

WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Strive to enter
through the
narrow gate,
for many, I tell you,
will attempt to enter
but will not be
strong enough.

LUKE 13:24

Twenty-first
Sunday in
Ordinary Time
AUGUST 25, 2019

Community, Personnel & On-Going Information

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Traditional Classes... Tuesday or Wednesday 6:00 PM-7:30 PM
Good Shepherd Classes....Tuesday 6:00 PM-7:30 PM
Sunday Family Classes.....Once a month 9:30 AM-11:00 AM

SATURDAY LITURGY

Vigil: 5:00 PM
DAILY LITURGY
Weekdays 7:00 AM
Saturday 8:00 AM

SUNDAY LITURGY

7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 AM
HOLYDAY 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. 8241 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 requires that arrangements must be made at least six months in advance of the wedding date in order for the proper personal, spiritual and liturgical preparations of the couple to be completed.

Sacrament of the Sick...Please call the office until 4:00 PM. After 4:00 PM, please call 322-6623 Monday-Friday and anytime on the weekend.

Anointing of the Sick is celebrated on the third Saturday of each month at the 8:00 AM Mass in the chapel.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Monday prior to the Sunday printing 12:00 PM (Noon).
Holidays have exceptions. Please submit potential bulletin articles by email to bulletin@stmichaelparish.life or in print form to the office or by fax to 322-4508.

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Daniel Price.....Vice Chair/Parish Life Liaison
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Thomas Molnar.....At Large
Cynthia Morley.....At Large
Devin Sanders.....At Large
Jack Velazquez.....At Large
John Zaborske.....At Large
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Lynn Schmitt.....Stewardship Liaison
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ST. MICHAEL
PARISH
Scherverville, Indiana

St. Michael Parish
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Scherverville, IN
46375

From the Pastor's Desk

Discipline? What most of us remember from being disciplined in our younger years is generally unpleasant. Yet, discipline is not limited to or even motivated by rendering punishment. It is true that at times our discipline was accompanied with punishment but most of the time it was administered with reward and encouragement.

Take note of the word itself: discipline. Do you see another word there? A word that is applied to you and me and our relationship to Christ. That's right – disciple. Disciples are people steeped in the discipline of the Master. You cannot be a disciple if you are unwilling to undergo the discipline of the Way set forth by the Master.



The author of the Letter to the Hebrews reminds us of this in today's second reading. He encourages us to view our trials, and we all have them of one type or another, as "discipline." Our trials are not punishment any more than the athlete who pushes himself to exhaustion in order to excel in his sport. Such drive is not punishment but the willing acceptance of a discipline. The discipline does not disappoint. For those who place themselves under it find their endurance strengthened and solace even in their pain.

It would be wrong of us to think that life is meant to be a bed of roses without thorns. Our life in this world, on this pilgrimage to God, is full of its joys and its sorrows, its ups and its downs. The difference for a Christian disciple is that the sorrows and downs are just as important and necessary as the joys and ups. For in our difficulties we are impelled to trust more deeply in God. Growing in this trust is a good thing! That is why Christian spiritual writers since the first days understood suffering for the sake of the Name and the daily trials we undergo as not evil punishments but invitations to enter more deeply into communion with

God who binds up our wounds.

Indeed, they saw what the world called "misfortune" as the most fortuitous way God calls us closer to him. This is a mystery, not to be solved but to be entered into, to be experienced. So the next time things are going south, remind yourself that what appears as misfortune can most certainly be an invitation to go to God, to run to him. The thorns do not disappear but the blood they draw is comingled with Christ's blood which sanctifies it and makes it for us a way to salvation.



**See pages 11-12 about the
upcoming Ministry Month
and Feast Day celebration**

Spirituality and Worship Commission



Eucharistic Adoration is every Wednesday, in the Chapel, 1:00-6:00 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



Marian Devotions at the Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine

DATE	TIME
08/25	8:00 PM

August Intention

We pray for Fr. Marty, Deacon Ron, and all the clergy of the diocese, that God may strengthen them in their ministry and fill them with His grace.



