

WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

November 24, 2019 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

*In thanksgiving
for all that we are given*



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 Good Shepherd Classes.....Tuesday 6:00-7:30 PM
 Sunday Family Classes.....Once a month 9:30-11:00 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, 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 or 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 219.322.4508.

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 46375

From the Pastor's Desk

Power: Its Pros and Cons. Power and its use in our society has always been a mixed bag. Power can be used to encourage change for the good or it can be used to control. Power can guarantee freedom; it can also destroy it. Power in the hands of human beings has been used for all these things and even more than could be mentioned here.

In the end, we are suspicious of power, especially when it is wielded by one person or even a certain group of people. Even Santa Claus (his facsimile) falls victim to the axiom that “absolute power corrupts absolutely” in the film *The Santa Claus 2*. With this reality in mind, the feast of Christ the King might strike a pious cord in us but on another level it is hard for us to swallow with our inbred suspicion of absolute power.

The fact remains that today's feast is about power and how you and I can discern what is REAL power, as opposed to people and groups who play at being full of power. We are all subject to abuses of power; we play with it, we use it at times for the good of others but also at times for our own good, whether that be emotional, financial or interpersonal. But notice how the Author of power carries it.

Jesus, the Son of the Most High, carries REAL power and He carries it to the cross. He also carries on His back our feeble excuse for power, a power that condemns, that oppresses and kills. On the cross His power crushes our weak imitation of the same. And what is the celebration of this ultimate defeat of our worldly power? It is to do the absolute opposite of what those who have absolute power usually do. It is to forgive.

Final and full forgiveness is the exercise of God's power. Condemnation comes not from the mouth of God but from the unrepentant thief who, by his own unwillingness to surrender to God's power, condemns himself. Through the other thief, Dismas we call him, God's power is made fully manifest. Dismas surrenders to Jesus and in doing this God's shows His hand like a over anxious poker player. God shows us that REAL power on earth and in the heavens is about compassion, forgiveness and being reconciled to our Creator.

The King we celebrate is not constrained by a constitution which seeks to limit power, nor a bill of rights that presumes power will be misused. The King we celebrate is singular and absolute. But you and I have no need to fear His power. Because God is all-powerful, He can be all-generous in forgiveness.

Not only this, but we too have a share in God's power. That REAL power that creates all things and sustains all things. We have a share in it when you and I forgive whom we need to forgive.



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Spirituality and Worship Commission



Eucharistic Adoration,
November 27th, 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

**Little Blue Advent Books
(Reflection Books)
Available in
Gathering Space
this weekend, Nov. 23rd/24th &
next weekend, Nov. 30th/Dec. 1st**
A donation of \$1.00 each is appreciated.
Adult books are available in English only.

**Advent Evening Prayer
Come Share a Moment of
Prayer and Fellowship
Dec. 2nd, 9th
and 16th
7:00 PM**



**TAKE A MOMENT
AWAY FROM THE
CRAZINESS OF
SHOPPING, BAKING
& PARTIES**

The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe December 12th 7:00 PM Mass in the Church

In honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe, there will be a celebratory mass with Mariachi and folk dancing afterwards in St. Patrick Hall. Refreshments and pastries will be available. If you are interested in helping to defray the cost of the Mariachi (the parish will pick up half the cost), volunteering to help with our celebration, or have any questions, please call Lucy Gallegos at 773-859-1014 or John Madrigal at 322-9792.



**The Rite of
Christian Initiation
of Adults** is a process
by which a person
becomes Christian. This

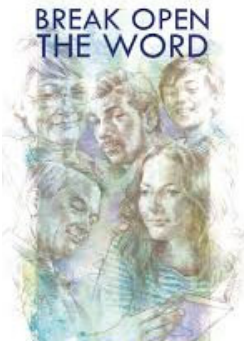
process calls those people who have not been baptized, are of another faith tradition or have only received the Sacrament of Baptism to prepare to enter fully into the Catholic Faith through the Sacraments of Baptism, if necessary, Confirmation and Eucharist. For information regarding the Rite of Initiation process, please call Janice at 322.4505, ext. 8241. *Submitted by J. Gatons*

The Sacristans Need Your Help

Every Monday at 8:30 AM and every Friday at 1:30 PM the sacristans get together to clean the church. The work is easy; usually just some light dusting, sweeping and straightening the pew racks. The more people to help the quicker things get done. Come on out and meet the crew. Work a bit and socialize a bit.



