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

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

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

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

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

e 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.

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

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From the Pastor's Desk

Not good enough for Jesus? There are two ways to avoid doing something we don't want to do. First, we can convince ourselves that the invitation or task before us is not necessary, saying something like, "Is that really necessary?" or "I tried that" or "that didn't work." A second way we attempt to avoid unwanted work is by claiming that we are not up to doing what is asked of us. The second response is often expressed in words like, "I can't do that" or "I don't have what it takes" or "I don't have the time necessary to do what you ask."

Both of these responses are born out of fear and a lack of courage. Responding: "I tried that already" tells the one asking "I don't have the courage to honor your request because I know I will probably be disappointed." To say: "I don't have what it takes," is the same as saying "I don't want to have what it takes." But the fact is that you and I already have what it takes. You and I have the talents we need and all the time we need: these are God's gifts to us. Everyone has what it takes, for me or you to say otherwise is to tell the One who gave us all we need — God — that He messed up. The problem is that God does not mess up.

We know that Peter and his companions were not terribly thrilled at Jesus' request to try once again, casting their net that had brought them no fish all night. Not only did they not want to go through the extra effort, but even after the great catch, Peter says to the Lord: "Leave me Lord, I am sinful. I can't be worthy of you."

Peter's avoidance of Jesus' pending invitation to follow Him is borne out of fear and complacency. Several years ago, I found myself on the very shore of the lake where Peter tried to dismiss the Lord's call. At that pilgrimage spot there also stood a statue of the reconciliation of Peter to Jesus after Christ's resurrection. It took Peter three years and a painful betrayal of Jesus to come to understand that his unworthiness is the whole reason Jesus called him.

The truth of the matter is simply that you and I and Peter are not worthy of the Lord. THAT IS THE WHOLE POINT!

Jesus makes us worthy. Trust is all that is needed in following Jesus' invitation. None of us is good enough for Jesus and none of us realizes all of what God has given us. But in Jesus all of us are made good and holy and all of us will discover the many gifts God has given us to do His work in our world in our day.

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.

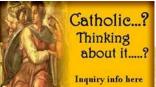
There are no nominations and no elections. Committee members are determined through a process of DISCERNMENT. This is the same way the Apostles came to choose those who would help them. The discernment process is painless and even a bit fun. You and other interested parishioners simply come to two Wednesday evenings - March 13th and March 20th - at 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. AND RESERVE A PLACE FOR YOURSELF 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.

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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



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. Submitted by Janice Gatons

Attention Lay Liturgical Ministers

Lent is just around the corner!

It is time to create the new schedule of the *Lay Liturgical Ministers*. This schedule will include the seasons of Lent and Easter and will run from **March 6th through June 9th.** If you are not available for the new schedule or need to make a change, please contact your Ministry Coordinator by **February 17th**. The new schedule will be available the weekend of **February 23rd**.

LectorsCarol Schiessle322-4505 X262Hospitality MinistersBob Hansen322-1717Extraordinary MinistersGary Wolfe678-1332

of Holy Communion

Altar Servers Kathryn Sanders 201-1172

Thanks for sharing your time and talents with our community!

March 9th
Morning of
Reflection
For All Adult
Liturgical
Ministers

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.

Submitted by Janice Gatons

Little Black and Purple Lenten Season Reflection Books for Adults and Children Available for Purchase

February 23rd & 24th, March 2nd, 3rd, 9th and 10th After All Masses

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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

SCHOOL NEW!





Warrior of the Week

This week's Warrior of the Week is Lauren Prasopoulos. Lauren has been a student at St. Michael School since kindergarten. She plays soccer and basketball and runs cross country for the Warriors, and also participated in Girl Scouts. Lauren's favorite things about SMS are her friends and all the memories she's made along the way. Lauren will be attending Lake Central High School next year, and she says she will miss her friends and all of their memories. Lauren's advice to younger students is, "Enjoy all of the memories while they last. It will be over before you know it." Thanks Lauren, enjoy the rest of your 8th grade year!

