

WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

MARCH 1
2020



First Sunday
of
Lent

ONE DOES NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE,
BUT ON EVERY WORD THAT COMES
FORTH FROM THE MOUTH OF GOD.

~ MATTHEW 4:4

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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 322-4508.

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ST. MICHAEL
PARISH
Scherverville, Indiana

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

From the Pastor's Desk

How It All Began. The story of the origins of humanity is shrouded in mystery. By this I do not mean mystery as something that cannot be understood, but rather mystery as is, in fact, that there lies in our origin as a species more than scientific conjecture. Even if we evolved at some point, we became human, a being possessing more than just a survival instinct. We began to possess a will. The first humans had a powerful tool other species did not have; that tool was their will. Humans can imagine something to be different and they can will it into reality. Even intelligent animals cannot will themselves beyond their natural capabilities. We can. Thus the story presented today, a familiar one to us, about our first parents is not meant to be a “biopic” but rather an attempt to gaze into the mystery of who we are as humanity and how did we get this way.

What intervenes between God's original intent for us, His creation, and the resulting distortion of that intent is the greatest gift God gives us. It is the gift by which we can imagine ourselves beyond our present capabilities. It is the gift of our will. God gives this to us for one particular purpose, to know Him and to love Him freely, without coercion. It is the gift that we can freely exercise that makes it possible for us to turn to God or to turn away from God.



We begin Lent with the story of our fall. It is not the first time Adam or Eve exercised their will, but it becomes the first time they choose to exercise their will in an opposite direction from their nature. That nature was not like that of the other pieces of creation, our original nature was to be with God, to walk with God as Genesis relates. In the story, we learn the sad truth about the two-fold reality of having free will. There is a temptation to think we know better than the one from whom we came, God. We were created in His image and likeness. He is all good, all loving, all forgiving, and all merciful. We are that, too, if we quell self-interest.

Quelling self-interest, which is what led to eating the fruit, is an act of our will. Lent is a time to review how our sometimes voracious taste for self-interest is killing us. It's a time to move away from the fall and toward reality of our risen life in Christ. We have a taste of what it means to seek God's interest, which is to seek the good of the other. We see what awaits us if we use our will to choose the fruit of service instead of self-interest.

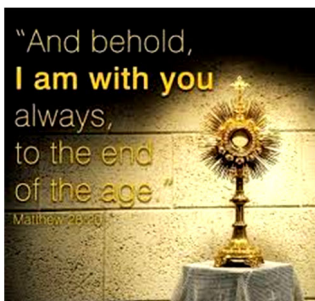
We also see the cost of quelling our willfulness. The cost is not what the world would consider palatable. The cost is seen in Jesus' passion and death. But the result is beyond our imaginings. The good news is that Jesus has done the worst for us, what we pass through in our trials are already redeemed by His trial. What we suffer in our distresses is already suffered in His passion for us. United to Him, freely choosing to will ourselves with Jesus, through His passion and death leads us to the same result as it did for Jesus— New Life, Resurrection.

The first parents disobeyed, used their will not to seek God's will. Our second Adam, Jesus uses His will to obey, to resist disobedience in the desert. He shows us how to seek once again God's will and shows us that we do not have to be slaves to our desires, our fears, and our pride. Use the disciplines of Lent, more prayer (together and in private), fasting and abstaining from meat and other foods and activities, and giving alms (sharing our treasure with the less fortunate). These tools for our Lenten journey challenge our self-interest and help us to grow our will to seek union with God who created us in His image.

Walk with Jesus!

Stations of the Cross — Fridays at NOON and 7:30 P.M.

Spirituality and Worship Commission



Eucharistic Adoration
March 4th
in the Chapel
1:30-6:00 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

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Rite of Acceptance

On Sunday, February 23rd, two adults were received into the Order of Catechumens through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. These adults are Amanda Hudson with sponsor, Sharon Vail and Debbie Trevino with sponsor, Maureen Weigand. They are not baptized and are taking the first step in the beginning of their spiritual life and the fundamentals of Christian teaching. This is the first time they are assembling publicly, having completed the pre-catechumenate. Amanda and Debbie will now start their continued journey declaring publically their intention to the Catholic Church.