**JOIN THE SACRISTANS
FOR CLEANING,
COFFEE
AND COOKIES
MONDAYS AT 8:30 AM
FRIDAYS AT 1:30 PM**



The schedule for the Lay Liturgical Ministers is available this weekend.

Presence THE MYSTERY OF THE EUCHARIST

This is a powerful four part study about Christ's real presence in the Eucharist that invites us into an intimate union with God Himself. It examines the effects of the sacrament and its setting in the Mass and explores its scriptural foundation.

This weekend is the last chance to sign up for Presence, The Mystery of the Eucharist. The sessions will be held in St. Patrick Hall at 7:00 PM starting Tuesday, September 10th, continuing Sept. 17th and Oct. 1st & 8th. Cost is \$6 for study guide. Please call Janice at 322-4505, ext. 8241 for more information.



Your Journey into the
Catholic Church Begins Here.

RCIA
Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a process by which one becomes Christian. This process calls those people who have not been baptized, are of another faith tradition or have only received the Sacrament of Baptism to prepare to enter fully into the Catholic Faith. For information regarding the Rite of

Initiation process, please call Janice at 322-4505, ext. 8241.

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

SCHOOL NEWS

SMS SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Sept. 2: Labor Day/No School
Sept. 5: Meet the K-8 Teachers and Specials Teachers 6:00 PM
Sept. 19: HSA Meeting 7:00 PM in St. Patrick Hall

STUDENT COUNCIL AT THE FUN FEST

Saint Michael Student Council sponsored a booth at the Fun Fest! The Student Council met and organized a plan for the weekend! They decided a shaving cream pie in the face could raise some money. They also sold popcorn, water and drinks! They donated items, gathered supplies and worked their shifts. A picture is worth a thousand words...their idea was a huge success! SMS Student Council is off to a great start to help others and our school this year! Thanks parents and all who supported!!!

Submitted by Ellen Egert



ATTENTION VOLUNTEERS! VIRTUS TRAINING IS COMING!



Anyone who will be working with or volunteering to help with children of the parish or school, is required to complete the Diocese of Gary VIRTUS training. VIRTUS is a three hour training course that teaches volunteers how to recognize warning signs of potential danger for children. You cannot volunteer until you have completed a course and have a background check.

St. Michael will be hosting a VIRTUS session on **September 11th**, 6:30 – 9:30 PM. If you would like to register, you can do so by creating an account and placing your RSVP at <https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/>.

You may also contact Jessica Yoder at (219) 322-3077.

Submitted by Jessica Yoder

Education and Formation Commission

Final Weekend for CBS Registration



Bible Study Registration ends today for the Women of the Old Testament.

This study “introduces readers to women whose stories offer courage and insight [for] these women have rich stories that are vital to God’s relationship with the covenant people” (Little Rock). Join us for this unique perspective and deeper insights.

When: Monday nights (September 9th – November 18th)

Time: 7:00-8:30 PM

Place: St. Patrick Hall

Cost: \$20 (due at time of registration)

For more information, please call Linda Hansen (322-1717) or Deacon Ron Pyle (808-3255).

Reminder: Registration will take place after all Masses except 11:30 AM Mass.

There will be registration BEFORE 11:30 AM Mass.

Submitted by Linda Hansen



FAITH FORMATION

VOLUNTEER OFFICE HELP NEEDED

Looking for two persons, one for Tuesday evening and one for Wednesday evening, to provide light office/clerical help. If interested, please call the Faith Formation Office at 322-3077.

Catechist Help

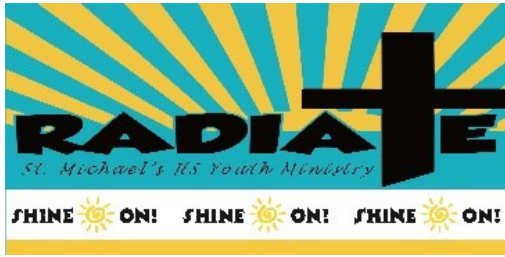
Many times we ask ourselves, "**What can I do to help change the World?**" One thing you can do is help children to know and love the Lord. You do not need a degree in Theology to help them learn about God. All you need is to share your Love for God and want to serve others to grow yourself personally and spiritually in the process of teaching the Word of God. This is a golden opportunity to help our parish's children who are seeking to learn about God. Please stand up and say "HERE I AM, LORD" since HE is the one calling YOU!

