

December  
29  
2019

WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL  
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



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The angel said to Joseph,  
“Rise, take the child and  
his mother, flee to Egypt,  
and stay there until I tell you.”

Matthew 2:13

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph



# Community, Personnel & On-Going Information

## PARISH OFFICE STAFF

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## ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL

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Traditional Classes.....Tuesday or Wednesday 6:00-7:30 PM  
 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.

## EUCHARISTIC 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.

## 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

**Gifts that keep giving!** The feast for which we have been preparing has just begun, yet no doubt some Christmas trees have already found their home on the curbside. Americans are very good at preparing to celebrate something, whether it's the 4th of July, Halloween or our birthday. We do well with the concept of a "one" day celebration but feasts like Christmas or Easter are longer than one day. We are not used to living with a feast for longer than one day, so exhausted do we make ourselves preparing for the celebration.

The great events of Christmas are too important to be celebrated for just one day. Indeed, the mysteries that are celebrated in the seasons of Christmas or Easter are presented to us as a series of connected feasts. What begins in the cold darkness of Christmas Eve is a gift to you and me that keeps on giving during the several weeks that follow December 25th.

The Advent-Christmas schedule you received at the beginning of Advent purposefully goes beyond January 1st. We see in that schedule that the feast of Christmas can more accurately be called the **Feasts of Christmas**. The deep mystery of God becoming a human being is celebrated in many different ways to help us more fully understand and appreciate how awesome this event is for us and the world.

Opening up the biggest package under the tree and leaving the smaller ones untouched is unthinkable.

No! we open all the presents we are given. The same holds true when it comes to the "reason for the season." The gift of God living among us, Emmanuel, is wrapped up in several presents. We open up the first gift on Christmas day but unless you and I unwrap the other gifts presented to us in the days and weeks to follow it is nearly impossible to appreciate all our preparation. Advent is preparation not for one day but for a season of gifts that keep coming to us. Like the song says, "*On the first day of Christmas my true love gave to me....*"

**Many Thanks!** Many thanks go out to all those who have been extra generous this year with the less fortunate in our community. Those who contributed to the Good Samaritans "Trim-a-Tree," those who helped to purchase more substantial items for the Respect Life Ministry, the Carmelite Home and the Sojourner Truth House, and those who donated food and helped in its distribution will find their thanks most importantly through the prayers of the many people they touched. God bless you.

**Yours prayers are needed.** I ask you to remember in the kindness of your prayers this week those Christian candidates who will be brought into full communion in the Catholic Church on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, Sunday January 9th. They are already baptized in the Christian Faith and have been growing in their relationship with Christ over the past year or more. They have also been learning about what it means to be a Catholic Christian. Now they are prepared to be Confirmed and brought to the Eucharistic Table for the first time. Please pray for them this week and in the weeks after their reception into the Church.



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# Spirituality and Worship Commission

**January 1st,  
The Solemnity of Mary,  
The Holy Mother of God  
is a Holy Day of  
Obligation.**

**Mass times are:  
Dec. 31st: 5:00 PM  
Jan. 1st: 10:00 AM**



**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



**No Eucharistic  
Adoration on  
January 1st.**

## **St. Michael's Music Ministry's Annual Christmas Concert January 5th 3:00 PM in the Church**



**Special guest artist  
to play the harp**



## **What Goes Up Must Come Down**

Please come and help the Art & Environment committee members on **Monday, January 13th**, at 6:30 PM as we take down the Christmas décor and begin set-up for Ordinary Time. Please call Judy at 365-8613 if you have any questions. Service hours are available, but parents need to accompany children under 16. Thank you in advance for your help.

*Submitted by Judy Hisick*

## **Thank You**

The Art & Environment Ministry would like to thank all those who contributed to the Christmas Flower Fund. 339 families donated \$5,417.00 in memory or in honor of their loved ones. The monies you so generously donated will be used to decorate our church for the Blessed and Holy Christmas Season - and will also be used for church décor throughout the upcoming year.

