

WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



Third Sunday of

LENT

March 24, 2019



“Sir, leave the fig tree for another year;
perhaps it will bear fruit.”

Luke 13:8-9

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 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

St. Michael Parish
 1 E. Wilhelm St.
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 46375

From the Pastor's Desk

Please Note: The Sunday reading for the third, fourth and fifth Sunday's of Lent are taken from the Lectionary cycle YEAR A, not YEAR C which we are presently in. This option is given, especially if the parish is preparing ELECT to be initiated at Easter, and we are. The readings given in YEAR A are the most ancient Lenten readings of the Church. Before a 40-day Lent developed, the season lasted four weeks, like Advent. The first three weeks always presented the readings we will be using. On the fourth Sunday of this ancient Lent the Passion was read.

Lent = 40 Days? One of the more confusing tasks assigned to any student in religion class would be to figure out how do we get a Lent of forty days? To answer the question one must take into account more than mathematics.

The season we call Lent began in the early church as a six day period of preparation for the Feast of Easter. It had special significance for all the baptized and especially for those who were going to be initiated with baptism, confirmation and First Eucharist on the great vigil of Easter. By the early 200's this pattern of a six day "Paschal Fast" (Paschal meaning the Passover of the Lord) was in place throughout most of the Church. Remember there were not universal decrees regarding these things at this time in history.

Meanwhile, at the same time, some of the Churches in the eastern part of the Roman Empire commemorated a fast of forty days patterned on the gospel story of how Jesus, after His Baptism in the Jordan, entered the desert to fast. These Churches read the gospel as a continuous story in their Sunday assemblies. So if they read chapter two this week, they read chapter three next week. Thus it was that one week after celebrating the Epiphany or the Baptism of the Lord these communities would then begin a forty day fast, just like the gospel related. This fast had nothing to do with Easter, it was just doing what Jesus did.

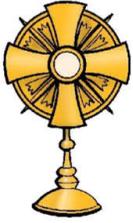
It was not until after the Council of Nicaea in 325 which cleared up the dispute regarding the proper time for the celebration of Easter that this post-Epiphany fast was moved and added to the already established six day pre-Easter fast. Also, this pre-Easter period of preparation began to become more than a physical fast from food. The idea of abstaining from various foods also developed and the call for more intense public and private prayer along with doing more good works came into the forefront.

By the year 340 we now begin to see the Lenten Fast we are familiar with. But it was still less than forty days. In subsequent years the pre-Easter fast expanded in some Churches to seven or even eight weeks. By this time the catechumens so central to the whole business of preparing for Easter began to drop off. Infant baptism grew in ascendancy.

By the 600's we see a more final solution for the pre-Easter fast. It would be six weeks, excepting Sundays, and in order to more closely follow the example of Jesus the addition of four days beginning with Ash Wednesday are added. The Paschal Fast, which began as that six day fast before Easter is now consigned to the Easter Triduum and so begins on Good Friday and continues until the Easter Vigil. It is figured into the forty days but it is not part of Lent. Consequently, it is not Lent that is forty days because Lent ends at sundown on Holy Thursday, but it is our pre-Easter fast that is forty days in total. So, for all you math nuts, the figuring goes like this: $6 \times 6 = 36$ plus the four days beginning with Ash Wednesday equal 40 days.

But more importantly it is good for us to have the knowledge of how our Lent developed. It was the effort of faithful Christians to prepare themselves for Easter and to support those catechumens who were going to be baptized at Easter. Thus we see that God calls us not just as a person but as a people to prepare for His gift of New Life. We have four people in this intense preparation to be initiated this Easter Vigil. Remember you are an example and a support to them, as well as to your family and indeed the whole community, as we journey together towards Jerusalem.

Spirituality and Worship Commission



Eucharistic Adoration returns this Wednesday, March 27th, in the Chapel, 1:30-6:00 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

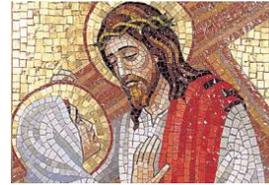
Foot Washing Ministry in Need of Volunteers

Our parish is in need of volunteers to help assist at the foot-washing stations on **Holy Thursday, April 18th, at the 7:00 PM Mass.** Please call Cheryl at 242-2630 to volunteer. No experience is necessary, just a willingness to serve as Jesus did.

“Having loved his own who were in the world he now showed them the full extent of his love.”-John 14:6



Stations of the Cross



Come and be a part of Jesus' passion and death. Experience this very powerful and spiritual pilgrimage every Friday during Lent at 12:00 PM and 7:30 PM. 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.

