

Welcome to St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Community
March 17, 2019
Second Sunday of Lent

A Night of Love

- March 22nd & 23rd -



Friday, March 22nd

4:00 – 5:30 PM	Confessions
4:00 – 7:00 PM	K of C Fish Fry
7:30 PM	Stations of the Cross
8:15 PM	Mass followed by All Night Eucharistic Adoration
9:15 PM	Confessions

Saturday, March 23rd

Midnight	Confessions
4:00 AM	Confessions
7:00 AM	Confessions
8:00 AM	Mass

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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, 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

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 46375

From the Pastor's Desk

Fully Human Yet Fully Divine! Last week we saw Jesus in a very vulnerable situation. After weeks of fasting and living in solitude, sleeping in the wild being exposed to the temperature fluctuations of the desert and the very real possibility of harm from wild animals Jesus is exhausted, as any one of us would be exhausted. He is the Son of Man and so, like us, He is tempted, feels sorrow, defeat, as well as joy, and happiness. Today, He shows us His other nature which is fully His as well. He appears to Peter, James and John and to us as the Son of God. Why this contrast? Last week He demonstrates His humanity in allowing the devil to tempt Him, this week He exhibits His glory to His closest followers.

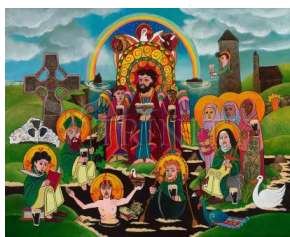
Jesus realizes that the road He forges for us to follow is not always easy. We can sometimes lose hope and even despair. This transfiguration on Mt. Tabor is meant to bolster these three apostles, who in turn could strengthen the others, especially in the darkest hour—after Jesus' passion and death.

In this manifestation, these disciples are being called to trust in God's plan for them with Jesus. In seeing the two great prophets with Jesus, conversing with Him, the disciples are being strengthened for what was going to happen to Jesus in Jerusalem. So too, we are allowed to partake of this vision so that we can also be given strength to trust in this God who even dies for us.

It seems so incredible that God would suffer for us. The Master over suffering – suffers for the servant, the creator – dies for His creation? This seems so far beyond reality that many dismiss it as impossible and unreasonable. Yet, this is the very beauty of the situation; that we are asked to trust in this God who suffers for us. Indeed our trust, freely given, is what justifies us before God and makes it possible for us to move beyond death to life. All because God acted first on our behalf and so His grace always precedes us, going before us, helping us to choose to respond with trust in God's promise.

This trust, as we were invited to realize last week, it is not some sort of mental attitude alone. It is an action on our part. We need to look for ways to grow our trust so we can more deeply believe this unbelievable action of God's love. If I remain enclosed in my own personal concerns, like Peter wanting to build three tents, I am unable to experience the fullness of God's power. If I look for ways to open myself to trust, by giving of myself, my time, my treasures, I open myself for God to work.

Peter, James and John didn't know things would end yet, and they certainly didn't understand the meaning of the vision right away. They had to learn by giving of themselves too. They learned how God's power carries them even to give witness with their very selves. It is that power that saves us. It is available to us as we deepen and grow our trust in God's will for us. As you and I give more, we receive more, so much more than we can right now imagine.



St. Patrick Day is often associated with drinking too much beer to wash down corned beef and cabbage. Corned beef and cabbage is the “American” version of this great Irish feast day. However, St. Bridget of Kildare, an Irish mystic nun does give beer its due. But the beer she writes about is to be likened to true heavenly dew. Enjoy her poem/prayer below and remember that St. Patrick would have no trouble reminding us that we still find ourselves in Lent and so our celebrations should not undo the grace we strive to encounter during this most holy season.

I'd like to give a lake of beer to God.
I'd love the heavenly
Host to be tipping there
For all eternity.