*Submitted by Judy Hisick*



## Spirituality and Worship Commission

### ALTAR SERVER REFRESHER TRAINING

MANDATORY for all new servers, 6th grade,  
and 7th grade. For all others it is optional

Includes Weddings & Funerals training  
Saturday, January 4 • 12:30 - 2:30pm  
or  
Tuesday, January 7 • 6:30 - 8:30 pm  
in the church  
Any questions please contact kimkneuppel@me.com

Want to learn more  
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 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 Janice Gatons*

## 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

### SCHOOLS NEWS

## Warrior of the Week



This week's Warrior of the Week is Aubrey Biggerstaff. Aubrey has been a student at St. Michael School since preschool and will be attending Lake Central High School next year. Aubrey plays volleyball and basketball for the Warriors, and also plays travel basketball for Lake Central. Aubrey's favorite memory at SMS involves an intense game of Gruggball in Mr. Williams's social studies class, and a missed dunk that was quite entertaining! The most important thing Aubrey learned at SMS is "always trust your family. Although everyone in this school isn't directly related, at SMS we are all one big family and in times of need we come together to support one another." Aubrey is most thankful for "the love I've been given here. Everyone at this school has always been kind and generous towards me. I'm also thankful for the teachers and everything they've done for me through my rough times." Aubrey, we wish you a wonderful 8th grade year!

*Submitted by Jen Poskin*

# Education and Formation Commission

MORE SCHOOL NEWS

## SMS JANUARY CALENDAR

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| <b>6th:</b> School Resumes   | <b>19th:</b> Open House & Book Fair  |
| <b>8th:</b> Tuition Due  | <b>20th:</b> No School– Martin Luther King Day                                       |
| <b>11th:</b> Christmas Program 9:30 AM<br>School Advisory Meeting 6:30 PM    | <b>21st:</b> Grades Due<br>4th Grade Play 2:30 PM in Gym                             |
| <b>15th:</b> End of 2nd Quarter  | <b>21st-23rd:</b> Book Fair  |
| <b>16th:</b> HSA Meeting 7:00 PM in St. Patrick Hall                         | <b>23rd:</b> First Communion Parent Meeting<br>7:00 PM in St. Patrick Hall           |
| <b>17th:</b> 4th & 5th Grade Retreat<br>11:30 AM-3:00 PM in St. Patrick Hall | <b>24th:</b> Distribution of Report Cards<br><i>27th-31st: Catholic Schools Week</i> |

## Lower Your Taxes and Help the Children at St. Michael School

The State of Indiana has a School Scholarship Tax Credit Program. This is how the program works. An individual or business donates money into this program for St. Michael School. The donation can only be used for financial aid scholarships. An Indiana State tax credit for 50% of your donation amount will be given. For example, if a business or individual donates \$100, a \$50 tax credit will be given on their Indiana State income taxes. If a business or individual donates \$1000, a \$500 tax credit will be given on their Indiana State income taxes. It is truly a win-win situation. You can lower your taxes while helping the children at St. Michael School. This tax credit program is only available while state funding is available. In recent years, the tax credit program was only available through mid-December. The bottom line is to make your donation as early as possible to take advantage of this tax saving program.

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

Thank you for your generosity, if you have any questions or seek additional information, please contact Marty Lucas at 219-789-6970 or [smlucas13@sbcglobal.net](mailto:smlucas13@sbcglobal.net).

## A Celebration of Life

During the month of November, the Spanish classes were busy doing various activities to celebrate El Dia de los Muertos (the Day of the Dead). At this time, people create an altar in remembrance of their loved one(s) who have passed away. While the younger students (Pre-K to 4th) colored and decorated skeletons to celebrate the Day of the Dead, the older students created something more personal. The 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grade students created their own mini-ofrendas (mini altars) which contained photos, candles, paper mache flowers, and personal objects to remember their loved one(s). With this activity, the students were able to see that life and especially those with whom we experience life are recognized, respected and celebrated even in passing. Stay tuned to see what the students will be learning and creating during the Christmas season. Adios!