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Education and Formation Commission – SCHOOL NEWS CONTINUED

Diocesan Tuition Assistance for K-12 Now in Progress

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

February School Events

Feb. 15th: eLearning Day

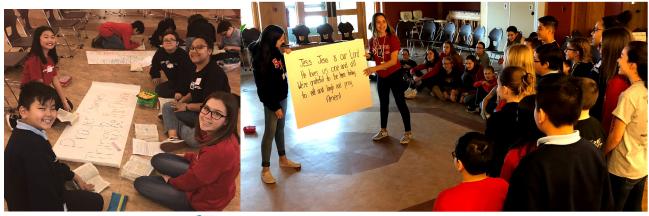
Feb. 18th: President's Day-No School

Feb. 24th: Open House with Pancake Break-

fast, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

8th Graders HOST "Who You Gonna Call" Retreat for 4th & 5th Graders

Ghostbusters may come to mind, but God comes to our true rescue! An entire afternoon of Faith Filled Fun and Food was hosted by the 8th grade during the second annual 4th and 5th grade retreat at St. Patrick Hall. The 8th graders prepared and practiced skits, games, and prayerful activities. Students experienced prayer through music and song, played games and spent time in fellowship, used their own Bibles to look up Scripture, and had quiet time to talk to God in the church and chapel. Banners were made by the students reminding us that prayer changes things when we *listen* to God's response to our "Calls." Who do we "Call" first when we are excited, happy, sad, scared? We will keep encouraging each other to turn to God first. We are proud of how the 8th graders took on a challenge, made it fun and shared their wisdom and knowledge with their younger classmates. They even did a great job cleaning up! Our whole life is a prayer. We are looking forward to continuing honoring God through all of our actions each day as we spend this final semester with some pretty amazing students. Submitted by Mrs. Mossman and Mrs. VanderPol





February Calendar

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

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Education and Formation Commission -

THEOLOGY UNCORKED

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

February 12th: "What the Mystics Have to Teach Us about Prayer and God" with Bishop Donald Hying presenting. Limited to the first 100 people to sign up.

February 26th: "Stewards of the Mystery" with Fr. David Simonetti presenting. Limited to the first 50 people to sign up.

Signups will take place after the Saturday Vigil Mass and all Sunday Masses this weekend.

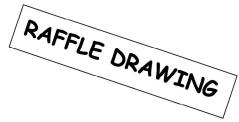
HEY ALTAR SERVERS

A BOWLING BASH JUST FOR YOU!

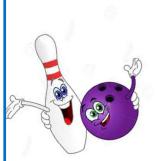
JOIN US IN SOME FUN, FOOD & BOWLING







SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16

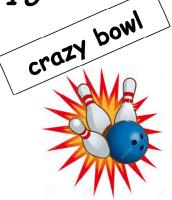


1:00 pm to 3:00 pm (please arrive by 12:45pm)

The SUPER BOWL, Inc.

218 S. East Street
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



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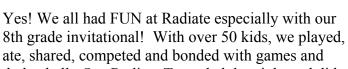
Adult Confirmation Classes

Adult Confirmation Classes are being held on Monday, March 11th & Monday, March 18th, 6:30-8:00 PM in the school, enter door A.

Please call the Faith Formation Office at 322-3077 to reserve a spot. A Baptismal Certificate is needed to attend the classes.

Eighth Graders Enjoy an Evening with RADIATE





dodge ball. Our Radiate Teens led the night and did a great job!

Our next 8th grade invitational Game Day is on March 10th.

Upcoming Radiate Schedule:

Feb. 17th: Love is in the Air-Jesus-Prayer-Love-Valentine's celebration, 7:00-9:00 PM in St. Patrick Hall

Feb. 23rd: 5:00 PM Mass and then Service Project in SMS gym **March 3rd:** Purgatory, What is it? 6:00-8:00 PM in St. Patrick Hall

March 10th: Game Day with 8th graders in SMS gym, 1:00-4:00 PM

March 15th-17th: TAPT retreat ("Teens Are Praying Together"): register on your own at www.garytapt.com

Submitted by Jeannine Quigley



Saint of the Week

SAINT VALENTINE (226-269) February 14th

Saint Valentine, officially known as Saint Valentine of Rome, is a third-century Roman saint widely celebrated on February 14th and commonly associated with "courtly love." Although not much of St. Valentine's life is reliably known, and whether or not the stories involve two different saints by the same name is also not officially decided, it is highly agreed that St. Valentine was martyred and then buried on the Via Flaminia to the north of Rome. www.catholic.org



Peace & Social Justice Commission

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



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*, John Paul Sikorski, *Evelyn Mathews*, David Sarros, *Mark Biegel, Jen-Mei Dorris, Rita Rossignuolo* 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.



