

HISTORIC
WATER WELL
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Jesus said,
“Whoever drinks the water I shall give
will never thirst;
the water I shall give will become in them
a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”

JOHN 4:14

WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

MARCH 15
2020

THIRDSunday
OF Lent

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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, 1:30-6:00 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
Schererville, Indiana

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From the Pastor's Desk

Stories Are Not Fairy Tales. We all have stories about incidents that have happened to us. Sometimes those stories take on a role that is larger than just the first circumstances of the incident. There are stories that simply relay some facts that happened to us and then there are stories that seem to have a deeper meaning. Usually those stories of our life, that have deeper meaning, are not seen as such until some time has passed. Upon reflection, we begin to see deeper meanings in the factual events that took place. That is the case with the stories we will hear over the next three weeks. The three encounters Jesus has, related to us by St. John, are more than just factual events. Upon reflection, the Church of the second and third century saw in these encounters something more, a deeper reality.

The first of these stories is the encounter of Jesus with a certain woman at a communal well. The location of the well is telling; it happens in a region of the Holy Land that is occupied by Samaritans. These people were seen by their Jewish cousins as heretics, not really Jewish. Consequentially, they were to be avoided. But, their territory was a convenient short cut to Jerusalem. That is why Jesus is there.

Jesus, as usual, does not follow all the norms of society when dealing with people He shouldn't be hanging around with. He is left alone for a moment and speaks to the Samaritan woman at the well. Jesus is like that with us, He doesn't follow the rules, He encounters us and speaks to us when we least expect and when we would rather be left alone. He asks of us things we find excuses to sidestep. The woman does not satisfy His request rather she objects: "You are a man and a Jew and you speak to me a woman and a Samaritan?"



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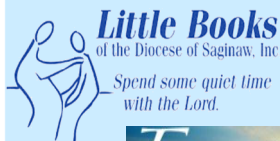
We might say to Jesus' request to help Him: "You're the Son of God, and I'm just a human being, and you ask me to help?" Then Jesus tells her and us, that He can help, He can give us living water. Again, the woman says what we think and replies with a skeptical "How?"

Why this sparring with Jesus? What is she hiding? What are we hiding? We usually put someone off when we don't want to confront the deeper reality of the situation. We come up with all sorts of excuses. Like this woman who begins a debate about where the proper place to worship God should be, you and I try to keep our conversation with Jesus on the surface. We forget, Jesus knows us all too well.

Jesus calls the woman to admit her condition, her unfaithfulness, our unfaithfulness. He desires to be fed by us and the thing we feed Him with is our dedication to Him alone. Jesus' hunger is satisfied, He tells His disciples, by our faith in Him and so then by our faithfulness to Him alone. Now we get to the real part of the story. This story survives because it leads us on a journey we have all been on. A journey of coming to trust Jesus, to be faithful to Him, to allow us to be satisfied by His love and so then satisfy Jesus by our faith in His love for us.

What are the road blocks you set up in your encounter with Jesus day after day? They usually seem very logical to us and very dogmatic just like the woman at the well. Jesus wants to go deeper with her. Remember, He already knows you, but He wants you to reveal yourself to Him. He does not look for you to hand Him a polished apple; He wants you, the apple, with its deformities and worm holes. He'll do the polishing. Only in this way can He quench your thirst in an eternal fashion.

Spirituality and Worship Commission

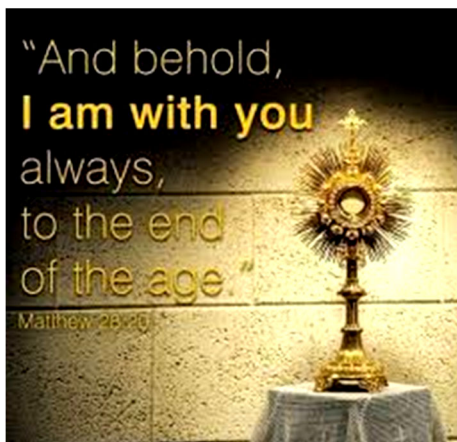


Easter White Books



Available after all Masses
Weekends of
March 14th & 15th
March 21st & 22nd
Donation \$1.00

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



Eucharistic Adoration
March 18th
in the Chapel
1:30-6:00 PM.