*Submitted by Jessica Maya*



# Education and Formation Commission

## JANUARY CALENDAR



### FAITH

### FORMATION

Jan. 1st: No Classes-Christmas Break  
Jan. 7th/8th: No Classes-Christmas Break  
14th: Traditional/Good Shepherd Classes 6:00-7:30 PM  
15th: Traditional Classes 6:00-7:30 PM  
21st: Traditional/Good Shepherd Classes 6:00-7:30 PM  
22nd: 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  
23rd: First Communion Parent Meeting 7:00 PM in St. Patrick Hall  
28th & 29th: No Classes-Catholic School Week

## SAVE THE DATE:

### St. Michael's ALPHA Kick-Off Party

**Tuesday, January 14th, 7:00-9:00 PM in St. Patrick Hall**

“Who is Jesus?” “Why did Jesus Die?” “How and Why Should I Read the Bible?” “How Can I Resist Evil?”

These are just a few of the topics we explore during the faith enrichment series known as Alpha.

Alpha is a series that explores the Christian faith. The sessions include a meal, 30-minute video, and small group discussion where you can share your thoughts—or just listen. There’s no pressure, no follow up and no charge. Oh, and no homework.

“Alpha is a really good program for people who are just entering into the study of Christianity or Catholicism and have a lot of questions, but is also good for people who are really experienced with Christianity because they can go deeper into their faith and their personal relationship with Jesus.”—Tabatha Jones, event organizer and youth group leader, Queen of All Saints, Michigan City

Alpha is for anybody. Come and see if it’s for you.

**Call Carol, 219-765-8600, for more info and/or to sign up. See you at the party!**

*Submitted by Carol Slager*



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



### Are you ages 18-25 years old?

Radiate Plus is gathering with other young adults to hang out, play games, share and support each other. See you in St. Patrick Hall today, December 29th, 6:00-9:00 PM. Please contact Anastasia Watroba at 219-718-3361 or Matt Udani for more information.

*Submitted by Jeannine Quigley*



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## Education and Formation Commission

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2019 has been a great year for Radiate High School Youth Ministry. And we can't wait to see what awesome times 2020 will bring us! We wish you a Wonderful Christmas Season and we Thank You for all of your continued support in 2019. We are blessed to be a part of St. Michael's Parish and know that we will continue to pray for Fr. Marty and for you, our fellow parishioners.

Upcoming:

Happy New Year!

**January 12th:** Radiate Gathering (6:00-8:00 PM) 10th & 11th graders bring snacks to share

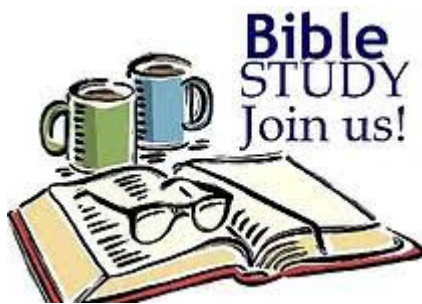
**January 26th:** Radiate Gathering (6:00-8:00 PM) 9th & 10th graders bring snacks to share

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*

### Women in the New Testament



Bible Study Registration for Women in the New Testament will take place after the 5:00 PM, 7:30 AM and 9:30 AM Masses and before the 11:30 AM Mass January 11th-26th.

Learn about "expectant faith, what it means to be touched by Jesus, and the meaning of discipleship thorough the lives of the women who lived in the first generation of Christianity." (Little Rock). Join us for this unique perspective and deeper insights.

When: Monday nights (February 17-April 13)(No March 9)

Time: 7:00-8:30 PM

Place: St. Patrick Hall

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

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

***Reminder: Registration will take place after all Masses except 11:30 AM Mass. There will be registration BEFORE 11:30 AM Mass.***

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## Peace & Social Justice Commission

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**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



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.



