



SAINT MICHAEL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
SEPTEMBER 1, 2019 TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



BACK TO
SCHOOL!



Community, Personnel & On-Going Information

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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

HOLYDAY LITURGY

See page 15 of the bulletin for
Holy Day Mass Schedule.

EUCARISTIC 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.

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ST. MICHAEL
P A R I S H
Schererville, Indiana

St. Michael Parish
1 E. Wilhelm St.
Schererville, IN
46375

From the Pastor's Desk

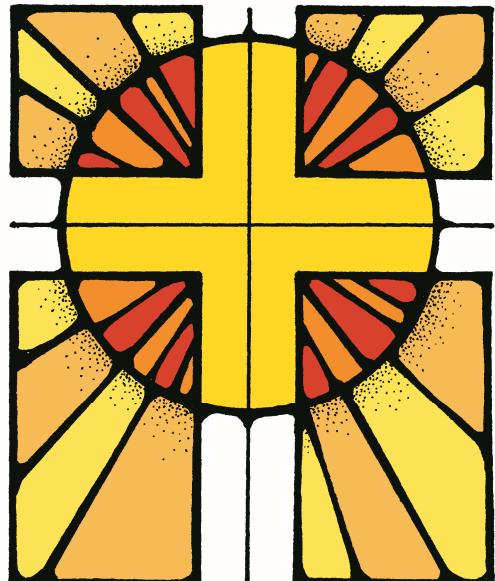
God's Seating Plan. A few years ago I celebrated the sacrament of Marriage with a couple of eastern European (Balkan) descent. In our last meeting as we were planning the details of the wedding Mass, I asked the couple if I would be sitting at the reception with one of their parents. They responded by telling me that I would be sitting at the head table. Usually, this means being relegated to the far end of the table next to the ring bearer. However, they told me that I would be sitting next to them. I insisted that sitting with the bride or groom's parents was gracious enough. But they insisted that that not only do I sit next to them, but actually between them.

No that just did not seem right. But they informed me that in their cultural experience the priest sat at the head table in the middle. Needless to say I felt embarrassed by this possibility. But they insisted that the priest is there not because of who is personally to them but because he is symbolically the presence of Christ as at the wedding feast at Cana. Then the bride quickly added that besides that, they both enjoyed my company. I was still reticent that this was not the usual seating arrangement. I even mentioned it to the parents at the rehearsal, but they too were insistent.

The evening turned out better than I expected. It was really a fun celebration. What happened when everyone rang their glasses? Well I would lean back and the bride and groom would give each other a kiss. As I read the gospel story about not seeking the higher place, I thought about this incident. Actually I was trying to secure my "comfortable" place sitting with the parents who I knew, but other plans humbled me. It was not me who was honored but the priesthood that I have been gifted with. It was, and is as I reflect upon it, a humbling experience.

We often want to place ourselves in the most comfortable spot at a dinner party or even in life itself. But God most often has other plans for us. He might raise us up (in the eyes of others) or seat us lower. Whether we are at the head table or not is not the issue, rather it is whether we can allow God to seat us where He wants us to be seated. Often times we have a difficult time going where God wants us to go. Perhaps we would rather be unnoticed, but God wants you to be a servant for Him, maybe to serve His Body and Blood or to serve up His sacred Word, reading to others. Maybe we want to be in charge but God wants us to share our talents and not dominate with them.

I did not want to sit at the head table with the bride on my right and the groom on my left. This was not where I wanted to be. But it is where God put me that night. I was humbled by that experience, but also God taught me a lesson about the gift of the priesthood He has given me. I think each of us have had a similar experience, when we are put in places we would rather not be. God has a way of making each place we find ourselves, if we trust in Him, the exact place we need to be to receive a surprising gift from God.