Foot Washing Ministry in Need of Volunteers

Our parish is in need of volunteers to help assist at the foot-washing stations on *Holy Thursday*, **April 9th at the 7:00 PM Mass.** Please call Cheryl at 242-2630 to volunteer. No experience is necessary, just a willingness to serve as Jesus did.

"Having loved his own who were in the world he now showed them the full extent of his love." -John 14:6

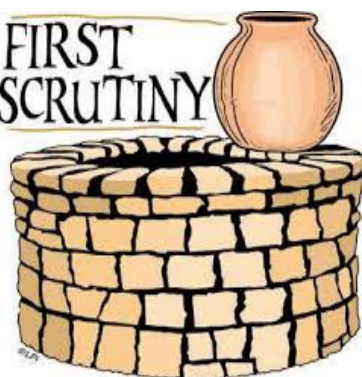


Happy St. Patrick's Day

An Irish Blessing

May the road rise to meet you,
may the wind be to always at your back,
may the sun shine warm upon your face,
the rains fall soft upon your fields and,
until we meet again,
may God hold you in the palm of his hand.

FIRST SCRUTINY



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Today at the 9:30 AM Mass

The Scrutiny Rites for the parish and particularly for Jode Saylor, our Elect, will take place the 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays of Lent. The readings, from Cycle A, are chosen to be the driving force of prayerful introspection, surrender and conversion. They offer powerful images of surrender, sin, conversion, faith and healing. Today, we are challenged with the Samaritan woman at the well when we thirst for the Lord, who knows what we need and provides it. **Please keep Jode** in your prayers as he prepares for the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil Mass. *Submitted by Janice Gatons*

Spirituality and Worship Commission

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



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



Stations of the Cross

Join us on the very powerful spiritual journey you can experience 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 your devotion to God and your commitment to your ministry. To facilitate this experience, some suggested dates and times are listed below.

March 20th, 7:30 PM

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

March 27th, 7:30 PM

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

April 3rd, 7:30 PM

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

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

The Apple for the Students Drive is officially over. We are no longer collecting receipts. Thank you for your participation in this program.

SCHOOL NEWS

SMS MARCH CALENDAR

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

SPRING ART CLUB STARTING SOON!

written by Mrs. Baron-Art Teacher

The final session for St. Michael's Art Club will start at the end of March. Students of St. Michael School can sign up by contacting the Art Teacher, Mrs. Baron, at cbaron@stmichaelparish.life. Each session occurs after school until 5:00 PM for six weeks, with a maximum of 15 students per group. Art Club will be held for **third grade on Mondays, fourth and fifth grade on Tuesdays, and middle school on Thursdays**. A \$60 fee is required from each student to buy supplies.

In Art Club, we get to dive into more complicated projects that are difficult to tackle during a school day. With having a longer class and a smaller group, this allows for more one on one attention to students.

During the winter session of Art Club, students tackled painting snowmen on canvas, penguins on canvas with an arctic background, 3-dimensional life size tape people sculptures, an optical illusion and crazy hair Zentangle self-portraits. Works of Art featured below were created by: Ben Kain, Hailey Poskin, Sam Kain, Vinny Bufano, Mia Bazarko and Gigi Arriaga.