Spirituality and Worship Commission



Break Open the Word

If you would like to “Break Open the Word,” discuss what happens at Sunday Mass: music, readings, what the priest does, etc., please join Carol Schiessle after the 9:30 AM Sunday Mass in the St. Amand room during Advent, Dec. 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd, for about an hour. No commitment. Attend one or attend all. It’s your choice..

Hope to see you there.

Our Parish Advent Activity

This year we are again helping four charitable organizations: Sojourner Truth House, the Carmelite Home, and our own Good Samaritans and Respect Life.

In the Gathering Space, there will be links of paper with items needed by the above charities. Please take one or more links home and purchase the items. Return the link with the gift and place in the baskets provided.

At Christmas, we will join the links and decorate the Gathering Space. Let us fill the space with a chain symbolizing our love and concern for our brothers and Sisters.

Submitted by Judy Hisick

Preparing for Winter with Flock Note

It’s getting to be that time of year. Winter is coming. There may be times when the weather is unsafe.

Last winter season we had some cancellations or a rescheduling for our Morning Chapel Mass, School Mass, or Adoration.

We would like to be able to contact you if we are closing or rescheduling. The best way to communicate to you is by Flock Note as a group.

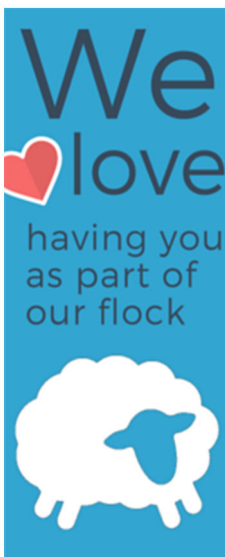
If you attend Adoration, Chapel or School Mass on a regular basis, I need to know who you are and what service(s) you attend. Please let me know who you are by:

- (1)-name
- (2)-cell phone number
- (3)-which of the above three services you attend.

If we need to contact you, it will be under the group(s) you said you attend.

So I can make sure spelling and cell phone numbers are accurate, please send me or have a friend or family member send this info to my email address:

sacristan@stmichaelparish.life



THANK YOU!!!!!!

Submitted by Loretta DePrez

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

Warrior of the Week



This week's Warrior of the Week is Jack Massucci. Jack has been a student at St. Michael School since preschool, and he'll be attending Marian Catholic High School next year. Jack plays volleyball and basketball for the Warriors, and also enjoys hockey and skateboarding. Outside of school, he has a passion for editing videos, and edits for multiple gaming teams, one of which has over 20,000 YouTube subscribers. He volunteers his time cutting coupons once a month for veterans and also likes taking pictures.

Jack says, "I want to thank SMS for giving me a real family experience. Whether it be a friendly smile, wave or phrase from staff or students just even while walking down the hallway really goes to show how much we cherish our time with each other here. Whenever I am with my friends I am creating memories. There are far too many I am very fond of. I am thankful for the time, effort, dedication, and resources the staff provides. Our Principal who started when I was in 4th grade pours her heart, soul and time into the school and students. I am super thankful to have such a wonderful principal. I also am

thankful for all the teachers who put in their time and effort into helping all of us. Lastly I am thankful for the school taking me in, and letting me be home."

He continues, "The most important thing I learned at SMS was not directly told to me, but rather I observed. This is also my motto, and would be my advice to younger students. Cherish your time. Time is the most important thing anyone can have. Take a minute, and look around. Take in the view because before you know it you will be off to high school. So cherish the time you have with your friends at school, because before you know it, you will be in my shoes graduating, and it goes by way faster than you can imagine."

