invited
Please Enter through Door B**

SPECIAL PERSON'S DAY

Wednesday, October 24th, was Special Person's Day at Saint Michael's. Students invited cherished family and friends to come visit them at school. The event began with mass, was followed up by a reception with donuts in St. Patrick's Hall, and concluded with an open house at the school. Students were released from school early and enjoyed the next four days off as part of Fall Break. Thanks to all of the special people who came out and made the day great!



Education and Formation Commission

DONATE WHILE *You Dine!*

Wednesday, November 7th from 3 - 8 PM
Culver's of Schererville will donate 20% of sales to
St. Michael School!



Give LOCAL.
FOOD. FAMILY. FUTURE.
Culver's

*Simply mention
"St. Michael"
when ordering*

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The State of Indiana has a School Scholarship Tax Credit Program. An individual or business can donate money into this program for St. Michael School. The donation can only be used for financial aid scholarships. You will receive an Indiana State tax credit for 50% of your donation amount. To donate online, please visit <https://scholarshipsforeducationchoice.com/st-michael-school/>.

To donate by mail, please make your check payable to **Sagamore Institute SGO**. On the check, indicate that it is for St. Michael School, Schererville. The check should be mailed to:
SEC at Sagamore Institute 2902 North Meridian Street Indianapolis, IN 46208

Education and Formation Commission



November Calendar

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

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

Nov. 11th: Family Session 9:00-11:00 AM

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

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

*Nov. 18th: Mass for Confirmandi & Sponsor
11:30 AM*

Nov. 20th/21st: No Classes-Thanksgiving Break

Nov. 27th: Good Shepherd/Traditional Classes
6:00-7:30 PM

Nov. 28th: Traditional Classes 6:00-7:30 PM

*Nov. 29th: Reconciliation Parents Meeting
7:00 PM in St. Patrick Hall*

All High Schoolers are Welcome to Check Out Radiate...

where you will find lasting friendships, sharing your faith all the while having FUN!



Upcoming Schedule:

Nov. 4th: Leaf Raking Service Project. Meet at 11:30 AM Mass, have lunch and go raking. Please bring gloves and a rake.

Nov. 18th: Radiate Gathering, 6:00 - 8:00 PM in St Patrick Hall

Please keep informed and updated with our Radiate texts! @radiate to: 81010.

Questions? Please call Jeannine Quigley at (219)775-5356.

Submitted by Jeannine Quigley

Jewish Faith Tradition Historic Background and Practices Wednesday, November 28th, at 7:00 PM in St. Patrick Hall



Rabbi Len Zukrow, the rabbi of Munster's Temple Beth-El, will speak to our congregation on Judaism. He earned his degree in social welfare and Hebrew studies from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and later received his master's in Jewish education from Spertus College in Chicago. Please join us as we learn more about this faith tradition as it is practiced today. For more information please call 322-4505, ext.241.
Brought to you by the Adult Education Committee

Peace & Social Justice Commission



For Those Who Have Died...

Nancy Goodnight

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

Special Prayers
For Those In Need



Deacon Ed Gatons, Sharon Kras, Britney Tuskan, Max and Pat Morehouse, Janet Trembczynski, Audrey Weber, Ardy Baker, Phil Krivickas, Tina Serna, Zbigniew Sochacki, Terri Garcia, Pamela Weber, Diana Donnell, Anita Thomas, Dawn Light, Don Smith, Alice Kolbus, Cheryl Borem 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.



Blood Pressure, Glucose and Oxygen Level Screenings

The next screenings will take place November 17th & 18th in the east coat room after the 5:00 PM, 7:30 AM and 9:30 AM Masses by the parish nurses.

RHMT Helping Others

Our St. Michael's Rebuilding Hope Mission Team was at Sojourner Truth House on Saturday, October 27th, to install an entrance porch that would allow easier and safer egress into the facility.

Sister Peg was very happy with the results.

If you would like to participate in future opportunities such as these contact our

Rebuilding Hope Mission Team through the parish office.



Peace & Social Justice Commission



Can we help?

The Good Samaritans are offering a limited number of our annual Thanksgiving Dinner Baskets to **Parishioners** in need of assistance. Please contact our voice mail at 322-4505, extension 250 and leave a message with your name and contact number **by November 9th**. A ministry member will return your call to explain distribution details. We are here to assist our St. Michael Parish Family.

The Good Samaritans 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.