Parish Lenten Project

Lent is a time for prayer, sacrifice and almsgiving. 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.

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



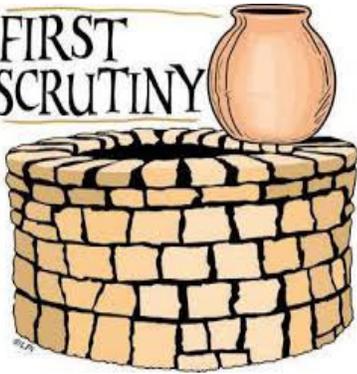
April 12th, 7:30 PM

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



Spirituality and Worship Commission

FIRST
SCRUTINY



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Today at the 9:30 AM Mass

The Scrutiny Rites for the parish and particularly for Erik, will take place the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Sundays of Lent. The readings, from Cycle A, are chosen to be the driving force of prayerful introspection, surrender and conversion. They offer powerful images of surrender, sin, conversion, faith and healing. Today, we are challenged with the Samaritan woman at the well when we thirst for the Lord, who knows what we need and provides it. **Please keep Erik Vaundry, our Elect,** in your prayers as he prepares for the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil Mass.

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 Julia Lucas. Julia has been a student at St. Michael School since kindergarten, and will be attending Andean High School next year. Julia plays volleyball, runs track and is a cheerleader for the Warriors. She also does gymnastics, and has been a Girl Scout since first grade. Julia's favorite thing about SMS is CYO sports. She says, "CYO (Catholic Youth Organization) introduced me to sports I wouldn't think of playing." When Julia leaves SMS, she says, "I will miss my friends most of all. We have become very close over the years. I hope we always stay close." Julia's advice to younger students is to always enjoy your time at St. Mike's, because it flies! Good luck with the rest of your 8th grade year, Julia!

Submitted by Jen Poskin

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.

A Day of E-Learning!

On one of the first crazy snow storms we had, SMS had an e-learning day! What better way to help out your parents, neighbors and elderly than to have my physical education students get outside and help shovel. Their assignment was to get outside and get some fresh air while shoveling the snow for their parents and possibly an elderly neighbor that might need help. They were also assigned to get their steps in by vacuuming the house. I loved all the messages and pictures that I received from parents!

Submitted by Molly Grasha



The Value of Simulation

Capitalism, communism, any ism. These are complex terms that often require a college semester course to even begin understanding them. In these terms we have widely different interpretations, analyses, and view points. And we have to teach these to 6th Graders?

One thing that I have noticed that is effective in teaching highly complex ideas to students is to let them act it out. Some made call them games, but in the teaching world we prefer the term “simulations.” These events allow students, in the course of a class period or two, come to terms with these *-isms*, and through role play, internalize what they’re all about.

Back in February, the sixth grade class was presented with such an *-ism*. Feudalism, to be exact. The socio-economic system that dominated Europe from the fall of Rome to the emancipation of the serfs in 1861 was part of their lesson plan. Instead of spending a day simply describing feudalism, we turned Room 10 into Medieval France.

Five students were picked at random to represent the higher levels of the feudal system, the Kings, Lords, and Nobles. The remaining students became poor peasants, tied to the land. From there, we simulated the economics of feudalism with Skittles candies. Each peasant received 10 of the treats, to represent their hard work on the soil. From there though, things got interesting

Each Lord had a Noble who was responsible for collecting taxes. They came around and did just that, as was their right as Noble. Seven Skittles were collected from each peasant, much to their chagrin. Complaints rose up: “Why are you taking so much?”, “What will I eat?”, “These are my crops!” and so on. The Nobles quickly reminded them that this was their right, and that these “taxes” were for protection.

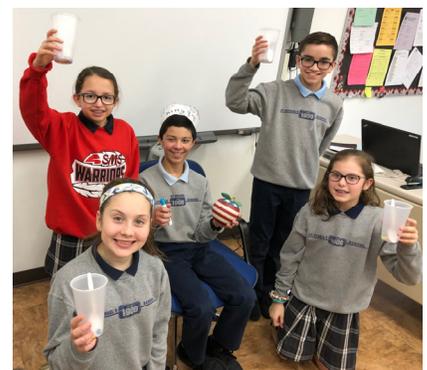
From there, each Noble paid taxes to their Lord. The students portraying the Nobles, who were just flush with Skittles, protested too at paying five Skittles per peasant to their Lord. But when they realized they were better off than the peasants, they paid willingly.

