

# Seasons of Discipleship

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## St. Michael Parish Mission 2020

March 8, 9, 10  
7:00-8:30 PM

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Welcome to St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Community  
Second Sunday of Lent

March 8, 2020



## A Night of Love

March 13th & 14th

### Friday, March 13th

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

### Saturday, March 14th

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

# Community, Personnel & On-Going Information

## PARISH OFFICE STAFF

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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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Website.....www.stmichaelparish.life

## ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL

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Principal  
Miss Colleen Kennedy.....ckennedy@stmichaelparish.life  
School Executive Assistant  
Mrs. Karen Rapacz.....krapacz@stmichaelparish.life

## FAITH FORMATION

Office Hours: 9:00 AM-3:00 PM Monday & Thursday  
9:00 AM-3:00 PM & 5:30-8:00 PM Tuesday &  
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Phone .....322-3077 Fax.....322-1710  
Director of Religious Education  
Miss Jessica Yoder.....jyoder@stmichaelparish.life  
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Mrs. Mary Jo Rymarczyk...mrymarczyk@stmichaelparish.life  
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.

## 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.

## PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

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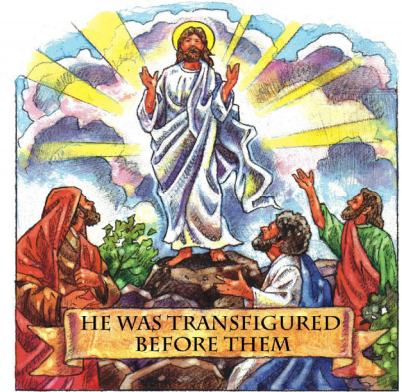
## From the Pastor's Desk

**The Summit.** The thought of a summit as a place to meet is ingrained in human experience. We still use this term today even if the important meeting happens on a plain. The symbolic idea of a summit, that is, a high place above the rest of the surrounding landscape, is not just to be closer to God, but also to stretch ourselves. The summit lifts us up to see beyond the horizon of the normal places we travel. On the summit we stretch ourselves heavenward yearning for more.

The summit referred to in today's Gospel is truly a mountain in the middle of a plain. It's not snowcapped but the temperature is cooler on the top of the summit than at the bottom. It is quite a hike up to the top, not just a casual stroll. Pilgrims today often take a cab up and a walk down. It was on this larger than life hill, Mt. Tabor, which Jesus went to pray taking three disciples with him.

Here he was transfigured, that is, his form was changed but he remained Jesus. This event was unbelievable to the disciples that accompanied him. Peter was so startled that he began to babble about tents for the heavenly visitors. That is how we are sometimes when God startles us with His presence; we begin to babble, worry about a lot of other things that are not necessary. Like Peter we begin to try to tame the situation. But there was no course of action Peter or the others could have taken that would stop God from showing His intentions.

Jesus was proclaimed once again, on the verge of his last visit to Jerusalem, as the Son of God and Savior of all the world. We are at advantage; we get to see this scene and spend time inside of it to understand it more fully. Jesus yearns to complete his mission, rising up the summit as if to reach out to his Father. The Father reaches out to the Son, the Spirit testifies again to support Jesus and to strengthen the apostles for the scandal of how all of this is to be accomplished.



As much as we are used to seeing a figure of Jesus on the cross, we can still be scandalized too that Jesus is in the eyes of a Muslim seeking refuge from senseless violence like any other human person. Or a person of a different race yearning, stretching to make lives better for their loved ones. We can be scandalized that Jesus chooses to be with people who do suffer from imprisonment, or poverty, or severe illness. We sometimes don't want to see Jesus that way. Let us not be fooled by the summit. All is not pristine up on the top. On the top of the hill, the Passion of Jesus is discussed, not a pristine subject. But, that passion raised up all those concerns and the ugliness on the plain to the mountaintop of God's mercy.

Our Parish Mission begins today. It is an invitation to the summit with Jesus. This evening, Monday evening and Tuesday evening are given to us to help us in our Lenten preparation to remember, with true devotion, the events of our salvation: the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus.


The following ministries are asked to join us for the Stations of the Cross at 7:30 PM on March 13th:



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

# Spirituality and Worship Commission

**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



When you look at the crucifix,  
you understand how much  
Jesus loved you then.