Please Help Us Help Others



“It is not what we say about our blessings, but how we use them is the true meaning of Thanksgiving”
The Good Samaritan Food Drive will again be at the 9:00 AM Thanksgiving Mass, November 22nd. We will be collecting food, as well as monetary donations, to assist families in need. The following items are needed:

Food: Pasta sauce, canned & dried soup, pork & beans, kidney, baked and various types of beans, canned vegetables, chili, Manwich, peanut butter, jelly, canned fruit, applesauce, canned meats, tuna, various pastas, noodles, instant potatoes, pasta sides, rice sides, instant rice, macaroni and cheese, stuffing mix, hamburger helper, cereal, oatmeal, saltine crackers, cookies, pancake mix & syrup, jello & pudding, cake and biscuit mixes.

Personal Care Items: shampoo, deodorant, bar soap, toothpaste & toothbrushes

Cleaning supplies & paper products: paper towels, toilet pape, Kleenex, dish soap, all-purpose cleaners, SOS pads & kitchen cleanser and laundry detergent.

Monetary donations: These dollars are used to purchase meat and perishable food items for our freezer and help with rent & utility assistance.

As always, we thank you for your continual support of our ministry and know your kind and generous hearts are greatly appreciated.

“If you can’t feed a hundred people, then feed just one.” -Saint Mother Teresa



**Today, November 4th
8:00 AM-1:00 PM
St. Patrick Hall
Adults-\$7 Children under 13-\$5
5 and under are free
come and enjoy
sausage links, eggs,
country potatoes,
juice, milk, coffee and
all you can eat pancakes
Proceeds go to St. Michael's
Good Samaritans**

Co-sponsored by the
Knights of Columbus Council 12177 and the
First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association

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



SENIOR GEMS

Fun For Seniors

November 13th: Gathering at 10:00 AM with book club/games to follow at 11:00 AM.

November 14th: Veteran Salute at Valparaiso Opera House. Meet in church parking lot at 10:30 AM. We will do lunch and then attend the play.

November 27th: Book club/games at 10:00 AM
Questions? Please contact Carol at 805-0413.

**Tree of Life Sales
This Weekend
in the Gathering Space
After Saturday Vigil Mass and
All Sunday Masses**

**Do some early Christmas shopping
as well as support
village families in Central America**



The St. Michael Knights of Columbus were chartered on March 2, 1998. Since then we have raised and donated over \$200,000 to charitable causes and hundreds of thousands of hours of service to the Church and the local Community. We could never have succeeded in changing so many lives without our members. We will be available after all Masses from October 20th to November 4th to answer your questions about how you can join us in our mission to help the poor, support the other-abled, support our seminarians, and much, much more. Come talk to us about how you can join us in our Mission.

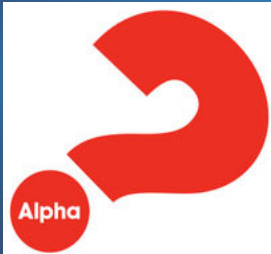
**OPEN HOUSE DINNER FRIDAY NOV. 9TH
7-9 P.M. @ ST. PATRICK HALL
R.S.V.P. JIM @ 775-5774 (TEXT/CALL)**

**Capital
Campaign
Total Amount
Collected
as of
Oct. 26, 2018:
\$2,695,440.93**



**Amount
Needed to
Reach Goal of
\$3,400,000:
\$704,559.07**

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



WHAT is Alpha?

Alpha is a series of 11 sessions exploring the Christian faith. Each session looks at a different question around faith and is designed to spark a conversation. The sessions include food, a short talk and a discussion at the end where you can share your thoughts. There's no pressure, no follow up and no charge. Oh, and no homework.

WHEN: January 2019

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

COLLECTING FOR OUR TROOPS!!!

The Lions Club and American Legion are collecting items to send to our troops. Please drop off any of the following items at the **Church Office**, 1 E. Wilhelm St. during business hours: Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM until November 16th at noon. All items will be packaged and mailed by the Schererville Lions.

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| Notebooks | Movies | Small multi-tools |
| Blue & black ink pens | Memory sticks | Pringles |
| Crossword puzzle books | Playing cards | Hard candy |
| Envelopes | Toothpaste | Dried soups |
| Word search books | Toothbrushes | Energy bars |
| Sudoku books | Baby wash | Peanuts (individual packages) |
| Chewing gum | Foot powder | Individual snacks |
| Eye drops | Deodorant | Individual powdered drink mixes |
| Beef jerky (No Pork) | Sunscreen | |
| Hand lotion | Shampoo | |
| Baby wipes | Hair conditioner | |
| Hand sanitizer | Dust masks | |
| Phone cards | Lip balm | |
| Mouthwash | Sanitary items | |

God bless you and thank you for your support.