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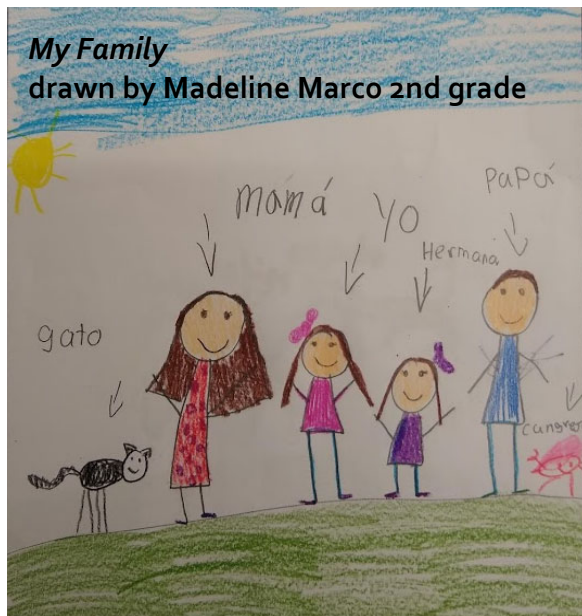
LA FAMILIA

written by Mrs. Maya-Spanish Teacher

During the month of February, the Spanish classes were busy doing various activities learning about family and the festivities of Carnaval. The students in grades two through four learned how to identify their family members, such as mom, dad, brother, sister, grandma and grandpa, in Spanish. The students were able to draw and label their family members. Some even included their pets!

For the celebration of Carnaval (which precedes Ash Wednesday), all of the students, including Preschool, were able to create their own Mardi Gras mask. The students were able to create bright, colorful and unique masks decorated with feathers which the students took home.

Stay tuned to see what the students will be learning and creating during the Easter season, as well as Cinco de Mayo! Adios!



Ms. Erin's PK class

THE 100TH DAY OF SCHOOL IN KINDERGARTEN

written by Mrs. Barone-Kindergarten Teacher

On February 3rd in Mrs. Barone's class, the kindergarteners celebrated the 100th day of school with all kinds of activities and ways to make 100. We counted by 1's, 2's, 5's, and 10's all day to 100. We sorted our snacks in bundles of 10's, and for lunch had sausage links, for the 100ths place value and 2 pancakes to make the zeros in one hundred. Each student, with the help of their wonderful parents, made a "100th Day" themed hat with 100 items on their hats. It has been a tradition to have a kindergarten parade around the school, and a fashion show to present the hats to their parents and family. This is an eight year tradition in kindergarten, and we look forward for many more years of kindergarten's 100th Day Hats for years to come in Mrs. Barone's classroom.



Education and Formation Commission



Have You Experienced Radiate Yet?

If not, YOU are invited! We welcome ALL high schoolers and we want you to join us! We've got a lot of exciting things coming up!

Mark Your Calendars for our upcoming activities!

March 15th: The Power of Reconciliation. Why Confess Your Sins to a Priest? 6:00-8:00 PM in St. Patrick Hall.

March 22nd: Radiate's "FLASH" day! We are going to journey with Christ on the Passion walk at the Shrine in St John. ALL parishioners and ages are invited to meet us there at 1:30 PM. WALK WITH US, WALK WITH CHRIST.

Teens are encouraged to attend 11:30 AM Mass followed by lunch in St. Patrick Hall and then ride over to the Shrine and walk the Passion (approx. 1-3 PM)

TAPT Retreat at Camp Lawrence **March 27th-29th.** Sign up individually at www.garyoyya.org/tapt

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

April 26th: Radiate's "FLASH" night! Cook with Fr Marty--- a night of making our dinner and eating it too! YUM! 5:30-8:00 PM in St Patrick Hall.

For more information, please contact Jeannine Quigley (2190 775-5356

Submitted by Jeannine Quigley



FAITH FORMATION

MARCH CALENDAR

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

Everyone is Welcome to Attend Alpha!

*Join the
adventure*



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

Tuesday, March 17th, 7-9 PM

in St. Patrick Hall

Wear your green and come celebrate St. Patrick's Day in Alpha style! Our video topic this week is, "Why and How Should I Tell Others?" We'll discuss how being a Christian has impacted our lives, how we can share our faith with others in a way that is easy and inviting, and why it's important to share the Good News. We will 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.

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

Education and Formation Commission

The following article was received from The Office of Worship of the Diocese of Gary.

