

SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Anyone of you who
does not renounce
all your possessions
cannot be my disciple.

Luke 14:33

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Community, Personnel & On-Going Information

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Website.....www.stmichaelparish.life

ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL

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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
HOLIDAY 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

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ST. MICHAEL
PARISH
Schererville, Indiana

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

From the Pastor's Desk

The Way of Wisdom. One of my scripture professors liked to remind his students: “Nothing is easy. If you think that something is easy, think again.” The older we get, the more we understand the truth of that statement. The simple things of life—beauty, truth, happiness, peace, love—are always the most complicated, are never easy to understand, never.

Because we're human, we struggle to understand such things. But too often we go about it the wrong way. We apply scientific method to things as unscientific as truth. We apply logic to something as illogical as love. We take things apart to find out how they tick, only to discover they've stopped ticking.

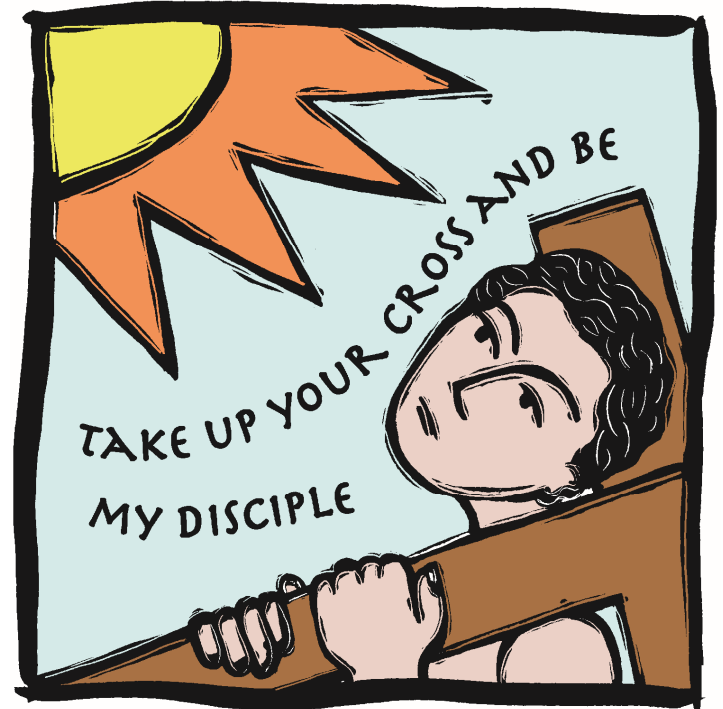
Today's first reading from the Book of Wisdom advises us to see things as a whole but to realize that there is more there than what we can possibly see. The scripture this Sunday counsels us to place our trust in God's understanding, but to understand that we can never understand it.

This is particularly true when it comes to pain and illness. This experience common to us all to one degree or another is one wrapped in mystery. We have questions like, “Why does God allow people to suffer?” or “How could such a good person end up with such a terrible disease?” Such questions are understandable. They seem simple on the surface but the presumptions that lie behind them are complex. One presumption is that God intends us to suffer. This is the farthest from the truth. God created the world/life (reality) as good. We (our first parents) decided to take things into our own hands. As thus, we introduced into the world (reality) what is the opposite of life, death. Death and its lord deal out suffering with our collective willingness to eat the “fruit”: just like our ancestors did in that Garden long ago.

God's answer to our reorienting reality from the good to the evil, from life to death is to make it possible for suffering to be redirected. Suffering for the believer is not useless, it can be redemptive. We don't seek it out but when it comes our way we, by the gift of the Holy Spirit can join our suffering to Christ's suffering. In this marriage Christ, whose suffering saved the entire universe from eternal death, can temper our suffering. As He was able to reorient His suffering and death to overcome the prince of death so too our suffering joined to His can lead souls to life.

