

WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

JANUARY 27, 2019 | THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Go, eat rich foods
and drink sweet drinks,
and allot portions
to those who have
nothing prepared;

FOR TODAY IS

Feast
TO OUR LORD.

~ Nehemiah 8:10



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

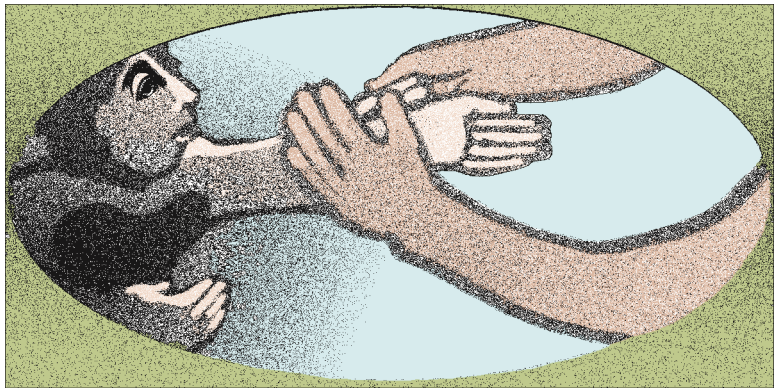
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From the Pastor's Desk

The New Abolitionist. There has been a keen interest in the events and people surrounding the Civil War. One of the more intriguing features leading up to that terrible conflict was the work of the abolitionists to raise the conscious of the nation to the devastating injustice of treating another human being like property. Thus, one cannot speak of that tragic war without speaking of the partial cause for the war, which is slavery; or better — the right for each human person to exist and be free. At the time and in the decades leading up to the war, many people in the south saw little wrong with slavery. Even in the north, though many would not own a slave, they were not terribly disturbed that others did. Even those who began to speak out about the horrors of that “particular” institution in the north were considered fanatics and people trying to tell others what to do with “their” property.

That struggle had to be finally solved in a most unwanted fashion by which much blood was shed. Perhaps, as Mr. Lincoln observed, to atone for the blood shed in the centuries of cruel slavery. The President was humble enough to admit he did not understand the mind of God on this matter but believed that together as a nation we were accountable for the fate of those held in bondage and treated like property of another human being.

The sense of moral rectitude in our present day behavior and treatment of those human beings growing in the womb is a reminder to us all that we can never escape the sinful-human tendency to oppress those considered weak, and thus less human. Abortion on demand, both the surgical procedure and the drug induced kind, has more in common with the controlling and dominating attitudes of those who accepted slavery as a natural state. If one thinks that they have control over another even as small and tiny as a developing human being then slavery still exists. But others argue that the woman has a right to her body, and she does — but not to the body of another even if she carries that other.



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To say that her carrying another human being, which is how nature set it up, gives her the right to decide life or death for that other human being is to relinquish a power to a person that no person has a right to exercise.

We need to be the abolitionists of today. We cannot idly sit by and take the notion that one person has the right to eliminate another person. The choice to not have a baby comes long before the developing embryo is in the womb. We too will be judged by the Just Judge for this newest version of slavery. Some say He will not judge, that God understands. Even Mr. Lincoln would not hold such a thought.

Perhaps our struggle for freedom and life for ALL is still in its infancy, perhaps we have many years to go. The first abolitionists had an uphill battle convincing people that God's will is never found in our self-centered concerns that deny to someone else the fullness of life. For us it might be a bit different because many do not believe in God, or at least the God revealed to us in the Sacred Scriptures. They believe in the God they define which conveniently allows them to do whatever they see as fit and just. However, though our cause be ridiculed and we may be called trouble makers and fanatics we must continue to pray and act to convert the hardened hearts where ever we encounter them.

Spirituality and Worship Commission



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

Ministers Needed!

A few months ago I shared my story with the parish on how I accepted call to serve. I encouraged you to pray about how you can do the same. Have you felt that calling to participate more in the Mass? Give me a call! We have a particular need at the 11:30 AM Mass and look forward to having you fill that need. Please contact Gary Wolfe at 219-678-1332.

**All Liturgical
Ministers
Save the Date
March 9th
Morning of
Reflection**

**Hey Altar Servers
Save the Date!
February 16th
A Bowling Bash Just
for You!
1:00-3:00 PM
The Super Bowl, Inc.
in Crown Point**

A cartoon bowling ball character with a purple body, a smiling face, and arms. It is holding a white bowling pin in its right hand.