Jack, we wish you all the best in your 8th grade year and in the future!

Ways to Help SMS Students

- ❖ School Scholarship Tax Credit Program-donate and get 50% tax credit on your IN state taxes.

To donate online: <https://scholarshipsforeducationchoice.com/st-michael-school/>

To donate by mail: Make your check payable to

Sagamore Institute SGO. On the check, please indicate that it is for St. Michael School, Schererville. You should mail the check to:

SEC at Sagamore Institute
2902 North Meridian Street
Indianapolis, IN 46208

- ❖ Apples for the Students-save Strack & Van Til receipts (Sept. 1, 2019-March 2, 2020) and place in the collection basket or drop them off at the parish office during normal business hours. The school will earn technological items. The more receipts saved the more the school receives.

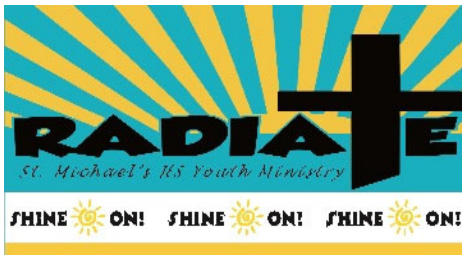
Education and Formation Commission

SMS DECEMBER CALENDAR

- 3rd:** Yearbook & Panorama Picture
- 5th:** School Penance Service 10:30 AM
- 11th:** Christmas Program 9:30 AM
School Advisory Meeting 6:30 PM
- 12th:** Shopping for Little Elves
- 13th:** Middle School Retreat
8:00 AM-4:00 PM
- 19th:** Christmas Parties
- 20th:** *Christmas Break Begins*

SMS Students Honor Local Veterans

St. Michael School students did an amazing job honoring our veterans at the Veterans Day Program held on November 11th. It was a privilege to witness our student body perform patriotic music. Students thanked the veterans for their service and recognized them with a certificate and gift card. While such things are never enough to honor these brave men and women who sacrificed for this nation, we were glad to see that our gifts were gladly, and even tearfully, accepted by the veterans. *Submitted by Steven Koontz*



OPLATKI SALES COMING IN DECEMBER....

stay tuned for more information.

Radiate will hold its seventh annual Oplatki Fundraiser Sale again this year. As always, thank you for your prayers and your support. This weekend we are taking 18 students to the National Catholic Youth Conference to Indianapolis. They will be among 20,000 other students from around the country enriching their Catholic faith.

Come, Holy Spirit, Come...Join us as we pray for safety and enrichment for all.

Upcoming Schedule:

December 8th: Radiate Gathering, 6:00-8:00 PM in St. Patrick Hall. Sophomores and juniors please bring snack food to share.

December 22nd: Christmas Party!

Any questions, please contact Jeannine Quigley at 219.775.5356.

KEEP UPDATED and REGISTER FOR OUR GROUP TEXT MESSAGES: **81010 @radiate**

Submitted by Jeannine Quigley

Education and Formation Commission



FAITH

FORMATION

DECEMBER CALENDAR

3rd: Traditional/Good Shepherd Classes
6:00-7:30 PM
4th: Traditional Classes 6:00-7:30 PM
10th: Traditional/Good Shepherd Classes
6:00-7:30 PM
11th: Traditional Classes 6:00-7:30 PM
17th: Traditional/Good Shepherd Classes
6:00-7:30 PM
18th: Traditional Classes 6:00-7:30 PM
24th & 25th: No Classes-Christmas Break
31st/Jan. 1st: No Classes-Christmas Break

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

Welcome the Newly Baptized

Thorsten Joseph Carlson

Special Prayers
For Those In Need



Arnold Camp, David Sarros, Beth Ann Brown, Megan Bugg, **Judith Marshall, Tina Serna, Diana Donnell, Jen-Mei Dorris, Mark Biegel, Evelyn Mathews, Zbigniew Sochacki, Karen Kent, Jim Morehouse, Helen Hazard, Blaine & Kay Parker, Harmanie Morris, Marie Mosher, Kathy Lundquist, Debbie Kaminski** 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 Monica 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.

