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APRIL 7, 2019

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



**JOIN US AT OUR
OPEN HOUSE & ICE CREAM SOCIAL
ON THURSDAY
APRIL 11TH
6 - 8 PM**



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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 1:30-6:00 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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 1 E. Wilhelm St.
 Schererville, IN
 46375

From the Pastor's Desk

“Father, I don’t sin” I have often heard this sentiment. I don’t think it comes from either an attitude of arrogance or even a sense of innocence. I believe it comes from a misunderstanding about what sin is in our lives and why we need to be attentive to its power over us.

Almost everyone I speak to will say, “I know I’m a sinner, we all are sinners Father.” And this is a most true statement. We are all sinners; but more than that St. Augustine reminds us that we are sinners who stand justified by God’s merciful grace. So though we are sinners we are called by God’s grace to be holy.

Our recognition that you and I are sinners is not an excuse to keep us from being holy but rather the state of human fragility that is redeemed by God. So we can and must strive to overcome our sinfulness with his help.

We often equate sin with doing something we know we are not supposed to do. This is true but it is only one side of the coin. Sin is also incurred by you and me when we do not do what we are supposed to do. I often suggest the use of the gospel from Matthew chapter 25, verses 31- 46 in preparing for confession. This in addition to the 10 Commandments can help us to really look at ourselves and see our need for God’s forgiveness and mercy. Jesus makes it clear that we will be judged on not only what we did wrong but what we didn’t do right.

The celebration of the Sacrament of Penance is a most effective way for us to admit to ourselves, and to God, that we have turned from the path of life. Through the sacrament we recognize in a concrete way our need for God to heal us. God’s healing power can only be effective if you and I approach the sacrament with the best of intentions.

A second element in preparing for confession is to ask the question WHY? Why do I lose my temper so quickly; what does God need to heal in me to help me with this? Why do I treat others with disdain; what part of me is disdainful even to myself? Why can’t I show mercy to others, the poor or family members who I don’t like? Do I accept God’s mercy for me or is my indifference or callousness a sign of how I ignore God’s mercy for me?

Give some thought this week to those attitudes that lead you to walk in the opposite direction of God’s love. What are those things that direct your actions — that offend others and so offend God? Then, as we gather on ***Wednesday, April 10th, at 7:00 PM*** take advantage of the Sacrament of Penance and bring those things that need God’s forgiving healing love.

The Sacrament is also available every Saturday afternoon from 3:30 to 4:30 PM.

Jesus calls you and me to more than just being a “good” person. He calls us to holiness for us to renounce our sins of admission and omission. Come forward and confess those things or attitudes that misdirect your steps and lead you to sin. Come and know the weight that God’s love longs to remove from you so you can see more clearly God’s hand in yours as you walk towards Easter.

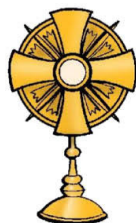
PENANCE



SERVICE

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Spirituality and Worship Commission



Eucharistic Adoration
April 10th, 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

An Art & Environment Invitation

The Art & Environment would like your help in preparing the church for Palm Sunday and Easter. We will be gathering April 13th at 9:00 AM in the St. Amand room before setting up Palm Sunday. We will next meet Saturday, April 20th, at 9:30 AM in St. Patrick Hall to set-up the Easter décor. Many hands will make the work go faster and you will get a feeling of satisfaction seeing what you have done to make Easter prayerful for many. Please call Judy Hisick at 365-8613 if you have any questions.

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



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.

Prayer—offers us all a very special opportunity to grow in our relationship with God and to deepen our commitment to a way of life, rooted in our baptism. In our busy world, Prayer provides us with an opportunity to reflect upon our patterns and sins. We should pray more deeply, experience sorrow for what we've done and failed to do, and to be generous to those in need.

Sacrifice—Pope Francis says, "Fasting makes sense if it really chips away at our security and, as a consequence benefits someone else, if it helps us cultivate the style of the Good Samaritan, who bent down to his brother in need and took care of him." During Lent do you think God needs the chocolate, candy, and other trivial things we give up? No. He needs us to look deep within ourselves and reflect. He wants our hearts. So when you fast, do not proclaim it, do not look hard done by, smile and go about your day happy. We are told this in the Bible. In fact, He wants us to stop our obsession with the ME and start thinking about what truly matters in life.

