

**SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE AND PANCAKE BREAKFAST
FEBRUARY 24TH
9:30AM MASS | 11:00AM - 1:00PM OPEN HOUSE**

**WELCOME TO SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 24, 2019**



**ST. MICHAEL
SCHOOL**

*Join us for
the "getaway"...*

LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL!...

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2019 FROM 5:30 P.M. TO MIDNIGHT AT THE ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC SCHOOL GYM

Passport to Our Heritage is St. Michael's major fundraising event, held in the school gym. An exciting social event for guests age 21 and over, "Passport" encourages the involvement of the entire St. Michael community, celebrating our past and investing into the future of our school and parish. All the proceeds of Passport to Our Heritage benefit the St. Michael Parish Community. Event features many auction items for bidding, games and entertainment, and dancing with a DJ. Please join us!

Tickets \$40 per person in advance, \$50 per person at the door
Ticket price includes ethnic cuisine at our "Ports of Call", plus beer and wine.
Specialty cocktails also available for purchase.

Buy your tickets online
[HTTP://PASSPORT19.GIVESMART.COM](http://PASSPORT19.GIVESMART.COM)



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

Community, Personnel, & On-Going Information

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ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL

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 Traditional Classes... Tuesday or Wednesday 6:00 PM-7:30 PM
 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 re-
 quires that arrangements must be made at least six months in
 advance of the wedding date in order for the proper personal,
 spiritual and liturgical preparations of the couple to be
 completed.
Sacrament of the Sick...Please call the office until 4:00 PM.
 After 4:00 PM, please call 322-6623 Monday-Friday and
 anytime on the weekend.
 Anointing of the Sick is celebrated on the third Saturday of each
 month at the 8:00 AM Mass in the chapel.

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

Additional Parking and Green Space. I am excited to inform you that St. Michael Parish, with the ascent of the Parish Pastoral Council and the Finance Council, has acquired the property that sits adjacent to the western end of Saint Michael School, directly across the street from our cemetery. The benefits conferred to the school, and parish in general, by obtaining this property will be manifold.

Parish leadership has harbored concerns about this particular property for decades. The last time this property came up for sale Fr. Connolly, the previous pastor, had taken gravely ill resulting in a brief pause of regular leadership. At some time in the past, the property owners constructed a garage addition that of which the eastern wall of the addition ended up on our property line. This was recently discovered when parishes throughout the diocese were requested to have parish property surveyed anew. This situation more recently created difficulty resulting in the inability for our maintenance crew to properly maintain the western and northern edge of our property by the school.

The encroachment onto parish/school property, in specific, presented a precarious issue for us, because although all documentation and property surveys supported our case, ameliorating it through litigation would have been a prohibitively expensive and time intensive proposition. Another important item of consideration was this property's positioning directly across the street from our cemetery; removing it has long been viewed as a desirable step in enhancing the atmosphere of the parish grounds overall.

Recently the property was listed for sale. Thus when the opportunity to purchase it outright arose, we did not hesitate and enlisted the assistance of a parishioner realtor who helped to facilitate the expeditious purchase of this property for the best possible price. The property itself will be demolished and plans to expand the school grounds will be considered.

Taking all of the factors into account, purchasing it was the most cost-effective solution to our concerns, and also opens up a whole new realm of possibilities for the school and parish—potentially bolstering enrollment at our school in the future. We now have secured ownership of most of the block inhabited by Saint Michael School. When new families consider us as an educational option, the school's proximity to a dilapidated property will no longer be a concern, while existing families can feel more comfortable knowing this problem has been eliminated.

We hope you join us in celebrating the new possibilities afforded to us by this fortuitous turn of events. Every bit of progress we make in enhancing our grounds is done for the posterity of our parish, ensuring that future generations of parishioners can take pride in the legacy we have worked hard to build.

A New World Order! Television of the 1950's through the 1970's has been accused of being unreal, of being too sweet in its presentation of life. Yet, television today is no more real. Rather, it presents a world where getting even is the prevalent attitude and sweetness is virtually non-existent. If this is the "real" world then our work is really cut out for us as Jesus followers.

Jesus ushers in a NEW WORLD. This new world order is based on compassion. Not just any kind of compassion but a compassion that is God-like. And when we accept this into our lives to be lived we become most God-like. Now God's compassion should not be confused with "permission." The expectation of God is laid out for us plainly in the 10 commandments and their fulfillment in the command to love as Christ loves. This love is not blind but seeks the ultimate good for each person, often times not the good feeling of the present moment.