Finally, even Lords pay taxes to the King, who in the end had the most skittles of them all. This represents his power and wealth, and shows that in Feudalism, the upper classes benefitted the most.

Students finished up this simulation by writing a short essay on how they felt about the system, and if they thought it was fair. They needed to demonstrate a knowledge of how the wealth travels in the Feudal system to receive full credit, which many did!

In the future, I plan to do many more of these simulations to make complex, argument worthy ideas and make them relatable, understandable, and applicable.

Submitted by Zac Williams



Education and Formation Commission



Schererville, Indiana

- RATED "A" BY THE INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
- CUTTING EDGE TECHNOLOGY CURRICULUM
- SMALL CLASS SIZES
- GRADES K-8, FULL DAY AND HALF-DAY PRESCHOOL
- NUMEROUS EXTRACURRICULAR AND ATHLETICS OPTIONS
- 97% COLLEGE ATTENDANCE RATE



**SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE
APRIL 11, 6-8PM**

Are You in High School? We Would Love to See You at Radiate.



We have so much fun, whether we learn from each other, pray together, act silly, or make friends.... every gathering brings a new adventure to all! Our teen leaders are committed to having the best experience for you and it's a great place where 'we are in this together!' Come on out and join us. We are here for you!

Upcoming:

April 7th: Do you ever feel like the "Lost Sheep?" 6:00-8:00 PM in St. Patrick Hall

April 28th: St Mary's, Crown Point- Servant Leadership Award Ceremony

May 10th: Game Night, 6:00-8:00 PM in St. Patrick Hall

May 19th: Gathering, 6:00-8:00 PM in St. Patrick Hall

For Radiate updates, sign up for texts:

Enter the number: **81010** and then text this message: @radiate

Special Note:

We welcome food donations any time! The teens love food. Whether it's individual bags of Cheetos or chips, or homemade cookies or a veggie/fruit tray, we appreciate it very much! You can contact Jeannine for more details at 219-775-5356 or jm.quigley@sbcglobal.net.

Submitted by Jeannine Quigley

Peace & Social Justice Commission



For Those Who Have Died...

Alfred Vahey

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

*Please
pray for
the sick*

Mary Stokes, ***Sandy Leluga, Ardi Baker, Tina Serna***, Phil Krivickas, Zbigniew Sohacki, 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, Charles Svitko, Carol Smialek, Jen-Mei Dorris, Mark Biegel***, David Sarros, ***Evelyn Mathews***, Megan Bugg 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.



We are here to assist anyone with temporary help. If you know someone from Schererville, Dyer, or St. John who could use help with their NIPSCO bill, rent, or groceries, **please have that person in need (due to privacy act)** call 322-4505, ext. 250 and leave a message.

Rebuilding Hope Mission Team's Lenten Activity

We are recruiting participation in the installation of an outdoor lean-to on their existing barn at True North Riding Stables in Chesterton, Indiana on Saturday, April 6th. We would work from 8:00 AM until about 4:00 PM.

This facility uses equestrian therapy methods to serve in a Christian way. This would be an excellent Lenten service opportunity to help those struggling with afflictions. True North strives to bring hope to others through the use of one of God's most beautiful and majestic creatures. It is the mission of True North to help kids understand that they are perfect and wonderful just as they are, and that there is someone who cares, someone willing to help.

Will that someone be you?

All skill levels are appreciated. Please contact Mike Macki at mike_macki@sbcglobal.net or Jim Koeling at jkoeling@sbcglobal.net, or call the parish office for more information.



Submitted by Jim Koeling

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. 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 9 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.

LAKE COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE BANQUET

St. Michael Respect Life Ministry would like to thank everyone who purchased a patron ad for the Lake County Right to Life 46th Annual Banquet ad book. Although we are no longer accepting ads for the booklet, reservations are still available until March 27th to attend the banquet which 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." Tickets are free but donation forms will be available at the table. Contact Lake County Right to Life at 219-838-1138 or email at office@lakecortl.org or just ask anyone at the Respect Life table in the gathering space.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE PRAYER CAMPAIGN MARCH 6 - APRIL 14



The Respect Life Ministry would like to remind everyone that there are only 21 days left of the 40 Days for Life Prayer Campaign sponsored by Lake County Right To Life that began 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. A group from St Michael's Respect Life Ministry is planning to meet at Planned Parenthood Saturday, April 13th at 10:30 AM for a peaceful, non-confrontational prayer vigil to pray for the end of abortion. We welcome all to join us.