Almsgiving (Offering)—Giving alms, Jesus teaches, means making the needs of others our own, especially the needy of the world. They are all around us: children and the old, the sick and the suffering, families and individuals, next-door neighbors and people in lands faraway. Whatever we give should be something of ourselves, something that costs us. We will receive blessings from God in return. What shall we give to the needy this Lent? In deciding, decide generously. After all, before us is the great alms Jesus gave: "He loved us, and gave Himself up for us."

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Spirituality and Worship Commission

**COMMUNAL PENANCE
SERVICE
APRIL 10TH AT 7:00 PM**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS
JOIN US FOR THIS
POWERFUL AND SPIRITUAL
JOURNEY
APRIL 12TH AT
NOON & 7:30 PM**

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

The *3rd Scrutiny Rite* for the parish and particularly for *Erik*



Vaundry who will receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil will take place this Sunday at the 9:30 AM mass. The readings, from Cycle A, are chosen offering powerful images of surrender, sin, conversion, faith and healing. *Today, we lie with Lazarus within the tomb of oblivion and death, built with stones from our own sins, until Jesus reaches out his hand and pulls us from the pit. Please keep Erik Vaundry, our Elect,* in your prayers as he continues his journey of faith.

Education and Formation Commission



Commission Members: Director of Religious Education, School Principal, Sport/School Advisory Board/HSA Representatives, Marriage Prep, Baptismal Prep, Adult Catholic Education, RADIATE Youth Ministry, Bible Study

First Graders Celebrate "Career Day" and "100th Day"

The first graders in Mrs. Rusin's class agree that "Time flies when you are having fun!" They found themselves flying through time. They went from being adorable 6 and 7 year olds to having jobs and then celebrating their 100th birthdays!

On "Career Day," they came to school dressed in career attire. In order to prepare for this special day, they had to read books pertaining to their future career paths. Next, they shared their reports and explained details about their careers. Many of the students brought props and demonstrated the tasks that would be performed on their jobs. They enjoyed the role playing and reports very much. This was educational for all of them.

After retirement, on the following day, they celebrated the blessings of living to be 100 years old on the 100th day of school! They prayed for all their 100 year old friends and also enjoyed snacks and activities.



Article submitted by Catherine Rusin
Photos submitted by Steven Koontz





Warrior of the Week

This week's Warrior of the Week is Ben Prisby. Ben has been a student at St. Michael School since preschool. He has played basketball and soccer for the Warriors since 5th grade, and is also playing volleyball this year. Ben's favorite thing about SMS is the friendly environment. He says, "The older grades talk to the younger grades. I think that's great." Ben will be attending Andrean High School next year, and he says, "I will miss being a Warrior in sports. Sports were so fun throughout the years." Ben's advice to younger students is, "Actually study for your test. If you study for your test, you will get better grades." That's sound advice, Ben!

Submitted by Jen Poskin



The Angel Award



The Office of Catholic Schools for the Diocese of Gary is pleased to announce the annual **Angel Award** process.

The Angel Award, named in honor of the Holy Angels – the patrons of the Diocese of Gary – will be given to recognize three outstanding, creative and innovative teachers in the Diocese of Gary.

Nominations for this award may be submitted by students (past and present), parents, colleagues, principals, school committee members, pastors, parishioners—anyone whose life has been touched by an outstanding Catholic school teacher.

The winners of the awards will receive a monetary award, a scholarship award for classes at Calumet College of St. Joseph, a beautiful plaque suitable for display purposes, as well as public recognition.

Nomination forms are due in the School Office by May 15, 2019.

Nomination forms may be picked up from any school principal or online from the diocesan web site: www.dcgary.org, Schools Office Resources. Additional information may be obtained by calling 219-769-9292, ext. 232.

FORMS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE PRINCIPAL OF THE SCHOOL WHERE THE TEACHER IS EMPLOYED.

SCHOOL NEWS continued

SMS Participates in CYO Spelling Bee Competition

St. Michael School participates in the yearly CYO Spelling Bee Competition which was held on Thursday, February 21st at Aquinas School in Merrillville. The Spelling Bee Competition is divided into three divisions; 3rd & 4th Grade, 5th & 6th Grade and 7th & 8th Grade. We had 24 St. Michael students participate at the school level. Our finalists for this competition are as follows: Sophia Rodriguez in 4th Grade, Elizabeth Cusick in 5th Grade and Molly Prisby in 8th Grade. We are so proud of our finalists and their representation of our school at this event! We are also proud that Sophia Rodriguez won 1st place in her division. Congratulations, Sophia! Another great opportunity and moment for SMS! Thank you to all our students for taking part in the school Spelling Bee and showing your amazing talent for spelling words!