Children's Choir at the Night of Miracles Concert



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, RADIATE Youth Ministry, Bible Study



Historical Figures Research Paper

The eighth graders have been hard at work completing their research papers on who they believe to be a historical figure. As a class, they began by brainstorming what it means to be a historical figure and what criteria one must meet to be considered. They then were able to select anyone they felt to be a historical figure to write about. Some of the selections are: Amelia Earhart, George Washington, Martin Luther King Jr., Freddie Mercury, Malala Yousafzai, and many more.

In completing their first draft they have learned how to take annotative notes while doing research, generate a thesis statement, cite sources within their papers, use proper MLA formatting, and how to create a bibliography page. This project has also given the eighth graders an opportunity to look outside of their own lives and to learn about someone else's, all while learning the important key research and writing skills to prepare them for their continued education.

The eighth grade class of 2019 are shaping up to be very strong writers.

Submitted by Megan Mossman



Warrior of the Week

This week's Warrior of the Week is Katie Cusick. Katie has been a student at St. Michael School since kindergarten, and will be attending Andean High School next year. Katie plays volleyball and basketball for the Warriors. She is a cheerleader, and plays the flute in the band. She also has been on our Academic Team. Katie's favorite thing about SMS is that "everyone is so close and we all get along. I love how we are like a family at this school." When Katie graduates, she says, "I will miss my friends and how we always get along. I will miss my teachers because they are so nice and funny. They teach me so much." Katie's advice to younger students is to "make fun out of everything even if it isn't fun, because you will find fun in everything you do." Hope the rest of your 8th grade year is fun, Katie!

Submitted by Jen Poskin

VOLUNTEER FORM



ST. MICHAEL
SCHOOL

PASSPORT
TO OUR *Heritage*

Name _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

___ I WOULD LIKE TO HELP SATURDAY NIGHT, MARCH 2, 2019 AT THE EVENT.

PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY TO YOUR INTEREST:

- ___ Bartender*
(Bartenders must have or obtain a valid volunteer server license with the state. We can help with this.)
- ___ General help
- ___ Port helper/food server helper
- ___ Take down/clean up
- ___ I would like to donate an item for one of the themed baskets for auction.
- ___ I would like to be called to discuss other ways I might be able to assist.
- ___ I would like to take a leadership role and be contacted for future event planning.

For specific inquiries, please contact chairpersons Ron Smolen at (219) 670-0073 or Tami Smolen at (219) 616-1094 or tmsmolen@comcast.net. Volunteer forms can be dropped in the collection basket, emailed, or returned to the school or parish office during regular business hours.

Please complete and return this form as soon as possible so we can count you in to help make this year's St. Michael's Passport to our Heritage event a huge success.



Let the Good Times Roll! Laissez les bon Temps Rouler!

Education and Formation Commission

Come and Learn about the Jewish Faith Tradition Historic Background and Practices



Guest Speaker: Rabbi Len Zurkow
Tomorrow, January 28th
7:00 PM in St. Patrick Hall

Hosted by the Adult Education Committee

Signups start
this weekend

THEOLOGY UNCORKED **FEBRUARY 12 & 26, 6:30PM** **GAMBA RISTORANTE** **55 E. 84TH AVE, MERRILLVILLE, IN**

Theology Uncorked is a gathering of individuals, ages 40 and up, who get together to enjoy high quality beverages and food while listening to a spiritually illuminating speaker.



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TOPICS:

2/12: "What the mystics have to teach us about prayer and God"

-Bishop Donald Hying

2/26: "Stewards of the Mystery"

-Fr. David Simonetti



***Initial drink complimentary, charge for additional drinks.**

Education and Formation Commission

Saint of the Week

SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS (1225-1274) JANUARY 28TH

By universal consent, Thomas Aquinas is the preeminent spokesman of the Catholic tradition of reason and of divine revelation. He is one of the great teachers of the medieval Catholic Church, honored with the titles Doctor of the Church and Angelic Doctor.

At five he was given to the Benedictine monastery at Monte Cassino in his parents' hopes that he would choose that way of life and eventually became abbot. In 1239, he was sent to Naples to complete his studies. It was here that he was first attracted to Aristotle's philosophy. By 1243, Thomas abandoned his family's plans for him and joined the Dominicans, much to his mother's dismay. On her order, Thomas was captured by his brother and kept at home for over a year.