Sounds strange, but it's true, because God can undo what we have so willfully done. Moved by so much suffering Christ not only allows Himself to be touched by the sick, but He makes their miseries His own: "He took our infirmities and bore our diseases." But He did not heal all the sick. His healings were signs of the coming of the Kingdom of God. They announced a more radical healing: the victory over sin and death through His Passover. On the cross Christ took upon Himself the whole weight of evil and took away the "sin of the world," of which illness is only a consequence. By His passion and death on the cross Christ has given a new meaning to suffering: it can henceforth configure us to Him and unite us with His redemptive Passion. (Catechism of the Catholic Church #1505)

Such is the mysterious way of those who follow Christ.



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Spirituality and Worship Commission



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.

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



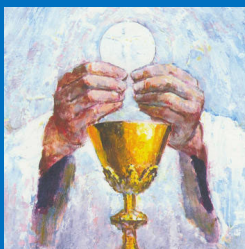
**Join the Sacristans for
some light work & then
enjoy some
coffee, cookies &
comradery.
Mondays at 8:30 AM
Fridays at 1:30 PM**

Eucharistic Adoration

Every Wednesday in the Chapel, 1:00-6:00 PM.



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 through the Sacraments of Baptism if necessary, Confirmation and Eucharist. For information regarding the Rite of Initiation process, please call Janice at 322-4505, ext. 8241.

Eucharist is the center of our Christian life. Through this sacrament we join all who share the royal priesthood of Jesus Christ to participate in the Eucharistic Prayer which like the Universal Prayer contains some intercessions woven into thanksgiving and praise. All intercede on behalf of the world and share the Body and Blood of Christ in His sacrifice. We are strengthened in the gifts renewed and glimpse the eternal feast.

Submitted by Janice Gatons



ST. MICHAEL PARISH

Schereville, Indiana

STEWARDSHIP THROUGH MINISTRY

Sharing our Time: All of us are asked to deepen our friendship with Jesus by attending Mass weekly and devoting time to daily prayer.

Sharing our Talent: All of us are asked to serve God by serving each other and our neighbor through active participation in at least one of our parish's ministries.

Sharing our Treasure: All of us are asked to, on a regular basis, financially support our parish so that we can continue to build up God's kingdom on earth.



Stewardship – Benefits to Every Steward

Benefits are plentiful for those individuals who welcome stewardship into their lives. When stewardship is practiced daily, we follow the example of Jesus and our faith is strengthened. As we reach out to others through our gifts, we will discover many blessings - a more purposeful life, more joy, less stress, more meaningful connections with others and the ability to make a true difference in another person's life. With stewardship as a way of life, we grow closer to the Lord.

"Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good."

1 Corinthians 12:4-7

Throughout the month of September, our parish is celebrating 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 to affirm our gratitude to God by sharing His gifts of our time, talent and treasure with our parish and the community.

Why Stewardship?

In recognition of God's generosity and faithfulness to His people, we should all prayerfully consider how each of us can be a good Christian steward. God's call to stewardship came when we were baptized, each of us as a disciple of Christ. The bishops of the United States acknowledge the importance of our discipleship with Jesus Christ, a relationship that leads to the practice of stewardship. According to the bishops, "disciples that practice stewardship recognize God as the origin of life, the giver of freedom, the source of all they have and are and will be."

Stewardship – A Way of Life

By giving of ourselves to others as we share our time, talent and treasure, we express our discipleship and show our gratitude to God for His gifts on a daily basis. Stewardship, however, means much more than simply giving our time, talent, and treasure. If we carefully listen to God's call, we will come to understand that stewardship involves **all** of life – body, mind, and spirit, our material possessions, family and friendships – in totality, all that we have, are and will be.



Spirituality and Worship Commission

Art and Environment – Prepares and maintains the church decorations for Feast Days according to the Liturgical Season. We meet informally two to three times a year to prepare the church for Christmas and Easter.

Altar Servers - Young people, from fifth grade through seniors in high school, are encouraged to help the priest, deacon and parishioners pray together. As ministers, altar servers participate in the liturgy, pray and socialize together and give glory to God through service.

Cross Bearers - Members of this ministry lead the procession in and out of church at Mass on Saturday evenings, Sundays, Holy Days of Obligation, and other primary days of worship by carrying the large processional cross.

Eucharistic Ministers - Helps in the distribution of the Holy Eucharist to the congregation. Members must be parishioners at least 16 years old, and if applicable, be in a valid sacramental marriage.