Submitted by Janice Gatons



Seasons of Discipleship

LOVED. HEALED. ANOINTED.

St. Michael Parish Mission 2020

March 8, 9, 10—7:00-8:30 PM



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



*Fr. Bradley Zamora
Director of Liturgy
Mundelein Seminary*

ABOUT US

For a long time we thought of making something like Arise a reality. There truly is a need in our world today to spread the Good News of peace, mercy and unqualified love. But, like all good ideas, that's all they were...an idea.

In the summer of 2017, Fr. Matt and Fr. Brad found themselves sitting on the back porch of a friend's lake house and said "what are we waiting for...let's make this happen." So, here we are.

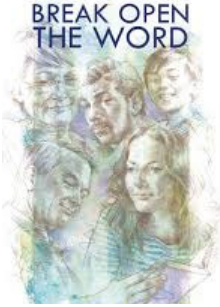
Arise. We chose this name for our preaching ministry for it is exactly what we, as fellow disciples on the journey of life, have done countless times. We had to arise from complacency and mediocrity to live the radical discipleship God calls us each to live.

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Spirituality and Worship Commission

Break Open the Word



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

Hope to see you there.

TAKE UP YOUR CROSS AND FOLLOW ME



The Stations of the Cross is a very powerful and moving spiritual pilgrimage that can be experienced every Friday during Lent at 12:00 PM and 7:30 PM in the church. In the spirit of fellowship and formation, all *Lay Ministers* are invited to travel the Stations of the Cross together as a way to express devotion to God and commitment to your ministry. To facilitate this experience, some suggested dates and times are listed below.

March 6th, 7:30 PM

Rebuilding Hope Mission Team
Pastoral Council Members
Labor of Love Ministers
Money Counting Ministry
Gardener Ministry
Boy/Girl Scouts

March 20th, 7:30 PM

Welcoming Ministry
Hospitality Ministers
Respect Life Ministers
Good Samaritans
Comforting Chefs
Visitation Ministry

April 3rd, 7:30 PM

Ministers of Care
Ministry of Consolation & Hope
Parish Nurses
Health & Spirituality Committee
Cross Bearers

March 13th, 7:30 PM

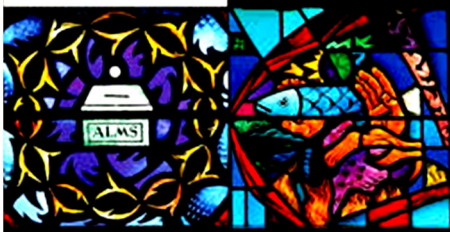
Faith Formation Catechists/Assistants
RCIA Team Members
Art & Environment Ministers
Sacristans
Rebuilding Hope Mission Team

March 27th, 7:30 PM

Lectors
Parish School Advisory Board
HSA
Sports Advisory Committee
Music Ministers
Festival Committee

The Three Pillars of Lent

Prayer,
Fasting,
& Almsgiving



PARISH LENTEN PROJECT

During Lent, there are three words that come mind: Prayer, Sacrifice, and Almsgiving. These words remind us of what Jesus did for us. Would you like to become more like Christ? To help keep the season in our lives, there are ribbons representing the above three words on tables in the Gathering Space. As you come to Mass each week, please take a ribbon corresponding to your Lenten deed and tie it to the cross. Here are some examples for you to consider:

PRAYER --attend Stations of the Cross, Eucharistic Adoration or daily Mass, take time to read the Bible, pray for family or special intentions, pray the rosary, visit church.

SACRIFICE--give up sweets, that special cup of coffee, television, movies or computer time, put the phone away during meal times,

limit Facebook time, etc. Sacrifices can also be that one thing you don't want to do but should.

ALMSGIVING (Offering)--donate money, food or other needed items to a charitable organization, participate in Operation Rice Bowl, give your time and talent to someone or group in need.