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Spirituality and Worship Commission

Commission Members: Director of Liturgy, Art & Environment, Eucharistic Ministers, Hospitality, Lectors, Music, Sacristan, Altar Servers, Cross Bearers, Prayer Ministry, RCIA, Ministers of Care, Deer Creek/Clarendale Ministers



Marian Devotions at the Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine

DATE TIME
09/08 7:30 PM
09/22 7:15 PM

September Intention

We pray for all the members of our parish community here at St. Michael, that God may help us to be faithful disciples of our Lord Jesus and inspire us to be His witnesses here in Schererville.

Eucharistic Adoration Wednesdays in the Chapel 1:00-6:00 PM



There are three purposes of Eucharistic exposition:

- ◆ to acknowledge Christ's marvelous presence in the sacrament;
- ◆ to lead us to a fuller participation in the celebration of the Eucharist, culminating in Holy Communion;
- ◆ to foster the worship which is due to Christ in spirit and in truth.

Labor Day Mass



**September 2nd
on Mount Calvary
9:00 AM
(weather permitting)**

Please bring lawn chairs.

Join the Sacristans in Cleaning Our Beautiful Church

We meet on Mondays at 8:30 AM and Fridays at 1:30 PM. You choose which day you want to come, or you can even come both days if you choose. The more people that come to join us the sooner we can visit and socialize afterwards with coffee and cookies. The work is easy. We can get done within an hour. Some examples are: dusting, sweeping and straightening the pew racks.
Did you know that our oldest Sacristan is 94 years old?

Come on out and meet the crew.



Have you **thought**
about becoming
Catholic?

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

Eighth Grade Back to School Kick Off

On August 18th, we kicked off the 2019/2020 school year with an 8th grade back to school Volleyball Game and Pizza Party! The 8th grade class joined together in the school gym to enjoy pizza, treats, games and fellowship. What a way to bond and get back into the groove of spending time together as they enter their last year at SMS. We are all looking forward to another great year at SMS!

Submitted by Mrs. Mossman, Middle School Language Arts & Mrs. VanderPol, Middle School Religion



Education and Formation Commission

MORE SCHOOL NEWS

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

- Sept. 2: Labor Day/No School
- Sept. 5: Meet the K-5 Teachers and Specials Teachers 6:00 PM in SMS Gym
- Sept. 11: Virtus Training 6:30-9:00 PM in St. Patrick Hall
- Sept. 19: HSA Meeting 7:00 PM in SMS Gym



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.

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

- Sept. 3: Orientation starts in SMS Gym 6:00-7:30 PM
- Sept. 4: Orientation starts in SMS Gym 6:00-7:30 PM
- Sept. 8: Family Program 9:30-11:00 AM
- Sept. 10: Traditional/Good Shepherd Classes 6:00-7:30 PM
- Sept. 11: Traditional Classes 6:00-7:30 PM
Virtus Training 6:30-9:00 PM in St. Patrick Hall

- Sept. 17: Traditional/Good Shepherd Classes 6:00-7:30 PM
- Sept. 18: Traditional Classes 6:00-7:30 PM
- Sept. 24: Traditional/Good Shepherd Classes 6:00-7:30 PM
Penance Service 7:00 PM
- Sept. 25th: Traditional Classes 6:00-7:30 PM

Welcome

We're Glad You Are Here!

The Faith Formation office, along with St. Michael Parish, extends a warm welcome to the families of St. Joseph Parish in Dyer whose children are joining our religious education program this school year. We are excited in helping these young people grow in a relationship with Jesus and we pray for these new students.

Submitted by Mrs. Mary Jo Rymarczyk, Administrative Assistant

HELP WANTED!

The Faith Formation office is looking for a family to set up chairs in the gym for the monthly Sunday Family Session. If your child is currently enrolled in Faith Formation here at St. Michael's, you will receive free tuition if you are able to help out.

The dates and time for chair set up are:

September 8, 2019 November 10, 2019 January 12, 2020 March 15, 2020
October 13, 2019 December 8, 2019 February 23, 2020

Please arrive at 9:00 AM on the above dates.

The Faith Formation office is looking forward to hearing from you! Please call 219-322-3077 to volunteer or if you have any questions.