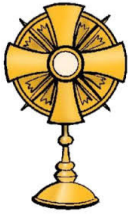
I'd love the men of Heaven to live
with me,
To dance and sing.
If they wanted, I'd put at their disposal
Vats of suffering.

White cups of love I'd give them
With a heart and a half;
Sweet pitchers of mercy I'd offer
To every man.

I'd make Heaven a cheerful spot
Because the happy heart is true.
I'd make the men contented for their
own sake.

I'd like Jesus to love me too.
I'd like the people of heaven to gather
From all the parishes around.
I'd give a special welcome to the
women,
The three Marys of great renown.
I'd sit with the men, the women and
God
There by the lake of beer.
We'd be drinking good health forever
And every drop would be a prayer.

Spirituality and Worship Commission



Eucharistic Adoration
will return on
March 27th at
1:30 PM.

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

PARISH LENTEN PROJECT

During Lent, there are three words that come to mind: Prayer, Sacrifice, and Almsgiving. These words remind us of what Jesus did for us. Would you like to become more like Christ? To help keep the season in our lives, there are ribbons representing the above three words on tables in the Gathering Space. As you come to Mass each week, please take a ribbon corresponding to your Lenten deed and tie it to the cross. Here are some examples for you to consider:

Prayer—attend Stations of the Cross, Eucharistic Adoration or daily Mass, take time to read the Bible, pray for family or special intentions, pray the rosary, visit church.

Sacrifice—give up sweets, that special cup of coffee, television, movies, or computer time; put the phone away during meal times, limit Facebook time, etc. Sacrifices can also be that one thing you don't want to do but should.

Almsgiving (Offering)—donate money, food or other needed items to a charitable organization, participate in Operation Rice Bowl, give your time and talent to someone or group in need.



Stations of the Cross



Following in Jesus' footsteps, each of us is invited to "Take up your cross and follow me." This very powerful and moving spiritual pilgrimage can be experienced every Friday during Lent at 12:00 PM and 7:30 PM in the church. In the spirit of fellowship and formation, all *Lay Ministers* are invited to travel the Stations of the Cross together as a way to express your devotion to God and your commitment to your ministry. To facilitate this experience, some suggested dates and times are listed below.

March 22nd 7:30 PM

Faith Sharing Groups
Faith Formation Catechists/Assistants
RCIA Team Members
Art & Environment Ministers
Sacristans
Rebuilding Hope Mission Team

March 29th, 7:30 PM

Welcoming Ministry
Hospitality Ministers
Respect Life Ministers
Good Samaritans
Comforting Chefs
Vocations Ministry

April 5th, 7:30 PM

Altar Servers
Holy Name Society
Knights of Columbus
RADIATE Youth Ministry
Eucharistic Ministers
Senior GEMS

April 12th, 7:30 PM

Rebuilding Hope Mission Team
Pastoral Council Members
Labor of Love Ministers
Money Counting Ministry
Gardener Ministry
Boy/Girl Scouts