Managing Parish Community Health During Liturgical Worship

It is important to remember that what we do in worship is purposeful. The sign of peace within the context of liturgy is an invitation to reconciliation, unity and communion between God and all people, especially those present in the assembly. This gesture helps us prepare to receive the body and blood of Christ, the Prince of Peace. Theologically and liturgically, the sign of peace and reception of the Precious Blood are integral parts of the liturgy.

Presently there is no epidemic of the coronavirus, as defined by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), within the Diocese of Gary. Yet that does not mean we should not take precautions in regards to this health concern.

If you are unsure about the severity of an illness, either yours or a fellow worshiper's, during the sign of peace you should courteously offer Christ's peace by using the usual words "Peace be with you" with a slight bow of your head towards your fellow parishioner. If someone does not wish to offer you the sign of peace in the usual manner at this time please do not judge the person; they may simply not feel well or may be more susceptible to illness (e.g. people who are elderly or in a course of treatment that diminishes their immune system) than you are.

If you have a weak immune system or are compromised by age, you should refrain from receiving the Precious Blood. The reception of the chalice is optional. If you are ill with a cold, the flu, or other malady, you should refrain from receiving the Precious Blood. There are some faithful that avoid the Body of Christ because of gluten issues and rely on the reception of the Precious Blood during communion. The Centers for Disease Control has made it clear that alcohol combined with the metal of the chalice makes for a most inhospitable environment for germs.

Reception of the Sacred Host on the hand is the best way to reduce the spread of infectious germs. If you are not feeling well or are concerned about your health and usually receive on the tongue you are highly encouraged to receive communion in the hand.

To safeguard against spreading germs, healthcare professionals recommend washing hands regularly or using alcohol-based hand gels when washing hands is not immediately possible. Use the inside of your elbow to cover your mouth if you need to sneeze or cough. Throw away used tissue in the trash as soon as possible, seek medical attention as soon as you feel unwell and stay home from work and Sunday Mass if you are ill. These simple steps are the best way to safeguard the general health of the community.

If you remain at home due to illness and cannot participate in the Sunday Eucharist, you are dispensed from the obligation to attend and do not incur a mortal sin. At home you are encouraged to pray and reflect with the Sunday readings and if possible to view the Mass on television. Mass from Mercy Home in Chicago is broadcast at 9:30 AM (CST) on WGN each Sunday.

The USCCB continues to monitor the Centers for Disease Control for community health concerns. The Diocese of Gary will offer updated recommendations and policies regarding the coronavirus. In all of this, let us remember in our prayers health care workers who are striving to control and eradicate this virus as well as those who have been affected by it.

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



Kathleen Lundquist, Marie Mosher, Harmanie Morris, Anita Thomas, Audrey Weber, Marci Rose, Dave Kintzel, Ed Zurawski, Helen Hazard, Nick Barone, Tim Hazard, Debbie Kaminski, Christine Hetrick, Ted Stosko, Kay Parker, Tina Serna, Mark Biegel and all those in need of the healing touch of God.

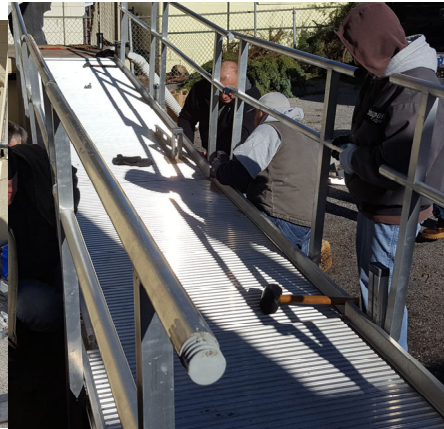
Life is precious; handle with prayer.

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.

Ramp #5 Installed

The Wheelchair Ramp Ministry as well as members from Holy Name Parish installed a ramp for a 93 year old woman in Cedar Lake. If you wish to participate in future installations or support our efforts, please call the parish office at 322-4505, ext. 8220.