Once free, he went to Paris and then to Cologne, where he finished his studies with Albert the Great. His greatest contribution to the Catholic Church is his writings. The unity, harmony, and continuity of faith and reason, of revealed and natural human knowledge, pervades his writings. One might expect Thomas, as a man of the gospel, to be an ardent defender of revealed truth. But he was broad enough, deep enough, to see the whole natural order as coming from God the Creator, and to see reason as a divine gift to be highly cherished. He died March 7, 1274.

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February Calendar


- Feb. 3rd: Family Session 9:30-11:00 AM
- Feb. 5th: Good Shepherd/Traditional Classes 6:00-7:30 PM
- Feb. 6th: Traditional Classes 6:00-7:30 PM
- Feb. 9th: First Reconciliation 10:30 AM**
- Feb. 12th: Good Shepherd/Traditional Classes 6:00-7:30 PM
- Feb. 13th: Traditional Classes 6:00-7:30 PM
- Feb. 16th/17th: First Communicants Blessing at Saturday Vigil Mass and all Sunday Masses**
- Feb. 19th: Good Shepherd/Traditional Classes 6:00-7:30 PM
- Feb. 20th: Traditional Classes 6:00-7:30 PM
- Feb. 26th: Good Shepherd/Traditional Classes 6:00-7:30 PM
- Feb. 27th: Traditional Classes 6:00-7:30 PM

Commissions Night For Ministry Leads February 6th in St. Patrick Hall



Learn about the current Commissions structure, charters and parish strategic plan. Discuss ways that your ministry can support the Synod Initiative and further our efforts of evangelization.

Peace & Social Justice Commission



For Those Who Have Died...

Carol Keyl
Marlene Onik

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, Labors of Love

Concerned About the Increasing Cost of Healthcare?

Healthcare deductibles are ever increasing in attempts to lower monthly premiums; also known as high deductible healthcare plans (HDHP). High deductible healthcare plans are best for healthy individuals with few medical expenses and places patients in control of how they choose to spend their healthcare dollar. Whether you have Medicaid, Medicare part A, B, C or D or a HDHP all patients now need to take greater care in doing what they can do to get the best value for their healthcare dollar.

Maintaining a healthy lifestyle and actively managing any chronic medical conditions is key. One way of actively managing your chronic medical condition like high blood pressure or diabetes is to establish your own self-management plan. There are many different activities that can be included into your self-management plan – eating a healthy diet, staying physically active, taking your medication as prescribed and monitoring your condition to reach and maintain your healthcare goals.

Blood Pressure and blood glucose levels can be monitored fairly easily at home.

- **Make sure devices are working properly:**

Home blood pressure monitors allows you to track your blood pressure without visiting a health care professional. Taking blood pressure readings at home allows you to monitor blood pressure in a familiar setting, determine if medication is working, and catch changes in blood pressure early. Arm cuff Blood Pressure monitors are best and will often provide the most accurate reading. Monitors using the wrist will often be less accurate blood pressure readings. Blood pressure monitors often do not need to be calibrated. When patients first use blood glucose monitors or a new box of test strips, they usually must code the monitor to ensure accurate readings. Device coding methods vary and are described in detail in each product's instructions for use. Notably, some devices may not need to be coded. Moreover, if the monitor displays a message that the batteries need to be changed, the patient should do so promptly because tests results may be less accurate as the monitor loses power.

- **Being consistent matters:**

Be consistent, pick a specific day and time to monitor blood pressure. Tobacco, caffeine, and exercise increase blood pressure for about 30 minutes so avoid these activities before taking readings.

Blood glucose levels should be taken at the following key times: before each meal, 1 or 2 hours after a meal, at bedtime, before and after physical activity, and when you are sick or under stress. Doing this serves 2 main purposes: avoiding blood glucose levels that are too high or too low and assessing the effectiveness of medication or other therapies. Take notes and share your results with your physician or trusted healthcare provider.

Submitted by Dr. Charlene Hope, Pharmacist - Mindful Medicine Health and Spirituality Committee

Bereavement Sessions
Thursdays, Feb. 21st-April 4th
7:00-8:30 PM
SW Meeting Room
in St. Patrick Hall

YOUR GRIEF IS AS UNIQUE AS
YOU ARE

For more information or to register, please call
322-4505, ext. 241.



