

Community, Personnel, & On-Going Information

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Traditional ClassesTuesday or Wednesday 6:00 PM-7:30 PM
Good Shepherd ClassesTuesday 6:00 PM-7:30 PM
Sunday Family ClassesOnce a month 9:30 AM-11:00 AM

SATURDAY LITURGY Vigil: 5:00 PM DAILY LITURGY Weekdays 7:00 AM

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

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

8:00 AM

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

7 Sacrament of Penance...Saturday 3:30 PM-4:30 PM
e Baptisms...First time parents at St. Michael must attend a
Baptism Prep session before the baptism date can be scheduled.
e Please call Janice at 322-4505, ext. 241 to schedule the prep
session and/or baptism date.

Marriage....The bride, groom, their parents/grandparents must be active registered members of the parish for at least one year prior to reserving a date for the wedding. The diocese requires that arrangements must be made at least six months in advance of the wedding date in order for the proper personal, spiritual and liturgical preparations of the couple to be completed.

Sacrament of the Sick...Please call the office until 4:00 PM. After 4:00 PM, please call 322-6623 Monday-Friday and anytime on the weekend.

Anointing of the Sick is celebrated on the third Saturday of each month at the 8:00 AM Mass in the chapel.

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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From the Pastor's Desk

Prayer is a two-edged sword. One of the things we long for is consistency. You and I like it when life is consistent. We like developing a pattern, like going to the same gas station most of the time or drinking our coffee in the morning or taking a shower at the same time each day. Patterns help us to deal with the uncontrollable elements of life.

Developing patterns of living can also be great insulators against things we don't want to hear or see. A person can even begin to believe that everyone shops like them, eats like them and thinks like them and those that do not simply don't exist in any real way.

But not all patterns of living insulate us. Some patterns are like two-edged swords. Prayer is one such pattern. A person can use prayer to escape God's Presence as much as one can engage in prayer to be open to God's Presence. Following a regular pattern of prayer each day individually and each Sunday at Mass with others can certainly add stability to your life. But we must always take care that our pattern is followed in order to facilitate God' Presence becoming alive in our hearts and minds.

For this to happen, prayer always has to be first and foremost about God. What does God call me to do? Where does God direct me to go? How is God leading me each day? Prayer is about discerning God's Presence in the everyday events of your life.

In the Gospel today we can see the opposite effect where the pattern of prayer and devotion has led the people of Jesus' home town to be smug in "their" understanding of how and when God's Presence is made known. So sure are they, so constrained by a pattern of interpretation that they cannot see what others see in Jesus. These were religious people, even good people, but they were people who allowed their prayer to be more about them and less about what God wanted from them.

Every Catholic Christian needs to develop some pattern of prayer, some rhythm that can assist them to interpret the daily events of their life. But we need to take care that God is at the center of our devotions and not merely an agent who is there to help us feel comfortable in this world. In the end God will always discomfort us. God will always challenge our self-assuring patterns which try to restrict His mercy or His expectation that we act justly towards others. Our prayer then is a call to trust that though God might discomfort us He does so in order for us to experience His true comfort.

Your Gifts, Expertize and Enthusiasm Are Needed! In order for our parish to function well, the gifts and talents you possess are needed. Participating a bit more in parish life has its rewards and gives people who have done so a new and more vibrant insight into what it takes to make St. Mike's tick. We need your help with five important councils/committees. The Parish Pastoral Council, the Finance Council, the St. Michael School Advisory Committee, the Home and School Committee, and the Sports Advisory Committee.

There are no nominations and no elections. Committee members are determined through a process of DISCERNMENT. This is the same way the Apostles came to choose those who would help them. The discernment process is painless, and even a bit fun. You and other interested parishioners simply come to two Wednesday evenings - March 13th & 20th - 7:00 PM-8:30 PM. The two evenings depend on each other and assist you in knowing the functions of these different groups and the issues with which they are dealing.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE CALL 322-4505, ext. 220 OR email: mike@stmichaelparish.life. RESERVE A PLACE FOR YOUSELF AT THE TABLE. YOUR RESERVATION HELPS US TO HAVE ENOUGH MATERIALS ON HAND FOR EVERYONE TO PARTICIPATE. SESSIONS WILL BE HELD IN ST. PATRICK HALL.