Spirituality and Worship Commission

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

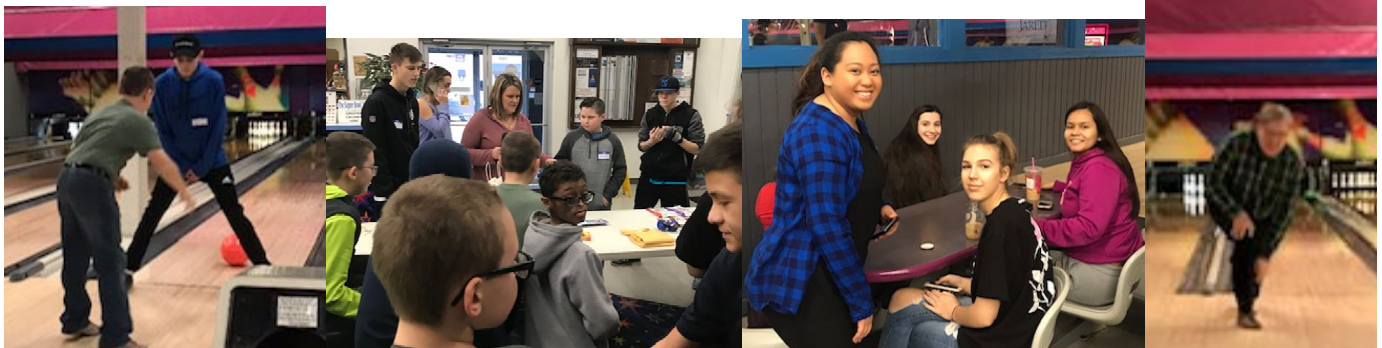


Please keep Erik Vaundry, our Elect, in your prayers as he prepares for the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil Mass. At the Rite of Election, Eric chose to enter into the final period of preparation for initiation. He has now entered the period of Purification and Enlightenment. The Scrutiny Rites for the parish and particularly for Erik, will take place the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Sundays of Lent. These Rites are celebrated to help deliver the elect from the power of sin and Satan, to protect him against temptation and to give him strength in Christ.

AN AFTERNOON OF FUN

The altar servers had a great time at the annual altar server bowling bash last month. We were thrilled to have Fr. Marty, Fr. Gregory and Deacon Declan join us in the fun. We would like to extend a thank you to Zig-E's Fun Center, Jak's Warehouse, Sky Zone and The Super Bowl for their generous donations.

Submitted by Kathryn Sanders



Education and Formation Commission

SCHOOL NEWS

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

Warrior of the Week



This week's Warrior of the Week is Samuel Munoz. Sam has been a student at St. Michael School just this year in eighth grade. He will be attending Andean High School next year. Sam plays soccer and once was in a tournament in Minnesota. He has 26 first place medals and one second place medal. Sam's favorite thing about SMS is the sports and friends. He says, "My friends are a part of a family and act as if we, the school and the parents, are all one family." When he leaves SMS, Sam says, "I will miss the family, care, attention, and strictness of this school that taught me to be who I am right now." Sam's advice to younger students is, "Don't let video games stop you from a career, keep focusing on school and don't drop out. If you love a sport, be dedicated to playing it and give it all you got to get a scholarship." We hope that works out for you, Sam. Enjoy the rest of the year!

Submitted by Jen Poskin

Education and Formation Commission

SCHOOL NEWS continued

Learning About Spanish Customs

During the Christmas/Epiphany season, the Spanish classes celebrated by learning about Las Posadas - Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem, La Nochebuena - Christmas Eve and the Feast of the Three Kings. Now with the end of one season and the Lenten season beginning, all of the Spanish classes celebrated Carnival (Mardi Gras) during the week of the 4th of March. Carnival, also known as Fat Tuesday, is celebrated throughout all Spanish and French speaking countries. To celebrate, we made special masks for the students to wear and take home. The students also learned about the customs (which are not so different from the Catholic traditions) involved in the celebration of this festive day.

Submitted by Jessica Maya

Lenten Happenings at Saint Michael School

In preparation for Lent, the 6th, 7th and 8th grade classes took part in the burning of palms with Fr. Marty. The following day, on Ash Wednesday, the entire student body assembled for Mass, which concluded with the distribution of ashes. With that, the Lenten season has officially commenced.



2019/2020 Tuition Assistance

Tuition assistance applications for the 2019/2020 school year are open. FACTS Management will continue to provide and process our tuition assistance applications. The applications are online only at the Diocesan website: www.dcgary.org. You can find the application by clicking on the "Schools" tab and then clicking on the blue rectangle labeled "Tuition Assistance Application." There are no paper applications. Applications should be completed ASAP! Tuition assistance is only open to Catholic families who are registered members of parishes within the Diocese of Gary. You may complete an application if you have children entering grades kindergarten through twelve. Preschool students are not eligible for tuition assistance. There is a \$35 fee per family to apply. If you need help with the application, FACTS has an email address, phone number and chat line on the application website for customer service.

