



SAINT MICHAEL
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
- PARTNERS IN FAITH AND EDUCATION -



WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
FEBRUARY 17, 2019 SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OPEN HOUSE & PANCAKE BREAKFAST



FEB. 24 | 9:30AM MASS W/PANCAKE
BREAKFAST | 11AM - 1PM OPEN HOUSE

Community, Personnel, & On-Going Information

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ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL

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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.

EUCCHARISTIC 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 or 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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ST. MICHAEL
PARISH
Schererville, Indiana

St. Michael Parish
1 E. Wilhelm St.
Schererville, IN
46375

From the Pastor's Desk

The right attitude. To get ahead in the business world you need the right attitude. Following the company's "mission statement" is essential to moving up the corporate ladder. The same is true of school, sports, and making friends. The right attitude goes a long way.

Jesus lays down some basic attitudes that you and I, His followers, are called to live. These attitudes towards the world and our place in God's world are the "mission statement" Jesus lays out for His friends.

We are generally used to hearing Matthew's version of the Beatitudes. The presentation of these in Luke's gospel is far more direct. Many scholars believe that Luke's version is truer to the original as presented by Jesus. Why Matthew seems to soften Jesus' words is a discussion for another time. Luke, on the other hand, is writing his gospel story for a community that tends to be better-off. Consequently, the need to make it clear to his readers that by not following these attitudes set down by the Lord, they choose to suffer the "anti-attitudes" attached to each of the positive attitudes.

What Jesus gives us is our "Mission Statement." The consequence of not following the mission statement is quite grave. But these consequences are not put upon us by God; rather, you and I bring them on ourselves. The attitudes in today's Gospel and their opposites remind us of the old saying "what goes around, comes around." This is not a threat. It is a simple fact, that in failing to do good you and I participate in its opposite. This is a sobering thought, and it is meant to be one.

For Jesus there is no neutral ground. Failure to pursue good is compliance with its opposite, evil. This is true in our private lives and in our public life. Failure to assist the poor is compliance with poverty and all its negative effects. The wish to remain neutral or conveniently uninformed about issues surrounding the moral obligation to support life is compliance with those who scoff at such an obligation and push an agenda that reduces human life to "feelings" of convenience and personal freedom.

Luke's presentation of the Beatitudes is meant to jolt the Christian out of complacency and self-serving motives that do not build up God's Kingdom. You and I cannot remain unaffected and unconcerned about the larger issues of our common humanity.

The good news to always remember is that Jesus is the one who helps us to step outside of our narrow concerns. It is God's Grace that enables you and me to live this mission statement as set down by Jesus.



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**, 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.

Spirituality and Worship Commission

*Thinking of
becoming Catholic?*

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 may have regarding the Catholic Faith and inquiry sessions will be scheduled for you.

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

Old Palms Needed

Please place old palms in baskets located by all entrances of the church including the chapel door. Please help us by removing any staples, rubber bands, etc. and cutting the palms into 4 or 6 inch strips.

Thank you and God bless you!



**March 9th
Morning of
Reflection
For All Adult
Liturgical
Ministers**

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

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

A donation of \$1.00 each is appreciated.
Adult and children books are available in English only. Reflections in the *Lenten Season Books* begin on March 6th and go through April 21st.

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 today.

The new schedule will be available the weekend of **February 23rd/24th**.

Lectors	Carol Schiessle	322-4505 X262
Hospitality Ministers	Bob Hansen	322-1717
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Gary Wolfe	678-1332
Altar Servers	Kathryn Sanders	201-1172

Thanks for sharing your time and talents with our community!

Spirituality and Worship Commission

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.

Submitted by Janice Gatons

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

Diocesan Tuition Assistance for K-12 Now in Progress

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

ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL

PASSPORT TO OUR *Heritage*

Purchase your tickets now
\$40.00 IN ADVANCE AT THE SCHOOL OR PARISH OFFICE
OR ONLINE AT: PASSPORT19.GIVESMART.COM

Laissez les bon Temps Rouler!

A NIGHT OF CUISINE, COCKTAILS AND COMMUNITY
AT THE 2019 PASSPORT TO OUR HERITAGE EVENT.