Needed: Catechists for 1st grade for Tuesday evening (6:00-7:30 PM) and 4th, 5th and 6th grades for Wednesday evening(6:00-7:30 PM).

For more information or if you are interested, please call the Faith Formation office at 322-3077.

Jessica Yoder, Director of Religious Education

Education and Formation Commission



THANK YOU for your support as Radiate held their annual car wash. We feel so blessed to be a part of our St Michael Church community. We raised money to help sustain our Youth Ministry program through out the year and to help support our November trip to the National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis this Fall. From working hard, to coming together as a team, and building friendships, we all had fun!

Upcoming Dates:

Aug. 25: Planning Session in St. Patrick Hall after 9:30 AM Mass. Do you like to plan and share your ideas? Then come on out and help plan for YOUR radiate nights! We want to hear from YOU!

Sept. 1st: Deadline for any high school teenager who wants to come join us at NCYC in Indianapolis. You can find more details about this life-changing event at www.ncyc2019.com or www.garyoyya.org. Please contact Mike Quigley at 219-616-6105 for more details and registration.

Sept. 8th: Kick Off 2019-2020 year with a BANG in Radiate, 6:00-8:00 PM in St. Patrick Hall

Sept. 21st: Beach Bash, leaving church parking lot in afternoon

Have any questions about Radiate? Want to donate snacks or bring baked goods? Want to donate to Radiate? Please feel free to contact Jeannine Quigley at 219-775-5356. *Submitted by Jeannine Quigley*



Peace & Social Justice Commission

Commission Members: Ministry of Consolation and Hope, Good Samaritans, Pastoral Care, Respect Life, Health & Spirituality Committee, Parish Nurse Ministry, Rebuilding Hope Mission Team, Labors of Love



Pam Weber, Warren Thompson, Dave Kintzel, ***Jim Koeling***, Joseph Wisniowski, ***Evelyn Mathews***, David Sarros, ***Mark Biegel***, ***Jen-Mei Dorris***, ***Diana Donnell***, ***Tina Serna***, ***Judith Marshall***, Megan Bugg, Angie Mangione, Zbigniew Sochacki, Beth Ann Brown, Beth Gorney, J.P. Sorenson, ***Debbie Kaminski***, Suzanne Szeplaksky, Beth Gorney, ***Arnold Camp***, ***Eileen Matella*** 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.



Save the Date!!!



Baby Shower for our Spiritually Adopted Babies

We are in need of

- ◆ New or 'gently used' baby items
- ◆ Baby toiletries & Diapers
- ◆ Feeding supplies
- ◆ Bedding

Place donations in the gathering space next to the Good Samaritan box labeled **BABY SHOWER!**

- ◆ Food
- ◆ Speakers from Women's Care Center
- ◆ Miscarriages, Mother's & Others with Jill McNamara
- ◆ Recipients are Women's Care Center & the Carmelite Home

More updates to follow!

Saturday, November 9th ~ Noon to 3pm ~ St Patrick Hall

(please note change in date)

Submitted by Kathy Jablonski



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.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED... CAN YOU HELP??



The Good Samaritans are having their annual school supply appeal for children in need. Pencils, crayons, folders, back packs, printing paper, notebooks, glue sticks, pens, scissors, hand sanitizer and children's scissors and learning to print lined paper are just a few items needed. As always we appreciate your generosity and we sincerely thank you for your support.

Submitted by Sue Cohen

Parish Life



Calling All Seniors! Join us for some fun!

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:

Aug. 27th: Fellowship and Games,
10:00 AM-12:00 PM.

