

January
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2020

WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



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Behold, the star that they had
seen at its rising preceded them,
until it came and stopped over
the place where the child was.

Matthew 2:9

The Epiphany of the Lord

Community, Personnel & On-Going Information

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 Website.....www.stmichaelparish.life

ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL

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 Principal
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 School Executive Assistant
 Mrs. Karen Rapacz.....krapacz@stmichaelparish.life

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 Wednesday
 Friday by appointment
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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 13 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.

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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 Backstory to the Story. The stories of Jesus' birth receive a lot of loving attention during this Holy Season. Yet, all that attention rarely reflects on the fact that the two stories about the Lord's birth are different in many specific and important ways. In our mind we tend to meld the stories together, but the author of the gospel of Luke and the author of the gospel of Matthew told the story in their way for particular reasons.

The rendition of the story that includes the three magi (wise-men) coming from the east belongs solely to Matthew. Matthew is writing his gospel primarily for an audience of Christians that were of Jewish descent. (Luke writes for Christians who were mostly of pagan decent.) This intended audience favors what Matthew writes and what the author considers necessary to tell the gospel story to his particular Christian community.

Matthew is concerned, in the telling of Jesus' birth story (or narrative), with drawing his listeners attention to the fact that Jesus is not a fly-by-night character. Rather, Jesus comes from the stock of David, their beloved King, and that He comes as their ruler as well. Matthew has a problem though with his predominately Hebrew audience. They came with a strong belief that God belonged solely to them and they to God. So Matthew wants to make clear from the beginning that God, in Jesus, comes for the whole world, for anyone wise enough to be open to this child-King.

In the story, Herod represents the Hebrew people who were not wise enough to be open to God's human visitation. Herod condemns himself by his cunning and feigned adoration for the child-King. He closes himself from any possibility of openness to God's plan and he goes mad, tradition tells us, for doing so. The story is clear in showing that those with the wonderment of seekers, people who are open to the truth however it appears, are blessed with God's presence; while those who interpret God's presence as a threat cannot undo what God does, even by force.

For you and I, the lesson is clear too. Jesus' message is not complicated. Jesus' message has childlike clarity. His message is to love as He loved. He loved by giving of Himself without calculating the cost. When we do the same with our daily life, you and I, like the sages in the gospel story are able to stand in His Presence. When you and I come to Mass without watching the clock, when we help others without concern for our needs, when we give of our time and talents without searching for what we get out of it, and when we give of our treasure freely to support God's work, we stretch ourselves and open our lives to God's Presence.

Many people fight this simple message. Many people complicate it with expectations and demands. Yet the message will not go away. It cannot be willed away by our refusal to act upon it. The presence of God is here to stay in our midst, in the Holy Eucharist, in His Church and in His Holy Word. It appears in the story that the sages have the better part. Though their journey to and from Jesus is no doubt hard, they still are open to make the journey. Matthew invites us to journey with them and not to sit in our private palace of self-assured prosperity. Wisdom is gained in the journey and the willingness to be open to the daily Presence of Christ in your family, your parish, in the poor and the infirmed.



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Spirituality and Worship Commission



Eucharistic Adoration,
January 8th, 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

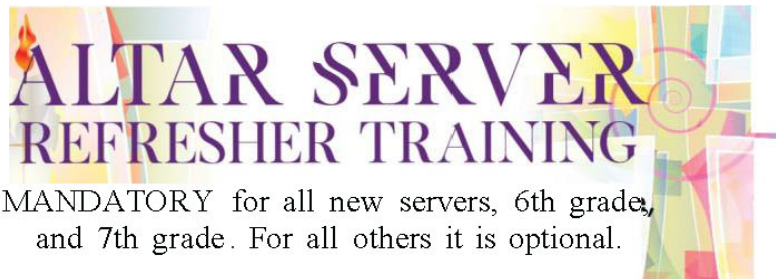
St. Michael's Music Ministry's

Annual Christmas Concert

Today, January 5th

3:00 PM in the Church

Special guest artist to play the harp



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

Includes Weddings & Funerals training

Tuesday, January 7th
6:30-8:30 PM in the church

Any questions please contact
kimkneuppel@me.com

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

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

Spirituality and Worship Commission



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



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



Please Help SMS

Please remember to turn in your Strack & Van Til receipts. The more receipts we collect, the more items our school will receive.