# Peace & Social Justice Commission

## ***“Gratitude is the sign of noble souls.” Aesop***

It is with grateful hearts, the Good Samaritans wish to thank the St. Michael Parish Family, Ministry partners and friends in our community for your overwhelming response to our Thanksgiving Food Drive.

We would like to acknowledge the many dear supporters of our Ministry.

The Knights of Columbus St. Michael Council 12177 has donated the proceeds of the Pancake Breakfast, in addition to member donations of food, totaling near \$2900.00.

We thank you!

The First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association, Local Branch #289 has made a generous donation, as well! We thank you!

Thank you to our families, who annually donate turkeys and extras that include 80 lbs. of fresh sweet potatoes and all other sides, which make up a complete dinner.

This allowed our ministry to provide 25 families with perfect meals for their holiday.

Your generosity is humbling!

St. Michael School Girl Scout Junior Troop #10076, with the direction of their leader, Jessica Roberts, had a food drive, in the Novo Selo sub-division, benefiting our Ministry.

These young ladies delivered and put away close to 75 bags of food.

Your energy, effort and thoughtfulness are refreshing.

You truly are our junior partners and we thank you!

The St. Michael School Children brought donations to their Thanksgiving Mass and filled a truck bed with bags & boxes of food.

We wish to extend our gratitude to Middle School teachers, Della VanderPol & Meagan Mossman, as well as Principal Colleen Kennedy, and the 8th grade class for helping take the food to the pantry as well as assisting with stocking our shelves.

Many hands made light work that morning. You are awesome!!!! We thank you! The HSA and Sue Cusick, again this year, coordinated pies to be donated, from Market Day, for our families. We received 12 pies.

This donation will be included with our Christmas dinner baskets. We thank you!

Dr. James Crowder, staff and patients of Crowder Chiropractic, located in downtown Schererville, donated many bags of food to our ministry.

For thinking of us again this year and sharing your community spirit, we thank you!

We wish to extend a special thank you to our RCIA candidates, Tim Perez and Jody Saylor.

They were a great help with transporting the donated food from Thanksgiving Mass to our pantry. We were happy to have you join in the work of our ministry and welcome you to the

St. Michael Family. We ask God to bless you as you continue your RCIA Studies.

In addition, we would like to acknowledge Andrean student, Katie Cusick, and parishioner, Deb Petersen, for their assistance in getting the food down to the pantry.

Also, to the families of our Ministry members who always lend a hand to help us, we are grateful. We thank you all!

*Finally*, our fellow St. Michael Parishioners, once again, answered our appeal, with great charity.

Your willingness to share your treasure, which was *so, so generous*, is greatly appreciated.

Your ongoing support ensures that we will continue to represent *YOU*, in the work of our ministry.

Truly, you are one of our greatest blessings from God!

***A grateful heart has a long memory and for your kind sharing,  
The Good Samaritans thank you, thank you and thank you!!***

# Peace & Social Justice Commission

Welcome the Newly Baptized

Aubre Marie Abraham



For Those Who Have Died...

Arnold Camp  
Reverend Larry Kew

*Life has changed, not ended*

Special Prayers  
For Those In Need



**Martin Rayski, Tim Hazard, Kristen Finley, Nick Barone, Dave Kintzel, Ed Zurawski, Ashley Soltis, Marilyn Doran, Jennie Fryzel, David Sarros, Beth Ann Brown, Judith Marshall, Tina Serna, Diana Donnell, Jen-Mei Dorris, Mark Biegel, Evelyn Mathews, Zbigniew Schacki** 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.*

## Parish Life

Fr. Marty, Deacon Ron, the St. Michael office and school staff would like to wish everyone a Healthy, Prosperous and Blessed New Year!



