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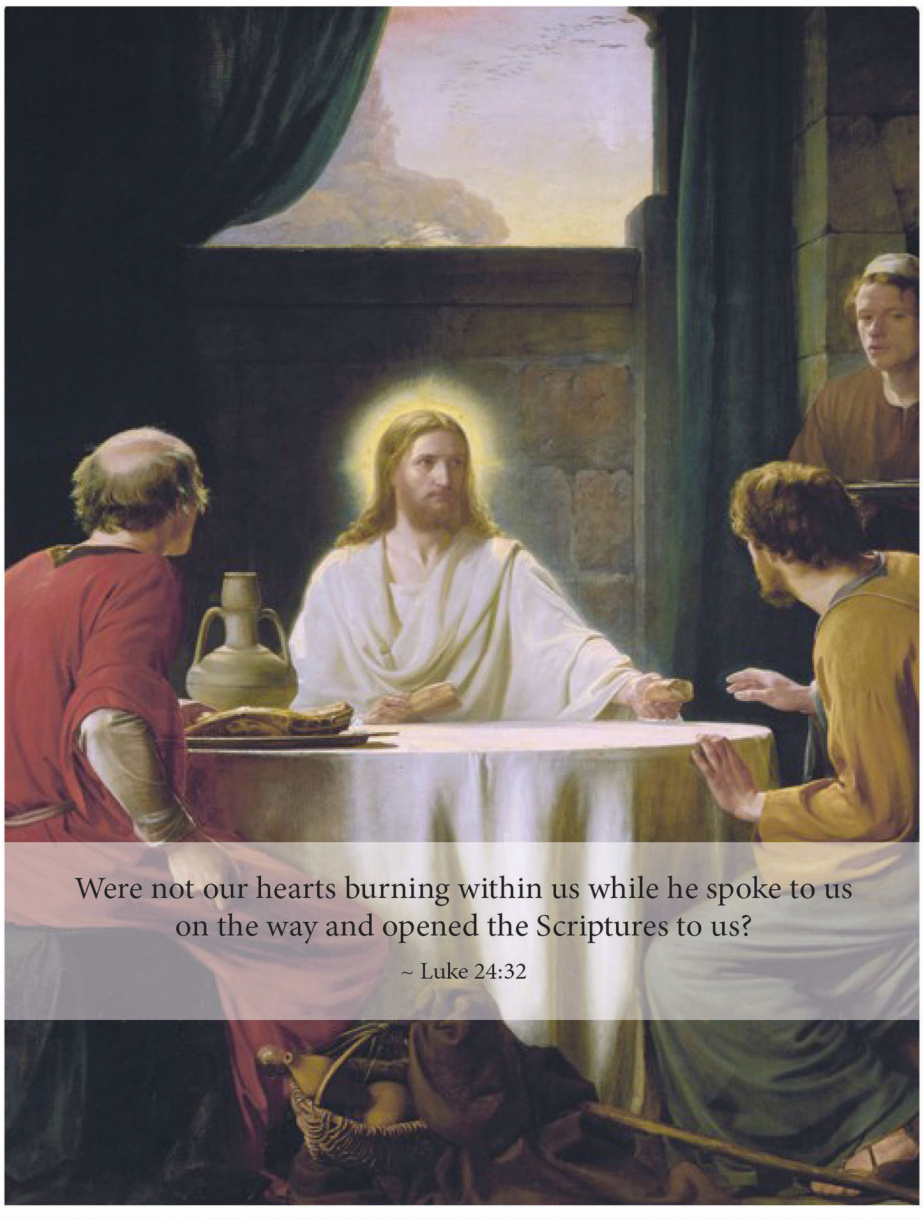

Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us
on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?

~ Luke 24:32

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DAILY LITURGY / SUNDAY LITURGY

Weekdays	7:00 AM	9:30 AM
Saturday	8:00 AM	

By viewing on Facebook or YouTube

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday 3:30-4:30 PM
Social distancing guidelines must be followed.

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Monday-Friday 8:00 AM-3:00 PM
Saturday 9:00 AM-3:00 PM
Sunday 11:00 AM-3:00 PM
Please take consideration when visiting the chapel. There should be no more than 8 people at one time and social distancing needs to be respected.

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

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.
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FUNERAL OPTIONS AS OF MARCH 30, 2020

There are 2 options for funeral Masses:
OPTION 1 – Mass with no more than six family members plus priest, server, funeral director and musician in church. Social distancing must be respected. Mass can be livestreamed on Facebook. No luncheon available.

OPTION 2 – Rite of Commendation & Burial with eight family members, priest and funeral director present at cemetery. Social distancing must be respected. A Memorial Mass at a later date can be held when restrictions are lifted.