COME CELEBRATE THE PAST & INVEST INTO
THE FUTURE OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY.

SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2019 • 5:30 P.M. TO MIDNIGHT
ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC SCHOOL • SCHERERVILLE, IN

....see you there!

Let the Good Times Roll!

SCHOOL NEWS continued



Warrior of the Week

This week's Warrior of the Week is Molly Prisby. Molly has been a student at St. Michael School since pre-school. She plays volleyball, basketball and is a cheerleader for the Warriors. She also participates in bell choir, Student Council, and book club and enjoys helping out with younger classes. Molly's favorite thing about SMS is the family atmosphere. She says, "From the minute I walk in until the minute I leave, I feel at home and safe." Molly will be attending Andean High School next year, and when she leaves SMS, she says, "I will miss all my classmates and my teachers. I have loved all of my teachers and will miss not seeing all of my friends every day." Molly's advice to younger students is to make the most of your time at SMS. "It goes fast, so enjoy it!" Thanks for your insight, Molly!

Submitted by Jen Poskin

Learning to Understand a Story

On Friday, January 11th, the SMS preschoolers and kindergarteners got together to do a snow activity together! Just in time before the big snowfall that weekend! We all met in Ms. Ellen's room where we gathered on the rug and read *The Snowy Day* by Ezra Jack Keats. Throughout the story, we made sure to pay attention to the character(s), the setting, the problem and the solution. After the story, we partnered the preschoolers up with a kindergartener. They each were given a worksheet to either draw a picture or write out the character(s), the setting, the problem, and the solution. It was really cool for the preschoolers to be getting help from the big kids, and it was extra special for the kindergarteners to be helping their little friends. Together, and with the help of the teachers, we worked to complete this activity. Next, we got to get our hands dirty! Which we all love to do at this age. We gave all the children paintbrushes and paint, and let them paint a cut out picture of Peter, who is the main character from the story. It was neat to see what colors the children chose because in the story Peter wore red, but we ended up with a couple of green, blue, and purple ones too! It was so fun getting to spend that morning with each other. We are looking forward to our next group project!

Submitted by Erin DeJong & Ellen Egert



Education and Formation Commission



SHINE ☺ ON! SHINE ☺ ON! SHINE ☺ ON!

Upcoming Radiate Schedule:

Feb. 17th: What is Love? Jesus & Prayer and Valentine's Day Celebration
7:00-9:00 PM in St. Patrick Hall

Feb. 23rd: SERVICE PROJECT NIGHT

- ◆ Attend 5:00 PM Mass
- ◆ Walk over to Gym afterwards (about 6:30 PM)
- ◆ Will make "plarn" with our Labors of Love ministry for mats for the homeless & cards for Indiana Veterans & First Responders

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



February Calendar

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

Adult Confirmation Classes

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

Second Graders Collect Loose Change for a Good Cause

Father Tom Bouterie, from FOOD FOR THE POOR, talked to our parish back in September. After sharing Father's stories with her students, Mrs. Hartog's second grade Faith Formation class on Wednesday nights was moved to help the children. They decided to collect loose change to raise \$25 to supply a family with 20 chicks. With every donation the children made, they put their names on a piece of paper to create a chain of love. After reaching their goal of \$25, the students decided to keep on going. A donation of \$50 was made in the student's names to FOOD FOR THE POOR.

**Mrs. Hartog & Mrs. Napiwocki's
Second Grade Faith Formation Class**
Isabella, Gabriel, Max, Vinnie, Sophia,
Stephanie, Kensington
Rachel, Raven, Nate, Olivia,
Kyndell, Adrianna
Anthony, Sophia, Tommy, Jonathan

Submitted by Jill Hartog



Education and Formation Commission

Saint of the Week

SAINT POLYCARP (69-155)

February 23rd

On Feb. 23, the Catholic Church remembers the life and martyrdom of St. Polycarp, a disciple of the apostle and evangelist St. John. Polycarp is known to later generations primarily through the account of his martyrdom, rather than by a formal biography. However, it can be determined from that account that he was born around the year 69 AD. From the testimony he gave to his persecutors – stating he had served Christ for 86 years – it is clear that he was either raised as a Christian, or became one in his youth.