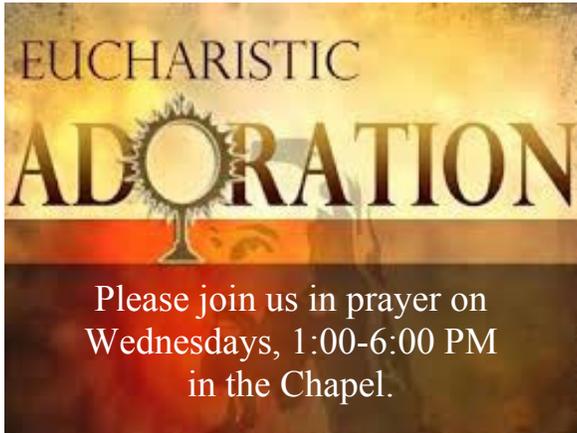
Many people grew up thinking God was the one who judged not justly but harshly. Jesus makes it clear that God's judgment on us will be just: not harsh. Indeed God's judgment on you and me will be solely based on the measure of compassion you and I handed out to others. If we seek revenge: then that will be our judgment; if we hope for others to be hurt: then that will be our judgment; if we, as a society, seek domination over others: then that will be our judgment. If we avoid calling ourselves and those we love to be holy, as Christ asks of us, then we might not be able to hear the Good Shepherd when he calls at the last. Not only would you and I suffer what we inflict but we would find that our lives are miserable in the here and now.

BUT, we have another route to follow. To act out of compassion, even when we are hurt, brings us compassion. The path of forgiveness brings mercy to us. There is a peace that settles over those who don't spend time worrying about how to get even or fretting over or holding a grudge. To be faithful to God's call holiness overcomes, by the grace of the Holy Spirit, overcomes our complacency to be simply good in the eyes of the world. *Continued on next page*

From the Pastor's Desk

The qualities Jesus enjoins on us today in the gospel are human, they are not unrealistic. What is unreal and inhumane is to treat another as if you or I were not related to them, for we are by our common humanity. My living out of compassion and your living out of compassion is what brings a new world order, not governments or secret societies. And the new world order we establish is not ours but God's.

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

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.

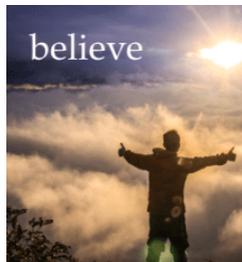
Thank you and God bless you!



The new schedule for the Lay Liturgical Ministers is now available for pick up in the Gathering Space.

**Little Black and Purple Lenten
Season Reflection Books
for Adults and Children Available
This Weekend and
March 2nd, 3rd, 9th and 10th
After All Masses**

A donation of \$1.00 each is appreciated.



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Presentation of the Creed and the Our Father

The Presentation of the Creed and the Our Father to our catechumen who will receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil will be done at the **9:30 AM Mass this weekend**. This Rite symbolizes the passing down of our heritage of prayer, learned at the feet of the Savior and nurtured in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit that is the Church, as well as our parish passing on and sharing the beliefs of our Catholic faith with those who are about to join our Catholic family in embracing and treasuring these venerable words as we do.

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

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 NEWS

Warrior of the Week



This week's Warrior of the Week is Andrew Gordon. Andrew has been a student at St. Michael School since preschool, and will be attending Marian Catholic High School next year. Andrew plays soccer, basketball, and volleyball, and runs cross country for the Warriors. He participates in band and academic team and is our Student Council Vice President. He plays travel soccer, where he is also a coach and helps out a coach who runs his own soccer academy. He is also trying to become a referee for younger soccer divisions. Andrew's favorite thing about SMS is "how open everyone is. Everyone accepts you for who you are, no matter what." Andrew says, "When I leave SMS I will miss all of my friends. We all have close bonds and I hope we can keep them even when we part ways." Andrew's advice to younger students is to do assignments and projects in advance. "Don't wait till the last minute to study or complete something. Also have a lot of fun while you are at SMS." Thanks Andrew, we wish you the best in your future!

Submitted by Jen Poskin

SMS Getting Art Lessons from Andrean Students

Back in November, a group of Art Club students from Andrean High School came to our school to teach a special Art project. The group of students, led by their teacher, Mr. Sammy Listro, spent all day at SMS presenting a Christmas Art project to Preschool through 5th grade. Preschool students enjoyed making Santa Claus faces by using their white hand print as his face. Kindergarten made Christmas trees using their handprint as the tree, then adding decorations. First grade experimented with 3-Dimensional art by making a reindeer out of a toilet paper tube. Second grade made a beautiful Christmas tree by using multiple green handprints to create the tree. They finished decorating the tree by using glitter, gold pipe cleaners, stickers, and beads. Third grade made a 3-Dimensional Christmas tree using paper. Fourth grade created a colorful abstract Christmas tree by using horizontal strips of paper to create the look of the tree. Fifth grade discovered how to make a Christmas card with a pop-up tree on the inside. We thank the Andrean Art Club and their teacher, Mr. Sammy Listro, for taking the time and resources to come share this special experience with our students. These special art projects are sure to be something they will never forget.