STAY CONNECTED  
TO YOUR FAITH

WITH  ST. MICHAEL  
PARISH  
St. Michael, Indiana

FLOCKNOTE

TEXT "MIKE"  
TO 84576

TO RECEIVE THE  
LATEST UPDATES  
AND REMINDERS  
ABOUT PARISH LIFE





**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.

**SAVE THE DATE  
ST. MICHAEL'S FOOTBALL  
PARTY**

*Las Vegas Style*

**POP BEER WINE FOOD FUN DOOR PRIZES**

**FEBRUARY 2ND  
ST. PATRICK HALL  
DOORS OPEN AT 3:00 PM  
PARTY TICKETS: \$25 EACH  
IN ADVANCE**

**“That’s Amore” Dinner Dance  
In Celebration of World Marriage Day  
& Valentine’s Day**

**For Whom: All Married Couple  
Where: St. Patrick Hall  
When: Saturday, February 15, 2020  
Time: 6:00 PM Cocktails  
7:00 PM Dinner  
8:00-11:00 PM Dancing  
Cost: \$80 per couple**

**Elegant Buffet Dinner  
Followed by a Romantic Evening of  
Dancing & Fellowship  
Cash Bar Available**

**Catered by Scarborough Faire  
Tickets on Sale Starting in January  
After Saturday Evening and Sunday Masses  
or at the Parish Office**

**Monday-Friday  
9:00 AM-4:00 PM  
322-4505, ext. 8220**



**Registration for New  
Parishioners**

The next parish registration will be **January 19th** after the 7:30 & 9:30 AM Masses. You may also register at the parish office Monday through Friday, 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 Monica at the parish office, 322-4505, ext. 8220.

## Help St. Michael Parish While Shopping at Amazon

- Amazon will donate a portion of all your Amazon purchases back to St. Michael. There is a one-time setup to activate this program located at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com).
- While on the internet, type: [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com).
- Type St. Michael Church Schererville. Be certain to include Schererville, otherwise, you might select a different St. Michael location.
- In the future, you must remember to type: [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) for the donation process.**
- If you have any questions, please contact Marty Lucas at 219-789-6970.
- Thank you for supporting St. Michael Parish.

## Stewardship & Parish Administration Commission

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

### 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.



### CSA NEWS: THE 2019 CAMPAIGN IS WINDING DOWN

All payments must be received in the CSA Office by the end of this month in order to be claimed on your 2019 tax return! Please complete your outstanding pledge by December 31st. When making a payment, please be sure to include our parish name and your CSA ID# on your checks when you mail your payment to the Diocese.

**Thank you for your generous stewardship to the CSA 2019 Campaign.**



# Stewardship Challenge

Develop the practice of charity as a family this year. Where can you pray and serve together as a family on a regular basis? Perhaps sign up for church landscaping or helping the elderly, volunteering at a soup kitchen, etc.

Envelopes for the New Year For High School & College Students are Available in the Gathering Space. Please write your name and number you choose on the sheet provided.

# Weekly Schedule

## SUNDAY DECEMBER 29

RCIA 9:30 AM  
Radiate 6:00 PM

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

## MONDAY DECEMBER 30

No School-Christmas Break  
Cleaning of the Church 8:30 AM

## TUESDAY DECEMBER 31

No School-Christmas Break  
No Good Shepherd/Traditional Classes-Christmas Break  
Holy Day Vigil Mass 5:00 PM

## WEDNESDAY JANUARY 1 THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY

Holy Day Mass 10:00 AM  
No School-Christmas Break  
Parish Office Closed  
No Eucharistic Adoration  
No Traditional Classes-Christmas Break

## THURSDAY JANUARY 2

No School-Christmas Break  
Parish Office Closed

## FRIDAY JANUARY 3

No School-Christmas Break  
Mindful Chair Exercise 9:00 AM  
Cleaning of the Church 1:30 PM

## SATURDAY JANUARY 4

Confessions 3:30-4:30 PM  
That's Amore Ticket Sales After Vigil Mass

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE



December 15, 2019

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| Adult    | \$16,070.00 |
| EFTs*    | \$480.00    |
| Children | \$51.35     |
| Loose    | \$932.71    |

**Total Weekly Offering**  
**\$17,534.06**

*\*Electronic Funds Transfer*

## EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

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

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

### ***Directors of the Foundation***

Rev. Martin J. Dobrzynski, Pastor  
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Look for us on the website: [www.stmichaelparish.life](http://www.stmichaelparish.life).