HSA Meeting
March 21st
7:00 PM
St. Patrick Hall



March Calendar

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

Education and Formation Commission

Radiate is for High School Students
Where Faith Meets Fun!
Why don't you join us?
We are waiting for you!



Upcoming Dates:

March 17th: Gathering at 6:00-8:00 PM in St. Patrick Hall

April 7th: Gathering at 6:00-8:00 PM in St. Patrick Hall

Be in the 'know' with Radiate, sign up for updates on texts: @ Radiate to 81010

For any questions about Radiate, call Jeannine Quigley 219-775-5356 or email: jm.quigley@sbcglobal.net.

Saint of the Week

St. Patrick (387-461)

March 17th

St. Patrick of Ireland is one of the world's most popular saints. He was born in Roman Britain and when he was fourteen or so, he was captured by Irish pirates during a raiding party and taken to Ireland as a slave to herd and tend sheep. At the time, Ireland was a land of Druids and pagans but Patrick turned to God and wrote his memoir, *The Confession*. In *The Confession*, he wrote:

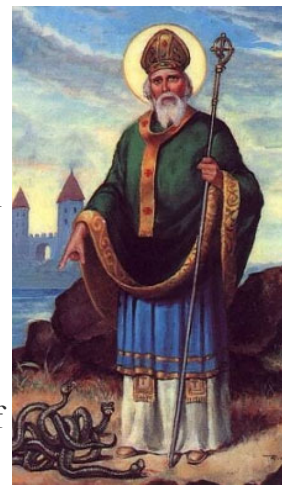
"The love of God and his fear grew in me more and more, as did the faith, and my soul was rosed, so that, in a single day, I have said as many as a hundred prayers and in the night, nearly the same. I prayed in the woods and on the mountain, even before dawn. I felt no hurt from the snow or ice or rain."

Patrick's captivity lasted until he was twenty, when he escaped after having a dream from God in which he was told to leave Ireland by going to the coast.

There he found some sailors who took him back to Britain and was reunited with his family. A few years after returning home, Patrick saw a vision which prompted his studies for the priesthood. He was ordained by St. Germanus, the Bishop of Auxerre, whom he had studied under for years, and was later ordained a bishop and sent to take the Gospel to Ireland.

Patrick arrived in Slane, Ireland on March 25, 433 where he converted many people - eventually thousands - and he began building churches across the country. He often used shamrocks to explain the Holy Trinity and entire kingdoms were eventually converted to Christianity after hearing Patrick's message. Patrick preached and converted all of Ireland for 40 years. He worked many miracles and wrote of his love for God in *The Confession*. After years of living in poverty, traveling and enduring much suffering he died March 17, 461.

He died at Saul, where he had built the first Irish church. He is believed to be buried in Down Cathedral, Downpatrick. His grave was marked in 1990 with a granite stone.



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Peace & Social Justice Commission



For Those Who Have Died...

Molley Lanham
Robert Pesavento
Mark Skertich
Richard Spiller

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



Mary Stokes, ***Sandy Leluga, Ardi Baker, Tina Serna***, Phil Krivickas, Zbigniew Sohacki, ***Larry Strayer, Sharon Kras***, Anita Thomas, Don Smith, ***Pamela Weber, Diana Donnell***, Nancy Greco, Kenneth Rice, Dawn Light, Bob Williams, ***Judith Marshall, Andy Manahan, Cathy Daigre, Marie Mosher, Kathleen Lundquist, Al Vahey*** 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. 8220 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.

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY NEWS

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION CARDS AVAILABLE

March 25th is the Annunciation of the Lord (when Mary conceived Jesus) and in honor of this day the Respect Life Ministry will have Spiritual Adoption cards available this weekend and March 22/23. The cards have a place for the date to indicate the beginning of the Spiritual Adoption of an unborn child and the completion will be December 25th with the birth of Jesus. There will be a space to give a name to the unborn child you are spiritually adopting along with a prayer to be said everyday for the nine months to spare the life of a baby in danger of abortion. There is no charge for these cards, so please stop by the Respect Life table in the gathering space and in the hall this Sunday.



