

PREPARING FOR THE FIFTH BISHOP OF GARY

WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
FEBRUARY 9, 2020 THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



A LIVE broadcast on EWTN, CatholicTV
or through dcgary.org.

Evening Prayer
with bishop-elect as homilist
Monday, Feb. 10th at 7:00 PM

Ordination Mass
Tuesday, Feb. 11th at 2:00 PM

*Due to extremely limited seating,
access to events is only open to invited guests with tickets*

Community, Personnel & On-Going Information

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

From the Pastor's Desk

This week something will happen in Northwest Indiana that has not happened for 63 years. It was back in 1957 that the first bishop of our Diocese of Gary was ordained a Bishop. His name was Andrew G. Grutka. Some might remember him. He was the Bishop of my Confirmation and I was the last class he ordained before he retired in the Fall of 1984.

We have had three bishops since Bishop Grutka. All three came to us as bishops already. They were ordained in their home dioceses long before they came to Northwest Indiana. This week we are going to ORDAIN our fifth bishop. Presently, he is Monsignor Robert McClory. He comes to us from the Archdiocese of Detroit. On Tuesday of this week he will be ordained as a Bishop.

There is, rightfully so, good reason to celebrate when we receive a new shepherd for God's Flock in Northwest Indiana. That good reason is amplified when the person chosen will be ordained in our midst to begin his ministry as our Bishop. St. Michael's will be part of this historic event.

The patrons of the Diocese of Gary are the Guardians (Holy) Angels. Our parish is a sort of sister parish to the Cathedral, Holy Angels Parish. We are the only other parish in the Diocese dedicated to the Angels of God; in our case, the Archangel Michael.

Because we have a sizable worship space we have been once again asked to host the beginning of the events surrounding the Ordination of our new bishop. St. Michael's will host the Solemn Evening Prayer on Monday, February 10th at 7:00 PM. I would love to open wide the doors for whoever would want to come, BUT, even though our church is big, our Diocese is bigger. Consequently, seating is by ticket only. BUT you can watch all the prayer service on the internet, broadcast live. Just go to www.dcgary.org.

You can even download the Evening Prayer program from www.dcgary.org so you can follow along. I think it would be great if there were watch parties throughout the parish. I thank the many, many parishioners who have volunteered their time to make a hospitable welcome to our new Bishop, his family and friends and fellow Catholics from around the Diocese.

The Ordination Mass the next day, Tuesday, February 11th at 2:00 PM, is even more packed. You can watch the Ordination Mass on EWTN, beginning at 1:45 PM and live online at www.dcgary.org. I can guarantee you that you will see more than many in the Cathedral. The Mass program can also be downloaded in its entirety from www.dcgary.org.

No matter what you do at home or at work on Tuesday afternoon, please pray for Msgr. McClory that he may be given the particular gifts of the Holy Spirit to fulfill the office of the Bishop of Gary, our pastor, our guide, our teacher. Say a prayer at 2:45 PM, the approximate time he will be actually ordained. Offer a Our Father, Hail Mary and a Glory be...

I am honored to welcome then newly "minted" Bishop McClory to celebrate Mass here at St. Michael's the next day, Wednesday, February 12th. He will celebrate the 8:55 AM School Mass. Anyone wishing to come is invited.



Spirituality and Worship Commission

Eucharistic Adoration, Feb. 12th,
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



An Art & Environment Invitation

Members of the Art & Environment ministry will be gathering at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, Feb. 25th, to set up Lent Décor. You are invited to come help and prepare our church for this sacred season.



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

Seasons of Discipleship

LOVED. HEALED. ANOINTED.



Fr. Matt O'Donnell
Pastor, St. Columbanus
Chicago



Fr. Bradley Zamora
Director of Liturgy
Mundelein Seminary

St. Michael Parish Mission 2020

March 8, 9, 10—7:00-8:30 PM

The stories of the Gospel will come alive through story and song as we embark on a journey of discipleship to remind us that we are LOVED. HEALED. ANOINTED. This mission affords us an opportunity to set away some time to root ourselves more deeply in relationship with Christ and challenge us to live our lives day to day rooted in God's love throughout our Seasons of Discipleship. We experience God's love through the waters of baptism, we are healed through the mercy of reconciliation and we are anointed for our appointed journey to preach the Good News.