Submitted by Cathy Baron



Education and Formation Commission

Saint of the Week

Saint Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows (1838-1862)

February 27th

Born in Italy into a large family and baptized Francis, Saint Gabriel lost his mother when he was only four years old. He was educated by the Jesuits and, having been cured twice of serious illnesses, came to believe that God was calling him to the religious life. Young Francis wished to join the Jesuits but was turned



down, probably because of his age, not yet 17. Following the death of a sister to cholera, his resolve to enter religious life became even stronger and he was accepted by the Passionists. Upon entering the novitiate he was given the name Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows.

Ever popular and cheerful, Gabriel quickly was successful in his effort to be faithful in little things. His spirit of prayer, love for the poor, consideration of the feelings of others, exact observance of the Passionist Rule as well as his bodily penances—always subject to the will of his wise superiors—made a deep impression on everyone.

His superiors had great expectations of Gabriel as he prepared for the priesthood, but after only four years of religious life symptoms of tuberculosis appeared. Ever obedient, he patiently bore the painful effects of the disease and the restrictions it required, seeking no special notice. He died peacefully on February 27, 1862, at age 24, having been an example to both young and old.

Saint Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows was canonized in 1920.

www.franciscanmedia.org

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.



SHINE ☺ ON! SHINE ☺ ON! SHINE ☺ ON!

RADIATE WELCOMES ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS!

It's a place where friendships, faith and fun meet! Why don't you join us and see how awesome it really is!

Upcoming Radiate Schedule:

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") at Camp Lawrence. TAPT is a call to discipleship, bringing teens into a more intimate encounter with the Incarnate Jesus Christ.

Cost is \$90. Deadline is February 27th. Register on your own at www.garytapt.com or call 769-9292, ext. 282.

Submitted by Jeannine Quigley



February/March Calendar

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| Feb. 26th: | Good Shepherd/Traditional Classes
6:00-7:30 PM |
| Feb. 27th: | Traditional Classes 6:00-7:30 PM |
| Mar. 5th: | Good Shepherd/Traditional Classes
6:00-7:30 PM |
| Mar. 6th: | Traditional Classes 6:00-6:45 PM
(Note early dismissal for Ash Wed. Mass) |
| Mar. 10th: | Family Session 9:30-11:00 AM |
| Mar. 12th: | Good Shepherd/Traditional Classes
6:00-7:30 PM |
| Mar. 13th: | Traditional Classes 6:00-7:30 PM |
| Mar. 19th: | Good Shepherd/Traditional Classes
6:00-7:30 PM |
| Mar. 20th: | Traditional Classes 6:00-7:30 PM |
| Mar. 26th/27th: | No Classes-Spring Break |

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

Please
pray for
the sick

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, Mary Stokes, Sandy Leluga, Ardi Baker, Tina Serna, Phil Krivickas, Zbigniew Sohacki, Larry Strayer, Sharon Kras, 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.



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.**

Blood Pressure, Glucose and Oxygen Level Screenings

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



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

Parish Life

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



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

Mindful Chair Exercise



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 at 219-741-3276.

Hey Seniors-Look What We Have In Store for You!



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. 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.

More events will be coming soon. Just a reminder all seniors are invited to our group outings. Attendance is not mandatory at the gatherings to go on an outing.

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

thank
YOU

Thank you to all the parishioners who clean the church every Friday to make our church presentable for the weekend Masses. Your hard work and dedication do not go unnoticed. *Submitted by Carol Rusich*

Registration for New Parishioners

The next parish registration will be March 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.

CATECHETICAL DAY

Prayer-A Conversation With God
For Catechists and Catechetical Leaders

March 9th

8:30 AM-2:30 PM

St. Mary Catholic Church, Otis, IN

At this workshop you will:

- Renew your calling to share your faith through inspiring presentations by two of our dynamic presenters
- Receive beautiful, practical, teacher-written and tested supplemental resources to help support you in your mission as a teacher
- Be honored for your work with catered breakfast and lunch and a chance for collaboration, prayer and reflection

Please visit www.sophiainstituteforteachers.org for more information or call the diocesan office at 769-9292.



Members of Schererville Cub Scout Pack 504 and Troop 532 who received religious emblems at the 5:00 PM Mass on February 10th.