Around the year 155, Polycarp became aware that government authorities were on the lookout for him, seeking to stamp out the Catholic Church's claim of obeying a higher authority than the Emperor. He retreated to a country house and occupied himself with constant prayer, before receiving a vision of his death that prompted him to inform his friends: "I must be burned alive." He changed locations, but was betrayed by a young man who knew his whereabouts and confessed under torture.



He was captured by two public officials, who urged him to submit to the state demands. "What harm is there," one asked, "in saying, 'Caesar is Lord,' and in sacrificing to him, with the other ceremonies observed on such occasions, so as to make sure of safety?"

"I shall not do as you advise me," he answered. Outraged by his response, the officials had him violently thrown from their chariot and taken to an arena for execution. Although the crowds clamored for Polycarp to be devoured by beasts, it was decided he should be burned alive, just as he had prophesied.

What happened next struck Polycarp's companions with amazement; they recorded the sight in the letter that they circulated after Polycarp's death.

"As the flame blazed forth in great fury," they wrote, "we to whom it was given to witness it, beheld a great miracle." The fire did not seem to touch the bishop's body. Rather, as they described, "shaping itself into the form of an arch, it encompassed – as by a circle – the body of the martyr. And he appeared within not like flesh which is burnt, but as bread that is baked, or as gold and silver glowing in a furnace."

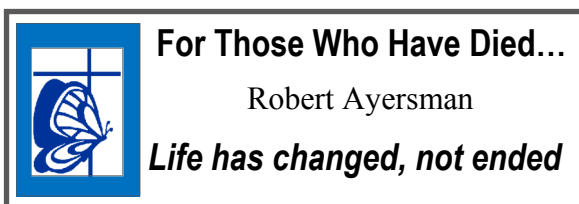
"Moreover, we perceived such a sweet odor coming from the flames – as if frankincense or some such precious spices had been burning there."

The executioners perceived that Polycarp's death was not going as planned. Losing patience, they ordered him to be stabbed to death. From the resulting wound, "there came forth a dove, and a great quantity of blood, so that the fire was extinguished."

St. Polycarp has been venerated as a Saint since his death in 155.

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Peace & Social Justice Commission



For Those Who Have Died...

Robert Ayersman

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

Peace & Social Justice Commission



Dawn Light, Anita Thomas, Nancy Greco, ***Diana Donnell, Pam Weber***, Don Smith, ***Marie Mosher, Richard Spiller***, John Paul Sikorski, ***Evelyn Mathews***, David Sarros, ***Mark Biegel, Jen-Mei Dorris, Rita Rossignuolo***, Beth Ann Brown, ***Joseph Butynski, Georgia Stare*** 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.



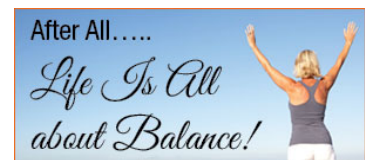
Are You Struggling After the Loss of a Loved One?

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.

Balance Therapy Presentation St. Patrick Hall - Wednesday, Feb. 27th at 7:00 PM

Balance problems can make you feel dizzy, as if the room is spinning, unsteady, or lightheaded. You might feel that you're going to fall down. These feelings can happen whether you're lying down, sitting or standing. Dr. Mike Pfeifer, DPT, ACT will do a presentation on Balance Therapy here at St. Michael. He is a physical therapist at Orthopedic and Balance Therapy Specialists in Highland. Dr. Pfeifer graduated from Purdue University with a degree in Athletic Training and then received his Doctorate of Physical Therapy from Northwestern University.



Brought to you by the Health & Spirituality Committee

Peace & Social Justice Commission

**Blood Pressure, Glucose and
Oxygen Level Screenings**

**this Weekend
in the east coat room
after
the 5:00 PM, 7:30 AM
and 9:30 AM Masses**



The
Good
Samaritans

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.

Parish Life



Fun for Seniors

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.

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



**New Member Registration
This Weekend
After the 7:30 & 9:30 AM
Masses in St. Patrick Hall**

It's Back!!!!