Submitted by Judy Hisick

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



Receipts Due Tomorrow

Please remember to turn in your Strack & Van Til receipts. The more receipts we collect, the more educational materials and equipment the school will earn. Promotion ends March 2nd.



AN EVENING OF FUN FOR SMS PARENTS, FRIENDS & STAFF

On February 22nd, St. Michael School's gym was transformed into a Mardi Gras themed event. The 2020 Passport to Our Heritage was a night packed to the brim with amazing fun! It was such an awe-inspiring sight to see so many people come out to support St. Michael School and Catholic Education.



Education and Formation Commission

SMS MARCH CALENDAR

4th: Stations of the Cross (6th-8th) 1:00 PM
8th: Daylight Savings Time Begins
11th: Stations of the Cross (4th-5th) 1:00 PM
12th: Shadow Day for 7th Graders at Andrean
HSA Meeting 7:00 PM
13th: School Penance Service 10:30 AM

16th: IREAD-3 begins
18th: Stations of the Cross (2nd-3rd) 1:00 PM
20th: End of Third Quarter
23rd-27th: No School Spring Break
30th: School Resumes

Everyone is Welcome to Attend Alpha!

Tuesday, March 3rd, 7-9 PM

in St. Patrick Hall

Join the
adventure



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

Our video topic this week is “How Can I Resist Evil?” We’ll discuss how sin affects the world today, personal encounters with evil in the world, and the struggles we experience as we draw closer to God. 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.

Submitted by Carol Slager



FAITH FORMATION

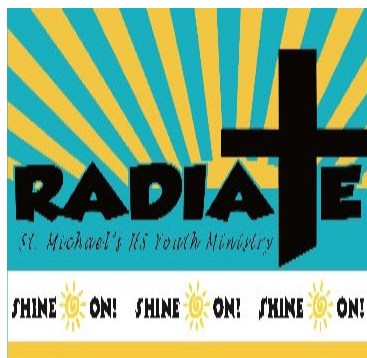
MARCH CALENDAR

3rd: Traditional/Good Shepherd Classes
6:00-7:30 PM
4th: Traditional Classes 6:00-7:30 PM
8th: Faith Formation Hosts Coffee & Donut
Sunday
10th: Traditional/Good Shepherd Classes
6:00-7:30 PM

11th: Traditional Classes 6:00-7:30 PM
15th: Family Session 9:30-11:00 AM
17th: Traditional/Good Shepherd Classes
6:00-7:30 PM
18th: Traditional Classes 6:00-7:30 PM
24th-25th: No School Spring Break
31st: Traditional/Good Shepherd Classes
6:00-7:30 PM

Education and Formation Commission

WELCOME TO RADIATE!



Our Radiate High Schoolers had some “Teen Talk”—Q & A’s on Life—Our teens leading others in discussion with questions such as:
“Why do Catholics believe in a place between Heaven and Hell called Purgatory?”
“How do you get over/deal with a broken relationship?” (dating & friendships)
“Why did Jesus come to earth as a baby?”
“Why is Mass an important part of being a Catholic?” (Fr. Marty’s homily on Sunday helped with this discussion question)

Upcoming dates! Mark Your Calendars!

March 15th: Mental Health, Forgiveness, and God ---6:00-8:00 PM in St Patrick Hall

March 22nd: ACTIVITY NIGHT ---6:00-8:00 PM in St Patrick Hall—more details to follow

Radiate Text Updates, keep informed: text: 81010 @radiate

Any questions, please 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

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



The next screenings will take place March 14th & 15th in the east coat room after the 5:00 PM, 7:30 AM and 9:30 AM Masses by the parish nurses.