Submitted by Mrs. Mary Jo Rymarczyk, Administrative Assistant

Education and Formation Commission

ATTENTION VOLUNTEERS! VIRTUS TRAINING IS COMING!

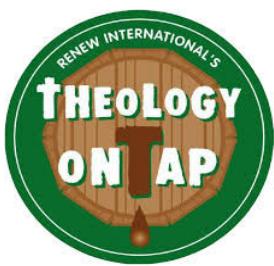


Anyone who will be working with or volunteering to help with children of the parish or school, is required to complete the Diocese of Gary VIRTUS training. VIRTUS is about a 2.5 hour training course that teaches volunteers how to recognize warning signs of potential danger for children. You cannot volunteer until you have completed a course and have a background check.

St. Michael will be hosting a VIRTUS session on **September 11th**, 6:30 – 9:00 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



St. Michael Parish Invites All Adults, 21-40, to Region Ale in Schererville for Beer and Food and Discussion Sept. 26th, Oct. 3rd, Oct. 10th at 7:00 PM



"Go, therefore,
and make disciples
of all nations..."

Topics:

Sept. 26th: Indifference-Stephen Tony

Our society offers so many distractions. Often the trivial distracts us from what truly matters. In this talk we will reflect on how the world hardens our hearts and how to reopen them to the great beauty and adventure of our faith

Oct. 3rd: Politics and Faith: Where do Catholics fit?- Luana Lienhart

Oct. 10th: How to hear God in an earbud wearing world- Deacon Allen Tatara

We all love listening to music. In fact, 80% of us agree that music is an important part of our lives for it defines who we are and helps us tune out the rest of the world. And there is the problem; we are using our earbuds to tune out the rest of the world. This talk will help you understand why you may not be able to hear God's voice and provide you with actual steps that you can follow in order to hear God speaking to you.

Submitted by Erika Dolder



PARENTS, YOU are invited to come to our KICK-OFF NIGHT and be a part of Radiate on September 8th.

*Doors open at 5:45 PM, gathering begins at 6:00-8:00 PM in St. Patrick Hall.

*Teens have planned skits, prayer, and we will play a few games!

*POTLUCK style.... Please bring a dish to share. (9th & 10th graders bring something "Sweet"/11th & 12th graders bring something "Salty")

Upcoming:

Sept 9th: NCYC forms and half payment due to church office by 12:00 PM

Sept 14th-15th: Igniting the Fire LOCK-IN at St Matthias Church, Crown Point. Details and sign up: www.ignitingthefire.org

Sept 21st: Beach Bash at the Dunes

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



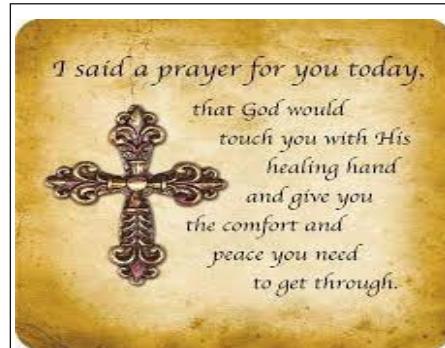
For Those Who Have Died...

Eileen Matella

Life has changed, not ended

Welcome the Newly Baptized

Lily Grace Krohn



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, Debbie Kaminski, Beth Gorney, Arnold Camp, Marie Mosher, Kathleen Lundquist, Susan Hansen, John Sanchez, Wesley Thompson 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.



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

Blood Pressure, Glucose and Oxygen Level Screenings

The next screenings will take place Sept. 21st & 22nd in the east coat room after the 5:00 PM, 7:30 AM and 9:30 AM Masses by the parish nurses.



RESPECT LIFE NEWS

Remember to check out ProLife Weekly on EWTN every Thursday evening at 9:00 PM for the latest Pro Life issues and go to prolifeweekly.com for the 'Call To Action' of the week. It is easy to do. The latest issue will be on the screen and you only have to complete the entry and submit it to have it sent directly to your legislators. Also, tune into Relevant Radio 950 AM for latest Pro Life news and issues.