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.**

Peace & Social Justice Commission



Sharon Kras, Patti Mendoza, Robert Ayersman, Michael Zzyak, Larry Strayer, Phil Krivickas, Zbeigniew Sochacki, Tina Serna, Ardi Baker, Joseph Hamnik, Dawn Light, Anita Thomas, Nancy Greco, Diana Donnell, Pam Weber, Don Smith, Kenneth Rice 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.

Parish Life

Anyone over 50 is invited to join the Senior Gems. Come and have some fun.

Upcoming Schedule:

Jan. 22nd: Gathering with book club and games
10:00-12:00 PM

Outing to see the life story of Ruth Bader Ginsburg and lunch

Feb. 12th: Gathering at 10:00 AM
Book club and games,
11:00 AM-12:00 PM

Feb. 26th: Fat Tuesday Celebration
10:00 AM-12:00 PM

Please bring a white elephant gift for Bingo and bring a dish for our potluck lunch.

Mar. 12th: Guest Speaker, Barbara Rossi, will speak about the Medicare changes for 2019. No book club or games.

Anyone 50 and over who likes to play cards or games is welcome to join us on the fourth Tuesday of every month from 10:00 AM-12:00 PM.

Submitted by Carol Rusich



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

Welcoming Ministry Volunteers Needed

Do you like to pitch in, help or serve? Would you like to meet new people? Welcome! We are called by our faith to share our talents and to "Go forth and share the Good News." Our Ministry registers new parishioners on the third Sunday each month after the 7:30 and 9:30 AM Masses. It is a great opportunity to meet our new parishioners and share all the wonderful things about St. Michael Parish Community. If you are interested please contact Carol at 219-805-0413. Looking forward to hearing from those interested. Thank you for your willingness to look for ways to "Go forth and serve God and His people!"



It's Back!!!!

Chair Yoga classes will be held every Monday morning starting February 4th 8:00-9:00 AM in St. Patrick Hall.



No equipment is necessary. Dress comfortably with non-skid shoes. Cost is \$5 per hour session to be paid for the month in advance.

If interested or have questions, please call Ursula Buchnat 219-741-3276.



That's Amore Dinner Dance

In Celebration of World Marriage & Valentine's Day

Saturday, February 16, 2019

\$80 per couple

Elegant Buffet Dinner followed by a Romantic Evening of Dancing and Fellowship for Married Couples



6:00 PM	Cocktails
7:00 PM	Dinner
8:00-11:00 PM	Dancing

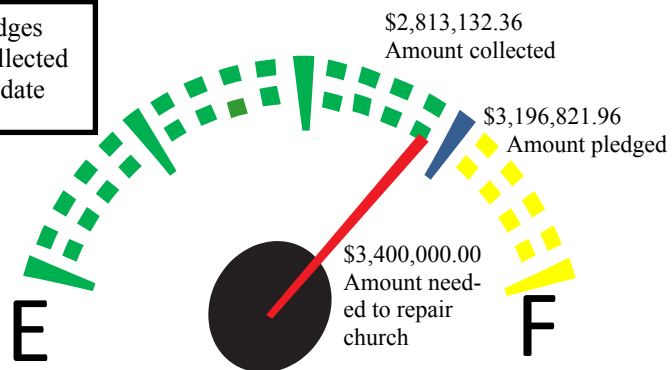
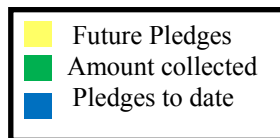
Tickets on Sale now after Saturday Vigil Masses and all Sunday Masses and at the Parish Office 219-322-4505, ext. 220

Catered by Scarborough Faire

We would like to thank Joe Butynski for doing such a great job every Donut Sunday for our parishioners. He did such a lovely set up this past Donut Sunday. We thank you for your time and talent. It is greatly appreciated.