St. Michael Parish Education Foundation Second Collection This Weekend

The Foundation was established to invest money collected for the future education endeavors of our parish community. The gifts that the Education Foundation receives are used to provide tuition assistance for families in need, support professional development, and assist in the enhancement of school facilities

The Foundation was able to assist the school by purchasing a new series of Science textbooks this year.

The Education Foundation is a 501 (c)(3) organization. It can accept donations of all forms, including: cash, installments, stocks, bequests, and other forms of planned gifts.

Long-term investment strategy is the goal to support St. Michael Parish/St. Michael Catholic School and our Educational Ministries for the community.

Haiti Update November 2018

There has been much activity behind the scenes, creating a plan for our Haiti Twinning Project, but also many people and groups continue to provide ways to assist our new friends in Notre Dame de la Merci parish.

- Labors of Love continues to sew pillowcase dresses for the young girls.
- The children's RCIA collected and donated two backpacks filled with school supplies.
- SMS sponsored a *Dress Down Day* in September which collected over \$1800 for school supplies.
- The Haiti steering committee met recently with Deacon Bob Larkin from Naperville who has been to Notre Dame de la Merci many times. He provided some very good information about the water quality in Jacquesyl. Since the town is very close to the sea, the well located near the church will turn brackish by late morning. There are several solutions which will be evaluated in the coming weeks.
- A few weeks ago I attended a conference in Lafayette which was attended by many other churches in our state that are twinning with parishes in Haiti. I learned a lot of hygiene, sanitation, water purification options in Haiti. I was impressed that so many people in our own backyard have been working with parishes in Haiti for more than 15 years. But we are the first diocese to develop twinning with parishes in the northeast diocese of Fort Liberte.

Beginning the week before Thanksgiving, we will be partnering with Haiti Marycare, and offering an opportunity for parishioners, families, or ministries to provide a school scholarship for a child in Notre Dame de la Merci school. For \$150 per year, you can sponsor a child for one year in school which provides for tuition, uniform, supplies and one meal a day. A great bargain for such an important cause!

The steering committee will be visiting Jacquesyl in late January, on a short fact-finding mission. Fr. Gregory and our principal, Colleen Kennedy, and I and perhaps others will be visiting with Fr. Franz to continue developing our relationship. I am sure we will come back with lots of ways to help. If anyone else would like to join the steering committee please contact me.

Wow, much is happening. Thank you for all the support for our friends in Jacquesyl, Haiti! Watch for more information and activities in the coming weeks! May God continue to bless our efforts to help the less fortunate people in the world. *Deacon Ron*



I know that there are several dentists or dental hygienists in our parish. There will be a mission in mid-January to Haiti to provide dental care to the people in the town. If anyone is interested in participating on this mission, please contact Fr. Gregory or me.

On November 7th, Culver's in Schererville is hosting an event where 20% of the income from 3-8 PM will be designated for SMS and they will also donate soccer balls. Our school has graciously decided to donate all the money and soccer balls to our sister parish in Haiti. Please plan to support this event and remember to mention St. Michael School when ordering.

Here are some pictures of the 7th grade class that was able to be started based on your generous contributions. They have new desks and blackboards as well!



Stewardship & Parish Administration Commission

Stewardship Challenge

When faced with all decisions this week consider how you can love God and love your neighbor through all of your actions.

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 4

Pancake Breakfast 8:00 AM-1:00 PM
Knights of Columbus Recruitment After All Masses
Tree of Life Sales After All Masses
RCIA 9:30 AM
Baptism Prep 7:00 PM

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

MONDAY NOVEMBER 5

Centering Prayer 6:00 PM
Bible Study 7:00 PM
Liturgy Committee Meeting 7:00 PM

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 6

OLPH Devotions 7:30 AM
Labors of Love 10:00 AM
Children's Choir Practice 3:15 PM
Good Shepherd/Traditional Classes 6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 7

Eucharistic Adoration 1:00-6:00 PM
Traditional Classes 6:00 PM
Good Samaritans Meeting 6:30 PM
Health & Spirituality 7:00 PM

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 8

Bereavement Session 7:00 PM
Choir Practice 7:00 PM
Ministers of Care Meeting 7:00 PM
Stewardship Ministry Meeting 7:00 PM

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 9

Cleaning of Church 2:00 PM
Bell Choir Practice 5:30 PM
Knights of Columbus Open House Dinner 7:00 PM

