

WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

November 25, 2018 Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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*Jesus Christ is the faithful witness,
the firstborn of the dead
and ruler of the kings of the earth. — Revelation 1:5*

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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

DO NOT FEAR LOVE! Years of hearing a certain gospel story over and over again can invite us to new insight. The story today of Jesus before Pilate is a familiar one; maybe too familiar. Generally, we see this story as the “world” (represented in Pilate) challenging “heaven” (represented in Jesus). But the dialogue between Jesus and Pilate reveals truths that are much deeper than what is commonly seen.

Jesus is not setting the “good” power of heaven over and against the “bad” power of the world. He is not telling Pilate that the power of the kingdom does not belong to the created world. Rather, Jesus is saying that the power of God’s kingdom does not belong to a world of relationships or activities that is built on greed and selfishness, prejudice and persecution, winners and losers. Pilate comes from this kind of world and so is unable to understand the kind of power Jesus wields and the kind of kingdom that is built on that power.

The power Jesus commands is the power of love; the kind of love that sacrifices itself for the good of another person. The kind of love that hate cannot destroy. It is the kind of love that goes far beyond romance and liking someone or not. This kind of love pushes you and me to grow in wisdom and service, in generosity and forgiveness.

All too often you and I share in Pilate’s inability and lack of imagination. We look at the world and live by the principles: that bigger is better, that might makes right, and that poverty is the child of laziness. We are afraid to imagine a world order based not on the economy of desire, want and waste but on the economy based on acceptance, inclusion and love; the kind of love Jesus had for all of us as He stood before Pilate.



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Jesus was not afraid to envision this kingdom and that is a big reason why He had to die for His vision. Jesus, our King, can teach us not to fear but to dream and even live the vision for which He died. Love, Jesus style, liberates and frees you and me to participate in the building up of God’s kingdom here and now.

Next week we begin the season of Advent. I realize that all the stores tell us it’s already Christmas. But we must remember that the mercantile holiday is more concerned about appearance and not concerned about being ready for the coming of Jesus at the end-time. When that will be we do not know but it certainly would be good for you and me to be caught by that surprise doing works of charity and justice rather than worrying about making the “perfect” Christmas. Let’s use this Advent wisely. It might be the last one you or I have to be ready for the Eternal Christmas.

Spirituality and Worship Commission

**The Feast of
Our Lady of
Guadalupe
December 12th
7:00 PM Mass
in the Church**



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

**Advent Evening Prayer
Come Share a Moment of
Prayer and Fellowship**



**Dec. 3rd, 10th & 17th
7:00 PM in the Church**

**Little Blue Advent Books
Available in Gathering Space**

**After All Masses
This Weekend and
Next Weekend**

A donation of \$1.00 each is appreciated.
Adult books are available in English only.

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



November/December Calendar

**Jewish Faith Tradition
Historic Background,
Practices and Much More**

**Rabbi Len Zukrow
as Guest Speaker**



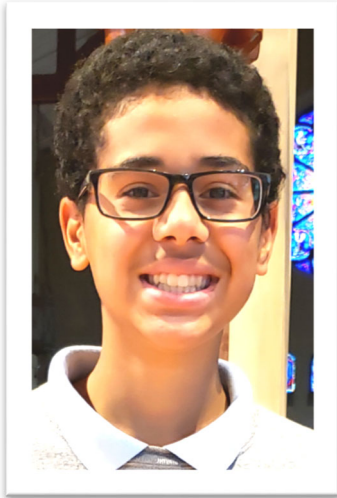
**November 28th
at 7:00 PM
in St. Patrick Hall**

Brought to you by the Adult Education Committee

- 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**
- Dec. 2nd: Family Session 9:30-11:00 AM
- Dec. 4th: Good Shepherd/Traditional Classes 6:00-7:30 PM
- Dec. 5th: Traditional Classes 6:00-7:30 PM
- Dec. 11th: Good Shepherd/Traditional Classes 6:00-7:30 PM
- Dec. 12th: Traditional Classes 6:00-7:30 PM
- Dec. 18th: Good Shepherd/Traditional Classes 6:00-7:30 PM
- Dec. 19th: Traditional Classes 6:00-7:30 PM
- Dec. 25th/26th: No classes-Christmas Break**