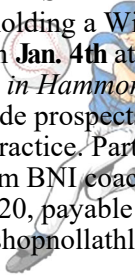
## NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

Ring in the New Year with a night of dinner and dancing at *St. James, 9640 Kennedy Ave, Highland*. Doors open at 7:00 PM. Dinner served at 8:00 PM. Motown music and more performed live by Chicago's UpBeat Orchestra, 9:00 PM-12:30 AM. Champagne toast at midnight. Cash bar 7:00 PM-12:00 AM. For more information, please contact 924-4220, 218-8453 or stjhall.org.



## BASEBALL CAMP

BNI Baseball is holding a Winter Sports Camp from 12:00-3:00 PM on **Jan. 4th** at *Bishop Noll Institute, 1519 Hoffman St. in Hammond*. This camp is for all fifth to eighth grade prospects and will run as a varsity baseball practice. Participants will get hands on instruction from BNI coaches and varsity players. The camp costs \$20, payable by cash or check on day of event. Visit [bishopnollathletics.org](http://bishopnollathletics.org) for more information.



## \*BLESSING OF LAKE MICHIGAN

All are welcome to an historic Catholic blessing of Lake Michigan at the *Hammond Marina Chicagoland, 701 Casino Center Drive, Hammond*, on **January 6th** at 1:00 PM. Fr. Andrew Summerson of St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Parish in Whiting will bless the lake, with other local priests in attendance. Refreshments to follow. Learn more at (219) 659-0277 or [stmmarywhiting@parma.org](mailto:stmmarywhiting@parma.org).



## STM CAREER NETWORKING GROUP

STM Career Networking Group is hosting a seminar, "Build Your Personal Brand & boost career Success," presented by Kristin Jurczak, from Spark Marketing on **Jan. 8th**, 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.

## RETRouvaille WEEKEND

If your marriage is struggling, come to Retrouvaille to learn from other couples who share their journeys of reconciliation, generosity, transparency, humility and respect. No couple is ever denied the chance to heal and renew their marriage because they are facing financial difficulties. Find hope and a path to healing **January 24-26, 2020** in *Portage*. Register online at [www.Retrouvaille.org](http://www.Retrouvaille.org). Confidential inquiries 708-802-1830.

## \*ANDREAN HAPPENINGS

### Apply Today!

Andrean High School invites families to apply for enrollment for the 2020-2021 school year. The application can be completed online at [andreanhs.org/apply](http://andreanhs.org/apply).

### Schedule Your Shadow Day Now!

Contact Andrean's Director of Enrollment Management, Mr. Jim Nohos, at 219-887-5959 ext. 260 to schedule your visit today!

### Questions?

Contact Mr. Jim Nohos, Director, Enrollment Management, at 219-887-5959 ext. 260 or [jnohos@andreanhs.com](mailto:jnohos@andreanhs.com).

### Upcoming Events Open House Events

Sunday, **January 26, 2020** 4:00-6:00 PM

### Family Information Nights

Wednesday, **February 19, 2020** 7:00-8:00 PM

Thursday, **March 19, 2020** 7:00-8:00 PM

### Entrance Exams

Sunday, **January 12, 2020** 1:00-4:00 PM

Saturday, **February 15, 2020** 1:00-4:00 PM

Sunday, **March 15, 2020** 1:00-4:00 PM

Saturday, **April 25, 2020** 1:00-4:00 PM

## \*WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Give your spouse the gift of love & renewal! Don't miss out on the upcoming enrichments for married couples and religious during February 2020. The enrichment begins with a private weekend experience with presentations and practical tools for growing in your loving relationship. Ongoing enrichments after the weekend are provided from the WWME community. Join us in 2020: **February 14th-16th** (*Geneva, IL*) **February 22nd-23rd** (*Crest Hill, IL*) **September 11th-13th** (*Geneva, IL*) **October 24th-25th** (*Mundelein, IL*). For information on applying, please go to [wwmechicagoland.org](http://wwmechicagoland.org) and say "yes" today to God's call to love one another!