Hospitality - Welcomes and assists all who enter the worship space, takes up the collections, coordinates the procession of the faithful during Communion and distributes music sheets and bulletins. Commitment is one or two Sundays per month.

Lectors – Our purpose is to glorify God by proclaiming God’s Word at Liturgies. Sunday lectors are typically scheduled once every four weeks; weekday lectors are on a rotating schedule.

Liturgy Committee - The committee coordinates the planning and scheduling of liturgical celebrations and oversees the various liturgical ministries while promoting and strengthening the liturgical and sacramental life of the parish family.

Pastoral Care / Ministers of Care – Members of this ministry visit the homebound, nursing homes, and/or hospitalized, share in prayer, and take Holy Communion to them if so desired. Ministers of Care must be fully initiated practicing parishioners of St. Michael.

Music Ministry – Provides liturgical music for all masses, as well as services such as weddings and funerals. The ministry consists of several choirs (adult, children, youth, and bell) under a group leader.

Prayer Ministry - Meets the needs of parishioners in a devotional way through prayers when personal events or circumstances occur, such as illness, marital difficulties or tragic events. Members are called for prayers once a request is received.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) – Provides the process of faith development and catechetical instruction for those seeking full communion within the Roman Catholic Church. Here at St. Michael’s we also have a children’s adaptation of this Rite.

Sacristans - Sacristans clean the sanctuary and prepare the vessels and other items for daily and special liturgies. They work on Mondays and Fridays and as needed for special feast days. A special group helps to launder and mend the church linens as needed.

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



**KICKOFF NIGHT-PARENTS INVITED
TODAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH, 6:00-8:00 PM
ST. PATRICK HALL**

Teens have planned skits, prayer and 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

Submitted by Jeannine Quigley

SCHOOL NEWS

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Sept. 11: Virtus Training 6:30-9:00 PM in St. Patrick Hall
Sept. 19: HSA Meeting 7:00 PM in SMS Gym

Virtus Training for New St. Michael Volunteers and Staff September 11th 6:30-9:00 PM St. Patrick Hall

All volunteers and employees of St. Michael must complete this training course. Please register at <https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/>. You may also contact Jessica Yoder at (219) 322-3077.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

St. Michael School would like to thank the following local businesses who supported our school and helped us to promote our 2019 open houses by displaying promotional posters at their locations. We would encourage our parishioners to patronize these businesses, and if you do, please thank them for their support!

Aqua Tots Swim School – Schererville
Bella's Boutique – Schererville
Bullpen Bar & Grill – Schererville
Cakes by Karen – Highland
Capri's Pizza – Dyer
Crown Point Family Fun Center – Crown Point
Culver's – Schererville
Dairy Belle – Schererville
Doreen's Pizza – Dyer
FunFlatables – Dyer
H Dog – Schererville
It's My Party – Dyer
Jalapeno's – Schererville
Jersey Mike's – Schererville
Jimmy John's – Schererville

Lake County Public Library – Dyer/Schererville,
Crown Point and St. John
Midwest Training and Ice Center – St. John
Omelette House – Schererville
Omni 41 Health & Fitness Connection – Schererville
Pop's Beef – Dyer
Rob's Meats and Deli – Dyer
Rooms 4 Kids – Crown Point
Rosati's Pizza – Schererville
Round the Clock – Schererville
Starbucks – Schererville and Crown Point
Ted's Pet and Feed – Schererville
Tyler's Tender – Schererville
Zig-E's Funland – St. John

Submitted by Jen Poskin

Education and Formation Commission

FAITH

FORMATION

NEWS



SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

- 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

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 Mary Jo Rymarczyk

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



Do you Crochet or Sew?

The Labors of Love Ministry at St. Michael's creates items for those that are homeless and in senior facilities, women who choose life and those experiencing the tragedy of miscarriage. If your heart has been touched and you are moved to help us bring the Love of Christ to those who are in need, please join with us in any of the aspects that we offer. If you are unable to join us at meetings, no worries! We have some members who crochet/sew and drop off their items when they're completed. We ask that you prayerfully consider using your God-given talents to aid us in touching the hearts of our brothers and sisters. Call Kathy at 322-5436 if you have any questions.