Warrior of the Week



This week's Warrior of the Week is Benjamin (Ben) Kaiser. Ben has been a student at St. Michael School since kindergarten. Ben plays soccer and basketball and runs track for the Warriors. He is the Student Council Vice President and a member of Spell Club. He also plays club soccer for NWI Lions United. Ben says he has a lot of favorite memories at St. Michael, but his favorite year at SMS was 4th grade because it was really fun. Ben says the most important thing he learned at SMS was multiplication in 3rd grade. He says, "Multiplication is very important and knowing the quick answers still helps me today." Ben is most thankful for his friends at SMS. He says, "Most of my friends have been here since kindergarten. They are all good friends and I'll miss them when I move on to high school." We wish you all the best in the rest of your 8th grade year, Ben!

Submitted by Jen Poskin

Education and Formation Commission

WORE SCHOOLS NEWS

SMS JANUARY CALENDAR

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

Preschool Spends Time with the Third Graders

Ms. Ellen's preschool class partnered with Mrs. Tonkovich's 3rd graders to share in their Advent journey. The preschool learned about Advent. Part of their journey was doing good deeds to spread their light and prepare for Jesus. Together the children sat and listened to the story read by Mrs. T, *Night Tree*, where a family searches deep in the forest for the perfect tree to decorate with food for the animals. The children then partnered up and made bird feeders out of pine cones spread with sun butter and rolled in bird seed. They will feed the birds in their backyard...taking care of God's creatures. Next they strung paper lights to make Christmas Decor for the residents at Deer Creek, spreading Christmas cheer!!! They ended their time together singing Christmas songs. Preschool loves sharing time with the "big kids"! It was a wonderful morning.

Submitted by Mrs. Egert



JANUARY CALENDAR



FAITH

FORMATION

- 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*

Education and Formation Commission

St. Michael's ALPHA Kick-Off Party

Tuesday, January 14th

7:00-9:00 PM in St. Patrick Hall



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

"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.

Sign up for Alpha after 7:30 & 9:30 AM Masses and before the 11:30 AM Mass the weekend of January 4th/5th.

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

Submitted by Carol Slager

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

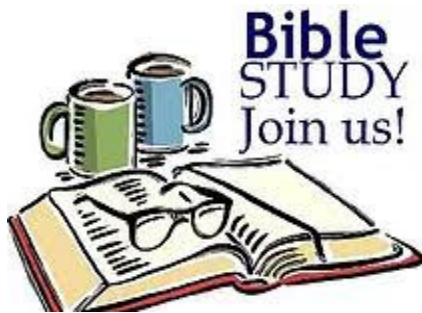
Place: St. Patrick Hall

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.

Submitted by Linda Hansen



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

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.



Blood Pressure, Glucose and Oxygen Level Screenings

The next screenings will take place January 18th & 19th in the east coat room after the 5:00 PM, 7:30 AM and 9:30 AM Masses by the parish nurses.



Save the Date

St. Michael Parish Health Fair
February 23rd—8:30 AM to 11:30 AM
St. Patrick Hall — Everyone is Welcome

Many informational tables regarding various aspects of health.

Sponsored by Health & Spirituality Committee and 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.

Peace & Social Justice Commission



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, Feb. 13th* and continue through *Thursday, March 2nd*. 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.



CAN YOU HELP?

SHADY OAKS CAMP

Help is needed at Shady Oaks Camp, 16300 Parker Road, Homer Glen, IL on January 11th starting at 7:00 AM.

We will be installing drywall in the camp director's building. This is one of the last buildings in need of rehab.

We can arrange to meet people in the St. Michael parking lot by 6:15 AM. We should complete our project in time to make evening Mass at St. Michael's.

Most tools will be provided but utility knives, "T" squares, power screwdrivers, etc. are welcome.

Breakfast and lunch will also be provided.

Please contact either Mike Macki at mike_macki@sbcglobal.net or Jim Koeling at jkoeling@sbcglobal.net, or you can contact the parish office at 322-4505.

Parish Life

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

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.

While on the internet, type: 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 for the donation process.

If you have any questions, please contact Marty Lucas at 219-789-6970.

Thank you for supporting St. Michael Parish.

**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**



**Mindful Chair Exercise
Friday Mornings 9:00-10:00 AM
St. Patrick Hall
Cost is \$5 per session**

**All Married Couples are Invited to
“That’s Amore” Dinner Dance**

February 15th

Cocktails start at 6:00 PM

Dinner at 7:00 PM

Dancing at 8:00 PM

\$80/couple

Elegant Buffet Dinner Catered by

Scarborough Faire

Cash Bar Available

Tickets on Sale After Saturday Vigil Mass

and All Sunday Masses

or at the Parish Office

Monday-Friday

9:00 AM-4:00 PM

322-4505, ext. 8220



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Fun For 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:

January 14th: Gathering 10:00-11:00 AM

January 28th: Gathering 10:00 AM-12:00 PM

Planning for 2020.