When you look at the Sacred  
Host, you understand how  
much Jesus loves you now.

~ Mother Teresa

**Eucharistic Adoration**  
**March 11th**  
**1:30 – 6:00 PM in the Chapel**

**Break Open the Word  
with Carol Schiessle  
after the 9:30 AM Mass  
in the St. Amand Room  
Discuss what happens  
at the Mass**

## Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Rite of Sending

*The Rite of Sending* took place on March 1st, at the 9:30 AM Mass. *Jode Saylor*, one of our catechumens, who has been preparing for reception of the Sacraments of Initiation for over a year, was sent to the Rite of Election at the Cathedral. This Rite offered the parish community the opportunity to acknowledge the spiritual preparation *Jode* has made, express an approval of his election and send him forth to our bishop with assurance of the parish's care and support. In sacred scripture, the Book of Revelation makes reference to a "*Book of Life*," in which are written the names of those who have chosen to follow the Lord Jesus and be baptized. *Jode* came forward and signed the "Book of the Elect" as a sign of his desire to be numbered among the chosen of God. This book is kept by the ambo until Holy Saturday. On Holy Saturday, he will be accepted into the Catholic Church through the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Communion.



*Submitted by Janice Gatons*

## PARISH LENTEN PROJECT

There are ribbons representing Prayer, Sacrifice and Almsgiving available in the Gathering Space. As you come to Mass each week, take a ribbon corresponding to your Lenten deed and tie it to the cross. Some examples to consider are listed below:

**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.

# Spirituality and Worship Commission

## Stations of the Cross

### Fridays, 12:00 PM & 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 your devotion to God and your commitment to your ministry. To facilitate this experience, some suggested dates and times are listed below.

<b>March 13th, 7:30 PM</b> Faith Formation Catechists/ Assistants RCIA Team Members Art & Environment Ministers Sacristans Rebuilding Hope Mission Team	<b>March 20th, 7:30 PM</b> Welcoming Ministry Hospitality Ministers Respect Life Ministers Good Samaritans Comforting Chefs Visitation Ministry	<b>March 27th, 7:30 PM</b> Lectors Parish School Advisory Board HSA Sports Advisory Committee Music Ministers Festival Committee	<b>April 3rd, 7:30 PM</b> Ministers of Care Ministry of Consolation & Hope Parish Nurses Health & Spirituality Committee Cross Bearers
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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



On February 8th, the following students from St. Michael School and Faith Formation received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time.

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| Alexandra Banis<br>Alaina Blonski<br>Jaxson Bonnell<br>Blaise Brazzale<br>Jaden Carbajal-Smith<br>Hailey Canty<br>Danica Carlotto<br>Adalynn Carroll<br>Jacob Chapman<br>Isabella Cruz<br>Dominick Dimailig<br>Evangelina Dominguez<br>Hailey Finn<br>Avyana Flores<br>Emma Gajdos<br>Gabrielle Gergely<br>Jocelyn Grasha<br>Caleb Gurley<br>Marilyn Gutierrez<br>Gavin Hadt | Dillon Herbst<br>Conner Hoesel<br>Joseph Hurley<br>Kate Isom<br>Stella Jasaitis<br>Emma Jovic<br>Jordan Killeen<br>Aiden Kowal<br>Madelyn Lee<br>Isabelle Lenart<br>Cadence Librojo-Hasenstein<br>Cullen Lowe<br>Madeline Marco<br>Nickolas Melendez<br>Aydin Miller<br>David Muniz<br>Joshua Nowinski<br>Arianna Patikas<br>Lillyanna Pierce<br>Alana Razo | Emiliano Regalado-Santillan<br>Giancarlo Reyna<br>Valentina Rivera<br>Janelle Rokita<br>Aubrey Rozek<br>Lesley Ruano<br>Drew Sensor<br>Ryan Sensor<br>Ariana Sexton<br>Alexa Shannon<br>Charles Shimala<br>Vito Sochacki<br>Chase Stout<br>Noah Tillery<br>Cecilia Vallejo<br>Lucas Vazquez<br>Justin Vu<br>Braeden Watson<br>Grace Wilson<br>Bryce Wright |
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**May God Bless You Today and Every Day!**

## SCHOOL NEWS

### SMS MARCH CALENDAR

**8th:** Daylight Savings Time Begins

**11th:** Stations of the Cross (4th-5th) 1:00 PM

**12th:** Shadow Day for 7th Graders at Andread  
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

## Time is Flying by in First Grade! Written by Mrs. Catherine Rusin

We have all heard the famous saying: “Kids grow up too fast.” This happened rather quickly in Mrs. Rusin’s first grade classroom. The first graders participated in two special events: “Career Day” and “100th Day of School.” These two events were exciting and educational for all involved!