SCHOOL NEWS

Warrior of the Week



This week's Warrior of the Week is Nathan Anderson. Nathan has been a student at SMS since kindergarten, and will be attending Boylan Catholic High School in Rockford, IL next year. Nathan plays soccer and volleyball and runs track and cross country for the Warriors. He also plays trombone in the school band, serves the student community as a member of Student Council, is a Boy Scout and does a lot of volunteer work. Nathan's favorite thing about SMS is that he is friends with everyone. When he leaves SMS he will miss all his friends and also pizza crunchers, his favorite lunch in the cafeteria. Nathan's advice to younger students is to study hard so you get better grades on your quizzes and tests. We hope you have a wonderful 8th grade year, Nathan!

SMS Students Honor Local Veterans

St. Michael School students did an amazing job honoring our veterans at the Veterans Day Program held on November 12th. It was a privilege to witness our student body perform patriotic music. Their lyrical expressions of patriotism matched well with the more academic feelings expressed by 8th grade student, Nicholas Graziani, when he read his essay entitled "Why I Honor the American Flag."

Nick's paper perfectly encapsulated the sentiments of the event: it paid homage to the rich symbolism of the flag, and more importantly, it gave thanks to the veterans for their defense of this symbol. Other students thanked the veterans for their service and recognized them with a certificate and gift card. While such things are never enough to honor these brave men and women who sacrificed for this nation, we were glad to see that our gifts were gladly, and even tearfully, accepted by the veterans.

Article submitted by Debbie Mangione and Zachary Williams

Photos submitted by Steven Koontz





You're invited to a Five Guys fundraiser.

For one day only, we will receive a donation for every purchase made at the Five Guys store. Here are the details:

Where: 1575 US HWY 41 Scherville, IN 46375	When: Tuesday, November 27th All Hours of Operation
Five Guys will donate:	20% of fundraiser sales and an additional \$1 for every milkshake

Please bring your friends.

After all, it's a chance for all of us to help our cause and enjoy great food.

St. Michael School

Purchase a Gift Card.
Receive additional donations.

Please notify cashier you are attending the fundraiser for SMS to receive credit for your purchase.

Education and Formation Commission

Lower Your Taxes and Help the Children at St. Michael School

The State of Indiana has a School Scholarship Tax Credit Program. Here is how the program works. An individual or business donates 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. For example, if a business or individual donates \$100, they will receive a \$50 tax credit on their Indiana State income taxes. If a business or individual donates \$1000, they will receive a \$500 tax credit on their Indiana State income taxes. This tax credit program is only available while State funding is available. Last year, the tax credit program was only available through late March. The bottom line is to make your donation as early as possible to take advantage of this tax saving program.

To donate online: <https://scholarshipsforeducationchoice.com/st-michael-school/>

To donate by mail: Please make your check payable to **Sagamore Institute SGO**. On the check, please indicate that it is for St. Michael School, Schererville. Please mail the check to:

SEC at Sagamore Institute
2902 North Meridian Street
Indianapolis, IN 46208

Thank you for your generosity. If you have any questions or seek additional information, please contact Marty Lucas at 219-789-6970 or smlucas13@sbcglobal.net.

Radiate: HS Youth Ministry

RADIATE is not school. It's a place where teens are in charge. From topics to games, from food to friendships, and enriching your faith, we have a place for you in Radiate.

Come on out and see what we are about! All high school teens are invited!

Upcoming Schedule:

Nov. 18th: Sanctity of Life, 6:00 - 8:00 PM in St Patrick Hall

Dec. 9th: Christmas Party, 6:00 - 8:30 PM in St Patrick Hall

Dec. 14th: Service Project-Caroling at Dyer Nursing Home at 4:00 PM

Dec 8th-9th & Dec 15th-16th: Christmas OPLATKI FUNDRAISER



LAST WEEK TO SIGN UP! NOW IS THE TIME- COME JOIN US!

Putting our Faith Into Action:

Radiate invites 8th graders and our St Michael Parish Family to come on our Pilgrimage to Washington, DC as we walk at the March For Life, celebrating the Sanctity of Life.

Expect a Peaceful, Prayerful, Life-Changing Experience and be among 800,000 others who walk for Life.

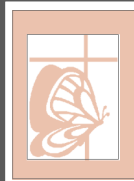
Information flyers are on the back table in the gathering space.