Children's Church Bulletins



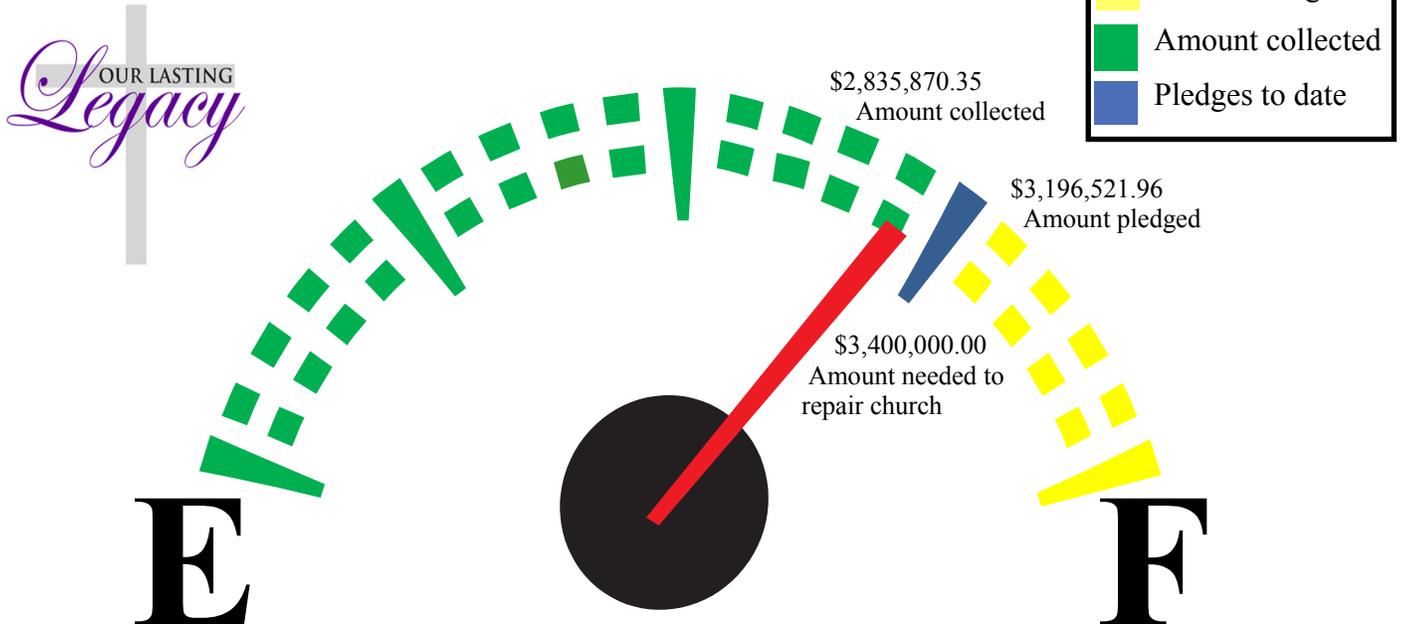
When children are given a bulletin of their own each week, they know that worship is for them, too. This bulletin is filled with puzzles, codes, seek and finds, mazes and other activities. There are two different age level bulletins; one for ages 3-6 and the other for ages 7-12. Please pick them up on the two tables by the glass windows in the gathering space.

We are no longer accepting men's clothing for the Prison Ministry. If you would like to donate clothing to this Ministry, please call St. Elizabeth Seton at 219-464-1624.

Change in Bulletin Schedule for March 17th

March 17th bulletin articles are due on March 7th by 9:00 AM.

Capital Campaign Totals as of February 22, 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

ST. JOSEPH'S
CARMELITE HOME
we rebuild families

ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARD THE NEEDS OF THE CHILDREN

Who will win the 2019 men's NCAA Basketball tournament? A panel of local experts will offer their opinions and insights on March 18th at the St. Joseph Carmelite Home's annual dinner "Hoops, Habits and Brackets" at the Halls of St. George, Schererville from 6:00 - 9:00 PM. Net proceeds go toward the needs of the children. For additional information on reservations, please call 219-392-4107.

Stewardship & Parish Administration Commission

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.

Stewardship Challenge

Who do you need to show mercy to? Pray for that person every day this week.