PATRON ADS FOR RIGHT TO LIFE BANQUET BOOK

St. Michael Respect Life Ministry will be collecting patron ads for the Lake County Right to Life 46th Annual Banquet ad book after all Masses this weekend. Your name will be put in the book on the St. Michael Rosary ad and the cost is either \$10, \$20 or \$30. The banquet will be held at Villa Cesare in Schererville on Friday, April 5th at 7:00 PM. The guest speaker is Ann McElhinney, author and producer of "Gosnell." Reservations are available and tickets are free. Contact Lake County Right to Life at 219-838-1138 or email office@lakecortl.org or just ask anyone at the Respect Life table selling the ads.

Peace & Social Justice Commission

MORE RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY NEWS

40 DAYS FOR LIFE PRAYER CAMPAIGN MARCH 6 - APRIL 14

The Respect Life Ministry would like to inform everyone that there is another 40 Days for Life Prayer Campaign sponsored by Lake County Right To Life beginning on March 6th (Ash Wednesday) and will continue until April 14th (Palm Sunday). The 40 Days for Life is a prayer campaign held world wide with a vision to access God's power through prayer, fasting and peaceful (non-confrontational) prayer vigil to end abortion. If you are still trying to think of something special to do for Lent and if you would like to take part in this 40 Days for Life Campaign, consider joining other pro-lifers "on the hill" at Planned Parenthood in Merrillville anytime between 7:00 AM and 7:00 PM to pray for the end of abortion. Peaceful vigil is not the only way to participate in this prayer campaign. If you cannot participate at Planned Parenthood perhaps you would be able to attend Adoration on Wednesdays from 1:30 - 6:00 PM (starting March 27th) or just praying and fasting in your own home.

15,256 LIVES SAVED FROM ABORTION (that we know of) **186 ABORTION WORKERS QUIT
99 FACILITIES CLOSED

Submitted by Cathy Bartzczak

Screening for Colorectal Cancer

If you are age 50 to 75, you should get tested regularly for colorectal ("koh-loh-REK-tul") cancer. A special test (called a screening) can help prevent colorectal cancer or find it early, when it's easier to treat. However, you may need to get tested before age 50 or after age 75 if colorectal cancer runs in your family. Please talk with your doctor and ask about your risk for this type of cancer.

How often you need to get screened will depend on:

- *Your risk for colorectal cancer
- *Which screening test you choose
- *How do I decide which test to take? There are different ways to test for colorectal cancer. Your doctor can help you decide which test you would prefer.

What do I ask the doctor?

- * Visiting the doctor can be stressful. It helps to have questions written down ahead of time. You may also want to ask a family member or close friend to go with you to take notes.
- * Print out these questions and take them to your appointment.
- * What is my risk for colorectal cancer?
- * When do you recommend that I start getting tested?
- * What are the different types of screening tests for colorectal cancer?
- * Which screening test do you recommend? Why?
- * How often do I need to get tested?
- * What happens during the screening? How do I prepare?
- * Are there any dangers or side effects of screening?
- * How long will it take to get the results?
- * What can I do to reduce my risk of colorectal cancer?



Together, you and your doctor can make a screening plan that's right for you.