Feel free to contact Jeannine Quigley at 219-775-5356 or Erika Dolder at 219-895-3072 for any questions. You may also sign up at www.stmichaelparish.life

Washington, DC at-a-glance:

- Leaving January 17th in evening and arriving back to church parking lot on morning of January 20th
- Charter Bus & Hotel & 1 Breakfast & Excursions = \$250 per person
- Visiting: The March, Arlington Cemetery, Holocaust Museum, Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, including special tour from Deacon Declan
- DUE dates for payments, waiver & registration - by DECEMBER 2ND. Forms are available on the website: stmichaelparish.life & on back table in the gathering space.

Peace & Social Justice Commission



For Those Who Have Died...

Marlene Sarros

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



Terri Garcia, Pamela Weber, Diana Donnell, Anita Thomas, Dawn Light, Don Smith, Alice Kolbus, Cheryl Borem, Raul Joffre, Norman Kendys, Michael Suty, Evelyn Mathews, David Sarros, Jen-Mei Dorris, Pam Matonovich, Mark Biegel, Mike Rose, Deacon Ed Gatons, Sharon Kras, Britney Tuskan, Rosemarie Rossman, John Palis, Carol Smialek, Debbie Kaminski, Anthony Adducci, Anthony Caposey 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.

Labors of Love: Faith in Action



We would like to recognize our ministry, Labors of Love, who went out to the Missionaries of Charity Soup Kitchen in Chicago on November 13th. St. Teresa herself assisted in establishing this facility, which serves a vital role in providing food and assistance to those who otherwise would not eat. The Labors of Love helped serve lunch and passed out their handcrafted pillows and sleeping mats, along with care bags and scarves. The members of this ministry serve as an excellent example of Catholics who express their faith through action. Anyone interested in joining the Labors of Love is encouraged to contact Kathy Jablonski at kacia56@sbcglobal.net.

Submitted by Steven Koontz

Blood Pressure, Glucose and Oxygen Level Screenings

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



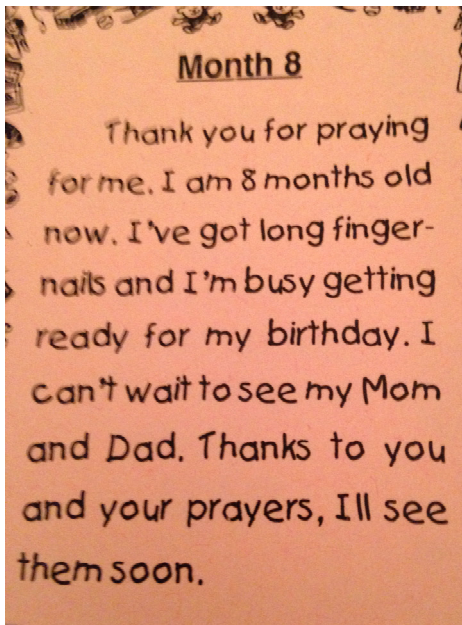
We are here to assist anyone with temporary help. If you know someone from Dyer, Schererville or St. John who could use help with their NIPSCO bill, rent, or groceries,

please have that person in need (due to privacy act) call 322-4505, ext. 250 and leave a message.



Can We Help?

The Good Samaritans are offering a limited number of our annual Christmas 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 December 7th*. A ministry member will return your call to explain distribution details. We are here to assist our St. Michael Parish Family.



Spiritual Adoption Program

Please remember to pray daily for your Spiritually Adopted baby and the baby's mother and father.

"Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion."

Prayer of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

In celebration of the baby's birth next month, part of the Parish Advent Activity has Respect Life as one of the charitable organizations that will be helped. The donations you make will help the many organizations that promote life and nurturing care.

Christmas Cards For Sale

The Respect Life Ministry will be selling Family Christmas Cards after all Masses this weekend, next weekend and December 1st/2nd in the Gathering Space and at the Chapel Door and on December 9th in St. Patrick Hall during the Breakfast with St. Nicholas. For \$2.00 you not only get a beautiful card to send to your family for Christmas, but their name will be entered in our Book of Intentions and prayed for at Mass throughout the year.