Blood Pressure, Glucose and Oxygen Level Screenings Please Note Date Change



Screenings will take place March 21st & 22nd in the east coat room after the 5:00 PM, 7:30 AM and 9:30 AM Masses by the parish nurses.



We are here to assist anyone with temporary help. If you know someone from Dyer, Schererville, 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

Respect Life Ministry will have Spiritual Adoption cards available March 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 March 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. Reservations are available and tickets are free. Contact Lake County Right to Life at 219-838-1138, email 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 by praying and fasting in your own home.

ONE LIFE SAVED. ONE MOTHER PROTECTED. ONE MIND CHANGED.

Submitted by Cathy Bartczak

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Parish Life

Senior GEMS



Calling All 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 24th: Games/Cards 10:00 AM-Noon

April 14th: Meeting at 10:00 AM
Book Club at 11:00 AM

April 28th: Games/Cards 10:00 AM-Noon

Submitted by Carol Rusich

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



**New Member
Registration
This Weekend
After the 7:30
& 9:30 AM**

Masses in St. Patrick Hall

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.

Bulletin Schedule for Easter Season

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.

Stewardship & Parish Administration Commission

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

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EDUCATION FOUNDATION GOLF OUTING

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JUNE 7 @ SCHERWOOD GOLF

Contact Pat Cusick for
information: 219.713.5472

The Northwest Indiana Catholic Subscription
Drive ends March 18th. If you wish to
purchase the paper after this date, please
contact Erin by phone (219)769-9292
ext. 251 or email eciszczon@dcgary.org.

Cemetery Clean-Up All Items You Wish To Save Must Be Removed From The Gravesites

St. Michael's maintenance crew has started the clean-up. It is hoped that the cemetery will be ready for Easter decorations. Please remove all items that you wish to keep. Eternal lights & attached vases will be saved. Christmas *Decorations that seem in good condition, are artificial, and have not blown off the grave sites are on the south side of the storage shed on the east side of the cemetery.* Everything else will be disposed of and the **Decorating Rules & Regulations**, (available at most entrances to the cemetery) will be strictly followed after the clean-up is finished. *The saved items will be kept through April 10th and then disposed of.*

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 15

New Member Registration After 7:30 & 9:30 AM Masses
Easter Books Available After All Masses
Girl Scout Cookie Sales After All Masses
Spiritual Adoption Cards Available After All Masses
Family Session 9:30 AM
RCIA 9:30 AM
Radiate 6:00 PM

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

MONDAY MARCH 16

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

TUESDAY MARCH 17

Labors of Love 10:00 AM
Good Shepherd/Traditional Classes 6:00 PM
Health & Spirituality Meeting 7:00 PM

WEDNESDAY MARCH 18

Stations of the Cross 1:00 PM
Eucharistic Adoration 1:30-6:00 PM
Baptism Prep 6:00 PM
Traditional Classes 6:00 PM
Genesis to Jesus 7:00 PM
Communal Penance Service 7:00 PM

FRIDAY MARCH 20

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

SATURDAY MARCH 21

Anointing of the Sick 8:00 AM Mass
Confessions 3:30-4:30 PM
BP Readings After Vigil Mass
Spiritual Adoption Cards Available After Vigil Mass

SUNDAY MARCH 22

BP Readings After 7:30 & 9:30 AM Masses
Spiritual Adoption Cards Available After All Masses
RCIA 9:30 AM

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE



March 8, 2020

Adult	\$18,403.00
EFTs*	\$3,699.00
Children	\$42.95
Loose	\$409.86

Total Weekly Offering
\$22,554.81

**Electronic Funds Transfer*

Stewardship Challenge

Give thanks for the clean and safe water we are blessed with. Let the Spirit move you to assist those who are without clean water. Visit CRS.org.

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

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

PIEROGI & BLINTZ FUNDRAISER

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

ANDREAN HAPPENINGS

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!