Are You Struggling After the Loss of a Loved One?

Your Grief Is As Unique As You Are

Grief (Bereavement) Sessions will start on *Feb. 21st* and continue through *April 4th*. At these sessions you will be actively listened to and nonjudgmental support will be offered. This trained group is here to assist you by giving you tools that we believe will help you to move on with your life. You will receive suggestions about coping techniques, ideas to overcome obstacles, and help to adjust to life after loss. For more information or to register, please call 322-4505, ext. 241.

Submitted by Janice Gatons



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.

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.



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Parish Life



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

Come and Hang Out with the GEMS!

All those 50+ are invited to join us on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 10:00 AM in St. Patrick Hall for some fun and conversation.

Upcoming Schedule:

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

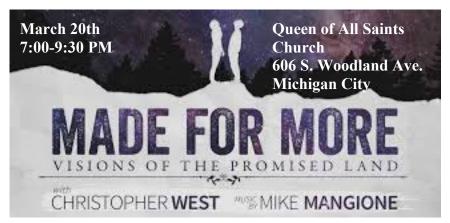
Feb. 26th: Fat Tuesday Celebration, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM

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



Where do we come from and where are we going? MADE FOR MORE is an inspired blend of teaching, live music and art that taps the deepest desires of the human heart revealing their ultimate purpose and goal. Join Christopher West and Mike Mangione as they offer a vision of the Gospel like you've never heard through the lens of Saint John Paul II's Theology of the Body. This event will sell out, so get your tickets NOW by mail through the diocese or online at www.corproject.com/michigancity. Tickets are \$20. This event is appropriate for ages 15 and up. Free bus transportation available. Contact Rosanne at 219-769-9292 x 259 or rkouris@dcgary.org for more information.

Sponsored by the Office of Evangelization.

SAVE THE DATE



PANCAKE BREAKFAST MARCH 3 8:00 AM-1:00 PM ST. PATRICK HALL **SPONSORED BY** THE KNIGHTS OF **COLUMBUS COUNCIL #12177**

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.

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Parish Life ——



Register Now for the 2019 NWI Catholic Women's Conference April 6th 8:15 AM-3:30 PM Queen of All Saints, Michigan City



More information to follow in next week's bulletin.

Congratulations to this year's Scouts who have earned their Catholic Religious Award from Cub Scout Pack 504 and Troop 532:



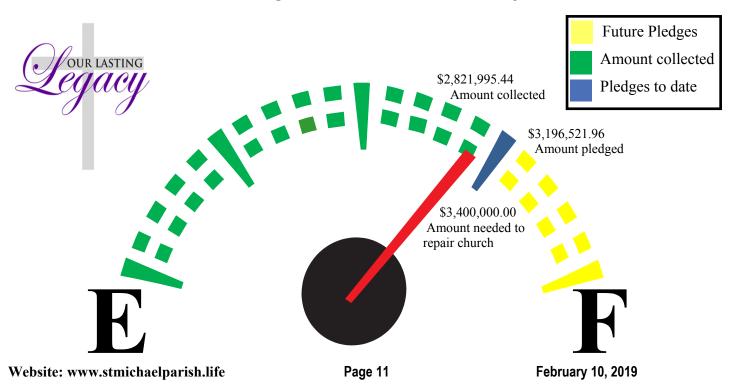
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Logan Carr	0	Aidan Nowinski	Parvuli Dei
Ari Trudeau	Light of Christ	Jacob Miczek	Parvuli Dei
Benjamin Potchen	Parvuli Dei	Nichloas Jurgeto	Pope Pius
Dominic Belko	Parvuli Dei	Benjamin Schmitt	Pope Pius

Special thanks to St Michael's Holy Name Society for their financial support to fund the Scouting Religious Programs.