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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 remember to turn in your Strack & Van Til receipts for educational materials and equipment. Promotion ends March 2nd.

SCHOOL NEWS

SMS FEBRUARY CALENDAR

9th: Open House & Pancake Breakfast
11:00 AM-1:00 PM

13th: Valentine's Parties

14th: eLearning Day

17th: No School— President's Day

20th: 8th Grade Graduation Pictures
Bowling Party-3rd-5th Grades

22nd: Passport to Our Heritage
5:30 PM-12:00 AM

26th: Ash Wednesday

Warrior of the Week



This week's Warrior of the Week is Mia Duong. Mia has been a student at St. Michael School since preschool. Mia is a part of SMS's Art Club and school choir. She also volunteers to help teachers during the school day. Mia says, "One of my favorite things about SMS is how the whole student body is like a family. Someone could ask the name of a student and most likely, anyone would know it." The most important thing Mia has learned at SMS is that her faith has grown way more in it these past years. She says, "I also learned that family is very important including your school family." When asked what she is most thankful for, Mia says, "I'm most thankful for my friends and my whole class. I'm also thankful for my teachers, such as Mr. Williams. He is such a well rounded teacher. He is so funny and his jokes are so funny. He is one of my favorite teachers, and so is Mrs. Evans. She takes the time to help me if I'm having trouble on a lesson or question." Mia, we hope you have a great experience in the rest of your 8th grade year!

Submitted by Jen Poskin

SMS BOOK FAIR promotes a love of Reading!

Thank you to Mrs. Jennifer Uhrick, parishioner and school parent, who has been hosting our Book Fair for the last 10 years! The Book Fair is held annually during the January Open House and during the following school days. We sold \$5,045 in books and donated many many books to our classroom and school library. Total sales of books for the school library and classrooms were close to \$3,000. Thank you to all our book shoppers for your support of our Scholastic Book Fair and sharing the love of reading with St. Michael School.

Submitted by Miss Kennedy



MORE SCHOOL NEWS

Tour the School • Meet the Teachers • Discover Financial Aid Options

Open House

FEBRUARY 9, 2020

Pancake Breakfast • 11:00 a.m. – 1:00p.m.

Join Us!



for information www.stmichaelparish.life/school



ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL

PASSPORT
TO OUR *Heritage*

Celebrate the past & invest into the future of our parish community
Join us in celebrating SMS Community, Camaraderie and Spirit on
Saturday, February 22, 2020

5:30 p.m. to midnight at St. Michael Catholic School

Tickets \$40 in advance, \$50 at the door .

Buy your tickets online
<http://passport20.givesmart.com>

The event features an array of entertainment,
food & drinks at the international ports,
& an assortment of silent Auction areas.

hispanic fusion

Enjoy multiple hispanic cultural dishes including
ones from Mexico, Puerto Rico and other
Latin & South American countries.



Celebrate Carnival

Education and Formation Commission

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND ALPHA! JOIN US HERE AT ST. MICHAEL'S, TUESDAY, FEB. 11TH, 7-9PM IN ST. PATRICK HALL.

Our video topic this week is, "Why and How Do I Pray?" We'll learn what prayer is like for others, hear about experiences of prayer over the course of a life and discuss the challenges that come about with prayer. We'll also hear a variety of insights from people around the globe.

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.

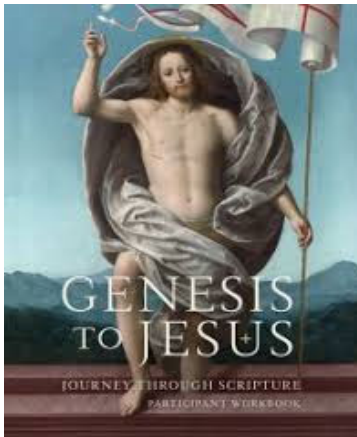
"After completing the Alpha course, my faith has been renewed and my heart is filled once again with love for Jesus."—Rose Frampton, St. Michael parishioner

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. It's never too late to join us.