Peace & Social Justice Commission



Otis Cochran, David Sarros, Beth Ann Brown, Judith Marshall, *Tina Serna*, *Dianna Donnell*, *Jen Mei Dorris*, *Mark Biegel*, *Evelyn Mathews*, Zbigniew Sochacki, *Pam Weber*, *Kathleen Lundquist*, *Marie Mosher*, Harmanie Morris, Anita Thomas, *Audrey Weber*, *Marci Rose* 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

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



Daylight Savings Time
Begins March 8th
at 2:00 AM

SCOUTS EARN RELIGIOUS EMBLEM AWARDS

Scouts from Boy Scout Troop 532 and Cub Scout Pack 504 celebrated Scout Sunday at the 5:00 PM Mass February 8th. Religious Emblem awards were also presented to Cub Scouts at this Mass. The following scouts have earned their Religious Awards:

Andrew Hicks	Light of Christ
Jake Lane	Light of Christ
Joshua Nowinski	Light of Christ
Landon Wagner	Light of Christ
Greysen Williams	Light of Christ
Liam Wisowaty	Light of Christ
AnnaMae Baker	Parvuli Dei
Paul Baker	Parvuli Dei
Liam Fontanetta	Parvuli Dei
Aubrey Wagner	Parvuli Dei

These Scouts will also be honored by Bishop McClory at a special Scout Mass in March.



We would like to thank the St Michael Parish and especially Father Marty for their continual support to the scouting programs and a special thanks to the St Michael's Holy Name Society and Knights of Columbus for their financial support to fund the Scouting Religious Programs.

Submitted by Scott Nowinski

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

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TODAY, MARCH 1ST

8:00 AM-1:00 PM IN ST. PATRICK HALL

SAUSAGE LINKS, EGGS & COUNTRY POTATOES

JUICE, MILK & COFFEE

ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKES

ADULTS: \$7.00

CHILDREN UNDER 13: \$5

TODDLERS 5 & UNDER ARE FREE

Proceeds to benefit the good works of the Knights of Columbus.



Fun for Senior: 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:

March 10th: Meeting at 10:00 AM
Book Club at 11:00 AM

March 24th: Games 10:00 AM-Noon

Tentative Outings:

March 24th: Lunch at Tea Room in Merrillville.

April: The Share Luncheon at the Halls of St. George, Schererville.

May 19th: Ancilla Mother House in Donaldson, IN.

June 23rd: Purdue Gabis Arboretum.

July/August: Ain't Misbehaving or Hello Dolly at Performing Arts in Munster.

Submitted by Carol Rusich

Night of Love

A Night of Love is spending time with Jesus throughout the night. Also, confessions will be heard at different of hours of the night.

Friday, March 22nd

4:00 – 5:30 PM	Confessions
4:00 – 7:00 PM	K of C Fish Fry
7:30 PM	Stations of the Cross
8:15 PM	Mass followed by All Night Eucharistic Adoration
9:15 PM	Confessions

Saturday, March 23rd

Midnight	Confessions
4:00 AM	Confessions
7:00 AM	Confessions
8:00 AM	Mass

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Please come to support our Knights of Columbus Council 12177 "PORTILLO's for GOOD" fundraiser on March 5th. Bring this flyer or just say "KofC fundraiser" at time of order. Make sure your receipt states "FUNDRAISER." All orders, dine-in, carry out and drive thru, will qualify for our 20% credit. All proceeds will benefit the charities we support as part of our parish community.

We sincerely thank the Portillo's Restaurant Organization for their generosity in sponsoring this event on our behalf as a qualifying charitable organization.

Note: "Please do not distribute flyer in the restaurant or in parking lot as it may void our proceeds."

**HOPE TO
SEE YOU
THERE!**

*Submitted by
Jerry Bromley*

Friday, March 13, 2020
4 - 7 PM



SERVING ONLY
500 DINNERS

St. Michael Church
1 E. Wilhelm
Schererville, IN

Adults: \$12.00
Children (6-12): \$5.00
5 & Under: Free

Carry-Outs Available

Additional charge for:
Beer*, Wine*, Pop*
& Desserts

Reserve your space
BUY EARLY

after all Masses
Feb 29, March 1, 7, & 8
-or-
buy at the Parish Office
until March 12th

- INCLUDES:**
- Baked and Fried Pollock
 - Baked Potato
 - Fresh Cut French Fries
 - Homemade Coleslaw
 - Green Beans
 - Tossed Salad
 - Beets
 - Lemonade & Coffee

Knights of Columbus
St. Michael the Archangel Council #12177



*Drinks offered by St. Michael Parish Bar

Bakers Needed

Desserts needed for Fish Fry on March 13th

cakes, cupcakes, cookies, brownies pies or your specialty

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Registration for New Parishioners

The next parish registration will be March 15th 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, onfirmation and Marriage for all members of the family. If you have any questions please call Monica at the parish office 322-4505, ext. 8220.