Peace & Social Justice Commission



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.**



"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them." John F. Kennedy

The Good Samaritans Food Drive will again be at the 9:00 AM Thanksgiving Mass, November 28th. We will be collecting food, as well as monetary donations, to assist families in need.

The following items are needed:

Food: pasta sauce, canned & dried soup, pork & beans, kidney, baked and various types of beans, canned vegetables, chili, Manwich, peanut butter, jelly, canned fruit, applesauce, canned meats, tuna, various pastas, noodles, instant potatoes, pasta sides, rice sides, instant rice, mac n cheese, stuffing mix, hamburger helper, cereal, oatmeal, saltine crackers, cookies, pancake mix & syrup, jello & pudding, cake and biscuit mixes.

Personal Care Items: shampoo, deodorant, bar soap, toothpaste & toothbrushes

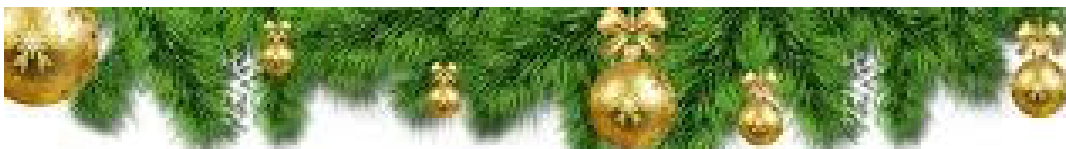
Cleaning supplies & paper products: paper towels, toilet paper, Kleenex, dish soap, all-purpose cleaners, SOS pads & kitchen cleanser and laundry detergent.

Monetary donations: These dollars are used to purchase meat and perishable food items for our freezer and help with rent & utility assistance.

As always, we thank you for your continual support of our ministry and know your kind and generous hearts are greatly appreciated.

"No duty is more urgent than returning thanks." Saint Ambrose

Submitted by Sue Cohen



FAMILY CHRISTMAS MASS CARDS FOR SALE

The Respect Life Ministry will be selling Family Christmas Mass Cards after all Masses this weekend, next weekend and Saturday December 7th in the Gathering Space and at the Chapel Door and on December 8th in St Patrick Hall during the Breakfast with St. Nicholas. For \$2.00 you not only get a beautiful card to send to you family for Christmas, but their name will also be entered in our Book of Intentions and prayed for at Mass throughout the year. Cards also available in packs of 10 for \$15.00.

Submitted by Cathy Bartezak

Peace & Social Justice Commission

Thank You So Much!

St. Michael's Labors of Love Ministry wants to acknowledge and thank two of the Knights of Columbus members who helped us deliver some items to the homeless at the Hammond Rescue Mission last Wednesday. Along with the assistance of Jim Koeling and Ed Marcisz, we delivered 41 plastic sleeping mats, some pillows and 63 Blessing Bags! We didn't even make it into the doors with our Blessing Bags when we met a handful of people coming out after lunch and they were delighted to receive them. Thank you to our Knights of Columbus members for working with us to minister to God's people! God Bless ~

Submitted by Kathy Jablonski

Parish Life

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

CALLING ALL SENIORS TO PARTICIPATE IN GEMS



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

Upcoming Schedule:

Nov. 26th: Gathering cancelled.

Dec. 3rd: *White Christmas* at Performing Arts in Munster. Meet at Performing Arts at 1:30 PM. Lunch before the show for those who are interested.

Dec. 10th: Last meeting of the year Gathering at 10:00 AM Book Club at 11:00 AM

Dec. 18th: *Christmas Cabaret* at Valpo Opera House. Meet in the church parking lot at 10:30 AM. Lunch before the show. More details to follow in upcoming bulletins.