Submitted by Miss Kennedy



Radiate is for High Schoolers, All are Welcome!

Teens are in charge of topics and lead you at our gatherings. Radiate is a combination of Fun, Faith, and Friendships.... you will love it!

Upcoming:

April 28th: St Mary's, Crown Point - Servant Leadership Award Ceremony at 2:00 PM

May 10th: Game Night-8th GRADERS WELCOME! 6:00-8:00 PM in SMS Gym

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

June 9th: Radiance Society Awards at 9:30 AM Mass

June 14th: Annual Picnic on Church grounds, 5:00-8:00 PM

Sign up for text updates: Enter number 81010 and then text @radiate

For any questions, please contact Jeannine Quigley at (219)775-5356 or jm.quigley@sbcglobal.net.

Submitted by Jeannine Quigley



April Calendar

Apr. 9th: Good Shepherd/Traditional Classes
6:00-7:30 PM

Apr. 10th: Traditional Classes 6:00-7:30 PM

Apr. 13th: First Holy Communion Pictures
9:00 AM-12:00 PM

Apr. 16th: Good Shepherd/Traditional Classes
6:00-7:30 PM

Apr. 17th: Traditional Classes 6:00-7:30 PM

Apr. 23rd: Good Shepherd/Traditional Classes
6:00-7:30 PM

Apr. 24th: Traditional Classes 6:00-7:30 PM

Peace & Social Justice Commission



For Those Who Have Died...

Josephine Getzlaff

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



Andy Manahan, Cathy Daigre, Marie Mosher, Kathleen Lundquist, Beth Ann Brown, Sharon Pottorf, Osama Haddad, Tareq Haddad, Patricia Cameli, Amelia Stamey, Scott Pederson, Charles Cary, Carmela Gerritsen, Peg Barry, John Boychuck, John Sanchez, Sharon Kras, Carol Smialek 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.

St. Michael's parishioners are in bold, italic print.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE PRAYER CAMPAIGN MARCH 6th - APRIL 14th

The Respect Life Ministry would like to remind everyone that there are only 7 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.

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 to 6:00 PM or just praying and fasting in your own home.

One Life Saved.

One Mother Protected.

One Mind Changed.

Submitted by Cathy Bartczak



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.

Peace & Social Justice Commission

*"We make a living by what we get,
We make a life by what we give."*

Winston S. Churchill

On April 18th, at the Holy Thursday 7:00 PM Mass,
the Good Samaritans will have their annual food appeal.
The following items are needed: canned meats, spam, tuna,
soup, cereal, canned fruit, peanut butter, jelly, rice,
hamburger helper, potato sides, crackers, cookies, chili,
stuffing mix, pasta sauce, canned vegetables, pasta.
Also needed, personal care items such as shampoo, deodorant,
toothpaste, soap, household cleaners, dish detergent, Kleenex,
paper towels and toilet paper.
Should you prefer a monetary donation, there are envelopes
on the racks in the gathering space.
For your kind sharing, we thank you!

"For it is in giving that we receive."

St. Francis of Assisi

Submitted by Sue Cohen

Parish Life

Mindful Chair Exercise



**Changed to
Friday Mornings
Starting April 11th**

9:00-10:00 AM

St. Patrick Hall

Cost is \$5 per session

No Session April 19th

**Any questions, please call Ursula
Buchnat at 219-741-3276.**

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

**Do you like to pitch in, help or serve?
Would you like to meet new people?**



Welcome! We are called by our faith to share our talents and to "Go forth and share the Good News." Our Ministry registers new parishioners on the third Sunday each month after the 7:30 AM and 9:30 AM Masses. It is a great opportunity to meet our new parishioners and share all the wonderful things about the St. Michael Parish Community. If you are interested, please contact Carol at 219-805-0413. Looking forward to hearing from those interested. Thank you for your willingness to look for ways to "Go forth and serve God and His people!"

Submitted by Carol Rusich

Healing After an Abortion

Priests for Life, assisting God's people to end abortion, has a website for those who would like to seek healing after an abortion. On this website, AbortionForgiveness.com, one need only to enter a zip code and healing resources in the area will display on screen. Or visit priestsforlife.org for more information.

April Bulletin Schedule

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.

Caregiver Support Group Meeting Sunday, April 28th

At our April 28th meeting at 2:00 PM, we will be holding an “**Art Therapy**” session that will include creating art as a method to communicate with those with whom we are caring. We will be having the creator of this presentation, Kristina Fuller, as our guest speaker and participant. The meeting is at Franciscan St. Margaret Hospital in Dyer in the Blessed Mother Conference room located at the west entrance.