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



**GENESIS TO JESUS
WEDNESDAYS, MARCH 4TH-MAY 27TH
REGISTER NOW
AFTER THE 5:00 PM, 7:30 & 9:30 AM MASSES
AND BEFORE 11:30 AM MASS
COST IS \$20**

CALL JANICE AT 219-322-4505, EXT. 8241 FOR MORE INFORMATION



FAITH FORMATION

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

11th: Traditional/Good Shepherd Classes
6:00-7:30 PM
12th: Traditional Classes 6:00-7:30 PM
18th: Traditional/Good Shepherd Classes
6:00-7:30 PM
19th: Traditional Classes 6:00-7:30 PM

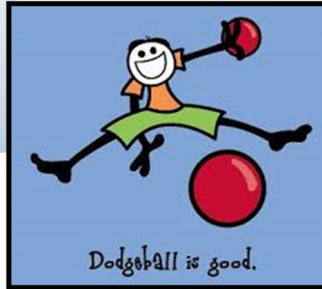
23rd: Family Session 9:30-11:00 AM
25th: Traditional/Good Shepherd Classes
6:00-7:30 PM
26th: Ash Wednesday
Traditional Classes-Early Dismissal
6:00-6:45 PM

Education and Formation Commission

RADIATE INVITES ALL 8TH GRADERS TO GAME NIGHT

**ARE YOU IN 8TH GRADE?
YOU'RE GONNA WANT TO
JOIN US AND HAVE AN
AWESOME TIME.....**

+ SNACKS & MORE GAMES



See you
Feb. 16 (6-8 PM)
in SMS Gym
RSVP to Mr. Quigley at
(219) 616-6105

Upcoming Radiate Schedule:

Feb. 16th: 8th Graders Invited to our Dodgeball Game Night + more
6:00-8:00 PM in SMS Gym.

Feb. 23rd: Radiate Gathering 6:00-8:00 PM in St. Patrick Hall.

Mar. 27th-29th – TAPT retreat (Teens Are Praying Together)-A life-changing
retreat for high schoolers put on by our Diocese held at Camp Lawrence.

Find out more information at: www.garyoyya.org/tapt. Individual signups.

For more information and text updates: 81010 @radiate.

Any questions, please feel free to contact Jeannine Quigley 219-775-5356.

Submitted by Jeannine Quigley



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

Griffin Edward Miller



For Those Who Have Died...

Doris Bohney

Life has changed, not ended

**Special Prayers
For Those In Need**



Helen Hazard, Nick Barone, Tim Hazard, Ed Zurawski, Dave Kintzel, Kristin Finley, Patricia Klucker, Kay Parker, Allison Yohler, Otis Cochran, Charles Cary, David Sarros, Beth Ann Brown, Judith Marshall, Tina Serna, Dianna Donnell, Jen Mei Dorris, Mark Biegel, Evelyn Mathews, Zbigniew Sochacki, Pam Weber, Jennifer Potchen 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.



Blood Pressure, Glucose and Oxygen Level Screenings

Screenings will take place next weekend, February 15th & 16th, in the east coat room after the 5:00 PM, 7:30 AM and 9:30 AM Masses by the parish nurses.

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



This event will feature many informational tables regarding various aspects of our health.



Blood Pressure Screening
Glucose Screening
Cataract Screening
Glaucoma Screening

Oxygen Level Screening
Pulse Oximetry
Vision Screening

Lipid Panel
Metabolic Panel
Complete Blood Count
ONLY \$40.00

Free Screenings

Sign up with Healthchek at 219-322-7041 or use the on-line appointment calendar at www.healthchek.net

Sponsored by Health & Spirituality Committee and Parish Nurses

HEALTHCHEK AVAILABLE
Lab Tests are available



Are You Struggling After the Loss of a Loved One?

YOUR GRIEF IS AS UNIQUE AS YOU ARE

Grief (Bereavement) Sessions will run every Thursday, *Feb. 13th—April 2nd*. For more information or to register, please call 322-4505, ext. 8241.

Peace & Social Justice Commission

Helping Those in Need

The Rebuilding Hope Mission Team finished the drywall and taping at the project that was started early last month at Shady Oaks Summer Camp for those with Disabilities in Homer Glen, Illinois. Pictured is George, Rick, Mark, Mike, and Dave.