SENIOR GEMS

Fun For Seniors

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

November 27th: Book club/games at 10:00 AM

December 5th: Miracle on 34th Street at Performing Arts Center at 2:00 PM. Meet there at 1:30 PM.

December 11th: Gathering at 10:00 AM, Book Club/games at 11:00 AM

December 19th: Christmas Show at Valpo Opera House at 1:00 PM. Meet in church parking lot at 10:30 PM. Lunch at Suzy's Café before show.

There are no more tickets available for either show.

Questions? Please contact Carol at 805-0413.

Marriage and Annulments

What You Need to Know

Thursday, November 29th,
at 7:00 PM

St. James the Less
in Highland

Fr. Brian Chadwick, longtime member of the Tribunal, will speak on the annulment process.

if you cannot
do great things,
do small things
in a great way.

Registration for New Parishioners

There will be no parish registration during the month of December. You may 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.

Changing Your Address

If you will be moving, we ask that you contact the parish office at your earliest convenience to inform us of your new address and phone number. If you will be leaving the parish and do not wish to be included in future mailings, please let us know that as well. Thank you in advance for being good stewards.

Making Christmas a Little Brighter for Foster Children

The Lake County Department of Child Services will be hosting a Christmas Party for foster children in our area on December 15th. They are looking for Christmas wrapping paper to wrap gifts for young children as well as \$5 gift cards to local eateries for tweens and teens in the Lake County Foster Care system. If you are able to meet this need, please contact Maria Dahn at 219-512-5957 or mariadahn@yahoo.com, and she will be happy to collect any wrapping paper or gifts you may be willing to donate to this very worthy cause. **All donations must be in by December 2nd.** Please consider a small donation to make a child's life a little brighter this Christmas. Thank you and God bless.

Submitted by Maria Dahn

**SAVE THE DATE
THANK YOU RECEPTION**

**For all
St. Michael
Parish and School
Staff and Volunteers**

**Thursday
December 27th
6:00-9:00 PM**



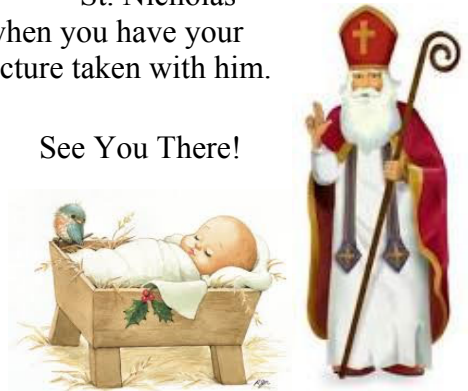
**St. Nicholas is Visiting
St. Michael Parish
December 9th
After All Masses in
St. Patrick Hall**

Enjoy a yummy continental breakfast

Have your child's picture taken
with Baby Jesus and St. Nicholas.

Gifts will be given by
St. Nicholas
when you have your
picture taken with him.

See You There!



Christmas Party for Children with Special Needs

***Sponsored by the
Knights of Columbus
St. Michael the Archangel Council 12177***

***Sunday, December 2, 2018
2:00 PM in St. Patrick Hall***

***Please RSVP to Deacon Ron Pyle at 322-4505 x284
by November 28th. JUST LEAVE A MESSAGE!***

***Games, Stories, Prizes, and Snacks
and a Special Visitor!***

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SEASONS SCHEDULE FOR 2018/19

Please cut out and save for the Christmas Season

Advent Season Begins

December 1 Saturday

Mass: 8:00 AM

Confessions: 3:30-4:30 PM (1 priest)

December 2 **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Blessing of Advent Wreath at all Masses

Masses: Sat. 12/1— 5:00 PM (Vigil Mass)

Sun. 12/2 — 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 AM

December 3 Monday

Advent Evening Prayer 7:00 PM

Fellowship & Refreshment to follow in St. Patrick Hall

December 7 Friday

Blessing of Expectant Mothers at 7:00 PM Vigil Mass

December 8 Saturday **SOLEMNITY OF THE**

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Blessing of Expectant Mothers at 8:00 AM Mass

Confessions: 3:30-4:30 PM (1 priest)

December 9 **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Blessing of 2019 Calendars at all Masses

Masses: Sat. 12/8 — 5:00 PM (Vigil Mass)