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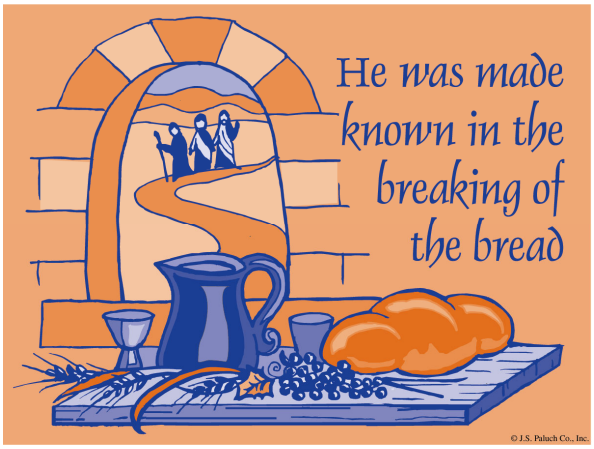
From the Pastor's Desk

Walking with God. When events do not unfold the way we think they should, you and I experience disappointment. Our level of disappointment depends on the importance of what we put our hopes in. Right now, we are disappointed in so many things and people. Often times disappointment quickly turns into a self-pity and resentment. These two feelings combined make us behave in ways that are chaotic and selfish. No one is happy about our extended stay at home status. However, showing displeasure by gathering purposefully large groups of people to protest does not make the danger of this virus any less. It might very well increase its deadly reign.

The gospel today speaks about disappointment with and beginning of resentment. The disciples who are getting out of Jerusalem after the disastrous events of the first week, we call Holy, had no time to think about sacrifice or self-discipline. They are resentful of being fooled into believing Jesus and gravely disappointed in themselves that they could be duped. So poignant are their feelings that they cannot even recognize Jesus when he begins to walk with them. He walks with them in their disappointment and resentment. But, even as he walks with them, he challenges them to look at the situation differently.

There are always two ways to look at any situation. One way usually ignores inconvenient evidence that underlies the reality of what is happening because it doesn't fit "our" story. The other way usually challenges us to see things from another perspective. So, I'm frustrated at these "restrictions" on my movements. My frustration is fueled by the unbridled opinions of others in the social media maelstrom. This must be an attack on my freedoms so I will not do what I am asked because my reality does not allow me to be restricted. This train of thought and emotion leads me to ignore the fact that the reason for my restriction is to spare me of a virus that cannot be cured and to spare my older friends and family members of the very real possibility of death.

Jesus walks with us on our road of disappointment and resentment at this strange and stressful time. He wants us to see the other side of the story, the side that calls for my sacrifice, a small one compared to his. My small sacrifices to slow the spread of a deadly disease can be reflective of his larger sacrifice to spare me of the deadly disease of selfishness and self-pity.



In the story, they recognize Jesus in the breaking of the bread, the Eucharist. Notice in the story, there is no mention that they actually eat the bread broken. Rather, the act itself of breaking of the bread makes them rise from their place and impels them back on to the road. They go even in the dark of night, a most dangerous time to travel, back to Jerusalem. I think hope can be taken from this story. Even though you might not be able to receive the "bread" that is broken at Mass, recognizing Jesus comes from knowing what the broken bread means. It means the sacrifice Jesus offered for us. We share in the sacrifice in a particular way right now. Though you cannot receive the actual consecrated Host, the Body of Christ, you still can recognize what he calls you to do. To share, in a most intimate way, in his sacrifice as you sacrifice to save the lives of others too.

The other story is that this time is a time of great grace, even as physical reception of the Eucharist is not possible. Jesus still infuses our hearts to run on the many Eucharists we have shared in over the years. He shines through us, if we let him, moving us to share in his sacrifice in a very real way. In this way, at this time, we are fed. May our sacrifices now prepare our hearts for the joyous day when we can sacramentally mingle our sacrifices with Christ's at the Altar of praise.

Catholic Services Appeal. Some people have been asking about this year's CSA. At this time I am told that has been postponed for the immediate future. I, like you, await further clarification. When it comes I will pass it on to you.

Spirituality and Worship Commission

Spiritual Communion Prayer

As you temporarily participate at Mass by remote viewing, you and your families are encouraged to make a daily Spiritual Communion by praying:

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love you above all things and
I desire to receive you in my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,
Come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you.
Never permit me to be separated from you.
Amen.