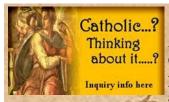
Catholic Schools Are Doable for YOU! Don't easily dismiss the possibility of a Catholic School education for your child. Come and see our St. Michael School. You are invited to a Open House and Pancake Breakfast on SUNDAY, February 24th, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM. Learn how a quality, Grade "A" academic education is enhanced when coupled with good formation in our Catholic values.

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Spirituality and Worship Commission

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

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



Come and See

Are you searching for a Church to call your own? Do you struggle with questions about life, death, suffering,

hope, forgiveness, love, God? Please call 322-4505, ext. 241 for answers to these and other questions you my have regarding the Catholic Faith and inquiry sessions will be scheduled for you.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process for those over the age of 8, baptized in another faith tradition, non-baptized, or only baptized in the Catholic faith and wish to complete their Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.



MINISTERS NEEDED!

A few months ago I shared my story with the Parish on how I accepted the 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 Mass and look forward to having you fill that need. Contact Gary Wolfe at (219)678-1332

Ministers of Care Meeting Wednesday, February 20, 2019 - 7:00 PM

Please make every attempt to attend this meeting prior to the Lenten season. Discussion will be held on the various aspects of this much needed *ministry to the homebound* as well as Ash Wednesday and other upcoming dates for this ministry. Please call Janice at 322-4505, ext. 241 if unable to attend. Thank you.

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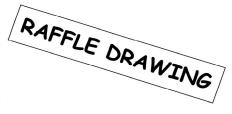
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A BOWLING BASH JUST FOR YOU!

JOIN US IN SOME FUN, FOOD & BOWLING







SATURDAY FEBRUARY 16

1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

(please arrive by 12:45pm)





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Crown Point (just pass the square)

219-661-9015



Please RSVP by Thursday February 14 ~ Jill Hartog 219-381-9913 (text/call) or jmhartog@comcast.net

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

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.

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Education and Formation Commission





Warrior of the Week

This week's Warrior of the Week is Gabriel Novales. Gabe has been a student at St. Michael School since kindergarten, and he participates in Boy Scouts, as well as boxing, martial arts and swimming. Gabe says that his favorite things about SMS are gym class and science. He will be attending Andrean High School next year, and says he will miss the pizza crunchers for lunch, and the teachers. Gabe's advice to younger students is to try hard in your subjects and never give up. We wish you the best in the rest of your 8th grade year, Gabe!

Submitted by Jen Poskin

Fourth Graders Try Their Hand at Acting

The 4th grade class at St. Michael School held a class play for the school, parents, family, Fr. Marty and

Fr. Gregory on January 15th in the school gym. The play was "Sir Bookworm." The short little play was about a modern day boy in 2019 who thought books were no longer needed in a technology-based world he lived in. He was arguing with the bookworms that reading is a waste of time. As the boy gets so bored with what is said he falls asleep. The characters of the books come off the shelves to defend themselves that reading is still cool in 2019. The class did a great job and worked hard during this little Reader's Theatre. Reader's Theatre helps improve reading fluency, vocabulary, reading comprehension while incorporating drama, art and movement into the learning process. It was a fun way to take a different



approach into our school curriculum. The students I hope will always have this memory in their hearts of our fourth grade play.

Submitted by Lynn Fisher

Saint Michael School Open House

Despite the wintry weather on Sunday, January 20th, we had a very respectable turnout for our Open House. Potential new members of our family came to check out the school, while family members of current students took the opportunity to tour the building. Let's work together and spread the word about

our next open house, February 24th at 11:00 AM, to make it an even greater success! Thanks to everyone who braved the polar weather conditions to visit us, and a special thank you to all those who volunteered their time to help make it such a wonderful event!