First, during *Catholic School’s Week*, the first graders as well as the entire SMS student body came to school dressed in their “Dream Career Attire.” As preparation for this day, the first graders had to write their reasons and thoughts regarding their “Dream Careers” into paragraphs and read these to their classmates. They learned from each other the importance of every person’s career and the impact that these careers have in their communities. In other words, every employer is helping their community and should be recognized as being important.

Then within a week’s time, they turned 100 years old on the 100th day of school! The halls of SMS welcomed our 100 year old friends and their teacher as they walked into school with their canes and walkers. They began the day talking about how turning 100 years old is a blessing from God. Also, they talked about how our elderly family members and friends are special in our lives. Then they prayed for good

health and happiness for them. Throughout the day, they participated in a variety of activities such as writing about their lives at the age of 100. In addition, they enjoyed a lunch comprised of pancakes, sausage, and much more! They ended the day keeping their bones and muscles strong by playing games during gym class with Mrs. Grasha!



# Education and Formation Commission



## FAITH FORMATION

### MARCH CALENDAR

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| <b>8th:</b> Faith Formation Hosts Coffee & Donut<br>Sunday     | <b>17th:</b> Traditional/Good Shepherd Classes<br>6:00-7:30 PM |
| <b>10th:</b> Traditional/Good Shepherd Classes<br>6:00-7:30 PM | <b>18th:</b> Traditional Classes 6:00-7:30 PM                  |
| <b>11th:</b> Traditional Classes 6:00-7:30 PM                  | <b>24th-25th:</b> <i>No School Spring Break</i>                |
| <b>15th:</b> Family Session 9:30-11:00 AM                      | <b>31st:</b> Traditional/Good Shepherd Classes<br>6:00-7:30 PM |

**No Alpha Series  
this Tuesday  
due to the  
Parish Mission**



Dear High Schoolers,  
Radiate would like to invite you to come on out and see what Radiate is all about. It's not school or a class or a lecture, rather it is a safe place where we come together, meet friends and share our thoughts.  
Our peers plan and lead our Radiate nights and activities.  
We pray, have fun and we eat too.  
We can't wait to have you be a part of our ministry.  
Give it a chance! You won't regret it!

Sincerely,  
Radiate HS Youth Ministry

Mark Your Calendars for our upcoming activities!

**March 15th:** What is Reconciliation? Why Forgive? 6:00-8:00 PM in St Patrick Hall

**March 22nd:** ACTIVITY NIGHT! 6:00-8:00 PM in St Patrick Hall

Our teens will have an amazing night planned! Look back for more information next week.

**March 27th-29th:** TAPT Retreat at Camp Lawrence. Check out website and register at:  
[www.garyoyya.org/tapt](http://www.garyoyya.org/tapt)

**April 5th:** The Eucharist. Is Christ Really Present? 6:00-8:00 PM in St Patrick Hall

**April 26th:** ACTIVITY NIGHT with Fr Marty--- A night of making our dinner and eating it too! YUM!  
6:00-8:00 PM in St Patrick Hall

For more information and text updates: 81010 @radiate  
Any questions, please call Jeannine Quigley (2190 775-5356)

*Submitted by Jeannine Quigley*

# Peace & Social Justice Commission



**For Those Who Have Died...**

Gino Testolin

***Life has changed, not ended***

**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

*Prayer Request*



***Kathleen Lundquist, Marie Mosher, Harmanie Morris, Anita Thomas, Audrey Weber, Marci Rose, Dave Kintzel, Ed Zurawski, Helen Hazard, Nick Barone, Tim Hazard, Debbie Kaminski*** and all those in need of the healing touch of God.