One Life Saved

One Mother Protected

One Mind Changed

Submitted by Cathy Bartzak

Parish Life

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

ALPINE EUROPE PILGRIMAGE

Featuring the Passion Play of Oberammergau



LED BY

BISHOP DALE MELCZEK & FR. MARTIN DOBRZYNSKI



12 DAYS: SEPTEMBER 15 – 26, 2020

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(Air/land tour price is \$4099 plus \$470 government taxes/airline surcharges)

First deposit of \$800 due at time of booking

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Munich - Rothenburg**

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For more information call: 219-322-4505 ext. 225 (Debbie Fotia)



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.

Registration for New Parishioners

There will be no April parish registration. The next parish registration will be May 19th 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. 8225.



Fun For Seniors



Senior GEMS

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

Upcoming Schedule:

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

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

April 23rd: Book Club & Games, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM

May 14th: Sunrise Greenhouse More details to follow in upcoming bulletins.

Submitted by Carol Rusich

Mindful Chair Exercise
Monday Mornings
8:00-9:00 AM
in St. Patrick Hall
Dress Comfortably
\$5 per session



Drawing Closer to Jesus for Healing

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

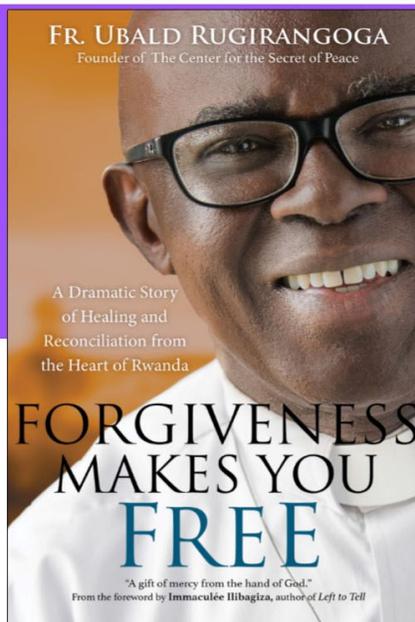
All are welcome!

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

Cemetery Clean-Up

All Items You Wish To Save Must Be Removed From The Gravesites

Please remove all the decorations that you wish to keep from your cemetery grave sites so that St. Michael's maintenance crew can start clean-up as soon as possible (weather permitting). Eternal lights & attached vases can remain. If there are any Christmas decorations that remain and seem in good condition, are artificial, and have not blown off the grave sites they will be left on the south side of the storage shed on the east side of the cemetery. Everything else will be disposed of and the **Decorating Rules & Regulations**, (available at most entrances to the cemetery) will be strictly followed after the clean-up is finished. It is hoped that the cemetery will be ready for Easter decorations.

Below is the list of Cemetery Regulations. Please take the time to read this.

Quality, NOT Quantity makes for a beautiful cemetery.

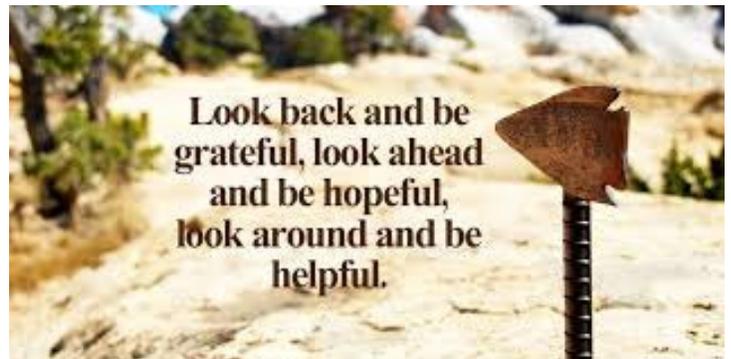
The placement of natural and artificial flowers as well as plastic vigil lights are permitted on all graves. They are to be only placed within 16 inches **in front of the grave marker**. They are not to be placed on the sides, behind, or extend beyond the grave marker and may not exceed 18 inches in height. Trees, bushes, or evergreens are not allowed. Flower beds are to meet these specifications also. Fresh flowers are to be placed in plastic or metal containers.

DO NOT PLACE ON ANY GRAVE

Metal or glass objects of any kind, shepherd hooks, glass, statuary, fences, concrete, bricks, mulch, chips, gravel, or decorative stones are strictly prohibited. Regular candles are not permitted. Any of these objects can be picked up and hurled by mowing equipment, making them a hazard to visitors and the cemetery staff. They will be removed and disposed of immediately, **without notice**.