Submitted by Cathy Bartczak



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 (3)
- Miscarriages, Mother's & Others with Jill McNamara

Recipients are Women's Care Center, Mommy's Haven, Answer, & the Carmelite Home

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

Submitted by Kathy Jablonski



Are You Struggling After the Loss of a Loved One?

YOUR GRIEF IS AS UNIQUE AS
YOU ARE

Grief (Bereavement) Sessions will start on *Thursday, Sept. 19th* and continue through *Thursday, November 7th*. At these sessions you will be actively listened to and nonjudgmental support will be offered. This trained group is here to assist you by giving you tools that we believe will help you to move on with your life. You will receive suggestions about coping techniques, ideas to overcome obstacles, and help to adjust to life after loss. For more information or to register, please call 322-4505, ext. 8241.

Parish Life

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
Please contact Carol at
219-736-5085.**



Fun For Seniors

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:

Sept. 10th: Gathering at 10:00 AM

Sept. 24th: Gathering at 10:00 AM

Book Club, 11:00 AM-12:00 PM

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

**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.**

Cemetery Walkway Pavers Available

Pavers for honoring those who attended St. Michael School/Faith Formation, a deceased loved one, or a living member of our parish are available through the parish office. The cost of the pavers are as follows:
Graduate Walk-honoring those who attended SMS/Faith Formation \$175
Memorial Walk-honoring and remembering our deceased loved ones \$125
Benefactors Walk-honoring loving members of the parish \$200
Founders circle-descendants of families from about the year 1873 \$250

Please call 219-322-4505, ext. 8241 for more information regarding these cemetery walkways.

Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart Selling Raffle Tickets

The Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart, Frankfort, will host their annual fundraiser “County Fair,” on Sunday, **September 22nd** at the Odyssey in Tinley Park. Tickets are \$100 per person. The proceeds of this event will provide for the Sisters in active ministry here and in Brazil and also for the Sisters at the Motherhouse in their years of contemplation and prayer.

Franciscan Sisters will be in the Gathering Space after all the Masses on September 7th and 8th to sell raffle tickets. Drawing will be September 22nd. Winners need not be present. Thank you for whatever assistance you can give them.

Tickets are \$10 each, 3 for \$25 or 6 for \$40. The prizes are all cash-\$1,500.00 First Place, \$1,000.00 Second Place, \$500.00 Third Place and \$250.00 Fourth Place.

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..."



STAY CONNECTED
TO YOUR FAITH

WITH ST. MICHAEL
PARISH

Schererville, Indiana

FLOCKNOTE

TEXT "MIKE"
TO 84576

TO RECEIVE THE
LATEST UPDATES
AND REMINDERS
ABOUT PARISH LIFE



St. Patrick Hall Rental

Have a special event, such as an anniversary, wedding shower, baby shower or even a Christmas party coming up and need a location? St. Patrick Hall is the perfect place to hold your special function or meeting. Spacious, well maintained hall with seating up to 300. Meeting rooms available for groups of 24 or less. On-site catering exclusively by two approved caterers, Rob's Home Style Catering and Scarborough Faire. Food may be brought in by the renter but will have no access to the kitchen facilities. Bar area available (beer, wine, & mixed drinks available). The parish holds a valid State of Indiana Liquor License.

Hall rental is available only to registered parishioners of St. Michael Parish and always subject to scheduled parish events.

For rental rates and additional information, please call the office at 322-4505, ext. 8220.

Registration for New Parishioners

The next parish registration will be **September 15th 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.

Changing Your Address

If you will be moving, we ask that you contact the parish office at your earliest convenience to inform us of your new address and phone number. If you will be leaving the parish and do not wish to be included in future mailings, please let us know that as well. Thank you in advance for being good stewards.

Parish Life

The parish office will be closed on Monday, September 2nd, due to the Labor Day holiday.