*EVENTS AT OLC VAMOS HALL

The Good Shepherd Council of the Knights of Columbus will host the following events at *Our Lady of Consolation Vamos Hall, 8303 Taft St., Merrillville*.

FISH FRY: **March 20th**, 4:00 -7:00 PM. The menu will consist of Fish / Mac & Cheese, Fries, Cole Slaw, Green Beans, Apple Sauce, Beverage, and Ice Cream. Adults \$12 Preteens \$5 Preschool FREE. Carry Outs are Available.

CSI: JERUSALEM. **March 21st**, 2:00 PM. An exhibition on the Crucifixion of Jesus. Dr. Chuck Dietzen, former Director of Pediatric Rehab at Riley Children's Hospital will discuss the Passion of Christ from a medical perspective. Authentic life-sized copy of the Shroud of Turin. Roman period artifacts. Free Admission. Free will donation, proceeds for future Shroud events.

HAM BINGO: **March 29th**, Doors open 12:00 noon. Early-bird 12:30 PM. 15 games for \$7. Door Prizes, Special Games, Food and Beverages for sale.

THE PASSION OF CHRIST

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 or call 219-838-7111.

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 James or 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.**

*LENTEN RETREAT

If you are feeling out of breath, why not try breathing with both lungs? Join The Byzantine Catholic Midwest deanery for a Lenten retreat on **March 29th**, 1:00-5:00 PM. Internationally known speakers, Fr. Thomas Loya and Mike Aquilina, will walk through the ancient wisdom of early Christianity that will help navigate the modern world. This event will take place at *St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 509 W. Diviion Rd., Valpo*. Cost is \$10 and includes lunch. Please register by March 22nd at www.stmarywhiting.org/lentenretreat.

*DRIVING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ROAD TO RECOVERY PROGRAM

The American Cancer Society in the south suburbs and NWI is in desperate need of drivers for the Road to Recovery program. Every day thousands of cancer patients need a ride to treatment, but some may not have a way to get there. The American Cancer Society Road to Recovery program provides transportation to and from treatment for people with cancer who do not have a ride or are unable to drive themselves. Even the best treatment can't work if the patient can't get there. The Road to Recovery program is very flexible. The important thing to remember is to volunteer for the amount of time that is comfortable for you. Volunteer drivers must have

- A current valid driver's license
 - Access to a safe and reliable vehicle
 - A good driving record
 - Proof of adequate insurance
- To learn more about this program and volunteering, please call 1-800-227-2345 or visit cancer.org/drive.

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 14

5:00 PM 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

MONDAY MARCH 16

7:00 AM †Donnabelle Bohling

TUESDAY MARCH 17

7:00 AM All Souls

WEDNESDAY MARCH 18

7:00 AM All Souls

THURSDAY MARCH 19

7:00 AM All Souls

8:55 AM All Souls

FRIDAY MARCH 20

7:00 AM †Doris Bohney

SATURDAY MARCH 21

8:00 AM †Jerry Eberle

5:00 PM †Stu & Alice Wilson

SUNDAY MARCH 22 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

7:30 AM For an End to Abortion on Demand and
for a Conversion of Heart for
those who Provide Abortions

†Anne Karwatka

†George Niebling

9:30 AM St. Michael Parish

11:30 AM †Clement Nwankwo

†indicates deceased



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THE WORD

(Readings for March 22, 2020, Fourth Sunday of Lent)

I. *1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a*

The Lord sent Samuel to Bethlehem to the house of Jesse, where Samuel was to anoint the new king of Israel. After Jesse presented each of his sons, the Lord instructed Samuel to anoint the youngest, David.

II. *Ephesians 5:8-14*

Live as children of light in goodness, justice and truth. "Awake, O sleeper and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light."

III. *John 9:1-41*

Jesus cured a man born blind. The Pharisees became upset because He did this on the Sabbath. After the Pharisees rejected the man's story, he met Jesus again. Jesus, "Son of Man," explained how the blind will see, but those who hold on to sin will remain in darkness.

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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