For information on the Scouting Programs, please contact Todd Schmitt at schmitt0826@gmail.com.

Submitted by Todd Schmitt

Capital Campaign Totals as of February 1, 2019



Parish Life

Super Raffle and Football Party: Game On!

Saint Michael's Annual Football Party and Raffle was a resounding success. Saint Patrick Hall was inundated with celebrants, eager to watch the Super Bowl and take part in the evening's festivities. which included premium food, drinks, gambling and numerous televisions on which to watch the big game.

After the game ended, the raffle drawing was held and our lucky winners were announced. Thanks to everyone who came out, your support is crucial in helping us to maintain a prosperous parish.

Submitted by Steven Koontz





First of all, I would like to thank all of the people who bought tickets and who sold extra tickets to make the Super Raffle a huge success and to my son, Eric, who has taken over the Super Raffle.

A super thank you to all of you who attended the football party. It was a great time and we hope to see you again next year!

A huge super thank you to all the people who helped with the set-up, the take down, working the door, the bar, the gaming, the kitchen staff and to the office staff.

God bless you all and your families.

See you all next year,

Rob Guetzloff

THANK YOU **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SUPER RAFFLE 2019 WINNERS:**

Prize	Name	Prize	Name	Prize	Name
\$15,000	Cyndy Wilson	\$250	Anna Mondalbano	\$100	Skubisz
\$2,500	Veronica Slivko	\$250	David Grimberg	\$100	Davis/Miller
\$1,500	Jesse Alvarez	\$250	Greg Mis	\$100	Roy Beeching
\$500	Mario Garcia	\$250	Katherine Fesenmeyer	\$100	John Talaga
\$500	Gary Coppinger	\$150	Kim Yekel	\$100	Lawrence Marshall
\$500	Dale Rudd	\$150	Timothy Moser	\$100	John Dubec
\$500	Tom Talaga	\$150	Luke Pillarella, Jr.	\$100	Michael Martell
\$250	Bob Staack	\$150	Molina Grandkids	\$100	John Dubec
\$250	Joanne Gallagher	\$100	Carolyn Sojka	\$100	Ginger Stacky
\$250	Janet Leatherman	\$100	Larry Hill	\$100	Frances Drozynski
\$250	Joseph Gonino	\$100	Caroline Muscarella	\$100	Gale Markowski

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Stewardship & Parish Administration Commission

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE



February 3, 2019

Adult\$20,998.00EFTs*\$3,525.00Children\$82.35Loose\$465.35Education\$1,277.00

Total Weekly Offering \$26,347.70

*Electronic Funds Transfer

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 10

Coffee & Donuts 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 FEBRUARY 11

Mindful Chair Exercise 8:00 AM Centering Prayer 6:00 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 12

GEMS 10:00 AM Good Shepherd/Traditional Classes 6:00 PM Alpha Series 7:00 PM

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 13

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

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 14

Choir/Cantor Practice 7:00 PM

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 15

Cleaning of the Church 2:00 PM Bells Choir Practice 5:30 PM

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 16

Anointing of the Sick at 8:00 AM Mass Confessions 3:30-4:30 PM First Communicants Blessing at Vigil Mass Blood Pressure Readings After Vigil Mass Recruitment for Discernment After Vigil Mass **Commission Members:** Finance Council, Gardener Ministry, Education Foundation, Cemetery Committee



What is Jesus asking of you or calling you to that you have resisted? Spend time with Jesus this week, listen to His calling; it may be subtle. Then go and cast your net.

Northwest Indiana Catholic

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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

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Donna Velez

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*ANDREAN EVENTS

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

Mar. 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.

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.