Last Sunday, the team installed a wheelchair ramp in Crown Point for Debbie Lubash. Debbie is taking care of her husband who had a stroke and is coming home from Rush Hospital soon.

If you are interested in participating in projects such as these, please contact our Rebuilding Hope Mission Team through the parish office.

Parish Life



Fun for Seniors

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:

Feb. 11th: Gathering 10:00-11:00 AM
Book Club 11:00 AM-12:00 PM

Feb. 25th: FAT TUESDAY at 10:00 AM
Please bring a white elephant gift to play BINGO. We will have refreshments and FUN!

Coming soon-our outing schedule.

Submitted by Carol Rusich

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

Parish office will open at 10:30 AM on Wednesday, February 12th.

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

The next parish registration will be February 16th 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.



Looking to Participate? Come and Discern Where You Can Offer Your Gifts!

We are seeking dedicated parishioners who want to participate more in the parish. The following Councils and Committees are looking for members:

Parish Pastoral Council
Finance Committee
Home & School Committee

School Advisory Committee
Sports Advisory Committee
Faith Formation Advisory Committee

There are no elections. Committee members are determined through a process of DISCERNMENT. This is the same way the Apostles came to choose those who would help them. The discernment process is painless and even a bit fun. You and other interested parishioners simply come to two Thursday evenings, **February 27th and March 5th**, from 7:00-8:30 PM. At these two sessions a trained discernment team will assist you in learning about these groups, their function and their work.

This process has worked well in helping people to decide where they want to give their talents and also where the Holy Spirit wants them to give their talents. Through prayer and scripture, learning about our parish mission and structure as a Catholic community and by good Christian camaraderie you might find a niche for your particular talents. Both sessions are necessary for a good discernment.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE CALL 322-4505, EXT. 8241 AND RESERVE A PLACE FOR YOURSELF AT THE TABLE. IF YOU WISH TO NOMINATE SOMEONE YOU THINK WOULD ENHANCE THE WORKINGS OF ONE OF THESE COMMITTEES OR COUNCILS PLEASE CALL THE SAME NUMBER TO LEAVE THE NAME. A LETTER WILL BE SENT TO THE PERSON ASKING THEM TO DISCERN. YOUR RESERVATION IS VERY IMPORTANT AND HELPS US TO HAVE ENOUGH MATERIALS ON HAND FOR EVERYONE TO PARTICIPATE. THANK YOU.



"That's Amore"
Dinner Dance
for All Married Couples
Saturday, February 15th
6:00-11:00 PM
\$80 per couple

This is the last weekend to get your tickets after the Saturday Vigil Mass and all Sunday Masses. Tickets will not be on sale in the parish office.

SAVE THE DATES! ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL



COUNCIL 12177

PANCAKE BREAKFAST
MARCH 1ST, 8:00 AM-1:00 PM

FISH FRY
MARCH 13TH, 4:00-7:00 PM



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 East Chicago, IN 46312
 219.397.1085
 Fax 219.392.3575

Dear Father Dobrzynski,

The Carmelite Sisters and Staff join me in thanking you and the parishioners of St. Michael Parish for your kindness to our children. In thanksgiving for your generous donation, we promise you our prayers, especially during this season when our hearts turn to Jesus in a special way. We will ask Him to fill each of you completely with His peace, and with whatever blessings you need most in your lives at this time.

Wishing you a beautiful new year, and
 United gratefully in Jesus Christ,

Sister Maria Giuseppe and Sisters

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2020 SUPER RAFFLE WINNERS:

Prize	Name	Prize	Name	Prize	Name
\$15,000	Don Bluethmann	\$150	Leo Paratore	\$100	Joe & Judy Hisick
\$2,500	Karen Zlystra	\$100	Mayola Villarruel	\$100	Jarrett Lantz
\$1,500	Philpot	\$100	Mary Dywan	\$100	Scott Rosales
\$500	Connie Belzeski	\$100	The Castle Family	\$100	Dennis Noworyta
\$500	Jeff Marsee	\$100	Chad Johnson	\$100	Jim Skelton
\$500	Dave Johnson	\$100	Grandkids Tuition	\$100	Wojcik Family
\$500	Sheila Bergon	\$100	Ray Keres	\$100	Kathryn Copak
\$250	Norm Nikruto	\$100	Cathy Malkowski	\$100	George Seckel
\$250	Dolores Gladys	\$100	Andrea Gutierrez	\$100	Shawn Calvin
\$250	Scott Keith	\$100	Steve Dahlkamp	\$100	David Andrews
\$250	Shirley Lash	\$100	Coniglio	\$100	Sue Bourget
\$250	Randy Chavez	\$100	Maryann Markley	\$100	George Henson
\$250	Carrie Holtz	\$100	NIPSCO-Cash Girls	\$100	Craig Wilson
\$250	Gail Riffle	\$100	Ray Keres	\$100	Joe Butynski
\$250	Sievert	\$100	Mary Pavnicek	\$100	Dan Price
\$150	Vaughn Lagestee	\$100	Steve Teibel		
\$150	George O'Donnell	\$100	Roger Frak		
\$150	Gerry Wojcehowski	\$100	Denise & Tim Isbill		

Stewardship & Parish Administration Commission



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

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE



February 2, 2020

Adult	\$20,294.00
EFTs*	\$360.00
Children	\$42.35
Loose	\$572.00

Total Weekly Offering
\$21,268.35

**Electronic Funds Transfer*

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 9

Genesis to Jesus Registration After 7:30 & 9:30 Am Masses
& Before 11:30 AM Mass

That's Amore Ticket Sales After All Masses

RCIA 9:30 AM

Open House with Pancake Breakfast 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

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

MONDAY FEBRUARY 10

Cleaning of the Church 8:30 AM

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 11

GEMS 10:00 AM

Good Shepherd/Traditional Classes 6:00 PM

Alpha Series 7:00 PM

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 12

Eucharistic Adoration 1:00-6:00 PM

Traditional Classes 6:00 PM

Reconciliation Practice 6:30 PM

School Advisory Meeting 6:30 PM

Health & Spirituality Meeting 7:00 PM

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 13

Cantor/Choir Practice 7:00 PM

Hope/Consolation Meeting 7:00 PM

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 14

Mindful Chair Exercise 9:00 AM

Cleaning of the Church 1:30 PM

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 15

Anointing of the Sick at 8:00 AM Mass

Finance Meeting 9:00 AM

Confessions 3:30-4:30 PM

That's Amore Dinner Dance 6:00-11:00 PM

BP Readings After Vigil Mass

Genesis to Jesus Registration After Vigil Mass

Stewardship Challenge

How can you be the salt and light at home, at work, or those you meet through the day? Light a candle as a reminder of what you are called to.

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.

STM CAREER NETWORKING GROUP

STM Career Networking Group is hosting a seminar, "Breaking Out of Your Comfort Zone and Making a Great First Impression" presented by Linda Newman, a business owner with a 35 year background in Retailing, Business and Finance, on **Feb. 12th**, 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.

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.

Family Information Nights

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

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

Entrance Exams

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

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

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

Freshman Welcome Night

Tuesday, **April 21st** 7:00 to 9:30 PM

AYCE SOUP & SALAD

St. Michael's Byzantine Catholic Church, 557 W. 57th Ave., Merrillville is having an All You Can Eat Soup and Salad meal on **Feb. 16th**, 11:30 AM-2:30 PM. Adults-\$10. Children 12 and under-\$5. Children 5 and under are free. Over 35 soups, salad, bread and dessert will be offered.

CARNIVALE: "A VEGAS NIGHT EXPERIENCE"

St. Matthias Parish in Crown Point will host Carnivale: "A Vegas Night Experience" featuring Vegas Night Game Tables, Jersey Raffles, Texas Hold 'Em, Roulette, \$1 Black Jack and \$1 Bingo, Basket Raffles, Paczki Parade, Open Bar and much more. A different buffet featuring a variety of foods will be served every two hours. The event will take place on **Feb. 22nd**, 5:00-11:00 PM. Entry tickets can be purchased for \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door. For more information, please call 219-663-2201 or email jackiemgentry@yahoo.com. All proceeds benefit Catholic Education Programs at St. Matthias.