***Life is precious; handle with prayer.***

Placing the name of a loved one or yourself in the bulletin *Prayer List* can be done through Monica at 322-4505, ext. 8220 in the parish office. The names are placed in the bulletin for a period of four weeks after which time they are either removed or placed in the Book of Intentions in the Chapel. In praying for a sick person, we show our solidarity with that person and we remind ourselves to do all that is within our power to help in the healing done through our Lord, Jesus Christ.

***St. Michael's parishioners are in bold, italic print.***

## Improving Your Eye Health

2020  
THE YEAR OF  
EXCELLENT VISION



As you think about ways to improve your eye health, remember vitamins and nutritional supplements are not a cure for eye disease nor will they give you back vision that you may have already lost. But good nutrition at all ages is vital for your entire body, and plays an important role in maintaining healthy eyes. Talk with your ophthalmologist about any concerns you have about your eye health.

For Adults: Foods rich in vitamins C and E, zinc, lutein, zeaxanthin, and omega-3 fatty acids DHA and EPA are good for eye health as well as general health, according to the Age-Related Eye Diseases Study (AREDS), funded by the National Eye Institute, and other research. These nutrients are linked to lower risk for age-related macular degeneration (AMD), cataract and dry eye later in life. Choosing healthier foods is a good thing no matter how early or late in life we begin. Eye-healthy food choices include citrus fruits, vegetable oils, nuts, whole grains, dark green leafy vegetables and cold water fish.

People with AMD may be able to slow the progression of the disease by taking a special nutrient supplement called the AREDS 2 formula, developed as a result of the AREDS2 research. The formula includes: Vitamin C (500 mg); Vitamin E (400 IU); Lutein (10 mg); Zeaxanthin (2 mg); Zinc Oxide (80 mg); and Copper Oxide (2 mg).

This is promising news for people who are at risk for or already have AMD. But before stocking up on these supplements, be sure to talk with your ophthalmologist to learn if they are recommended for you. Some people should not take large doses of antioxidants or zinc for medical reasons.

<https://newsinhealth.nih.gov/2018/05/keep-eye-your-eyes>

*Submitted by Health & Spirituality Committee*



## Blood Pressure, Glucose and Oxygen Level Screenings

Screenings will take place next weekend, 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.



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# Peace & Social Justice Commission

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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.

## RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY NEWS

### SPIRITUAL ADOPTION CARDS AVAILABLE

March 25th is the Annunciation of the Lord (when Mary conceived Jesus) and in honor of this day the Respect Life Ministry will have Spiritual Adoption cards available on March 7/8, 14/15 and 21/22. The cards have a place for the date to indicate the beginning of the Spiritual Adoption of an unborn child and the completion will be December 25th with the birth of Jesus. There will be a space to give a name to the unborn child you are spiritually adopting along with a prayer to be said everyday for the nine months to spare the life of a baby in danger of abortion. There is no charge for these cards, so please stop by the Respect Life table in the Gathering Space.

St. Michael Respect Life Ministry will be collecting patron ads for the Lake County Right to Life 47th Annual Banquet ad book after all Masses next weekend, March 7/8, 14/15 and 21/22. Your name will be put in the book on the St. Michael Rosary ad and the cost is either \$10, \$20 or \$30. The banquet will be held at Avalon Manor in Merrillville on Thursday, April 16th at 7:00 PM. The guest speaker is John Sullivan, Co-Producer of "Gosnell." Reservations are available and tickets are free. Contact Lake County Right To Life at 219-838-1138, email at [office@lakecortl.org](mailto:office@lakecortl.org) or just ask anyone at the Respect Life table selling the ads.

### 40 DAYS FOR LIFE PRAYER CAMPAIGN FEBRUARY 26 - APRIL 5

The Respect Life Ministry would like to remind everyone that the 40 Days for Life Prayer Campaign sponsored by Lake County Right To Life began on February 26th and will continue until April 5th (Palm Sunday). The 40 Days for Life is a prayer campaign held world wide with a vision to access God's power through prayer, fasting and peaceful (non-confrontational) prayer vigil to end abortion. If you are still trying to think of something special to do for Lent and if you would like to take part in this 40 Days for Life Campaign, consider joining other pro-lifers "on the hill" at Planned Parenthood in Merrillville anytime between 7:00 AM and 7:00 PM to pray for the end of abortion.