Sept. 10th: Gathering, 10:00 AM

Oct. 22nd: Shrine of Christ's Passion, deadline for reservations is Sept. 1st. Cost: \$5 for cart. Tour is at 11:30 AM with lunch to follow at the Chop House

Just a reminder— all seniors are invited to our group outings. Attendance is not mandatory at the gatherings to go on an outing. Any questions, please call Carol at 219-736-5085.

Submitted by Carol Rusich

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

**ALL PARISHIONERS
are invited to learn about
changes to part D of
Medicare**

**September 10th
10:30 AM
St. Patrick Hall**

**Deadline to reserve a seat is
August 30th.
Please contact Carol at
219-736-5085.**

Bulletin Schedule Change

Due to the upcoming Labor day holiday, the bulletin articles for the September 8th bulletin will be due no later than 9:00 AM on August 29th.

**Parishioners attending the September 11th trip to see
Tribute to Kenny Rogers will need to meet in the
St. Michael Church EAST parking lot at 9:15 AM.
We will depart at 9:45 AM and return around 5:00 PM.**

ST. MICHAEL'S BOOK CLUB

OPEN TO ALL PARISHIONERS



**Sept. 24th
11:00 AM-12:00 PM
St. Patrick Hall
Book: Two Steps Forward by
Sharon Garlough Brown
Place order by Aug. 31st to
Peg Kolarik at 219-322-1886**





ST. MICHAEL PARISH *Schererville, Indiana*



STEWARDSHIP THROUGH MINISTRY

Throughout the month of September, our parish will celebrate Stewardship through Ministry Month. As faithful members of our parish, we are all called to be good stewards of the gifts God has entrusted to us. It is important that we affirm our gratitude to God by sharing His gifts of our time, talent and treasure with our parish and the community. During Stewardship through Ministry Month, information about the different aspects of stewardship will be provided on a weekly basis to assist parishioners as they prayerfully contemplate their renewal. The schedule of events is as follows.

August 24 /25, 2019 - Stewardship and Parish Life

Stewardship and Parish Life will be addressed at all weekend masses. In addition, a Mini Ministry Fair that showcases Stewardship and Parish Life Ministries will occur in the Gathering Space.

September 7/8, 2019 - Spirituality and Worship

The question - *Why Stewardship?* - and the Spirituality and Worship Ministries will be addressed at all masses. In addition, a Mini Ministry Fair that showcases Spirituality and Worship Ministries will occur in the Gathering Space.

September 14/15, 2019 - Education and Formation

Two important elements of stewardship – the sharing of both our time and talent – will be addressed. Additionally, a Mini Ministry Fair that features Education and Formation Ministries will take place in the Gathering Space.

September 21/22, 2019 - Peace and Social Justice

Peace and Social Justice will be addressed at all weekend masses. In addition, a Mini Ministry Fair of the Peace and Social Justice Ministries offered at St. Michael's Parish will occur in the Gathering Space.

September 28/29, 2019 St. Michael Feast and Stewardship through Ministry Celebration

During all weekend masses, Ministry Cards will be collected. Additionally, information will be available for all Ministries in St. Patrick Hall during coffee and donuts.

Please join us for evening prayer at 4:30 PM followed by dinner and fellowship. Bring your favorite dessert to share.



Stewardship Commission

Stewardship – Promotes using the gifts we have been given from God and supports the various ministries.

Cemetery Committee - Reviews, updates, and administers the rules and regulations and performs periodic reviews of all aspects of our St. Michael Cemetery.

Parish Gardeners - Maintains and beautifies the many flower beds surrounding the church, school, grottos, and other shrines and sponsors a flower sale in the spring. They are always in need of weeding and a green thumb.

Welcoming Committee -This ministry registers and welcomes people interested in joining St. Michael Parish. Registration is scheduled after the 7:30 AM and 9:30 AM Masses on the 3rd Sunday of the month.

Parish Life Commission

Boy Scouts of America – St. Michaels sponsors Cub Scout Pack 504.