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

Submitted by Carol Rusich



**Breakfast with St. Nicholas
December 8th
After All Masses in
St. Patrick Hall**

Have your child's picture taken with Baby Jesus and St. Nicholas.
A continental breakfast will be available:
juice, milk, cereal, donuts, bagels

Good will offerings accepted.



**Dessert Days
PIE PICK UP DATE
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25th
St. Patrick Hall 2:30-4:00 PM**



STAY CONNECTED
TO YOUR FAITH

WITH  **ST. MICHAEL
PARISH**
Archdiocese of Baltimore

FLOCKNOTE

TEXT "MIKE"
TO 84576

TO RECEIVE THE
LATEST UPDATES
AND REMINDERS
ABOUT PARISH LIFE



***Christmas Party
For Children with Special Needs***

***Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus
St. Michael the Archangel Council 12177***

***Sunday, December 1st
2:00 PM***

St. Patrick Hall

***Please RSVP to Deacon Ron Pyle at 322-4505, ext. 8284
by November 28th. JUST LEAVE A MESSAGE!***

Games, Stories, Prizes, and Snacks and a Special Visitor!

Submitted by Deacon Ron



Sunday, November 24, 2019
 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM - St. Patrick Hall
 All profits will be donated to
 The Good Samaritans
 Support the needy in your Community!

Partnered With

MENU	COST
Sausage Links and Eggs Country Potatoes Juice, Milk, and Coffee And All-You-Can-Eat Pancakes	Adults: \$7.00 Children Under 13 : \$5.00 Toddlers 5 and under: Free

Stewardship & Parish Administration Commission

Stewardship Challenge

Jesus forgives our sins, whose sins can we forgive?



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

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE



November 17, 2019

Adult	\$18,334.00
EFTs*	\$3,540.00
Children	\$37.59
Loose	\$1,304.76

Total Weekly Offering
\$23,213.35

**Electronic Funds Transfer*

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 24

Pancake Breakfast 8:00 AM-1:00 PM
Respect Life Christmas Card Sales After All Masses
RCIA 9:30 AM

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

MONDAY NOVEMBER 25

Cleaning of the Church 8:30 AM
Pie Pick Up 2:30-4:00 PM
Centering Prayer 6:00 PM
Choir/Cantor Practice 7:00 PM

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 26

OLPH Devotions After 7:00 AM Mass
Children's Choir Practice 3:15-4:00 PM
No Good Shepherd/Traditional Classes

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 27

Eucharistic Adoration 1:00-6:00 PM
No School
No Traditional Classes

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 28

9:00 AM Mass -Thanksgiving Food Drive

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 29

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

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 30

Advent Décor Set Up 9:00 AM
Confessions 3:30-4:30 PM
Respect Life Christmas Card Sales After Vigil Mass

*We are the
Hands of Christ*

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

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

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

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

M MARIAN CATHOLIC Teaching Scholars with a Soul

99% **\$23.1 MILLION** **95**
CLASS OF 2019 SCHOLARSHIPS AP
COLLEGE BOUND AWARDED TO THE SCHOLARS
CLASS OF 2019

OPEN HOUSE
NOVEMBER 24TH
1:00-4:00 PM

Please contact Tony DeCarlo with any questions at
708.756.9770 or through email -
adecarlo@marianchs.com

*BISHOP NOLL OPEN HOUSE

Families considering a Bishop Noll Institute education can attend an Open House, 2:00-4:00 PM, **Nov. 24th** at the school, 1519 Hoffman St., Hammond. Prospective students and their families are invited to attend and tour the school, meet current students, teachers and coaches and learn how Noll educates students in mind, body and soul.



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 **Nov. 24th** 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 219.365.3898 or call toll-free 1.888.303.0180.