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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

SCHOOL NEWS

Warrior of the Week

This week's Warrior of the Week is Alexander Allen. Alex has been a student at St. Michael School since kindergarten. He is a member of the Art Club and also participated in band from 3rd grade to 5th grade. When asked his favorite thing about SMS, Alex says, "I like the class sizes. They are not too large so it is not too crowded." His favorite memory was at a school dance. He says, "the DJ played me and my friend Gary's favorite song. It was fun to see that one of our requested songs actually got used. The whole time there hanging out with my friends was the best." Alex says the most important thing he learned at SMS was "to read. If I had not learned how to read, I wouldn't be able to do half the things I like, such as playing video games or reading things on the internet." Alex is most thankful for his family. He says, "I love my family and without them I would lose pretty much everything I like including the school. I am also thankful for the school because without it I wouldn't have any of my friends." Alex will be attending Lake Central High School next year, and we wish him nothing but the best!

Submitted by Jen Poskin

2020/2021 Diocesan Tuition Assistance Financial Help for the School Year Ahead

The application window for the 2020-2021 Diocese of Gary tuition assistance is open. FACTS Management will continue to provide and process the online tuition assistance applications that can be found at the Diocesan website, www.dcgary.org. Find the application by clicking on the "Schools" tab and then clicking on the blue rectangle labeled "Tuition Assistance Application". Tuition assistance is only open to Catholic families who are active registered members of parishes within the Diocese of Gary. You may complete an application if you have: Children entering grades kindergarten to Grade 12. Preschool/Pre-K students are not eligible for this assistance. There is a $35 fee per family to apply and only completed applications will be considered. If you need help with the application, FACTS will have an email address, phone number, and chat line on the application website for customer service. The Diocesan Office will not be able to help you.

Get your tuition assistance application in as soon as possible, before funding runs out!

The School Life of a Fifth Grader in 2020

By Mrs. McLaughlin

The school day starts about 8:00 AM when eLearning assignments are sent. At 10:00 AM we have a Zoom meeting where we check assignments from the previous day, go over anything that they don't understand, and socialize a bit. They can also email me questions and concerns and I get back to them as soon as I can, usually within an hour or so. Assignments are turned in through our textbook websites, Google Classroom, and sometimes sending me a picture of completed work through email.

Middle School Explores Poetry Through Music

By Mrs. Mossman

April is National Poetry Month and though we are mid-month already, I wanted to spend some e-learning time on poetry with the middle school students. Now, I know what some of the students were thinking "Yuck! I do not like poetry!!!", "Ewww, Shakespeare!", "All poetry is boring and sad." I reminded them that poetry is so much more than sadness, rhyming, or sonnets. Some of the best poems do not even rhyme! Poetry evokes the senses, and gives us a platform to express ourselves in a different way.

For this week's, e-learning language arts assignment, students were asked to look for poetry in the music that they like. They first looked up the lyrics to some of their favorite, school appropriate songs. Next, they narrowed down their choices to only ONE song. Finally, they analyzed their song in search of the following SIX poetic devices: Alliteration, Consonance, Onomatopoeia, Repetition, Rhyme and Rhythm. Both the students and I really enjoyed this assignment. Not only were they able to explore poetry while connecting to it on a familiar platform, I was able to learn a little more about my students through the music they enjoy.

Please print the next four pages for your child to have a fun activity to do.

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Jesus Teaches a Pharisee

There was a Pharisee who had questions for Jesus. He came to Jesus at night. What was his name?

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Education and Formation Commission

Jesus told Nicodemus, "No one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are ...

Use the code to find the answer.

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Jesus gave Nicodemus an important message. What was it?

Unscramble these words to find John 3:16.

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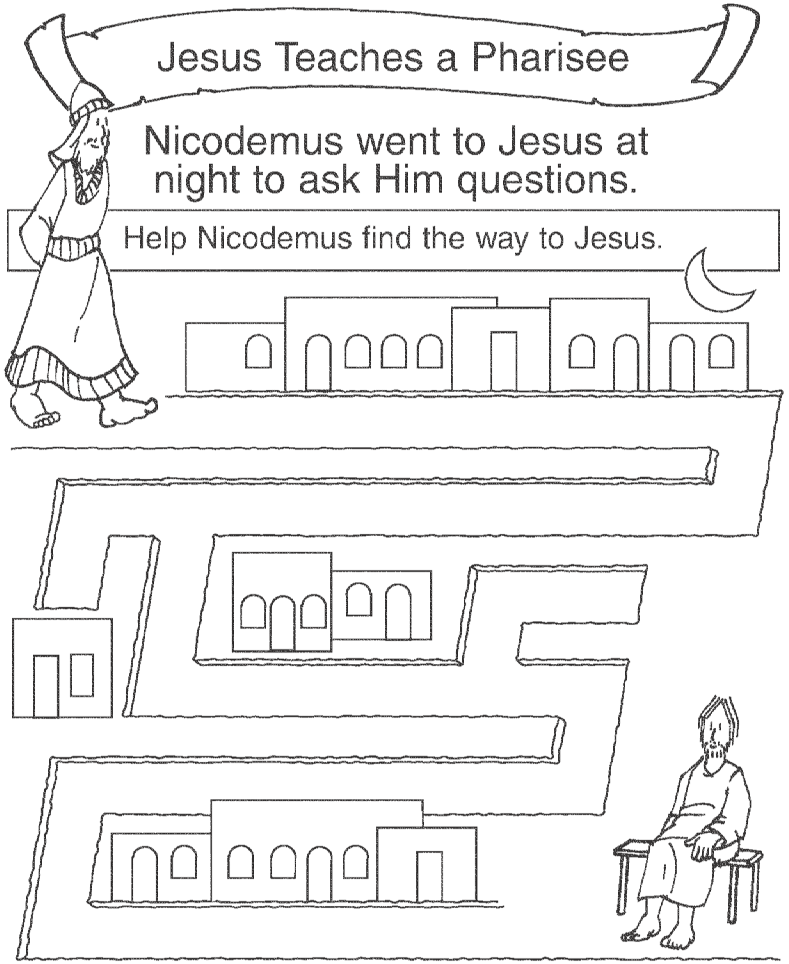
Jesus Teaches a Pharisee