Submitted by Carol Rusich

Capital Campaign Totals as of January 18, 2019





ST. MICHAEL'S SUPER RAFFLE & FOOTBALL PARTY



Las Vegas Style

POP • BEER • WINE • FOOD • FUN • DOOR PRIZES

RAFFLE WORTH \$25,000 IN PRIZE MONEY

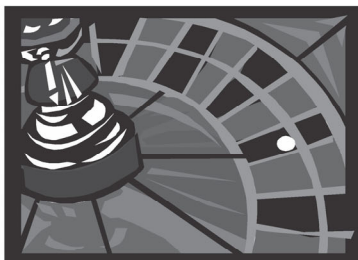
*Black-Jack
6 Wheel
Pull Tabs*

1ST PRIZE: \$15,000

2nd Prize \$2,500
4th Prize through 7th Prize: \$500
16th Prize through 19th Prize: \$150

3rd Prize: \$1,500
8th Prize through 15th Prize: \$250
20th Prize through 33rd Prize: \$100

*If ticket sales exceed
1000 sold, 1 prize will be
added for every additional
20 tickets sold*



Sunday, February 3, 2019

**St. Patrick Hall
inside St. Michael Church
1 Wilhelm Street
Schererville, IN
Doors Open 3:00 p.m.**



Raffle right after game

Game will be shown on several size screens (no projection screens)

Football Party Tickets \$25 ea. - Door \$30 ea. (Only 250 Tickets Sold)

Reserved tables with pre-paid tickets of 8 or more

SUPER RAFFLE TICKETS \$50.00 EACH

Non-Smoking Event (per Indiana State Law)

Must be 21 to attend / Young adults 16 years or older allowed with an adult 21 or over

FOR INFORMATION CALL ROB OR SYLVIA AT 219-322-6130 Gaming License 148934

Registration for New Parishioners

The next parish registration will be February 17th 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.

Stewardship & Parish Administration Commission

Stewardship Challenge

Our physical body has many parts like the body of Christ. Give glory and thanks to God for all we have, all we are and for each other. Do something to strengthen your relationship with someone else.

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY JANUARY 27

Super Raffle Tickets Sale After All Masses
That's Amore Ticket Sales After All Masses
Theology Uncorked Signups After All Masses
RCIA 9:30 AM

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

MONDAY JANUARY 28

Centering Prayer 6:00 PM
Talk on Jewish Faith 7:00 PM

TUESDAY JANUARY 29

Good Shepherd/Traditional Classes 6:00 PM
Alpha Series 7:00 PM

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 30

Eucharistic Adoration 1:00-6:00 PM
Traditional Classes 6:00 PM

THURSDAY JANUARY 31

Choir/Cantor Practice 7:00 PM
Health & Spirituality Meeting 7:00 PM

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 1

Cleaning of the Church 2:00 PM

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 2

First Saturday Devotions Following 8:00 AM Mass
Confessions 3:30-4:30 PM
Super Raffle Tickets Sale After Vigil Mass
That's Amore Ticket Sales After Vigil Mass
Theology Uncorked Signups After Vigil Mass

High school and college students: Envelopes for the new year are available on the west side of the gathering space. Please pick up your new box and write your name and the number you choose on the sheet provided. Please discard any old envelopes you may have.

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

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE



January 20, 2019

Adult	\$18,803.00
EFTs*	\$4,355.00
Children	\$79.35
Loose	\$607.35

Total Weekly Offering
\$23,844.70

**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

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Julie Hudec, Hal Slager, Joe Townsend,
Dr. Ed Udani, Donna Velez

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 today, **January 27th** 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 be planning the Art Therapy session for April 28th, the week after Easter. Facilitators Jim & Pat Koeling can be contacted at 219-365-3898 or 1-888-303-0180 for more information.

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

ANDREAN EVENTS

Mark your calendars for these upcoming Andrean events located at 5959 Broadway, Merrillville:

Jan. 27th: Open House 2:00-4:00 PM

Andrean High School invites prospective families to visit with teachers, students, coaches, players, clubs, and academic teams. Families are also welcome to tour Andrean's campus!

Feb. 9th: Entrance Exam 1:00-4:30 PM

Andrean High School invites prospective students to our Entrance Exam. Students are asked to check in by 12:45 PM and enter through Door M. Parents are invited to join us for refreshments and a presentation on the admissions process.

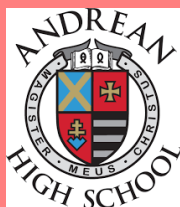
Feb. 1st: Celebrate Our Faith Concert with Alumnus PJ Anderson, 7:00-8:30 PM. General Admission is \$10.

Feb. 20th: Parent Information Night 6:00-7:00 PM

Andrean High School invites families to our Parent Information Night in Andrean's Cafeteria. Families will have the opportunity to meet with Andrean students, parents, and faculty. We look forward to meeting you! Families can pre-register for events by visiting andreanhs.org/rsvp.