*MARDI GRAS FAMILY FUN FAIR

St. Matthias in Crown Point will host a Mardi Gras Family Fun Fair on **Feb. 25th**, 5:00-7:00 PM. The event will feature games, prizes, a King & Queen contest and meals starting at \$5. Bring the whole family and enjoy the evening out on Fat Tuesday. For more information, please contact the parish office at 219-663+2201 or familylife@stmatthiasparish.net.

*MARRIAGE DATE NIGHT

The Office of Family Life is sponsoring a Marriage Date Night on **Feb. 28th** at *Don Quixote Restaurant, 119 E. Lincolnway, Valpo*. Cash bar starts at 5:45 PM with dinner following at 6:30 PM. Then at 7:30 PM, guest speakers, Sean and Stacy Martin, will share some thoughts on the wedding feast at Cana and real life lessons for marriage and family. Cost is \$65 per couple. Please register at www.dcgary.org/datenight by Feb. 22nd.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

She hid her secret for 26 years. She knew in her heart that God had forgiven her for the abortion, but she could not forgive herself. She thought she deserved to go to hell. Rachel's Vineyard is a program for individuals who are experiencing the post-abortion trauma of stress, guilt, and shame. It brings hope and healing. Northwest Indiana retreat - **March 6th-8th**. Contact 219-552-2944 or nwinrv@outlook.com. Website: www.helpafterabortion.net

AYCE SOUP & SALAD DINNER

St. Stephen Martyr Women's Club is having an AYCE Soup & Salad Dinner on **March 7th**, 5:00-7:00 PM in *Jacob Hall located at 5920 Waite St., Merrillville*. The cost is \$8 per person.

SAFE HAVEN BABY BOX FUNDRAISER

The Saint Pope John Paul II Council 16008 Knights of Columbus is hosting a fundraiser for the Safe Haven Baby Box on **March 7th** at the *St. James Parish Hall, 9640 Kennedy Avenue, Highland*. The time of the event is 6:00-11:00 PM and cost is \$20/person if you purchase before March 1st which includes a homemade dinner buffet, silent auction and the opportunity to meet CEO & Founder Monica Kelsey of Safe Haven Baby Box. Tickets can be purchased on eventbrite.com. Search Safe Haven or you can send money to St. James Parish Office, Attn: KofC. Any questions, please contact Chris Vickery, 219-743-6753.

We Remember . . . We Prepare . . .



SATURDAY FEBRUARY 8

5:00 PM †Martin & Mary Mannion

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 9 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 AM †Robert Ayersman, Sr.-1 Year
Anniversary

9:30 AM †Kyle Arnold

11:30 AM St. Michael Parish

MONDAY FEBRUARY 10

7:00 AM †Dorothy Drabik

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 11

7:00 AM †Victoria Gargas

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 12

7:00 AM †Philip Bruno

8:55 AM All Souls

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 13

7:00 AM †George & Marlene Sarros

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 14

7:00 AM †Carol Jakubowicz

†Ann Elliott

†Frances Rubick

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 15

8:00 AM †Anthony & Nicholas Siorek

5:00 PM †Herb Lemon III

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 16 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 AM St. Michael Parish

9:30 AM †Jerry Janquart

For an End to Abortion on Demand and
for a Conversion of Heart for those
who Provide Abortions

11:30 AM †Stu & Alice Wilson

†indicates deceased



reflections...

THE WORD

(Readings for February 16, 2020, the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

I. *Sirach 15:15-20*

Immense is the Lord's wisdom. The Lord God sees every created thing and understands every human deed. Human beings have life and death before them, and they receive whichever they choose.

II. *1 Corinthians 2:6-10*

Paul wrote that real wisdom is God's: hidden, mysterious, planned and prepared from the very beginning for the glory of those who love the Lord.

III. *Matthew 5:17-37*

Jesus said He came not to abolish the law but to fulfill it. He described such fulfillment as a matter not of legal argumentation but of holiness, reconciliation and the obedience of faith. Jesus encouraged the disciples to let their "Yes" mean "Yes" and their "No" mean "No."

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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