Submitted by Steven Koontz

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Education and Formation Commission -

Diocesan Tuition Assistance for K-12 Now in Progress

- ♦ Visit dcgary.org
- Click on Schools icon
- Scroll down the page to tuition assistance application

Radiate Visits Washington, D.C.

We THANK YOU for your prayers and support. The March for Life in Washington, DC was a wonderful experience where our teens and parishioners came together for a beautiful cause.

A few quotes from our Radiate Teens:

"The March for Life was one of the best experiences I've had so far. It's amazing to see how many people believe in the same things you do, and then to be able to peacefully come together to try and help change the laws of this country is mind blowing! I am so thankful I was able to go on this trip and there were no better people to go on it with!"

"Going on the March was so amazing. Especially the fact that I was able to go with my own parish and so many people I care so much about! It was eye opening just to see how many people were there and supported the cause. It has helped me realize that I should always speak up about what I believe in even if it may not be the popular opinion. I've also learned that I will always have the members of St. Mike's to give me support. I'm so happy to have had this opportunity and cement my belief in pro-life!"

"My experience at the March for Life was one I

will never forget. Being in an environment where everyone had the same feeling about something I believe in is something you don't experience very often. I became closer to friends, to God, and to my beliefs. I am very grateful to have this experience in my life."

Saint of the Week

SAINT AGATHA February 5 231-251

"Of noble birth and great beauty," so the ancient accounts describe Saint Agatha, martyred during an early persecution for refusing a powerful Roman's offer of marriage, since she had consecrated her virginity to Christ. An early preacher, Saint Methodius, reflects

instead on her name, noting that, in Greek, Agatha means "good," goodness being something we can all strive for, nobly born or common, blessed with beauty—or not! So brutal the tortures that violated her youthful innocence, Agatha, like Agnes and several other women martyrs, was honored from time immemorial



by having her name inscribed in the Roman Canon (Eucharistic Prayer I). Long invoked as protector against earthquakes—Mount Etna erupted as she was being tortured—recent attention has focused on the particularly cruel torture decreed for Agatha, the cutting off of her breasts. This has inspired cancer survivors to promote Saint Agatha as patron and intercessor for women courageously facing breast cancer, for their families and the multitude of supporters who participate in fund-raising marches and races, and, of course, for the dedicated researchers who seek a cure.

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Education and Formation Commission-



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

St. Michael's Presents

THEOLOGY UNCORKED

All adults, ages 40+, are invited to explore the Catholic faith, enjoy one complimentary glass of wine, appetizers (6:30-7:00 PM), companionship and exciting conversation at Gamba Ristorante, 55 E. 84th Ave., Merrillville. Program starts at 7:00 PM.

February 12th: Bishop Donald Hying, "What the Mystics have to Teach Us about Prayer and God"

Limited to first 100 people to register.

February 26th: Fr. David Simonetti, "Stewards of the Mystery" *Limited to the first 50 people to register.*

Signups are available after the Saturday Vigil Mass and all Sunday Masses this weekend and next weekend.

- Peace & Social Justice Commission

Welcome the Newly Baptized

Grant Richard Halcarz

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



Sharon Kras, Patti Mendoza, Robert Ayersman, Michael Zvyak, 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, *Marie Mosher, Richard Spiller* 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.

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Peace & Social Justice Commission



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

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

Rebuilding Hope Mission Team

Members of St. Michael's Rebuilding Hope Mission Team installed some shelving for Sister Peg Spindler at Sojourner Truth House on Saturday, January 12th. This small project allowed the opportunity for high school students to receive service hours.

If you are interested in participating in projects that St. Michael's Rebuilding Hope Mission Team does at Sojourner Truth House or other opportunities, please contact the parish office at 322-4505, ext. 220.