Andrean's online Admissions Application is now open.

Families can begin applying at andreanhs.org/apply.



WORLD WIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Don't miss out on the upcoming enrichment for married couples and religious on **February 8th-10th** at the *Wyndham Garden Hotel in Elk Grove Village, IL*. The enrichment includes 11 presentations about practical tools for growing in loving relationships, and provides ongoing enrichments after the weekend from the World-wide Marriage Encounter community. For information, please call 630-577-0778 or visit the website: wwme-chicagoland.org.

PACZKI BALL

February 9th 6:00-11:30 PM

Casa Maria Hall (St. Maria Goretti Church)

\$30 per person

Dinner~Dancing~Raffles

Family Style Polish Dinner~Cash Bar

Music by Jimmy Kilian's Polka Band

For more information, please contact Bob Block at 219-671-0287 or email gov8990@aol.com. No ticket sales at the door.

RETURNING TO THE JOB SEARCH AFTER DECADES

STM Career Networking Group will have its monthly gathering on **February 13th**, 7:00-8:30 PM at the *STM Weis Center, 8635 Calumet Ave., Munster*. The topic of the evening is "Returning to the Job Search After Decades" presented by Teresa Tratar, a retired teacher and job search survivor.

*ST. STEPHEN FUNDRAISER

St. Stephen Martyr Women's Club will be having a fundraiser at Pepe's **February 18th-24th**. Pepe's will donate 15% of all dinner sales the entire week. Just mention our organization, so we get credit. Good for dine in or carry out from the dinner menu only. Not available with other coupons or specials. *The location of Pepe's is 260 E. 84th Drive, Merrillville.*

CARNIVALE EVENT

St. Matthias in Crown Point will host a Carnivale Event featuring a Las Vegas night, buffet extravaganza, 20 basket raffles, Bingo, large cash raffle, paczki parade, open bar and much more. The event will be **March 2nd**, 5:00-11:00 PM. Entry is \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door. Please call St. Matthias Parish for tickets or inquiries at 663-2201 or email jackiemgentry@yahoo.com.

*LENTEN RETREAT WITH FR. JERRY SCHWEITZER

Lindenwood Retreat and Conference Center (9601 Union Rd., Plymouth, IN) presents a Lenten Day Retreat with Fr. Jerry Schweitzer on **March 16th**. The retreat will focus upon the Easter Vigil Readings and their impact upon our Faith as we move from Lent to Easter -Agony to Ecstasy - Dead to Life. The cost of the retreat is \$35 and includes lunch and refreshments. Check in begins at 8:30 AM EDT. The retreat time is 9:00 AM-3:00 PM. Please register at Lindenwood.org before March 9th. For more information, email lindenwood@poorhandmaids.org or call 574-935-1780.

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



SATURDAY JANUARY 26

5:00 PM †Elaine Balcerzak

SUNDAY JANUARY 27

7:30 AM †Donna Cistaro

9:30 AM †Carol Jakubowicz

†Roger Place

†Beverly Mullaney

11:30 AM St. Michael Parish

MONDAY JANUARY 28

7:00 AM All Souls

TUESDAY JANUARY 29

7:00 AM †Eric Anderson III

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 30

7:00 AM All Souls

8:55 AM All Souls

THURSDAY JANUARY 31

7:00 AM †Julia Grish

†Monica Snyder

†Loretta & Michael Suty

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 1

7:00 AM †James Mendoza

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 2

8:00 AM †Carmella Adducci

5:00 PM †Tom Kudzia

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 3

7:30 AM St. Michael Parish

9:30 AM †Deceased Members of St. Michael's
Knights of Columbus Council #12177

†Anthony Adducci

11:30 AM †Julia Grish

†indicates deceased



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THE WORD

(Readings for February 3, 2019, The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

I. *Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19*

“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you, a prophet to the nations I appointed you...They will fight against you but not prevail over you, for I am with you.”

II. *1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13*

“Love is patient, love is kind...Love never fails.” In the end there are three things—faith, hope and love—“but the greatest of these is love.”

III. *Luke 4:21-30*

God sent Elijah to no other widow than the widow of Zarephath near Sidon. Elisha cured no other leper than Naaman the Syrian. The crowd grew angry. “But Jesus passed through the midst of them and went away.”

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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