FORTY HOURS FOR VOCATIONS

You are invited to a special Forty Hours for Vocations at *St. Thomas More, Munster* on **November 24th-26th**. Each evening at a 7:00 PM service, a seminarian will speak as we pray to the Eucharistic Lord for an increase in Church vocations. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on the main altar of the church after the morning Mass each day and remain until the close of services that evening. The evening service will end with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament followed by time for refreshments and fellowship.

A WOMAN'S DAY OF REFLECTION

St. Thomas More in Munster is hosting an Evening of Reflection for all women in the diocese. "Advent by Candlelight" will be held on **December 2nd** in *St. Thomas More's gym*. The evening will begin with a light dinner (free will offering) at 6:00 PM followed by prayer and a presentation by noted author Mary Elizabeth Sperry at 7:00 PM. Child care will be provided for ages 1-8. Please call the church office at 219.836.8610 to reserve your spot. Invite your friends to join you. Deadline for reservations is November 26th.

STM CAREER NETWORKING GROUP

STM Career Networking Group is hosting a seminar, "Texting May Be a New Way to Land Next Job" presented by Donna M. Weidenfeller on **Dec. 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.

COOKIE SALE

The *St. Stephen Women's Club* is sponsoring a cookie sale after all Masses **December 14th & 15th**. Please call the office at 219.980.9348 for details.

*CHRISTMAS CONCERT

An annual tradition returns to the Bishop Noll auditorium this year when the Bishop Noll Band and Choir present their Christmas concert at 6:00 PM on **Dec. 15th**. Attendees should enter Door C of the school, 1519 Hoffman St., Hammond. For more information, visit bishopnoll.org.

TRAVEL TO THE HOLY LAND AND THE OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY

Join Father Ted Mauch, pastor of *St. Joseph, Dyer* along with his parents on a pilgrimage led by Fr. Mike Joly.

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<p><u>SATURDAY NOVEMBER 23</u> 5:00 PM †Jim Candreva</p> <p><u>SUNDAY NOVEMBER 24</u> 7:30 AM St. Michael Parish 9:30 AM †Glen Lula †Charles Ensweiler †Michael Norman 11:30 AM †Jerry Eberle</p> <p><u>MONDAY NOVEMBER 25</u> 7:00 AM †Robert Ayersman, Sr.</p> <p><u>TUESDAY NOVEMBER 26</u> 7:00 AM †Jerry Macki 8:55 AM †Leo Di Leone</p> <p><u>WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 27</u> 7:00 AM †Eric Anderson III</p>	<p><u>THURSDAY NOVEMBER 28 THANKSGIVING</u> 9:00 AM †Philip Bruno</p> <p><u>FRIDAY NOVEMBER 29</u> 7:00 AM †James Mendoza-<i>2nd Anniversary</i> †FE B. Dequina †Elizabeth Bohling</p> <p><u>SATURDAY NOVEMBER 30</u> 8:00 AM †George Niebling 5:00 PM †Tom Kudzia</p> <p><u>SUNDAY DECEMBER 1 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</u> 7:30 AM For an End to Abortion on Demand and for a Conversion of Heart for those who Provide Abortions</p> <p>9:30 AM †Deacon Ed Gatons-<i>1st Anniversary</i> †Joyce Mullaney †Helen Sandor</p> <p>11:30 AM St. Michael Parish</p> <p style="text-align: center;">† indicates deceased</p>
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THE WORD

(Readings for December 1, 2019, First Sunday of Advent)

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| 1. <i>Isaiah 2:1-5</i> | On that day, “they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks” prophesied Isaiah. “One nation shall not raise the sword against another.” He went on: “Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.” |
| II. <i>Romans 13:11-14</i> | Paul urged the Romans: “It is the hour now for you to awake from sleep. For our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. Let us put on the armor of light. Put on the Lord Jesus Christ.” |
| III. <i>Matthew 24:37-44</i> | Jesus said that the Son of Man will come at an hour no one can expect. Therefore, all people must stay awake, keep a watchful eye and be prepared. |

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