Submitted by James Koeling

Blood Pressure, Glucose and Oxygen Level Screenings

The next screenings will take place February 16th & 17th in the east coat room after the 5:00 PM, 7:30 AM and 9:30 AM Masses by the parish nurses.



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.

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

Parish Life —



Fun For Seniors

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Anyone 50+, if you like to laugh and have good conversation, please join us on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 10:00 AM in St. Patrick Hall.

Come and Hang Out with the GEMS!

Upcoming Schedule:

Feb. 12th: Gathering at 10:00 AM and 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

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Mindful Chair Exercise is Here



Mindful Chair Exercise classes will be held every Monday morning starting Feb. 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

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.

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.

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Parish Life -

Last Chance to Get Tickets for the Super Raffle The Drawing is February 3rd Right After the Game. Tickets are \$50 each.

















Football Party February 3rd in St. Patrick Hall Doors Open at 3:00 PM Party Tickets in Advance: \$25 Party Tickets at the Door: \$30 Only 250 Sold Must be 21 to Attend

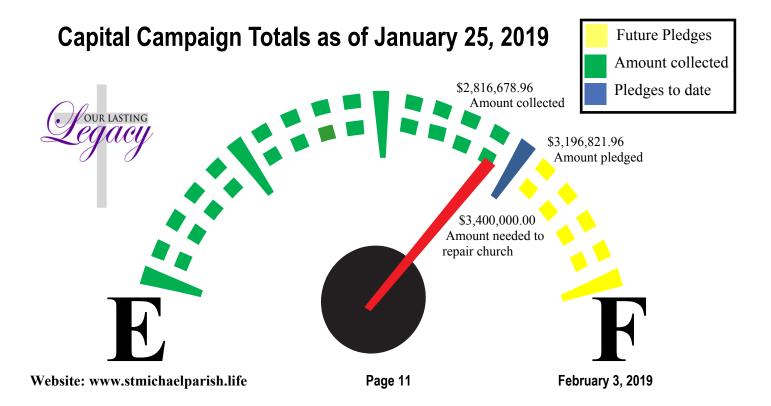
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Thank You for Your Generosity

Dear St. Michael Parishioners, We would like to thank you for your material donation to our center. Each year hundreds and hundreds of mothers depend on us for loving support. The material assistance we provide ensures that the tiniest members of our communities are not going without the necessities every baby deserves to have for their safety and well being. Thank you for being a part of that and for making a difference in the world around you.

Many Blessings,

The Volunteers of the Answer



Stewardship & Parish Administration Commission

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

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO DONATED TO OUR ENDOWMENT FOR ST MICHAEL'S EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION 2018 SECOND COLLECTION - HELPING PLAN FOR THE FUTURE -

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Stewardship & Parish Administration Commission

Stewardship Challenge

How are you rejecting Christ? Since God is Love and love is the greatest gift we can share; start each day being filled with Christ's love and sharing that love in all of your actions and words.



SUNDAY FEBRUARY 3

Super Raffle Tickets Sale After All Masses That's Amore Ticket Sales After All Masses Theology Uncorked Signups After All Masses Family Session 9:30 AM RCIA 9:30 AM Football Party 3:00 PM

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

MONDAY FEBRUARY 4

Mindful Chair Exercise 8:00 AM Centering Prayer 6:00 PM Liturgy Committee Meeting 7:00 PM

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 5

Labors of Love 10:00 AM Good Shepherd/Traditional Classes 6:00 PM Alpha Series 7:00 PM

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 6

Eucharistic Adoration 1:00-6:00 PM Traditional Classes 6:00 PM Commissions Night 7:00 PM

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 7

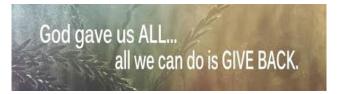
Choir/Cantor Practice 7:00 PM

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 8

Cleaning of the Church 2:00 PM

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 9

First Reconciliation 10:30 PM
Reception in St. Patrick Hall to Follow
Confessions 3:30-4:30 PM
That's Amore Ticket Sales After Vigil Mass
Theology Uncorked Signups After Vigil Mass



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January 27, 2019

 Adult
 \$15,861.00

 EFT*
 \$410.00

 Children
 \$64.35

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 \$548.56

Total Weekly Offering \$16,883.91

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*Electronic Funds Transfer

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.