## BISHOP NOLL HISTORY COMMITTEE

As Bishop Noll prepares to celebrate its 100th birthday in 2021, its History Committee is seeking to gather historic items from Catholic Central and Bishop Noll alumni. They are looking for vintage uniforms, memorabilia, student handbooks, newspapers and photos (that did not appear in yearbooks). Please contact Jennifer Florek at [jflorek@bishopnoll.org](mailto:jflorek@bishopnoll.org) or (219) 932-9058 if you have any items to share.



# We Remember . . . We Prepare . . .



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| <p><b><u>SATURDAY DECEMBER 28</u></b><br/> <b>5:00 PM</b>     †Chandler Cowser</p> <p><b><u>SUNDAY DECEMBER 29 THE HOLY FAMILY</u></b></p> <p><b>7:30 AM</b>     St. Michael Parish<br/> <b>9:30 AM</b>     For Intentions of Those who Purchased<br/> <span style="padding-left: 150px;">Right to Life Cards</span></p> <p><b>11:30 AM</b>     †Ted &amp; Maria Tokarski<br/>                          †Thomas Tadevic<br/>                          †Jerry Janquart</p> <p><b><u>MONDAY DECEMBER 30</u></b><br/> <b>7:00 AM</b>     †Stu &amp; Alice Wilson</p> <p><b><u>TUESDAY DECEMBER 31</u></b><br/> <b>7:00 AM</b>     †Robert Ayersman, Sr.<br/>                          †Rosalba Hernandez<br/> <b>5:00 PM</b>     All Souls</p> <p><b><u>WEDNESDAY JANUARY 1 THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY</u></b></p> <p><b>10:00 AM</b>     † Louis Origel</p> | <p><b><u>THURSDAY JANUARY 2</u></b><br/> <b>7:00 AM</b>     †Carol Jakubowicz</p> <p><b><u>FRIDAY JANUARY 3</u></b><br/> <b>7:00 AM</b>     †Sharon Kras</p> <p><b><u>SATURDAY JANUARY 4</u></b><br/> <b>8:00 AM</b>     †George &amp; Marlene Sarros<br/> <b>5:00 PM</b>     †Victoria Gargas</p> <p><b><u>SUNDAY JANUARY 5 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</u></b></p> <p><b>7:30 AM</b>     St. Michael Parish<br/> <b>9:30 AM</b>     †Walter &amp; Mildred Prenizny<br/>                          †George Neibling<br/> <b>11:30 AM</b>     †Maryjane Strus</p> <p style="text-align: center;">† indicates deceased</p> |
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## THE WORD

*(Readings for January 5, 2020, The Epiphany of the Lord)*

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| I. <i>Isaiah 60:1-6</i>          | Darkness covers the earth, and heavy clouds hang over the people. But the light has come and the glory of the Lord shines bright.                             |
| II. <i>Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6</i> | In Christ Jesus, Gentiles and Jews are co-heirs and co-sharers in the saving promise.   |
| III. <i>Matthew 2:1-12</i>       | The magi from the east followed the star until it stopped over the house. They entered, found the child with Mary, prostrated themselves, and did him homage. |

## The Parish Website

Visit our website, [www.stmichaelparish.life](http://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.

Dear Parish Members,

Our Sunday bulletin is a primary way we use to communicate with you. The parish does not pay for the bulletin printing because of the generosity of our advertisers-many of which are our own parish members. Most are members of our local community. Please support our advertisers with your patronage. Let the business owner know that you appreciate their support of our parish through their advertising in the bulletin.

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If you would like to advertise in our bulletin, please call Barbara at 219-427-4803.



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