Comforting Chefs - Provide food donations, comfort, and meals on a temporary basis with parishioners who are in mourning or experiencing illness. They also provide funeral luncheons for those who wish in St. Patrick Hall.

Holy Name Society – An organization of men of the parish involved in service, charity, and social activities, members participate in spiritual and fraternal activities and assist in various fundraising activities for the parish.-

Knights of Columbus - A Catholic men’s organization, the Knights are involved in spiritual enrichment, social interaction, and fundraising for charitable causes.

Parish Festival – The festival is held the first weekend of August which brings the parish together for a fun weekend of socializing, music, food, games, and a large raffle.

Senior Gems - Senior men and women meet with the goals of service and entertainment. Meetings are held the second and fourth Tuesday of every month in St. Patrick Hall from 10:00 AM to noon.

Fr. John Scott's 50th Anniversary



Last Sunday, Catholics from around the region gathered at St. Michael Church to celebrate Fr. John Scott’s 50th Anniversary as a priest. Fr. John celebrated a beautiful Mass at 11:30 AM with several additional priests concelebrating with him. Afterwards, a reception was held in Fr. John’s honor. We are very blessed as a parish to have Fr. John, and this occasion was a wonderful opportunity to express our appreciation for all he does for us.

Submitted by Steven Koontz

St. Michael's ALPHA Kick-Off Party

Thursday, September 12th
7-9 PM in St. Patrick Hall

WHAT is Alpha?

Alpha is a series of 11 sessions exploring the Christian faith. Each session looks at a different question around faith and is designed to spark a conversation. The sessions include food, a short talk and a discussion at the end where you can share your thoughts. There’s no pressure, no follow up and no charge. Oh, and no homework.

“Alpha was very enjoyable. It did make me think more about my relationship with God (or lack of). Thinking about deciding on a church, to be more consistent in attendance.”--Jim

SIGN-UPS for the Kick-Off Party will be held after all Masses this weekend! You may also call Carol, 219-765-8600, with questions and/or to sign up. See you at the party!

Submitted by Carol Slager



“GO, therefore, and make disciples of all nations...”

Dear Friends and Parish Family,

I've said it before and Ill say it again, what a great festival! Blessed with good weather for set up and festival days we did record numbers in all phases of set up, workers, attendees and of course, our Mega Raffle. Congrats to all the winners.

Thank you to all those dedicated parishioners committed to the biggest fundraiser of the year.

Monthly meetings up until fest time assures us a well organized and fun event.

Thank you to our Mega Raffle team led by Joan McInerney, Donna and Gary Kriepps and the Quigleys.

They have a team of dedicated workers that get that big job done!

Thank you to Jill Hartog and Lynn Schmitt for taking on the task of volunteer coordinators.

Thank you to Mr. Knueppel and crew for managing the parking areas!

Thank you to the Rak Team/Family for a great job in the beer garden. Record numbers and many compliments on the selections.

Thank you to Patti Barrientz for organizing our Bingo event. Again, record numbers!

God Bless our parish office workers who take on the extra responsibility of festival work seamlessly along with the daily office work.

Our younger crew did an outstanding job this year! Thank you, Caleigh, Drew, Brady, Max, Ian, Morgan, Ethan, Ruthie, and all those littler ones whose names I don't know yet, for your hard work start to finish. Hope you had fun and come back next year.

Thank you to Steven, our parish communications coordinator who went above and beyond to help us this year. Super Job!

Robbie Hansen, your effort in maintaining and cleaning the festival grounds is stellar. Tremendous job, along with all the other spots you have to fill.

All of our Chairmen and tireless workers include, David Mendoza, Rick Gilbert, Linda Hansen, Rhonda, Jesica, Rob and Carla Olsen, Pat and Sue, Jen Poskin and family, Abby, Rob, Dave, Ron, Bob, Damian, Scott, Adrian, Jim, Jeff, Chris, Ed, Phil, Cory, Tom, Gary, John, Rob, Dan, Bob, Mike, Ray, Richard, Joe, Tim, Don, Tyler, Eric and all the moms and little hands that helped. Thank you. Seeing you all each year makes it all worthwhile.