If you cannot participate at Planned Parenthood perhaps you would be able to attend Adoration on Wednesdays, 1:30-6:00 PM or just be praying and fasting in your own home.

**\*\*16,742 LIVES SAVED FROM ABORTION (that we know of) \*\***

**\*\*196 ABORTION WORKERS CONVERTED \*\*104 FACILITIES CLOSED\*\***

*Submitted by Cathy Bartczak*

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## Parish Life

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

### Mindful Chair Exercise

**Friday Mornings 9:00-10:00 AM St. Patrick Hall**

**Cost is \$5 per session**

NOTHING IS TOO SMALL TO  
KNOW AND NOTHING IS TOO BIG  
TO ATTEMPT.

—William Van Horne

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**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.



## Fun for Seniors

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

*Submitted by Carol Rusich*

# Calling All Bakers!



The St. Michael  
Knights of Columbus  
Need your help

Desserts needed for Fish Fry  
cakes, cupcakes, cookies, pies,  
brownies or your specialty

Drop off at St. Patrick Hall  
Thursday, March 12th 1-7 PM  
Friday, March 13th 1-5 PM



**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

**INCLUDES:**

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

**Reserve your space**  
**BUY EARLY**

after all Masses

Feb 29, March 1, 7, & 8

-or-

buy at the Parish Office  
until March 12th

**Knights of Columbus**

St. Michael the Archangel Council #12177



\*Drinks offered by St. Michael Parish Bar

## Bulletin Schedule Change for Easter Season

Spring is right around the corner which means Easter is coming and a change in the bulletin schedule.

April 5th articles are due March 25th by 9:00 AM.

April 12th (Easter) articles are due by April 1st at 9:00 AM.

April 19th articles are due by April 8th by 9:00 AM.

**Thank you for being considerate of these deadlines.**

## NWICATHOLIC

When was the last time you learned something new about your Catholic faith? Stay current with a subscription to the Northwest Indiana Catholic! Subscribe now by using the envelope in your collection packet by March 18th. The rate for 43 issues of the paper is \$26 per year: e-edition subscriptions are available at \$13 per year (an email address is required).

Or, receive both for the low cost of \$30 per year. If you would prefer paying with a debit or credit card, go to our secure website at [nwichatholic.com](http://nwichatholic.com).

**Thank you for supporting our Catholic press!**

## Registration for New Parishioners

**Parish registration will take place next Sunday, March 15th, after the 7:30 & 9:30 AM Masses.** You may also register at the parish office Monday-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.

## Stewardship & Parish Administration Commission

**Commission Members:** Finance Council, Gardener Ministry, Education Foundation, Cemetery Committee, Campus Facilities Coordinator, Stewardship

## 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.

# Stewardship & Parish Administration Commission

## 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.

# Weekly Schedule

### SUNDAY MARCH 8

Coffee & Donuts After All Masses  
 Girl Scout Sunday 9:30 AM Mass  
 RCIA 9:30 AM  
 Parish Mission 7:00 PM  
 Fellowship to Follow After Mission

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

### MONDAY MARCH 9

Cleaning of the Church 8:30 AM  
 Centering Prayer 6:00 PM  
 Parish Mission 7:00 PM  
 Fellowship to Follow After Mission

### TUESDAY MARCH 10

GEMS 10:00 AM  
 Good Shepherd/Traditional Classes 6:00 PM  
 Parish Mission 7:00 PM  
 Fellowship to Follow After Mission 7:00 PM

### WEDNESDAY MARCH 11

Stations of the Cross 1:00 PM  
 Eucharistic Adoration 1:30-6:00 PM  
 Traditional Classes 6:00 PM  
 Genesis to Jesus 7:00 PM

### THURSDAY MARCH 12

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

### FRIDAY MARCH 13

Mindful Chair Exercise 9:00 AM  
 School Penance Service 10:30 AM  
 Stations of the Cross 12:00 & 7:30 PM  
 Kof C Fish Fry 4:00 PM  
 Confessions 4:00 & 9:15 PM  
 Mass Following Stations (8:15 PM)  
 All Night Adoration After 8:15 PM Mass