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.



Coffee and Donut Sunday will be next Sunday, March 31st. The next Coffee and Donut Sunday will be May 5th.

Stewardship & Parish Administration Commission

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

Stewardship Challenge

Take time this week to reflect on your sins, ask forgiveness from those you hurt and go to reconciliation.

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY MARCH 24

Knights of Columbus Recruitment Drive After All Masses
Spiritual Adoption Cards Distribution After All Masses
RCIA 9:30 AM

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

MONDAY MARCH 25

No School-Spring Break
Mindful Chair Exercise 8:00 AM
Centering Prayer 6:00 PM
Bible Study 7:00 PM

TUESDAY MARCH 26

No School-Spring Break
No Good Shepherd/Traditional Classes –Spring Break
Senior GEMS 10:00 AM
Alpha Series 7:00 PM

WEDNESDAY MARCH 27

No School-Spring Break
No Traditional Classes –Spring Break
Eucharistic Adoration 1:30-6:00 PM

THURSDAY MARCH 28

No School-Spring Break
Bereavement Session 7:00 PM
Choir/Cantor Practice 7:00 PM
Grief Support 7:00 PM

FRIDAY MARCH 29

No School-Spring Break
Stations of the Cross 12:00 & 7:30 PM
Cleaning of the Church 2:00 PM

SATURDAY MARCH 30

Confessions 3:30-4:30 PM
Knights of Columbus Recruitment Drive After Vigil Mass

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE



March 17, 2019

Adult	\$16,140.00
EFTs*	\$3,210.00
Children	\$76.16
Loose	\$580.87

Total Weekly Offering
\$20,007.03

**Electronic Funds Transfer*

Easter flower envelopes are due to the parish office by April 7th if you would like your name and intentions printed in the Easter bulletin.

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

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

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

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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

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.

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.

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.

*SAVE THE DATE

FCSLA Branch 81 (members only) Annual Spring Luncheon.
Sunday, April 28th ~ Casa Maria, Dyer.
More details coming in April.

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, **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.

*THEOLOGY ON TAP

THEOLOGY ON TAP is a casual gathering of individuals ages 21+ looking to explore their Catholic faith while enjoying some beer, pizza, soft drinks, snacks, good companionship and interesting conversation. Join us on Sundays at 6:30 PM at *Our Lady Of Grace Parish, 3025 Highway Avenue, Highland.* For more information, please visit the website: olgcatholicchurchhighland.org or email: ourladygrace@sbcglobal.net and/or call 219-838-0395.
Guest Speakers:
April 7th: Stephen Tony—Indifference – Life's Distractions
June 2nd: Allen Tatar a-when is Enough Enough? How to Find Calm in the Chaos
August 4th & October 16th: TBA,
December 1st: Fr. Dominic Clemente, And God Saw That it Was Good: Beer!

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.

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.

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



SATURDAY MARCH 23

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

MONDAY MARCH 25

7:00 AM †Larry Miller

TUESDAY MARCH 26

7:00 AM †Doug DePrez-5 year anniversary

WEDNESDAY MARCH 27

7:00 AM Philip Bruno

THURSDAY MARCH 28

7:00 AM †Carol Jakubowicz
 †Sally Kratz
 †Troy Hartog

FRIDAY MARCH 29

7:00 AM †Verl Elliot

SATURDAY MARCH 30

8:00 AM †Jerry Eberle
5:00 PM †Kyle Arnold

SUNDAY MARCH 31

7:30 AM †Cosmo Traficante
9:30 AM †Eric Anderson III
 †Roman, Adeline, James & Greg Barlog
 †Kenneth Broholm
11:30 AM St. Michael Parish

† indicates deceased



reflections...

THE WORD

(Readings for March 31, 2019, Fourth Sunday of Lent)

- I. *1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a* The Lord sent Samuel to Bethlehem to the house of Jesse, where Samuel was to anoint the new king of Israel. After Jesse presented each of his sons, the Lord instructed Samuel to anoint the youngest, David.

- II. *Ephesians 5:8-14* Live as children of light in goodness, justice, and truth. “Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light.”

- III. *John 9:1-41* Jesus cured a man born blind. The Pharisees became upset because he did this on the Sabbath. After the Pharisees rejected the man’s story, he met Jesus again. Jesus, ”Son of Man,” explained how the blind will see, but those who hold on to sin will remain in darkness.

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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