Tim Kapitan and Dave Leydet, Thank you for your dedication and unending help and humor.

Thank you to Father Marty and my favorite sous chef for your delicious meal Thursday night.

Pardon me if I missed anyone. I know I have. We are blessed to be part of a wonderful parish family.

To all the seasoned festival workers and bakers, Kudos! To all the new comers, Welcome!

Again, thank you for allowing me to be part of this parish festival. I hope you all know how much my parish family means to me and will always be grateful for the time spent in service for and with my parish.

See you all next year!

Rob Guetzloff



Fr. Marty with the first place winners of the Mega Raffle.

Stewardship & Parish Administration Commission

Stewardship Challenge

How can you focus more on Christ this week?
Consider turning off the television or cell phones
and spend time in prayer or helping another.

God gave us ALL...
all we can do is GIVE BACK.

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY AUGUST 25

Adult Education Sign Ups (Eucharistic Presence) After All Masses

Alpha Series Sign Ups After All Masses

Bible Study Sign Ups After 7:30 & 9:30 AM Masses and
Before 11:30 AM Mass

RCIA 9:30 AM

Radiate Planning Session 10:30 AM

Marian Devotions 8:00 PM

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

MONDAY AUGUST 26

Cleaning of the Church 8:30 AM

First Day of Preschool 8:30 PM

Centering Prayer 6:00 PM

TUESDAY AUGUST 27

OLPH Devotions After 7:00 AM Mass

GEMS 10:00 AM

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 28

Eucharistic Adoration 1:00 –6:00 PM

THURSDAY AUGUST 29

Middle School Team Meeting 6:00 PM

Sports Meeting 7:00 PM

Choir/Cantor Practice 7:00 PM

FRIDAY AUGUST 30

Mindful Chair Exercise 9:00 AM

Cleaning of the Church 1:30 PM

SATURDAY AUGUST 31

Confessions 3:30-4:30 PM

Alpha Series Sign Ups After Vigil Mass

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

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE



August 18, 2019

Adult	\$14,161.00
EFTs*	\$3,490.00
Children	\$15.30
Loose	\$641.00

**Total Weekly Offering
\$18,307.30**

**Appalachia Mission Collection
\$4,988.76**

**Holy Day (Assumption) Collection
\$4,227.45**

**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

Directors of the Foundation

Rev. Martin J. Dobrzynski, Pastor

Colleen Kennedy, Principal

Glenn Cantrell, Treasurer

Dr. Ed Udani, Secretary

Kenneth Bohling, Patrick Cusick, Don Doffin,

Julie Hudec, Hal Slager, Joe Townsend,

Donna Velez

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

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

This support group encompasses Alzheimer's/ Dementia, Cancer, stroke or other adult care responsibilities and is open to family and friends looking for compassion and information sharing. The next meeting is **August 25th** at *Franciscan St. Margaret Hospital in Dyer in the Blessed Mother Conference room located at the west entrance* at 2:00 PM. 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.***

PARABLES RETREAT WITH FATHER JERRY SCHWEITZER

On **September 27th-28th**, *Lindenwood Retreat and Conference Center* will host a Parables Overnight Retreat, led by Fr. Jerry Schweitzer, in *Donaldson, Indiana*. Options for this retreat include single and double occupancy overnight and a commuter option. Costs range from \$50-\$130 depending on your chosen option. Check-in time is Friday, September 27th at 4:00 PM EDT and the retreat concludes at 3:00 PM EDT Saturday, September 28th. Meals, materials, refreshments and Mass celebrated by Fr. Jerry are included in all retreat options. Please register at Lindenwood.org or call (574) 935-1780 for more information.

9TH ANNUAL SHINE GOLF CLASSIC September 9th at *White Hawk Country Club*

FREE Putting Contest
Registration Begins at 11:00 AM
with a Shotgun Start at 12:30 PM

STM CAREER NETWORKING GROUP

STM Career Networking Group is hosting a seminar, "Opportunities offered by your Local McDonald's" presented by Robert Mazzaro, O/O and Jose Martinez, Training Manager on **Sept. 11th**, 7:00-8:30 PM, at *STM Weis Center, 8635 Calumet Ave., Munster*. This is free and open to all those who are unemployed, new to the job market or want to change careers.