Submitted by the Health & Spirituality Committee

Peace & Social Justice Commission



We are here to assist anyone with temporary help. If you know someone from Schererville, Dyer or St. John who could use help with their NIPSCO bill, rent, or groceries, **please have that person in need (due to privacy act) call 322-4505, ext. 8250 and leave a message.**

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**

Parish Life

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

Drawing Closer to Jesus for Healing

Come to pray for personal healing and the healing of our Church

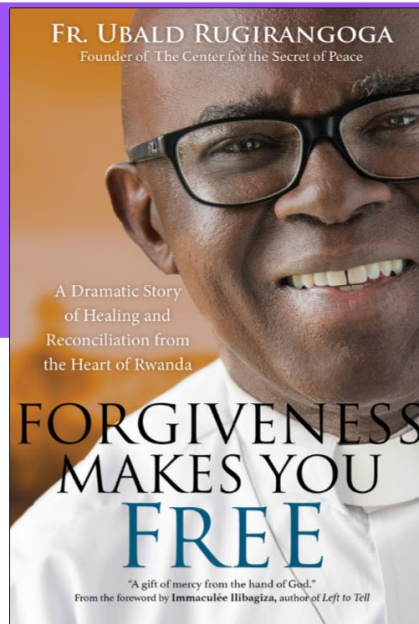
All are welcome!

Join Reverend Ubald Rugirangoga as he celebrates a special Mass with healing prayers at
St. Michael the Archangel Church

"Jesus is alive...and He is waiting for you!" - Fr Ubald Rugirangoga

**Wednesday, April 3rd, 2019
6:30 PM
St Michael the Archangel**

Rwanda Genocide Survivor
Fr Ubald is a Diocesan Priest of 35 years, who lost over 80 members of his family and over 45,000 of his parishioners during the genocide.



We will begin with the Holy Mass, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Special prayers for healing. Prayer intentions can be sent to frubaldchicago@hotmail.com For more details, contact Kathy Jablonski 219.322.5436

Fr Ubald will be at
The Shrine of Christ's Passion
St. John, IN
for a book signing
**Thursday, April 4th, 2019
2:00-3:00 PM**



Friday March 22, 2019 4 - 7 PM
St. Patrick Hall @ St. Michael Church
1E Wilhelm Schererville, IN

Baked and Fried Pollock
Baked and French Fries
Homemade Coleslaw
Fresh Green Beans
Tossed Salad, Beets
Mac and Cheese
Lemonade and Coffee

Adults: \$12.00
Children (6-12): \$5.00
5 and Under Free

Additional charge for:
Pop, Wine, Beer & Desserts
Carry-Outs Available

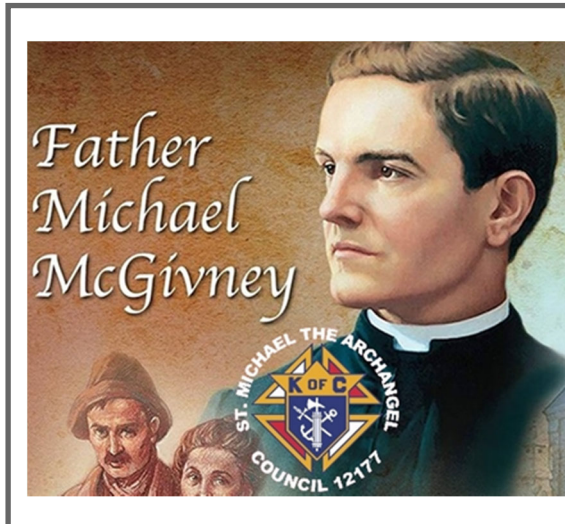
SAVE BIG ON ADVANCE TICKET SALES!!
Advance tickets for sale after all Masses
March 9, 10, 16, & 17
Buy at the Parish Office until March 20th
Save \$2 on advance adult tickets!



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.



HOLY HOUR

TODAY, MARCH 17TH AT 5:00 PM

Join us for a Holy Hour at St. Michael Church to pray for the canonization of Venerable Father Michael McGivney, the Founder of the Knights of Columbus. Millions of lives have been changed by this one man's inspiration. Help us to move him along to his rightful title of St. Michael McGivney.

All are welcome to join us!



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.

March Schedule:

Mar. 26th: Book Club, 10:00-12:00 PM

April 9th: Gathering at 10:00 AM, Games & Book Club, 11:00 AM-12:00 PM

April 23rd: Games & Book Club, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM *Submitted by Carol Rusich*

April Bulletin Schedule

April 7th bulletin articles are due on April 1st by noon.