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 10

Respect Life Ministry Meeting 8:30 AM
Confessions 3:30-4:30 PM

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

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE



October 28, 2018

Adult	\$15,439.00
EFTs*	\$460.00
Children	\$19.05
Loose	\$654.78

Total Weekly Offering
\$16,572.83

**Electronic Funds Transfer*

A donation was made to the
St Michael Parish Education Foundation
from Mary Jane & Richard Gerlach and
Kathleen & Clarence Kistler

In Loving Memory of our friend
~*Shirley Ewing*~

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

THE SHRINE OF CHRIST'S PASSION CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

Visit The Gift Shoppe today, **November 4th** for the **Annual Christmas Open House!** This is an ideal time to begin your early Christmas shopping with great deals. Receive a free Shrine Gift Card with a qualifying purchase:

\$20 Gift Card with a \$100 purchase,
\$50 Gift Card with a \$200 purchase and
\$100 Gift Card with a \$300 purchase.

Join us for a delicious array of hors d'oeuvres, door prizes, a Fontanini Nativity Raffle and unbelievable savings! The Shrine of Christ's Passion is the perfect place for all your Christmas shopping!

*The Shrine of Christ's Passion
Keeping Christ in our hearts everyday of the year!*

STM CAREER NETWORKING GROUP

On **November 14th**, 7:00-8:30 PM, STM Career Networking Group is having a seminar, "How to Make a Job Fair Work to Your Advantage" at *STM Weis Center, 8635 Calumet Ave., Munster.*

*MARRIAGE DATE NIGHT

Spend time with your spouse over a delicious meal at *Don Quijote, 119 E. Lincolnway, Valparaiso* starting with a cash bar at 4:45 PM followed by dinner at 5:15 PM and reflections by Fr. Thomas Loya, a national speaker, radio host and writer, at 7:00 PM on **November 30th**. Please contact Roseanne Kouris at rkouris@dcgary.org for more details.



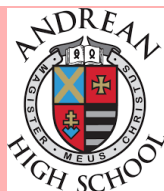
BISHOP NOLL OPEN HOUSE 1519 HOFFMAN ST., HAMMOND

Prospective students and their families are invited to attend and tour the school, meet current students, teachers and coaches on

November 4th, 12:00-2:00 PM. Now in its 98th year, Bishop Noll recorded the highest graduation rate among all Lake County high schools in 2017 and cumulatively over the past four years.

*ANDREAN OPEN HOUSE

Andrean High School invites prospective families to visit with teachers, students, coaches, players, clubs, and academic teams on **November 4th**, 5:00-7:30 PM. Families are also welcome to tour Andrean's campus! Families can complete pre-registration for the event at andreanhs.org/rsvp.



*FISH FRY

The Good Shepherd Council of the Knights of Columbus will host a **Fish Fry** on **Nov. 14th**, 4:00 to 7:00 PM at *Our Lady of Consolation Vamos Hall, 8303 Taft St. Merrillville*. Fried Alaskan Pollack or Chicken Tenders will be served with fries or boiled potatoes, cole slaw, green beans, applesauce, beverage, and ice cream. Adults-\$11, Seniors-\$10, Preteens-\$5, Preschool-Free. Carry Outs available. Please contact Jack at 219-365-1505 with any questions.

*MARCH FOR LIFE 2019

Be a voice for the unborn and for the 55 million babies who have lost their lives due to abortion since 1973! Participate with us in the annual pilgrimage and peaceful, prayerful protest on Capitol Hill in the March for Life 2019 in Washington DC led by Diocese of Gary Pro-Life Director, Rev. Theodore J. Mens **January 16th-19th**. We will depart from St. Mary Church in Griffith and St. Patrick Church in Chesterton. Cost is \$300 which includes travel by deluxe motorcoach, Cardinal Bus Lines, 2 nights at Comfort INN, Fairfax VA (2 free breakfasts), and 2 buffet dinners on January 17th and 18th, and tickets to Life is Very Good Evening of Prayer sponsored by the Diocese of Virginia. The March for Life is held in Friday, January 18th. We will also tour the Holocaust Museum, the outdoor memorials, Smithsonian Museums, the Basilica Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, and we take part in the beautiful wreath laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington Cemetery. **A \$50 non-refundable deposit is due now to hold your spot on the pilgrimage and the \$250 balance is due December 10th.** Limited seating is available. For an application, email: stmarygriffith@comcast.net or call the St. Mary Church office at 219-924-4163. Please be advised there is a lot of walking involved with this pilgrimage.

*COOKIE WALK & CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

St. Andrew Women's Guild is having their annual Christmas Cookie Walk & Craft Bazaar on **Dec. 8th**, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM in *Ameling Hall, 801 W. 73rd Ave., Merrillville*.

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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