Our Blessed
Mother Mary's
Birthday
Celebration
September 8th
2:00 PM (CST)
St. Thomas Aquinas
406 E. Washington St.
Knox, IN
(US 30 to US 35 south)
Hope to see you there!

Every new day brings
with it another chance
to change life.

<http://dailythoughts.arvindkatoch.com/>

Mindful Chair Exercise



Friday Mornings
9:00-10:00 AM in St. Patrick Hall
Cost is \$5 per session

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

— Stewardship & Parish Administration Commission —

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



CSA REMINDER: If you have outstanding pledge payments for the 2019 CSA Campaign, you should be receiving monthly reminder statements, along with Diocesan-addressed return envelopes. Please be sure to include our parish name and your CSA ID# on your checks when you mail in your payments or drop them into the collection basket.

Thank you for your generous stewardship to the CSA 2019 Campaign!

— Stewardship & Parish Administration Commission —

DO ALL YOU CAN
DO ALL THE GOOD YOU CAN,
BY ALL THE MEANS YOU CAN,
IN ALL THE WAYS YOU CAN,
IN ALL THE PLACES YOU CAN,
AT ALL THE TIMES YOU CAN,
TO ALL THE PEOPLE YOU CAN,
AS LONG AS EVER YOU CAN.
-JOHN WESLEY

Stewardship Challenge

Where in your life can you be more humble? Give thanks and praise to God.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE



August 25, 2019

Adult	\$16,539.00
EFTs*	\$1,560.00
Children	\$14.70
Loose	\$762.03

Total Weekly Offering
\$18,875.73

*Electronic Funds Transfer

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 1

Alpha Series Sign Ups After All Masses
RCIA 9:30 AM

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

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 2

No School
Parish Office Closed

Cleaning of the Church 8:30 AM
Mass on Mt. Calvary 9:00 AM (weather permitting)

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 3

OLPH Devotions After 7:00 AM Mass
Labors of Love 10:00 AM
Faith Formation Orientation 6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 4

Eucharistic Adoration 1:00 –6:00 PM
Faith Formation Orientation 6:00 PM
Good Samaritans 6:30 PM

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 5

Meet the K-5 Teachers 6:00 PM
Choir/Cantor Practice 7:00 PM

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 6

Mindful Chair Exercise 9:00 AM
Cleaning of the Church 1:30 PM

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 7

Confessions 3:30-4:30 PM
Alpha Series Sign Ups After Vigil Mass
Franciscan Sisters Raffle Ticket Sales After Vigil Mass

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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Julie Hudec, Hal Slager, Joe Townsend,
Donna Velez

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

*ORCHESTRA OF PEACE

Orchestra of Peace, a Christian community orchestra serving NWI and Chicagoland, is looking for members. Our first meeting/rehearsal will be **Sept. 5th** at 7:00 PM at *St. James the Less Parish, Highland*. Bring a music stand! No audition required. We are looking mainly for string players at this time. For more information, please call 219-402-2437 or email deacontimwoods@gmail.com. Our web page is orchestraofpeace.wixsite.com/home.

*ALL NIGHT VIGIL

An all night vigil to save a thousand souls, world peace and an end to abortion will be held on the First Friday/First Saturday, **Sept. 6th-7th**, beginning with 7:00 PM Mass and ending with 6:00 AM Mass at the *Carmelite Monastery, 1628 Ridge Rd., Munster*. Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, prayers, candlelight procession. Refreshments. For more information, please call 836-8779.

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.

*NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR ABORTED CHILDREN

On **September 14th**, a National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children will be held to honor the gravesites of our unborn brothers and sisters. A prayer service will be held at *the Sanctity of Life Shrine at the Shrine of Christ's Passion, St. John* at 1:00 PM. Then at 2:00 PM, a film screening of *Unplanned* will be held at *St. John the Evangelist Parish, St. John*. For more information, please call Amy Goggin at 708-715-2090 or visit facebook.com/MissionariesforlifeNWI.