Submitted by Kathy Jablonski

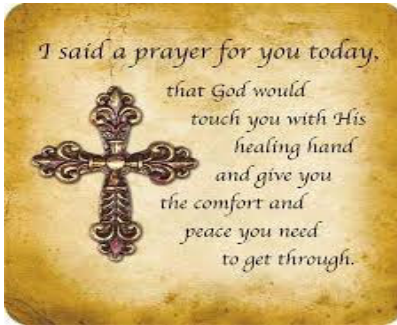
Peace & Social Justice Commission



For Those Who Have Died...

Josephine Nierodzik

Life has changed, not ended



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, Arnold Camp, Marie Mosher, Kathleen Lundquist, Susan Hansen, John Sanchez, Wesley Thompson, Tim Hazard, Nick Barone, Kristin Finley, Carol Smialek, George Niebling, Philip Mullaney, JP Sorenson 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.

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.



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.



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.

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



**FAMOUS ROTISSERIE CHICKEN
DINNER FUNDRAISER
SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 21, 2019
6:00 PM- 8:00 PM
HOSTED BY**



**\$10 PER DINNER
PRESALE ONLY! NO TICKETS AT THE DOOR
BUY EARLY! WE SOLD OUT LAST YEAR!!**

**1/2 Chicken, Baked Potato, Cole Slaw & Roll
POP SOLD SEPERATELY
TICKETS FOR SALE AFTER ALL MASSES FROM
SEPT 7 TO SEPT 15 AND AT THE PARISH OFFICE**

ST. PATRICK HALL 1 E. WILHELM SCHERERVILLE

If they respect you,
respect them.
If they disrespect you,
respect them.
Do not lower your
integrity for anyone.

JOIN CUB SCOUT PACK 504



FUN FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY

- CAMPOUTS, HIKING & FISHING
- TRIPS TO FUN PLACES
- PINEWOOD DERBY
- BUILD & LAUNCH ROCKETS
- SUMMER CAMP
- COMMUNITY SERVICE

Youth – K thru 5th Grade who attend
Schererville Elementary Schools

CUBSCOUTS504@GMAIL.COM

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

Sign Up at the Dyer-Schererville Library on Thurs. Sept 12th from 7 to 8 PM,
at our Cubmobile Races event on Sat. 9/14 from 11 AM to 2 PM at 75th & Pershing Rd,
or after the 9:30 AM or 11:30 AM Masses on Sun. 9/15

Mindful Chair Exercise



**Friday Mornings
9:00-10:00 AM
St. Patrick Hall**

Cost is \$5 per session
Any questions, please call Ursula
Buchnat at 219-741-3276.

Registration for New Parishioners

Parish registration will be next weekend, 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.

Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart Selling Raffle Tickets This Weekend

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.
Drawing will be September 22nd. Winners need not be
present. Thank you for whatever assistance you can give
them.



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

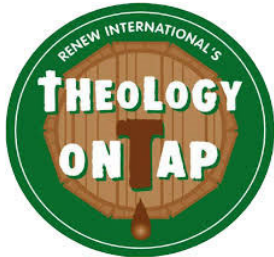
St. Michael's ALPHA Kick-Off Party Thursday, September 12th 7-9 PM in St. Patrick Hall

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



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

Tribute to Kenny Rogers is finally here.
Those attending the September 11th trip to Starving Rock, please 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 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

Stewardship & Parish Administration Commission

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

Stewardship Challenge

How can you be more intentional with your faith? What are you being called to do? Look into one of our ministries.

WHY GIVE? God gave us EVERYTHING...
All we can do is GIVE BACK.