April 14th bulletin articles are due on April 3rd by noon.

April 21st (Easter) bulletin articles are due on April 10th by noon.

April 28th bulletin articles are due April 17th by noon.

Thank you for being considerate of these deadlines.

Mindful Chair Exercise

Monday Mornings

8:00-9:00 AM

in St. Patrick Hall

Dress Comfortably

\$5 per session



New Member Registration

This Weekend

After the 7:30 & 9:30 AM

Masses in St. Patrick Hall

Stewardship & Parish Administration Commission

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

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY MARCH 17

BP Readings After 7:30 & 9:30 AM Masses
New Member Registration After 7:30 & 9:30 AM Masses
Fish Fry Ticket Sales After All Masses
Spiritual Adoption Cards Distribution After All Masses
RCIA 9:30 AM
Holy Hour 5:00 PM
RADIATE 6:00 PM

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

MONDAY MARCH 18

Mindful Chair Exercise 8:00 AM
Centering Prayer 6:00 PM
Adult Confirmation Class 6:30 PM
Bible Study 7:00 PM

TUESDAY MARCH 19

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

WEDNESDAY MARCH 20

Stations of the Cross 1:00 PM
Baptism Prep 6:00 PM
Traditional Classes 6:00 PM
Discernment II 7:00 PM

THURSDAY MARCH 21

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

FRIDAY MARCH 22

School Penance Service 10:30 AM
Stations of the Cross 12:00 & 7:30 PM
Cleaning of the Church 2:00 PM
Confessions 4:00 & 9:15 PM
Knights of Columbus Fish Fry 4:00-7:00 PM
Bell Choir Practice 5:30 PM
WOW 7:00 PM
Night of Love Mass 8:15 PM
Eucharistic Adoration After 8:15 PM Mass

SATURDAY MARCH 23

Confessions 12:00, 4:00 & 7:00 AM
Finance Meeting 9:00 AM
Confessions 3:30-4:30 PM
Knights of Columbus Recruitment Drive After Vigil Mass
Spiritual Adoption Cards Distribution After Vigil Mass

Stewardship Challenge

Look for the signs of spring this week. Thank God for promise of new life in our lives.



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

March 10, 2019

Adult	\$15,461.00
EFTs*	\$1,875.00
Children	79.50
Loose	\$510.00

Total Weekly Offering
\$17,925.50

Eastern Europe Collection
\$3,402.51

Ash Wednesday Collection
\$5,014.81

**Electronic Funds Transfer*

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Please consider supporting our education endeavors at St. Michael Parish through the
St. Michael Education Foundation
with a Memorial Donation.

Your gift will be listed here and acknowledged to the family or individual you memorialize.
Living Memorial - Anniversary Memorial -
Deceased Memorial

Look for us on the website: www.stmichaelparish.life.

ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY DINNERS
St. Andrew: 801 W. 73rd Ave., Merrillville All Fridays during Lent except Good Friday, 4:00-6:30 PM Adult Cost-\$10
St. Edward: 218 S Nichols St., Lowell, March 29th & April 12th, 4:00-7:00 PM Adult Cost-\$12

MADE FOR MORE

Made for More, Visions of the Promised Land will be held on **March 20th**, 7:00-9:30 PM at *Queen of All Saints, 606 S. Woodland Ave., Michigan City*. Tickets are \$20 and may be ordered online at www.corproject.com/michigancity. Free bus transportation is available. Contact Rosanne at 769-9292, ext. 259 or rkouris@dcgary.org for more information.

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY

St. Matthias Church in Crown Point is having a Pick 7 Outreach Opportunity on **March 23rd**, 10:00 AM-Noon. If you know of anyone who could use a helping hand with food and household supplies, please invite them to this special event.