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.

Stewardship & Parish Administration Commission

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

Stewardship Challenge

We are made in the image of God and yet we sin. Every moment we are given a choice. This week of Lent be aware of the choices you make. Are you choosing kindness over harshness, forgiveness over revenge, compassion over judgement, openness over withdrawing, God's will over your will?

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY MARCH 1

Kof C Pancake Breakfast 8:00 AM
RCIA 9:30 AM

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

MONDAY MARCH 2

Cleaning of the Church 8:30 AM
Centering Prayer 6:00 PM
Catholic Bible Study 7:00 PM
Liturgy Committee Meeting 7:00 PM

TUESDAY MARCH 3

Labors of Love 10:00 AM
Good Shepherd/Traditional Classes 6:00 PM
Stations of the Cross (5th-8th) 6:30 PM
Alpha Series 7:00 PM

WEDNESDAY MARCH 4

Stations of the Cross 1:00 PM
Eucharistic Adoration 1:30-6:00 PM
Traditional Classes 6:00 PM
Good Samaritans' Meeting 6:30 PM
Parish Life Meeting 6:30 PM
Stations of the Cross (5th-8th) 6:30 PM
Genesis to Jesus 7:00 PM

THURSDAY MARCH 5

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

FRIDAY MARCH 6

Mindful Chair Exercise 9:00 AM
Stations of the Cross 12:00 & 7:30 PM

SATURDAY MARCH 7

First Saturday Devotions After 8:00 AM Mass
Confessions 3:30-4:30 PM

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE



February 23, 2020

Adult	\$16,663.00
EFTs*	\$4,910.00
Children	\$40.55
Loose	\$844.00

Total Weekly Offering
\$22,457.55

**Electronic Funds Transfer*

Easter Flower Envelopes

Easter flower donation envelopes are due to the parish office no later than **March 23rd** at 9:00 AM to have your intentions printed in the Easter bulletin.

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
Jessica Cherry, Treasurer
Kenneth Bohling, Patrick Cusick, Don Doffin,
Julie Hudec, Hal Slager, Joe Townsend,
Donna Velez

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

FISH FRY & RAFFLE

St. Thomas More Holy Name Society is having a Lenten Fish Fry and Raffle on **March 6th**, 4:30-7:30 PM in *STM Gym*. Adult dinners are \$10. Dinner includes battered/baked cod or shrimp, French fries, bread & butter, coffee, cole slaw, salad and beets. Pop, milk, desserts, beer & wine will be available.

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**, 6:00-11:00 PM, at *St. James Parish Hall, 9640 Kennedy Avenue, Highland*. Tickets can be purchased on [eventbrite.com](https://www.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.

PIEROGI & BLINTZ FUNDRAISER

St. Stephen Martyr Women's Club, Merrillville, is hosting a Pierogi Fundraiser. Orders will be taken **March 7th-April 3rd**. Pick up will be on April 5th. Pierogi-\$5 a dozen
Fruit Pierogi & Cheese Blintzes-\$6 a dozen

CORNERD BEEF & CABBAGE DINNER FUNDRAISER

The Good Shepherd Council of the Knights of Columbus will host a Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner on **Mar. 11th**, 4:00 to 7:00 PM, at *Our Lady of Consolation Vamos Hall, 8303 Taft St. Merrillville*. The menu will consist of the following: Corned Beef and Cabbage, Soup, Salad, Vegetable, Bread, Butter, Beverage, and Ice Cream (while quantities last). Advanced tickets are \$12 from a Good Shepherd Knight, \$14 at the door, Preteen \$5. Preschool is FREE. Carry Outs are available. For more information, please contact Jack at 219-365-1505.