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 8

Alpha Series Sign Ups After All Masses
Coffee & Donuts After All Masses
Cub Scout Popcorn Sale After All Masses
Franciscan Sisters Raffle Ticket Sales After All Masses
RCIA 9:30 AM
Family Session 9:30 AM
Radiate 6:00 PM
Marian Devotions 7:30 PM

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

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 9

Cleaning of the Church 8:30 AM

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 10

OLPH Devotions After 7:00 AM Mass
GEMS 10:00 AM
Traditional/Good Shepherd Classes 6:00 PM
Adult Education Session (Presence) 7:00 PM

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 11

Eucharistic Adoration 1:00 –6:00 PM
Traditional Classes 6:00 PM
Virtus Training 6:30 PM

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 12

Alpha Series Kick Off Party 7:00 PM
Choir/Cantor Practice 7:00 PM
Education Foundation Meeting 7:00 PM

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 13

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

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 14

Confessions 3:30-4:30 PM

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE



September 1, 2019

Adult	\$19,312.00
EFTs*	\$325.00
Children	\$27.35
Loose	\$558.00

**Total Weekly Offering
\$20,222.35**

**Electronic Funds Transfer*

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

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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.

*POLISH HERITAGE FESTIVAL

The Polish Heritage Festival will be held on **Sept. 15th** at the *Friendship Botanic Gardens, 2055 E. US Hwy 12, Michigan City*. Polish-English Mass in the Symphony Garden at 10:30 AM followed by food and festivities from 11:00 AM to 5:30 PM. Featured will be Polish food from Hammond's Cavalier Inn and bakery from Bakers Dozen of South Bend; a beer garden; cultural displays; pisanki (Polish Easter egg) demonstrations; vendors; raffles and more. Entertainment includes music by the "Ampol Aires" polka band and several Polish folk dance troupes. More information at www.facebook.com/PolishHeritageFestivalMC.

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 REUNIONS

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 candimom56@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@bishoppnoll.org or 219-932-9058.

CLASS OF 1959 REUNION

The Bishop Noll Class of 1959 will reunite **Oct. 5th** starting with 4:30 PM Mass at *Our Lady of Consolation in Merrillville*. Dinner at *Gamba Ristorante in Merrillville* will follow. Cocktails/cash bar begins at 6:00 PM with dinner served at 7:00 PM. Cost is \$55 per person, which includes tax and gratuity. Please call (219) 628-1991 with questions. Please make checks payable to John Schreiner and send with RSVP to: John Schreiner, 175 N. Winterberry, Valparaiso, Indiana 46385.

CLASS OF 2009 REUNION

The Bishop Noll Class of 2009 will have its reunion from 6:00-10:00 PM on **Oct. 12th** at *Set 'Em Up Lanes in Griffith*. For more information, contact Cari Trevino at 708 224-1029 or ctrevino@loeb.com.

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 . . . —



<p><u>SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 7</u> 5:00 PM †Dorothy Drabik-5th Anniversary</p> <p><u>SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 8</u> 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 <i>Blessing-40th Anniversary of Steve & Debbie Shelby</i> 11:30 AM St. Michael Parish</p> <p><u>MONDAY SEPTEMBER 9</u> 7:00 AM †Deceased Sisters of the Congregation of Mother of Carmel</p> <p><u>TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 10</u> 7:00 AM †Robert Ayersman, Sr.</p> <p><u>WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 11</u> 7:00 AM †Victoria Gargas 8:55 AM †Beverly Mullaney</p>	<p><u>THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 12</u> 7:00 AM †Julia Grish-1st Anniversary</p> <p><u>FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 13</u> 7:00 AM †Mary Lepley Intentions of the Paswinski Family Nita Sexton</p> <p><u>SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 14</u> 8:00 AM Bill & Connie Salas-51st Anniversary 5:00 PM †Deacon Ed Gatons</p> <p><u>SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 15</u> 7:30 AM †Kyle Arnold †Nick Kinzer †Sandra Pyle 9:30 AM St. Michael Parish 11:30 AM †Rene Anthony Alonzo-12 Year <i>Anniversary</i></p>
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THE WORD

(Readings for September 15, 2019, Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

- I. *Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14* The people of Israel forgot God’s goodness and turned to idols. Moses pleaded with God for mercy, and the Lord God showed kindness to them.

- II. *1 Timothy 1:12-17* The apostle Paul described to Timothy why he gave thanks to the Lord. Despite Paul’s sin, Christ Jesus treated him mercifully and strengthened him.

- III. *Luke 15:1-32* Jesus taught that God loves a sinner as a loving father receives back a wayward son. Repentance leads to joy, celebration, music, dancing, gifts and food.

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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