What is art therapy?

- Art therapy is the therapeutic use of art making, within a professional relationship, by people who have experienced any type of illness, trauma, or challenges in life, or simply for stress relief and relaxation.
- Through creating art and reflecting on the art and its processes, an individual can better communicate inner thoughts and feelings, explore feelings, cope with symptoms, and reduce stress and anxiety.



This session requires registration with facilitators Jim & Pat Koeling who can be contacted at 219-365-3898 or (toll free help line) 1-888-303-0180 for more information.

Care giving may be one of the most important roles you will undertake in your lifetime.

Submitted by Jim Koeling



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:

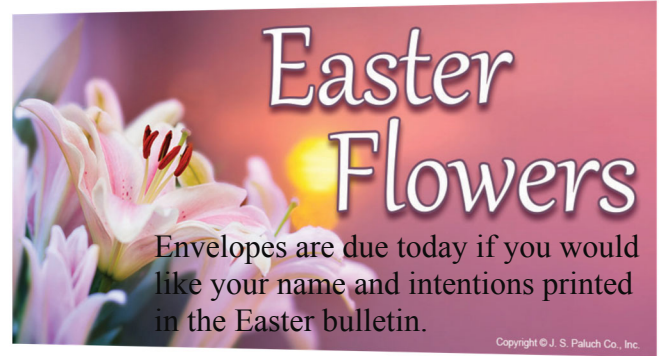
April 9th: Gathering at 10:00 AM, Games and Book Club, 11:00 AM-Noon in St. Patrick Hall

April 23rd: Games and Book Club, 10:00 AM-Noon in St. Patrick Hall

May 14th: Sunrise Greenhouse in Grant Park. Meet in the parking lot at 9:45 AM to carpool. Leaving at 10:00 AM. We will do lunch. No games or book club.

Just a reminder all seniors are invited to our group outings. Attendance is not mandatory at the gatherings to go on an outing.

Submitted by Carol Rusich



Deacon Declan's Ordination Saturday, June 1st Cathedral of Holy Angels

Our parish is sponsoring a bus or two, if there is enough interest, to go to Deacon Declan's Ordination at the Cathedral. This event will take place at 10:30 AM on June 1st. The bus will leave St. Michael church parking lot at 9:15 AM and will return to the parish at 1:00 PM. If you would like to sign up please call the office at 219-322-4505, ext. 8220 or sign up on the sheet in the gathering space after all Masses.



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SUMMERTIME FUN FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY

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- KALAMAZOO AIR ZOO TRIP
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- FISHING
- COOKOUTS

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Check us out on our Facebook page: Schererville Cub Scout Pack 504



Join Fr. Rocky for the
Lenten Lessons
on the Mass

Sign up at relevantradio.com
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ALPINE EUROPE PILGRIMAGE

FEATURING THE PASSION PLAY OF OBERAMMERGAU



12 DAYS: SEPTEMBER 15–26, 2020

Hosted by

Bishop Dale Melczek & Fr. Martin Dobrzynski

\$4569 Roundtrip from Chicago

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

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TOUR INCLUDES: Roundtrip Air from Chicago, First Class/Select Hotels,
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VISIT: Heidelberg, Rhine Valley, Lucerne, Einsiedeln, Innsbruck, Salzburg,
Altötting, Marktl Am Inn, Munich, and Rothenburg

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Tel: (219) 322-4505, Ext. 225 (Debbie Fotia)

Stewardship & Parish Administration Commission

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

Stewardship Challenge

Choose an act of good works you can do this week and do it with love.

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY APRIL 7

Family Session 9:30 AM
RCIA 9:30 AM
RADIATE 6:00 PM

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

MONDAY APRIL 8

Centering Prayer 6:00 PM

TUESDAY APRIL 9

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

WEDNESDAY APRIL 10

Stations of the Cross 1:00 PM
Eucharistic Adoration 1:30-6:00 PM
Traditional Classes 6:00 PM
Communal Penance Service 7:00 PM

THURSDAY APRIL 11

Open House-Ice Cream Social 6:00 PM
Choir/Cantor Practice 7:00 PM

FRIDAY APRIL 12

Mindful Chair Exercise 9:00 AM
Stations of the Cross 12:00 & 7:30 PM
Cleaning of the Church 2:00 PM
Bell Choir 5:30 PM