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 24

Lenten Books Pick Up After All Masses
Recruitment for Discernment After All Masses
RCIA 9:30 AM

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

MONDAY FEBRUARY 25

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

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 26

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

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 27

Eucharistic Adoration 1:00-6:00 PM
Traditional Classes 6:00 PM
Balance Therapy Seminar 7:00 PM

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 28

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

FRIDAY MARCH 1

Cleaning of the Church 2:00 PM

SATURDAY MARCH 2

Confessions 3:30-4:30 PM
Lenten Books Pick Up After Vigil Mass

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

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE



February 17, 2019

Adult	\$16,848.33
EFTs*	\$3,210.00
Children	\$176.35
Loose	\$676.45

**Total Weekly Offering
\$20,911.13**

**Electronic Funds Transfer*

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

A donation was made in memory of
Robert "Bob" Ayersman

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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Julie Hudec, Hal Slager, Joe Townsend,
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Look for us on the website: www.stmichaelparish.life.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

This support group encompasses Alzheimer's/ Dementia, Cancer, stroke or other adult care responsibilities and is open to family and friends looking for compassion and information sharing. The next meeting is today, **Feb. 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.

*YOUNG ADULT ADORATION & SOCIAL NIGHT

It is a challenging time to be a Catholic Christian. All young adults— college aged, 20's, 30's— we invite you to bring your lives and many emotions before the True Presence of our Lord, who is perfect, compassionate and just. Gather with us on **March 2nd**, 7:00-8:30 PM at *St. Patrick (Chesterton)* for a night of Adoration, Reconciliation, conversation, and reflection. Afterwards, stick around for social time at nearby Craft House. Presented by the Diocese of Gary Bishop's Council on Young Adult Evangelization. Visit www.adorationnwi.com for more information.

*SHARE FOUNDATION FAT TUESDAY SPAGHETTI DINNER

A Spaghetti Dinner will be held at the *Knights of Columbus Marquette Council 3631, 1400 S. Broad Street, Griffith*, on **March 5th**, 4:00-7:00 PM. Admission is a free will donation for a AYCE spaghetti dinner, with salad, garlic bread, dessert and a beverage. All proceeds will be donated to the Share Foundation in Rolling Prairie, IN. Call 219-712-6419 for more information.

*ST. ANDREW'S LENTEN FISH AND PIEROGI DINNER

ALL YOU CAN EAT Dinners Include:
Fried or Baked Fish, Pierogi, Coleslaw,
Potato or Fries

Coffee and Ice Cream included

Adults \$10
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Fridays during Lent (except Good Friday)
at *St. Andrew 801 W. 73rd Ave. Merrillville*

*ANDREAN EVENTS

Mar. 9th/Apr. 13th: 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.

Mar. 14th: Parent Information Night, 6:00-7:00 PM
Andrean High School invites families to our Parent Information Night in Andrean's Cafeteria. 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.

*PRO-LIFE PRAYER HOUR

March 10th 3:00-4:00 PM
Carmelite Shrine, Munster

*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.

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.

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



<p><u>SATURDAY FEBRUARY 23</u> 5:00 PM †Diane Kujawa</p> <p><u>SUNDAY FEBRUARY 24</u> 7:30 AM St. Michael Parish 9:30 AM †Carol Jakubowicz †Deceased Members of the Place & Peifer Families †John Chavez 11:30 AM †Carol Keyl</p> <p><u>MONDAY FEBRUARY 25</u> 7:00 AM †Ray Pohlman, Sr.</p> <p><u>TUESDAY FEBRUARY 26</u> 7:00 AM †Deported Souls of the Congregation of Mother of Carmel</p> <p><u>WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 27</u> 7:00 AM †Marlene Sarros 8:55 AM †Cosmo Traficante</p>	<p><u>THURSDAY FEBRUARY 28</u> 7:00 AM †Larry Miller</p> <p><u>FRIDAY MARCH 1</u> 7:00 AM †Catherine Loebech</p> <p><u>SATURDAY MARCH 2</u> 8:00 AM †Marian Dunn 2:00 PM <i>Wedding</i>-Mitchell Witham & Brittany Vanek 5:00 PM †Gil Shoaf</p> <p><u>SUNDAY MARCH 3</u> 7:30 AM †Robert Ayersman 9:30 AM †John Rich †Glen Lula †Dolores & Rupert Leluga 11:30 AM St. Michael Parish</p> <p style="text-align: center;">† indicates deceased</p>
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THE WORD

(Readings for March 3, 2019, The Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

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| I. <i>Sirach 27:4-7</i> | Just as a tree's fruit shows what kind of care it has had, so also does a person's speech disclose what is inside. People are tested in what they say. |
| II. <i>1 Corinthians 15:54-58</i> | Death is no longer victorious. Death has lost its sting, for its sting is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But our Lord Christ Jesus has given us victory. Thanks be to God. |
| III. <i>Luke 6:39-45</i> | Trees are known by their fruit. Good people produce good out of the goodness in their hearts, but evil people produce evil out of their store of evil. "From the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks." |

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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