*BENEFIT JAZZ CONCERT

The St. Maria Goretti Jazz Benefit Concert will be held on **Sept. 22nd** at *Casa Maria Banquet Hall, 500 Northgate Drive, Dyer*, 4:00-7:00 PM. Reservations are required. Tickets are \$40/person and include live music by Jim Markiewicz & Smooth Groove, wine tasting, hors d'oeuvres, and dessert. Full cash bar available. Please call (219) 865-5482 to make reservations. All proceeds from the event benefit St. Maria Goretti Food Pantry, serving approximately 120 families monthly from Dyer, Highland, Griffith, Munster, Schererville and St. John.

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.

*BISHOP NOLL CLASS OF 1974 REUNION

The Bishop Noll Class of 1974 will have its reunion the weekend of Sept. 27th. Start out with a casual get together **Sept. 27th** at *White Rhino Bar & Grill in Dyer*. The class reunion is **Sept. 28th** at *Innsbrook Country Club, Merrillville*. A Mass for intention of BNI 1974 classmates will take place **Sept. 29th** at *St. John the Evangelist Church in St. John*. Afterward, a family and friends picnic will take place at *Lemon Lake in Crown Point*. The class has a Facebook page. Search for "bni 1974" and "Bishop Noll Class of 1974." Call Mary Elizabeth Barbar at (219) 263-9034 or contact Joellen Kulczyk at candidmom56@aol.com or (219) 313-9691 to make reservations. To update mailing addresses and contact information, please contact the Bishop Noll Department of Advancement at advancement@bishopnoll.org or (219) 932-9058.

*ITEMS NEEDED FOR HAMMOND RESCUE MISSION

The Hammond Rescue Mission is in need of 2 toaster ovens, 2 microwaves, and 2 refrigerators. If anyone has any of these items that have outlived their usefulness in the home, perhaps you would be moved to donate it to this cause. Also needed are gently used blankets and twin bed sheets. Volunteers feed the homeless people in this Mission and are in need of these items. Arrangements will be made to pick up any donations. For further information, please call Kathy 322-5436.

We Remember . . . We Prepare . . . —



SATURDAY AUGUST 31
5:00 PM Blessing-50th Anniversary of Michael & Maryann Siorek

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 1
7:30 AM St. Michael Parish
9:30 AM ♣ Julia Grish
♣ Dolores & Rupert Leluga
♣ Mary Lepley
11:30 AM ♣ Alfred Klamczynski

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 2 LABOR DAY
9:00 AM All Souls-Mass on Mt. Calvary

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 3
7:00 AM Jasmine Francis

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 4
7:00 AM ♣ Ernest Leydet
8:55 AM ♣ Victoria Gargas

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 5
7:00 AM ♣ Robert Ayersman
♣ Sandra Pyle
♣ Don Meunier

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 6
7:00 AM ♣ The Craven Brothers

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 7
8:00 AM ♣ Sharon Kras
5:00 PM ♣ Dorothy Drabik-5th Anniversary

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 8
7:30 AM For an End to Abortion on Demand and
for a Conversion of Heart for
those who Provide Abortions
♣ Philip Bruno
♣ Jerry Eberle
9:30 AM ♣ Jim & Diane Kujawa
Blessing-40th Anniversary of Steve &
Debbie Shelby
11:30 AM St. Michael Parish

♣ indicates deceased



REFLECTIONS

THE WORD (Readings for September 8, 2019, Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time)

- I. *Wisdom 9:13-18* No one understands heaven or earth completely, but God sends wisdom and the Holy Spirit to light up the paths of those who search for the way.
- II. *Philemon 9-10, 12-17* While Paul was in prison, he begged Philemon to receive back the runaway slave, Onesimus, as a beloved brother and partner in Christ.
- III. *Luke 14:25-33* Jesus taught His followers the hard lesson of the cross: good accounting, careful planning, anticipating changes, decision making and finishing the job.

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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