Sun. 12/9 — 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 AM

Breakfast with Baby Jesus and St. Nick after all Sunday

Masses

December 10 Monday

Advent Evening Prayer 7:00 PM

Fellowship & Refreshment to follow in St. Patrick Hall

December 11 Tuesday

School Communal Penance Service 10:30 AM

December 12 Wednesday

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass 7:00 PM

Fellowship & Refreshment to follow in St. Patrick Hall

December 15 Saturday

Mass: 8:00 AM

Confessions: 3:30-4:30 PM (1 priest)

Entering the Later Days of Advent

December 16th thru the 23rd

December 16 **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Blessing of Baby Jesus Figurines

Masses: Sat. 12/15— 5:00 PM (Vigil Mass)

Sun. 12/16 — 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 AM

December 17 Monday

Advent Evening Prayer 7:00 PM

Fellowship & Refreshment to follow in St. Patrick Hall

December 19 Wednesday

Communal Penance Service 7:00 PM (12 priests)

December 22 Saturday

Mass: 8:00 AM

Confessions: 3:00-4:30 PM (2 priests)



December 23 **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Masses: Sat. 12/22— 5:00 PM (Vigil Mass)

Sun. 12/23—7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 AM

December 24 **CHRISTMAS EVE DAY**

Parish Office Closes at Noon

Vigil Mass for Christmas—5:00 PM

Lessons & Carols Leading to Christmas Mass 11:00 PM

Christmas Mass During the Night—12:00 AM

The Christmas Season Begins

December 25 **THE NATIVITY OF**

OUR LORD

Masses: 7:30, 9:30, & 11:30 AM

Parish Office Closed

December 26 Wednesday

7:00 AM Mass

Parish Office Closed

December 27 Thursday

Thank You Reception in St. Patrick Hall for All Parish &

School Volunteers & Staff 6:00-9:00 PM

December 29 Saturday

Mass: 8:00 AM

Confessions: 3:30-4:30 PM (1 priest)

December 30 **HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS,**

MARY & JOSEPH

Masses: Sat. 12/29 — 5:00 PM (Vigil Mass)

Sun. 12/30 — 7:30, 9:30, & 11:30 AM

January 1, 2019 **NEW YEAR'S DAY**

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Masses: Mon. 12/31—5:00 PM (Vigil Mass)

Tues. 01/01—10:00 AM

Parish Office Closed

January 5 Saturday

Mass: 8:00 AM

Confessions: 3:30-4:30 PM (1 priest)

January 6 **EPIPHANY OF OUR**

LORD

Masses: Sat 1/5 — 5:00 PM (Vigil Mass)

Sun 1/6 — 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 AM

Music Ministry Christmas Concert 3:00 PM

January 12 Saturday

Mass: 8:00 AM

Confessions: 3:30-4:30 PM (1 priest)

January 13 **BAPTISM OF OUR LORD**

Masses: Sat 1/12 — 5:00 PM (Vigil Mass)

Sun 1/13— 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 AM

The Christmas Season Ends at Sundown.



Stewardship & Parish Administration Commission

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

Stewardship Challenge

As this liturgical year comes to an end, we are reminded that Jesus is King, He is in control. Find a way to give up control of someone or some situation that has you holding on tightly. Let go and Let God.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

The November 18th collection will be posted in next week's bulletin.

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 25

Advent Blue Books Available After All Masses
Christmas Cards Sale After All Masses
RCIA 9:30 AM

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

MONDAY NOVEMBER 26

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

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 27

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

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 28

Eucharistic Adoration 1:00-6:00 PM
Traditional Classes 6:00 PM
Judaism Talk 7:00 PM

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 29

Choir/Cantor Practice 7:00 PM
Parents' Reconciliation Meeting 7:00 PM
Stewardship Meeting 7:00 PM

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 30

Cleaning of the Church 2:00 PM
Bell Choir Practice 5:30 PM
WOW 7:00 PM

SATURDAY DECEMBER 1

First Saturday Devotions After 8:00 AM Mass
Advent Décor Set-Up 9:00 AM
Confessions 3:30-4:30 PM
Advent Blue Books Available After Vigil Mass
Christmas Cards Sale After Vigil Mass

"When I *STAND* before God
at the end of my life,
I would *hope* that I
would not have a
SINGLE bit of talent
left, and could say,
{ I used *everything* }
{ You gave me. }"
-Erna Bonbeck

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

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

with a Memorial Donation.