Mindful Chair Exercise classes are held every Monday morning, 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 at each session. If interested or have questions, please call Ursula Buchnat 219-741-3276.



**PANCAKE
BREAKFAST**



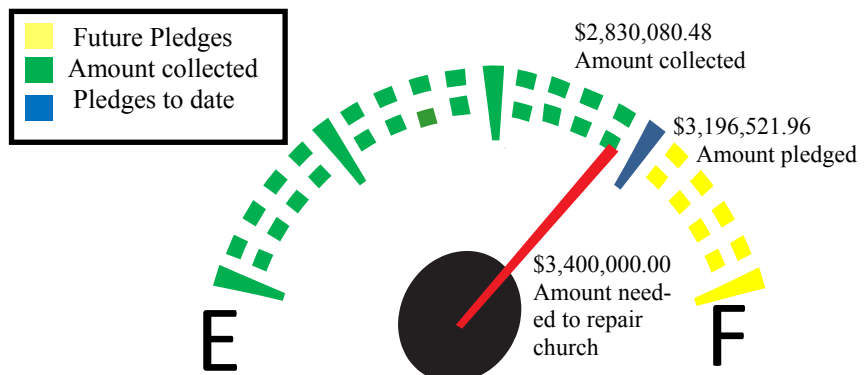
**ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL
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COUNCIL 12177**

Sunday, March 3, 2019
8:00 AM - 1:00 PM - St. Patrick Hall
Get out of the cold!

Enjoy our famous Pancake Breakfast
Support the Good Works of the
Knights of Columbus!

MENU	COST
Sausage Links and Eggs Country Potatoes Juice, Milk, and Coffee And All-You-Can-Eat Pancakes	Adults: \$7.00 Children Under 13 : \$5.00 Toddlers 5 and under: Free

Capital Campaign Totals as of February 8, 2019



Parish Life

March 20th
7:00-9:30 PM

Queen of All Saints
Church
606 S. Woodland Ave.
Michigan City

MADE FOR MORE

VISIONS OF THE PROMISED LAND

with CHRISTOPHER WEST MUSIC BY MIKE MANGIONE

Where do we come from and where are we going? These questions are decisive for understanding what it means to be human and how to orient our lives and our actions toward fulfillment. Join Christopher West and Mike Mangione as they weave together dynamic presentations with live music, movie clips, YouTube videos and sacred art for an evening of beauty and reflection on the meaning of life, love and human destiny. You will come away with a faith-filled vision of hope that will instill in you the sheer wonder and joy of being alive... Tickets are \$20 and available by mail through the diocese or online at www.corproject.com/michigancity. This event is appropriate for ages 15 and up. Free bus transportation available. Reservations are necessary. Contact Rosanne at 219-769-9292, ext. 259 or rkouris@dcgary.org for more information. Sponsored by the Office of Evangelization.

2019 NWI Catholic Women's Conference

April 6th 8:15 AM-3:30 PM

Queen of All Saints
Michigan City

Join us for our second annual NWI Catholic Women's Conference, a day of inspiration, renewal and spiritual reconnection for Catholic women of all ages. Conference speakers include Sr. Miriam James, Dr. Angela Franks and Kevin Mathews. Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$20 for college and high school students. You may register online at nwicatholicwomen.com or call Julie at 219-678-0715 for more information.




HOOPS, HABITS AND BRACKETS

MONDAY MARCH 18

TICKETS ARE \$125




ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARD THE NEEDS OF THE CHILDREN

An Evening of NCAA Team

Discussions with

Basketball

Professionals

Halls of St. George

Schererville

March 18th

6:00-9:00 PM

Casual dress-basketball

jerseys encouraged

Select your bracket picks

to win it all

Stadium dining, Open bar

Call 312-392-4197

for more information.

Stewardship & Parish Administration Commission

Stewardship Challenge

When you see someone struggling and it seems that things are not going how they want, ask them to step back and put their trust in Christ.

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

Automatic Payments Available

Did you know that you can make your weekly or monthly contributions through Electronic Fund Transfers? You can use your debit card, cancelled check or even a credit card. Please call Debbie at 322-4505, ext. 225 or Rhonda at 322-4505, ext. 239 to set up a plan or if you have any questions.