ST. STEPHEN FUNDRAISER

St. Stephen Martyr Women's Club will be having a fundraiser at Pepe's **February 18th-24th.** *The location of Pepe's is 260 E. 84th Drive, Merrillville.*

*GATSBY GALA

The Shamrock Alumni Ball Committee presents St. Patrick School's 2019 Gatsby Gala, **Feb. 23rd** at *Trinity Hall, 640 N. Calumet Avenue, Chesterton*. You are cordially invited to an elegant evening with the Irish honoring our students, staff and school. The Speakeasy opens at 5:00 PM. The VIP Speakeasy includes appetizers, whisky, bourbon & wine tasting, one hour open bar and live music. The Gala doors open at 6:00 PM. Join us for dinner, dancing, live music and live & silent auctions. Reservations are \$75 a person, and the VIP Speakeasy is an additional \$25. Visit stpatsparish.org for reservations.

*NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING EXPLAINED

How much do you know about Natural family Planning? How does it work? What does the church teach about it? Is it effective? We have the answers! Come to Natural Family Planning Explained taking place 6:30-8:30 PM at St. Teresa of Avila, Valpo on Feb. 18th, Queen of All Saints, Michigan City on Feb. 19th, St. Francis Xavier, Lake Station on March 8th and St. Mary, Griffith on March 11th. The evening will include medical, theological, and practical explanations. The event is free, babysitting available, no registration necessary. Please call the office of Family Life at 769-9292, ext. 259 for more information.

Diocesan Life Information —

*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 **February 24th** 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. Please RSVP by April 1st at jkoeling@sbcglobal.net or 365-3898 so we can have sufficient supplies. Faciliators, James and Pat Koeling, may be contacted at 365-3898 or call toll-free 1-888-303-0180 for more information.

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, 5885 Harrison 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. 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 is Mar. 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.

*RACHEL'S VINEYARD POST-ABORTION RETREAT Weekend retreats, March 29th –31st and Sept. 13th-15th, are available at Rachel's Vineyard for all women and men who have experienced an abortion or anyone who has been involved with one. The weekend focuses on the love of God, on His mercy and on new beginnings and hope through scripture, meditation and sacrament. Those interested can contact Rosanne Kouris at the pastoral office, 769-9292, ext. 259 or on the confidential Rachel Vineyard's phone line at 219-552-2944.

We Remember . . . We Prepare . . . —



SATURDAY	FEBRUARY 9
5:00 PM	♥Kyle Arnold
SUNDAY	FEBRUARY 10
7:30 AM	For an End to Abortion on Demand and
	for a Conversion of Heart for those
	who Provide Abortions
9:30 AM	♦Nicasio Castagna
	♦ Marian Dunn
	♦Eric Anderson III
11:30 AM	St. Michael Parish
MONDAY	FEBRUARY 11
7:00 AM	♦Dorothy Drabik
TUESDAY	FEBRUARY 12
7:00 AM	All Souls
WEDNESDAY	FEBRUARY 13
7:00 AM	All Souls
8:55 AM	All Souls

THURSDAY	FEBRUARY 14
7:00 AM	♦Carol Jakubowicz
	♦Ann Elliot
	♦Philip Bruno
FRIDAY	FEBRUARY 15
7:00 AM	Anthony & Nicholas Siorek
SATURDAY	FEBRUARY 16
8:00 AM	All Souls
5:00 PM	♦Chandler Cowser
SUNDAY	FEBRUARY 17
7:30 AM	♦Ed & Sue Stanish
	Pat Carlay-7th Anniversary
	♦Sandy Pyle
9:30 AM	†Julia Grish
11:30 AM	†Alice Lozano

†indicates deceased



THE WORD

(Readings for February 17, 2019, The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time)



1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9,12-13,22-23

Saul pursued David with a large army, but David sent out spies and penetrated Saul's camp. David declined to kill Saul but instead took merely his spear and water jar.

II. 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

Paul compared the risen Christ with Adam. The first Adam received life, but the risen one gives life. Adam is an earthly model and Christ is spiritual. As we are like Adam, so will we be like Christ.

III. Luke 6:27-38

Jesus challenged: "Love your enemies." Love goes beyond the payment of debt. "Lend expecting nothing back," said Jesus. "Stop judging and you will not be judged.

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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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