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Look for us on the website: 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 **Nov. 25th** at *Franciscan St. Margaret Hospital in Dyer in the Blessed Mother Conference room located at the west entrance* at 2:00 PM.

Note: We will not be having a meeting in December, due to Christmas but will return on the fourth Sunday in January, 2019.

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.

BNI OPEN HOUSE

Families considering a Bishop Noll Institute education can attend an Open House, 6:00 to 8:00 PM on **Dec. 6th** to see the school in action. Bishop Noll, a Catholic college preparatory high school, is located at *1519 Hoffman St., Hammond*. Attendees can tour the school, meet current students, teachers and coaches and learn how Noll educates students in mind, body and soul. For more information, contact Director of Admissions Jeff Stur at jstur@bishopnoll.org or call (219) 932-9058, ext. 1008, or visit bishopnoll.org.



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*.



ANDREAN EVENTS.

Schedule Your Shadow Day Now!

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

Upcoming Admissions Events

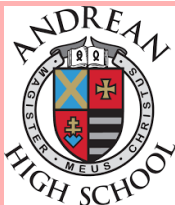
Every Wednesday: Parent Tours of Andean High School, 9:00 - 10:00 AM

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.



POLISH ADVENT & CHRISTMAS CUSTOMS

A program on "Polish Advent and Christmas Customs" will be presented by Fr. Walter J. Rakoczy at 5:00 PM on **Dec. 12th** and repeated at 2:00 PM on **Dec. 16th** at the *Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. 4th St.* Admission is free and open to the public. For reservations and more information, please call Theresa Child at 219-464-1369 or Robin Kohn at 219-873-3049.



STM CAREER NETWORKING GROUP

On **Dec. 12th**, 7:00-8:30 PM, at *STM Weis Center, 8635 Calumet Ave., Munster*, Marlene Murphy, youth business engagement specialist from Work One, will present a free seminar, "Resources for Young Adults," for those ages 16-24. Adult services will also be available at this meeting.

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@dcdgary.org for more details.

COOKIE SALE

St. Stephen Martyr Women's Club is having a cookie sale the weekend of **Dec. 15th/16th**, after all Masses. *St Stephen Martyr is located at 5920 Waite St., Merrillville.*



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



<p><u>SATURDAY NOVEMBER 24</u> 5:00 PM †Jim Candreva</p> <p><u>SUNDAY NOVEMBER 25</u> 7:30 AM †Elizabeth Bohling 9:30 AM For an End to Abortion on Demand and for a Conversion of Heart for those who Provide Abortions †Len Lula †Deacon Jack Krol 11:30 AM St. Michael Parish</p> <p><u>MONDAY NOVEMBER 26</u> 7:00 AM Robert G. Hamnik</p> <p><u>TUESDAY NOVEMBER 27</u> 7:00 AM †Sally Kratz</p> <p><u>WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 28</u> 7:00 AM All Souls 8:55 AM All Souls</p>	<p><u>THURSDAY NOVEMBER 29</u> 7:00 AM †James Mendoza-2nd Anniversary †FE B. Dequina</p> <p><u>FRIDAY NOVEMBER 30</u> 7:00 AM All Souls</p> <p><u>SATURDAY DECEMBER 1</u> 8:00 AM Ardis Baker 5:00 PM †Tom Kudzia</p> <p><u>SUNDAY DECEMBER 2</u> 7:30 AM St. Michael Parish 9:30 AM †Frank Sink †Pauline Coniglio †Daniel “Bud” Ruf 11:30 AM †Joan & Joseph Dobrowolski</p> <p>† indicates deceased</p>
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THE WORD

(Readings for December 2nd, First Sunday of Advent)

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| I. <i>Jeremiah 33:14-16</i> | The time is coming when the Lord’s promise to Israel will be fulfilled. An offspring of David will come and bring justice for all nations of the world. |
| II. <i>1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2</i> | Paul prayed to the Lord for the Christians of Thessalonica that their love for one another would overflow and that their hearts might be blameless and holy before God. |
| III. <i>Luke 21:25-28, 34-36</i> | There will be great signs in the heavens and great distress on the earth when the Son of Man comes in glory. Therefore, “be vigilant at all times to stand before the Son of Man.” |

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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