*STM CAREER NETWORKING GROUP

STM Career Networking Group is hosting a seminar, "Recruiters, Robots & Resumes" presented by Jim Kaczka, STM Career Networking, on **March 11th**, 7:00-8:30 PM, at *STM Weis Center, 8635 Calumet Ave., Munster*. This is free and open to all those who are unemployed, new to the job market or want to change careers.

*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!/Questions?

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

Family Information Nights

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

Entrance Exams

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

CHILI COOK OFF/TASTING AND SOUP DINNER

FCSLA Jr. Branch 58 along with St John the Baptist School PHYRE Ministry will be having a Chili Cook Off/ Tasting and All You Can Eat Soup Dinner on **March 18th**, 4:00-7:00 PM in the *St. John Mural Room, 1844 Lincoln Ave. Whiting*. Adults \$7, Children/Seniors \$6. Dinner includes: soup, salad, bread, drink and dessert. Carry outs available. There will also be an Ethnic Bake Sale featuring nut rolls and roshky. Come early for best selection!

*CRUCIFIXION SCENE INVESTIGATION

A presentation on the crucifixion of Jesus will be presented by Dr. Chuck Dietzen on **March 21st** at 2:00 PM at *Our Lady of Consolation Vamos Hall, 8303 Taft St., Merrillville*. See a life size copy of the Shroud of Turin as Dr. Dietzen brings a medical perspective utilizing Scriptures and the Shroud.



*COUNSELORS & LIFEGUARDS NEEDED

Camp Lawrence in Valparaiso is looking for counselors and lifeguards to work for the 6 week summer camp season. Please contact the Catholic Youth Organization for more information.

Phone: 219-736-8931

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OPENINGS FOR NEW CAMPERS

The Share Foundation is looking for new campers to join the camp program at Camp Sharing Meadows! This unique Catholic camp held in LaPorte is for adults with disabilities (ages 18 & older). There are openings for monthly week-end overnight mini-camps and weekly residential summer camps at subsidized prices. For more information, please call the Share Foundation office at 219-778-2585 or www.campsharingmeadows.org.

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SATURDAY FEBRUARY 29

5:00 PM †Gary "Skip" Rice

SUNDAY MARCH 1 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

7:30 AM †Robert Ayersman, Sr.

†Rose Paratore

9:30 AM St. Michael Parish

11:30 AM †Louis Origel

MONDAY MARCH 2

7:00 AM †Sharon Walker

TUESDAY MARCH 3

7:00 AM †Rosemary Gordon

WEDNESDAY MARCH 4

7:00 AM †Carol Jakubowicz

†Antonio Rossignuolo

8:55 AM All Souls

THURSDAY MARCH 5

7:00 AM †Jerry Ehresmn

FRIDAY MARCH 6

7:00 AM †Dolores Wisneski

SATURDAY MARCH 7

8:00 AM †Jerome Pavnic

5:00 PM †Chandler Cowser

SUNDAY MARCH 8 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

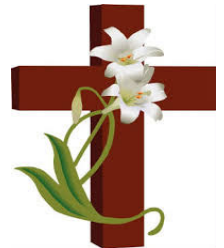
7:30 AM Jim Skelton

9:30 AM †Ann Ruf

†John Rich

11:30 AM St. Michael Parish

†indicates deceased



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THE WORD

(Readings for March 8, 2020, Second Sunday of Lent)

I. *Genesis 12:1-4a*

Abram was commanded by the Lord to leave his home and go to a new land. There the Lord God would make him a great nation, and all would be blessed because of him.

II. *2 Timothy 1:8b-10*

God saves all people and calls them to a holy life, not because of their own merit but because of the grace held out in Christ. Christ "destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel."

III. *Matthew 17:1-9*

Jesus went up to a high mountain. With Moses and Elijah at His side, He was transfigured before the eyes of His disciples Peter, James and John. A voice from the cloud said, "This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him."

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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