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Diocesan Life Information

WORLD WIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

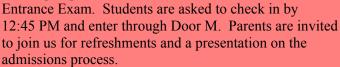
Don't miss out on the upcoming enrichment for married couples and religious on **February 8th-10th** at the *Wyndham Garden Hotel in Elk Grove Village, IL*. The enrichment includes 11 presentations about practical tools for growing in loving relationships, and provides ongoing enrichments after the weekend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

ANDREAN EVENTS

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

Feb. 9th: Entrance Exam

1:00-4:30 PM Andrean High School invites prospective students to our



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.

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.

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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.*

*CHORAL CONCERT

SS. Peter & Paul Parish will present its final Choral Concert under the direction of Laura Monteen on Sunday, February 24th, starting at 3:00 PM at SS. Peter & Paul Church, 58<mark>85 Ha</mark>rrison Street, Merrillville. Mrs. Monteen, the parish's Liturgy and Music Coordinator, will be retiring later this summer. This final concert will include choirs and musicians who have performed at SS. Peter & Paul Church throughout the years. It will be Mrs. Monteen's final concert for the parish, after having served at SS. Peter & Paul Parish for 28 years. The free concert is open to the public, and everyone from the Diocese of Gary is invited and welcome to attend. Light refreshments will be served in the church vestibule following the concert. For further information, contact Liz Bushemi at (219) 793-1375.

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	FEBRUARY 2	THURSDAY	FEBRUARY 7	
5:00 PM	†Tom Kudzia	7:00 AM	†Philip Bruno	
SUNDAY	FEBRUARY 3	FRIDAY	FEBRUARY 8	
7:30 AM	St. Michael Parish	7:00 AM	All Souls	
9:30 AM	Deceased Members of St. Michael's			
	Knights of Columbus Council #12177	SATURDAY	FEBRUARY 9	
	†Anthony Adducci	8:00 AM	♦Chester Kwiatkowski	
11:30 AM	♦Julia Grish	10:30 AM	First Reconciliation	
		5:00 PM	♦Kyle Arnold	
MONDAY	FEBRUARY 4		7	
7:00 AM	♦ Jackie Piekarczyk	SUNDAY	FEBRUARY 10	
	♦Bridget D'Souza	7:30 AM	For an End to Abortion on Demand and	
-			for a Conversion of Heart for those	
TUESDAY	FEBRUARY 5		who Provide Abortions	
7:00 AM	♦Carol Keyl	9:30 AM	♦Nicasio Castagna	
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	FEBRUARY 6		♦Eric Anderson III	
7:00 AM	All Souls	11:30 AM	St. Michael Parish	
8:55 AM	† Beverly Mullaney			
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THE WORD

(Readings for February 10, 2019, The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

I. Isaiah 1:4-5, 17-19

Isaiah received a call from the Lord. With a burning coal his lips were cleansed and his sin removed. When the Lord asked for a messenger, Isaiah replied, "Here I am, send me!"

🗖 II. 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Paul urged everyone to remain faithful to the gospel he preached, namely, that Christ died for sin and rose again. This "least of the apostles" received the Lord's blessing.

III. Luke 5:1-11

Jesus boarded Simon Peter's boat and told him to cast his net for a catch. Simon and his friends caught enough to fill two boats. When Jesus invited them to become fishers of men, they left all to follow Him.

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The Parish Website

Visit our website, <u>www.stmichaelparish.life</u> 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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