SATURDAY APRIL 13

Respect Life Meeting 8:30 AM
Art & Environment Décor Set Up 9:00 AM
Finance Council Meeting 9:00 AM
First Communion Pictures 9:00 AM
Confessions 2:30-4:30 PM

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE



March 31, 2019

Adult	\$18,971.05
EFTs*	\$505.00
Children	\$41.35
Loose	\$604.00

**Total Weekly Offering
\$20,121.40**

**Catholic Relief Services
\$4,021.00**

**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 -
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Donna Velez

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,

April 12th, 4:00-7:00 PM

Adult Cost-\$12

*PARISH MISSION AT ST. THOMAS MORE

St. Thomas More, 8501 Calumet Ave., Munster is having a parish mission, **April 7th-10th**, with guest speaker, John Schweistal of Good News Ministries. The topic is "Our Life of Faith." The talks are at 7:00 PM with fellowship to follow in the church narthex.

ANDREAN EVENTS

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.

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

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.

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 Tataro—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!

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.

*FCSLA ANNUAL SPRING LUNCHEON

First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association, Whiting Branch 81 members are invited to attend the annual event on **April 28th**. Mass will begin at noon, followed by luncheon at *Casa Maria, 500 Northgate Dr. Dyer*. **Please RSVP on or before April 18th** to Rebecca Coleman 801-6665 or Margaret Abildua 659-2109. Guest price is \$20.

*QUARTERS FOR A CAUSE

St. Stephen the Martyr Women's Club is having its annual fundraiser, "Quarters for a Cause" on **May 5th** at *the American Legion Post 430, 7430 Broadway, Merrillville*. Doors open at noon. Tickets are \$5/paddle. Lunch and desserts will be available for purchase.

*THE SPIRITUALITY OF ST. KATHARINA KASPER

Join Sister Germaine Hustedde, PHJC, on **May 7th** for a day program on *The Spirituality of Saint Katharina Kasper*, foundress of the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ. This program will take place 9:00 AM-3:00 PM, EDT at *Lindenwood Retreat and Conference Center, 9601 Union Road, Plymouth, IN*. Check-in is at 8:30 AM. Cost for the retreat is \$35 and includes Mass and lunch. **Please register at Lindenwood.org by May 1st**. For more information, email lindenwood@poorhandmaids.org or call (574) 935-1780.

LET'S SORT IT OUT

Are you divorced? Civilly married? Have a blended family? Strengthen and heal those that are marginalized due to marital status. Support blended families that are separated from the sacraments. Fr. Brian Chadwick and Dr. Jean Nanos will have answers for you in support of your life as a Catholic. Please join us on **May 13th** at 7:00 PM at *Giovanni's Restaurant, 603 Ridge Rd., Munster*. Please call 219-923-2952 to register. Beer, wine, and light refreshments/free will offering.

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



SATURDAY APRIL 6

5:00 PM †Victoria Gargas

SUNDAY APRIL 7

7:30 AM St. Michael Parish

9:30 AM †Dolores & Rupert Leluga
Mary Ann Adamson

 †Maxine Anna

11:30 AM †Tony Fus

MONDAY APRIL 8

7:00 AM †Sandy Pyle

TUESDAY APRIL 9

7:00 AM †Sophia A. Green

WEDNESDAY APRIL 10

7:00 AM †Debbie Hritz

 †Jack Arnston

 †Patricia A. Green

8:55 AM †Alice Bugaski

THURSDAY APRIL 11

7:00 AM †Deacon Jack Krol

FRIDAY APRIL 12

7:00 AM †Eric Anderson III

SATURDAY APRIL 13

8:00 AM †Departed Souls of the Congregation of
Mother of Carmel

5:00 PM †Nick Coniglio

SUNDAY APRIL 14

7:30 AM St. Michael Parish

9:30 AM †Marge Kulig-Sink

11:30 AM The Bim-Merle Family
†Kyle Arnold & Josefina Chua Chiacio
For an End to Abortion on Demand and
for a Conversion of Heart for
those who Provide Abortions

†indicates deceased



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THE WORD

(Readings for April 14, 2019, Palm Sunday)

I. *Isaiah 50:4-7*

The servant of the Lord God was rebuffed but did not turn back; he was beaten and spat upon. The suffering one knew the Lord God was with him.

II. *Philippians 2:6-11*

Christ was in the form of God but did not consider equality with God a thing to be grasped at. He emptied himself, took the form of a slave, and was obedient unto death. Therefore, God exalted him and all proclaim him Lord.

III. *Luke 22:14-23:56*

The Passion of the Lord.

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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