### SATURDAY MARCH 14

All Night Adoration Until 8:00 AM Mass  
 Confessions 12:00, 4:00 & 7:00 AM  
 Respect Life Meeting 8:30 AM  
 Confessions 3:30-4:30 PM  
 Spiritual Adoption Cards Available After Vigil Mass

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

March 1, 2020

Adult	\$18,939.00
EFTs*	\$580.00
Children	\$54.30
Loose	\$810.00
Easter Flowers	\$2,665.00

**Total Weekly Offering**  
**\$23,048.30**

**Ash Wednesday**  
**\$4,646.90**

**Eastern Europe-2nd Collection**  
**\$2,956.20**

*\*Electronic Funds Transfer*

# Stewardship Challenge

Spend more quality time with our Creator. Allow yourself to be awestruck by His presence. Allow yourself to be awestruck by the presence of God in others.

## 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  
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 Julie Hudec, Hal Slager, Joe Townsend,  
 Donna Velez

Look for us on the website: [www.stmichaelparish.life](http://www.stmichaelparish.life).

## 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

## CORNED 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](http://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.

## \*CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

This support group encompasses Alzheimer's/ Dementia, Cancer, stroke or other adult care responsibilities and is open to family and friends looking for compassion and information sharing. The next meeting is **March 22nd** at *Franciscan St. Margaret Hospital in Dyer in the Blessed Mother Conference room located at the west entrance* at 2:00 PM. For more information, please contact St. Michael parishioners, James and Pat Koeling at 365-3898 or call toll-free 1-888-303-0180.

*Care giving may be one of the most important roles you will undertake in your lifetime.*

## \*THE PASSION OF CHRIST

Don't miss the beautiful moving performance by a Polish prayer/theater troupe from Chicago. The Live Theater Production presents "The Passion of Christ" on **March 22nd** at the *Carmelite Fathers' Monastery, 1628 Ridge Rd., Munster*. Presentations are at 5:00 PM in Polish and 7:30 PM in English. A free will offering will be accepted. For more information, please visit [www.livetheaterproduction.com](http://www.livetheaterproduction.com) or call 219-838-7111.

## 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  
E-mail: [nwicyo@comcast.net](mailto:nwicyo@comcast.net)

## \*VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT THE SHRINE

The Shrine of Christ's Passion is need of volunteers to help with the Gift Shoppe, take guests on a journey of the Prayer Trail or become a Adopt-a-Station volunteer. Training sessions are at 6:00 PM on the following days:  
**March 30th** New Prayer Trail Volunteers  
**March 31st** New Gift Shoppe Volunteers  
**April 1st** Adopt-a-Station Volunteers  
May God Bless you for considering to give of your time and talent. Please call 365-6010 to register.

# We Remember . . . We Prepare . . .



**SATURDAY MARCH 7**

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

**MONDAY MARCH 9**

7:00 AM †George & Marlene Sarros

**TUESDAY MARCH 10**

7:00 AM †Wayne Sherrick

**WEDNESDAY MARCH 11**

7:00 AM †Victoria Gargas-1st Anniversary

8:55 AM †Sandy Pyle

**THURSDAY MARCH 12**

7:00 AM †Robert Ayersman, Sr.

†Catherine Sahulick-1st Anniversary

**FRIDAY MARCH 13**

7:00 AM †Pedro Quero, Jr.

**SATURDAY MARCH 14**

8:00 AM †Delores Redman-5th Anniversary

5:00 PM †Carol Keyl

†Paswinski Family Intentions

**SUNDAY MARCH 15 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT**

7:30 AM †Sharon Kras

9:30 AM †Roman, Adeline, Gregory & James

Barlog

11:30 AM St. Michael Parish

†indicates deceased



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## THE WORD

*(Readings for March 15, 2020, Third Sunday of Lent)*

I. *Exodus 17:3-7*

The Israelites grumbled against Moses for leading them out of Egypt. They were thirsty, and there was no water in the desert, so Moses struck a rock with his staff and water flowed out for the people to drink.

II. *Romans 5:1-2, 5-8*

“The love of God has been poured out into our hearts,” and that love is immeasurable; “while we were still sinners Christ died for us.”

III. *John 4:5-42*

Jesus met a Samaritan woman at the well. She offered Him water from the well, and He, in turn, offered her the living water of eternal life. As a result, she and many others came to know that Jesus is the Savior.

## 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.

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