Submitted by Carol Rusich

Stewardship & Parish Administration Commission

Stewardship Challenge

Like the Magi, how is God guiding you to Jesus? What gifts are you given to share? How is God asking you to change your direction of travel in this life?

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

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE



December 22, 2019

Adult	\$17,375.00
EFTs*	\$4,900.00
Children	\$48.34
Loose	\$541.00

Total Weekly Offering
\$22,864.34

Christmas

Adult	\$36,140.00
Children	\$74.35
Loose	\$3,088.00

Total Weekly Offering
\$39,302.35

**Electronic Funds Transfer*

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY JANUARY 5

That's Amore Ticket Sales After All Masses
RCIA 9:30 AM
Christmas Concert 3:00 PM

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

MONDAY JANUARY 6

School Resumes
Cleaning of the Church 8:30 AM
Centering Prayer 6:00 PM
Liturgy Committee Meeting 7:00 PM

TUESDAY JANUARY 7

No Good Shepherd/Traditional Classes
Labors of Love 10:00 AM
Children's Choir Practice 3:15 PM
Health & Spirituality Meeting 7:00 PM

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 8

No Traditional Classes
Adoration 1:00-6:00 PM
Education & Formation Commission Meeting 4:00 PM
Good Samaritans' Meeting 6:30 PM
School Advisory Meeting 6:30 PM
Stewardship Commission Meeting 7:00 PM

THURSDAY JANUARY 9

Bell Choir 5:30 PM
Cantor/Choir Practice 7:00 PM

FRIDAY JANUARY 10

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

SATURDAY JANUARY 11

Respect Life Meeting 8:30 AM
Confessions 3:30-4:30 PM
Bible Study Registration After Vigil Mass
Girl Scout Cookies Preorders After Vigil Mass
That's Amore Ticket Sales After Vigil Mass

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Please consider supporting our education endeavors at St. Michael Parish through the

**St. Michael Education Foundation
with a Memorial Donation.**

Your gift will be listed here and acknowledged to the family or individual you memorialize.

Living Memorial - Anniversary Memorial -
Deceased Memorial

Directors of the Foundation

Rev. Martin J. Dobrzynski, Pastor

Colleen Kennedy, Principal

Dr. Ed Udani, Secretary

Kenneth Bohling, Patrick Cusick, Don Doffin,

Julie Hudec, Hal Slager, Joe Townsend,

Donna Velez

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

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.

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.

*2020 VISION IN 2020

St. Matthias Church in Crown Point presents "20/20 Vision in 2020: Setting Our Sights on Christ," a monthly educational session on various topics exploring our faith and how to have more clarity in our life goals. Attend just one, or attend them all! **January 18th** at 10:00 AM: Strengthfinders. Please call 219-663-2201 to make a reservation.

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. 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.

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.

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 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@bishoppnoll.org or (219) 932-9058 if you have any items to share.

We Remember . . . We Prepare . . .



<p><u>SATURDAY JANUARY 4</u> 5:00 PM †Victoria Gargas</p> <p><u>SUNDAY JANUARY 5 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</u></p> <p>7:30 AM St. Michael Parish 9:30 AM †Walter & Mildred Prenizny †George Neibling 11:30 AM †Maryjane Strus</p> <p><u>MONDAY JANUARY 6</u> 7:00 AM †Stanley Pytel</p> <p><u>TUESDAY JANUARY 7</u> 7:00 AM †John Moore</p> <p><u>WEDNESDAY JANUARY 8</u> 7:00 AM † Philip Bruno 8:55 AM All Souls</p>	<p><u>THURSDAY JANUARY 9</u> 7:00 AM †Robert Ayersman, Sr.</p> <p><u>FRIDAY JANUARY 10</u> 7:00 AM All Souls</p> <p><u>SATURDAY JANUARY 11</u> 8:00 AM †Carol Jakubowicz 5:00 PM †Robert & Carol Keyl</p> <p><u>SUNDAY JANUARY 12 THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD</u></p> <p>7:30 AM †Kyle Arnold 9:30 AM St. Michael Parish 11:30 AM †Stu & Alice Wilson †Ernestina Flores</p> <p>† indicates deceased</p>
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THE WORD

(Readings for January 12, 2020, The Baptism of the Lord)

- I. *Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7* “Here is my servant whom I uphold. I, the Lord, have called you for the victory of justice, said Isaiah. “To open the eyes of the blind, to bring out prisoners,” and to make you a light for the nations.
- II. *Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38* God does not play favorites. All who fear the Lord are justified. God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit and the power to do good works and heal all in need.
- III. *Matthew 3:13-17* The Holy Spirit descended on Him like a dove, and a voice from the heavens said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

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