*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 **March 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 so we can have sufficient supplies at jkoeling@sbcglobal.net, or local phone listed below.

For more information, please contact James and Pat Koeling at 365-3898 or call toll-free 1-888-303-0180. **Care giving may be one of the most important roles you will undertake in your lifetime.**

*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.

ST. AUGUSTINE MEN'S PURITY GROUP

St. Augustine Men's Purity Group is a support group for men fighting the spiritual battle to be free from the habits of impurity. We gather at *St. Bridget Church in Hobart* to support, encourage, and pray for one another on the **1st and 3rd Fridays** at 7:00 PM in the church basement. Call Joe at 219-241-8259 for more information.

*ANDREAN EVENTS

April 5th, 6th, 12th & 13th: Spring Musical-Annie, 7:00 PM. Tickets are \$10.

April 7th: Spring Musical-Annie, 1:00 PM. Tickets are \$10.

Apr. 11th: Freshman Information Night, 6:00 PM. 8th graders who have received their acceptance letter are invited to attend this event. Please enter through Door M.

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.

Andrean's online Admissions Application is now open. Families can begin applying at andreanhs.org/apply.

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.

NWI AWAKENING RETREAT

College-aged Catholics (18-25) are invited to the NWI Awakening Retreat, **April 12th-14th**, at *Nativity Catholic Church in Portage*. The weekend is packed with community, prayer, food and best of all, Jesus. Consider giving a weekend of your time; you will be surprised what God will do with it, \$30 includes lodging and meals. Visit nwiawakening.com to learn more and to register.

SPRING FEVER CRAFT SHOW

The Schererville Parks is hosting a Spring Fever Craft Show on **April 13th**, 9:00 AM-3:00 PM at the *Schererville Community Center*. There will be food trucks, 100+ craft vendors, raffles and more on hand.

We Remember . . . We Prepare . . .



SATURDAY MARCH 16
5:00 PM ✦ Ann Kania-*1st Anniversary*

SUNDAY MARCH 17
7:30 AM St. Michael Parish
9:30 AM For an End to Abortion on Demand and
for a Conversion of Heart for
those who Provide Abortions
✦ Giuseppe Barone
Mary Ann Adamson
11:30 AM ✦ Mary Jane Wagner-*1st Anniversary*

MONDAY MARCH 18
7:00 AM ✦ Cosmo Traficante

TUESDAY MARCH 19
7:00 AM ✦ Carol Jakobowicz
8:55 AM ✦ Eric Anderson III

WEDNESDAY MARCH 20
7:00 AM ✦ Robert Ayersman, Sr.

THURSDAY MARCH 21
7:00 AM ✦ Sandy Pyle

FRIDAY MARCH 22
7:00 AM ✦ Departed Souls of the Congregation of
Mother of Carmel
✦ Al Luis Colon

SATURDAY MARCH 23
8:00 AM ✦ Alfonso & Elda Rundznitis
5:00 PM ✦ Jim Candreva

SUNDAY MARCH 24
7:30 AM ✦ Julia Grish
✦ Robert Ayersman, Sr.
The Biciunas Family
9:30 AM St. Michael Parish
11:30 AM ✦ John Chavez

✦ indicates deceased



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THE WORD

(Readings for March 24, 2019, The Third Sunday of Lent)

- I. *Exodus 17:3-7* The Israelites grumbled against Moses for leading them out of Egypt. They were thirsty and there was no water in the desert, so Moses struck a rock with his staff, and water flowed out for the people to drink.
- II. *Romans 5:1-2, 5-8* "The love of God has been poured out into our hearts," and that love is immeasurable; "While we were still sinners Christ died for us."
- III. *John 4:5-42* Jesus met a Samaritan woman at the well. She offered him water from the well, and He, in turn, offered her the loving water of eternal life. As a result, she and many others came to know that Jesus is the Savior.

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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and a strong business community is good for our parish.***

If you would like to advertise in our bulletin, please call Barbara at 219-427-4803.

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