Nicodemus went to Jesus at night to ask Him questions.

Help Nicodemus find the way to Jesus.



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Jesus told him all who believe will have eternal life.

Trace the shapes and letters.

God so loved the that He gave His ONLY SON that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.

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Nicodemus asked Jesus questions.

Count how many.
2 or 3 ? 5 or 6 ?

Nicodemus told Jesus, "I know that …

Use the code to learn what Nicodemus said.
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Peace & Social Justice Commission

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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.

The Good Samaritans

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.

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Stewardship & Parish Administration Commission

Stewardship Challenge

Take a walk this week and feel the presence of Christ beside you.

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

Stewardship: A Way of Life

EYES WIDE OPEN

In today's Gospel, Cleopas and another disciple—perhaps a friend or even his wife—were joined on the way to Emmaus by a stranger who asked about their conversation. Listening intently to their story of Jesus' death and resurrection, he explained it in the context of the Jewish scriptures. The two were too blinded by grief to realize who the stranger was. In Emmaus, they persuaded him to stay for dinner. When Jesus broke the bread and gave thanks "their eyes were opened" and they recognized their guest (Luke 24:31). They were awakened to the whole new reality of God's grace falling on them at the dinner table or hurrying down the road. God's grace falls on us, smack dab in the ordinary moments, in the checkout line, at a sick relative's bedside, during phone calls and driving the car to pick up the kids. The Emmaus story says that God is alive, right now. Wake up and see!

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April 19, 2020

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

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Graduate Walk-honoring those who attended SMS/Faith Formation $175
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Benefactors Walk-honoring loving members of the parish $200
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Please call 219-322-4505, ext. 8241 for more information regarding these cemetery walkways.

We Remember . . . We Prepare . . .

SUNDAY	**APRIL 26 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER**
9:30 AM	✞Joseph & Ruth Hisick ✞George & Marlene Sarros ✞Departed Souls of the Carmelite Sisters St. Michael Parish
MONDAY	**APRIL 27**
7:00 AM	✞Sandy Pyle ✞Cecelia Maranon
TUESDAY	**APRIL 28**
7:00 AM	✞Arthur Schweitzer-*10th Anniversary*
WEDNESDAY	**APRIL 29**
7:00 AM	✞Sharon Walker ✞Flora Gambini
THURSDAY	**APRIL 30**
7:00 AM	✞Wayne Sherrick
FRIDAY	**MAY 1**
7:00 AM	Moline Family
SATURDAY	**MAY 2**
8:00 AM	✞Mark Skertich
SUNDAY	**MAY 3 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**
9:30 AM	✞Robert Ayersman, Sr. ✞Robert Salach & Richard Salach For an End to Abortion on Demand and for a Conversion of Heart for those who Provide Abortions St. Michael Parish

✞***indicates deceased***

reflections...

The Word

(Readings for May 3, 2020, Fourth Sunday of Easter)

I. *Acts of the Apostles 2:14a 36-41* Peter proclaimed that only in the name of Jesus Christ are sins forgiven and the Holy Spirit received.

II. *1 Peter 2:20b-25* Jesus suffered for the sins of all people and by his death on the cross, all can live in accord with God's will. People who strayed like sheep "have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls."

III. *John 10:1-10* Jesus said, "I am the gate for the sheep." He declared that whoever enters through him will be saved because he came that others may have life and have the fullness of life.

Please join Fr. Marty for Mass on https://www.facebook.com/pg/StMichaelSville/videos/ or watch on YouTube. You can watch without an account. A schedule of virtual masses with a link is on the website.

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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