*RETREAT FOR MEDICAL PROFESSION

Mission Doctors Association will offer the 2019 Midwest Retreat/Seminar, **Sept 13th-15th**, for Catholic Physicians, Dentists, Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants, and their spouses, considering Short-term mission service in Africa or Latin America. This will be held at *Loyola Stritch Medical School, Chicago*. Information and Accreditation Statement (for the 11 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)) are available on the web site: www.MissionDoctors.org or by calling the office for more information (213) 368-1872.

THE WORN OUT SHOES OF SAINT KATHARINA RETREAT

Lindenwood Retreat and Conference Center will host a retreat titled: *The Worn Out Shoes of Saint Katharina: A transformational symbol for our contemporary society*, on **October 18th-19th** in Donaldson, IN. Led by Sister Nkechi Iwuoha, PHJC, the retreat focuses on following Jesus through the symbol of Saint Katharina's worn-out shoes. Worn throughout her life, Saint Katharina's shoes remain a strong symbol of service today, signifying hope, joyful service, and devotion to serving others in Christ; yet her shoes also bear the marks of storms she weathered. Options available for this overnight retreat include double occupancy at \$130, single occupancy at \$110, and a commuter rate of \$50. All options include meals, refreshments, time for personal prayer and reflection, and an e-book copy of Sister Nkechi's book, *Walking in the Wisdom of Worn Out Shoes of Blessed Catherine Kasper: A Symbol of Transformation*. Register online at Lindenwood.org or call (574) 935-1780 for more information.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Catholic Charities is looking for volunteers with a pickup truck or a cargo van to help transport food from the Northwest Indiana Food Bank located in Merrillville to our East Chicago Office. This would be once a week for approximately 2 hours. Please contact Elizabeth Acevedo at eacevedo@catholic-charities.org or 219-397-5803, ext. 205.

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<p><u>SATURDAY AUGUST 24</u> 5:00 PM †Chandler Cowser</p> <p><u>SUNDAY AUGUST 25</u> 7:30 AM †Julia Drabik 9:30 AM †Jim Kujawa †Ricky Alspach †Larry Miller 11:30 AM St. Michael Parish</p> <p><u>MONDAY AUGUST 26</u> 7:00 AM †Mary Lepley</p> <p><u>TUESDAY AUGUST 27</u> 7:00 AM †Anton Haddad</p> <p><u>WEDNESDAY AUGUST 28</u> 7:00 AM †Robert Ayersman, Sr. †Troy Hartog †John Galvan 8:55 AM †Elizabeth Nagle</p>	<p><u>THURSDAY AUGUST 29</u> 7:00 AM †Gilbert M. Shoaf</p> <p><u>FRIDAY AUGUST 30</u> 7:00 AM †Barb Anthony</p> <p><u>SATURDAY AUGUST 31</u> 8:00 AM †Deceased Sisters of the Congregation of Mother of Carmel 5:00 PM Michael & Maryann Siorek-50th Year Anniversary</p> <p><u>SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 1</u> 7:30 AM St. Michael Parish 9:30 AM †Julia Grish †Dolores & Rupert Leluga †Mary Lepley 11:30 AM †Alfred Klamczynski</p>
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THE WORD

(Readings for September 1, 2019, Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time)

- I. *Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29* Conduct your affairs more humbly, the greater you are, and God will favor you. A wise person always takes his joy in listening to others.
- II. *Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a* “You have approached Mount Zion and the city of the living God.” The judge of all comes close into our assembly. Jesus our mediator reaches to touch us and invites us to touch Him. We join the festal gathering of our living God.
- III. *Luke 14:1, 7-14*

The exalted shall be humbled and the humble exalted. When you have a dinner, invite poor people or persons with disabilities. Have a reception for persons who cannot repay you, “For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

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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