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 17

Blood Pressure Readings After 7:30 & 9:30 AM Masses
New Member Registration After 7:30 & 9:30 AM Masses
First Communicants' Blessing at All Masses
Recruitment for Discernment After All Masses
RCIA 9:30 AM
RADIATE 6:00 PM

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

MONDAY FEBRUARY 18

No School-Presidents' Day
Mindful Chair Exercise 8:00 AM
Centering Prayer 6:00 PM
Bible Study 7:00 PM

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 19

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

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 20

Eucharistic Adoration 1:00-6:00 PM
Traditional Classes 6:00 PM
Ministers of Care Meeting 7:00 PM

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 21

Bereavement Session 7:00 PM
Choir/Cantor Practice 7:00 PM

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 22

Cleaning of the Church 2:00 PM
WOW 7:00 PM

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 23

Confessions 3:30-4:30 PM
Blessing of Engaged Couples at Vigil Mass
Lenten Books Pick Up After Vigil Mass
Recruitment for Discernment After Vigil Mass
RADIATE Service Project 6:30 PM

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE



February 10, 2019

Adult	\$17,816.00
EFTs*	\$1,875.00
Children	\$79.35
Loose	\$470.24

**Total Weekly Offering
\$20,240.59**

**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.

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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 event is free, babysitting available, no registration necessary. Please call the office of Family Life at 769-9292, ext. 259 for more information.

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.
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.

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*. 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 stpatparish.org for reservations.

CHORAL CONCERT

SS. Peter & Paul Parish, 5885 Harrison St., Merrillville, will present its final Choral Concert under the direction of Laura Monteen on **February 24th**, 3:00 PM. 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.

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. Facilitators, James and Pat Koeling, may be contacted at 365-3898 or call toll-free 1-888-303-0180 for more information.

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.

*THE LUNCHEON

The Share Service League presents the Luncheon, a benefit for Sharing Meadows, a community for other abled adults on **April 10th** at 10:30 AM at the *Halls of St. George, Schererville*. The luncheon features a delicious meal, variety of door prizes, entertainment, fellowship and a bake sale. Tickets are \$40 and advanced registration is required. Please contact Eileen Schweitzer at 322-5428 for more information.

*IN NEED OF MUSICIANS

Deacon Timothy Woods is forming a new Christian Orchestra for volunteers and professionals. It's his desire for this to be a Christian alternative in the world of musical entertainment; to be serious about performing great art with a Christian point of view. Right now we are looking for volunteer musicians who might want to join us. There are no auditions, but Deacon Tim would love to hear people play for seating purposes. Those interested may email deacontimwoods@gmail.com or call 219-402-2437. We hope to serve NW Indiana and Chicago.

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<u>SATURDAY FEBRUARY 16</u>		<u>THURSDAY FEBRUARY 21</u>	
5:00 PM	✦Chandler Cowser	7:00 AM	All Souls
<u>SUNDAY FEBRUARY 17</u>		<u>FRIDAY FEBRUARY 22</u>	
7:30 AM	✦Ed & Sue Stanish ✦Pat Carlay-7th Anniversary ✦Sandy Pyle	7:00 AM	✦Joseph Gogolak
9:30 AM	✦Julia Grish	8:55 AM	All Souls
11:30 AM	✦Alice Lozano	<u>SATURDAY FEBRUARY 23</u>	
<u>MONDAY FEBRUARY 18</u>		8:00 AM	✦Marie Therese Perry
7:00 AM	✦Marlene Sarros	2:00 PM	Wedding-Karol Kania & Jessica Roberts
<u>TUESDAY FEBRUARY 19</u>		5:00 PM	✦Diane Kujawa
7:00 AM	✦Robert, Elaine & Connie Bohling	<u>SUNDAY FEBRUARY 24</u>	
<u>WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 20</u>		7:30 AM	St. Michael Parish
7:00 AM	✦Eric Anderson III	9:30 AM	✦Carol Jakubowicz ✦Deceased Members of the Place & Peifer Families
		11:30 AM	✦John Chavez ✦Carol Keyl
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THE WORD

(Readings for February 24, 2019, The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time)

I. *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."

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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