

WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

FEBRUARY 27, 2022

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



JESUS SAID:

“A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit.”

~ Luke 6:43 – 44

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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
HOLY DAY LITURGY
See page 13 of the bulletin

CHAPEL HOURS:

Monday-Friday 8:00 AM-3:00 PM
Saturday 9:00 AM-3:00 PM

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesdays, 1:00-3:00 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.

Names of the sick 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.

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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Welcome to visitors and new members. If you would like to register, please visit the website or call 322-4505, x8220. Come Join Us!

From the Pastor's Desk

Fr. Jacob is writing articles during Fr. Marty's recovery.

Over the past several weeks, we have been exploring the basics of marriage, declaration of nullity (often called annulments), and we even took a little break to talk about St. Valentine. This week, I wanted to pick up on the actual process of a declaration of nullity, and address some myths around it.

When someone finds themselves in a place of being divorced, in order to marry in the Catholic Church, they have to undergo the process of the declaration of nullity, commonly called an "annulment." As I mentioned last week, this is the process of finding grounds or criteria that the marriage in question did not meet all the requirements to be a marriage in the first place. (See last week's bulletin for more on this.)

In order to start the process of a declaration of nullity, one has to contact the tribunal or Church court for their diocese. In our diocese, the contact information for our tribunal can be found here: <https://dioceseofgary.org/office-marriage-tribunal/marriage-tribunal>

After someone contacts the tribunal, the person who is seeking the annulment will be interviewed in order to gather testimony surrounding the circumstances of their marriage, their dating and engagement, and the personal history of the couple. In addition, the tribunal will ask the petitioner for permission to contact their ex-spouse, witnesses that knew them when they were married which is most often parents of the spouses, and lastly any other witnesses that knew the couple often before they were married, during their marriage and following.

The elephant in the room is that petitioners are worried the process will be painful, dig up past memories they want to let rest, or produce moments where a priest in an office will wag their finger at them. While certainly the process of interviewing can bring up painful memories or things they would rather not revisit, the goal throughout the process is to promote healing as much as possible. The testimony gathered is also all written by the person themselves, so any moments where someone thinks they have to face their ex in a courtroom style drama is not true. Records are kept private, and are only released to the spouses. The only exception to this are records that are protected by civil law, such as counseling records.

There are many myths surrounding the issue of someone pursuing a declaration of nullity:

1. The process costs a lot of money
2. The process takes several years
3. The ex-spouse has to agree to the process
4. Only priests have anything to do with the process

I have heard many people speak of the process of declaration of nullity, but this is not the case. At present, the tribunal of our diocese asks for a \$500 donation for the entire process, which primarily helps defray the cost of the two lay employees that work in the office, which covers just a portion of operating costs. Also, it should be noted that if someone cannot afford the full amount, they can offer less, or nothing at all. The Church CANNOT bar someone from the process because of money.

While time is a tricky question when it comes to declaration of nullity, Pope Francis in 2015 changed the guidelines for how tribunals function in a diocese, how they interact with each other for the declaration of nullity process, and thereby simplified the process. In short, this simplification reduced the time required to receive a decision. Depending on MANY factors, the time required to get a decision takes about six months to a year or more, all depending on the number of cases waiting for a decision, and how quickly witnesses mail back in their own paperwork!

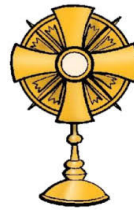
To the last two points, an ex-spouse is notified that the process is taking place, is asked to sign the initial paperwork, and told they will be informed of the outcome of the process. However, if an ex does not wish to cooperate, the process can still go forward without their permission. The Church understands that this can happen, and the lack of cooperation of one person in the marriage does not bar the process of receiving a decision from happening. While the Judicial Vicar, the person in charge of the tribunal of the diocese, is always a priest, employees that work for the tribunal can be anyone that is hired and trained by the Church. Oftentimes, these roles are filled by lay people, but they can also be filled by other priests, or even by religious sisters. This will conclude the venture we have taken on marriage and declaration of nullity. If you have any questions, please talk to Fr. Marty or myself.

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

**Please join the
Arts & Environment Ministry
to help decorate
the church for Lent
March 1st at 6:00 PM**

**Little Black and Purple
Lenten Season Reflection Books
for Adults and Children
Available After All Masses
this Weekend
A donation of \$1.00 per book
is appreciated.**



**Eucharistic Adoration
March 2nd
in the Chapel
1:30-3:00 PM**



**MARCH 2ND
MASSES:
7:00 AM, 12:00 PM & 7:00 PM**

Stations of the Cross



Each of us is invited to “take up your cross and follow me,” as we follow in Jesus’ footsteps on His last day. This very powerful and moving spiritual pilgrimage can be experienced every Friday during Lent at 12:00 PM and 7:30 PM (except March 11th at 7:00 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 and your commitment to your ministry. To facilitate this experience, some suggested dates and times are listed below.

March 4th, 7:30 PM

Altar Servers
Holy Name Society
Knights of Columbus
RADIATE Youth Ministry
Eucharistic Ministers
Senior GEMS
Liturgy Committee

March 11th, 7:00 PM

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

March 18th, 7:30 PM

Faith Sharing Groups
Faith Formation Catechists/Assistants
RCIA Team Members
Art & Environment Ministers
Sacristans
Baptismal Prep Ministers
Marriage Prep Ministers

March 25th, 7:30 PM

Welcoming Ministry
Hospitality Ministers
Respect Life Ministers
Good Samaritans
Comforting Chefs
Finance Council Members
Prayer Ministry

April 1st, 7:30 PM

Lectors
Parish School Advisory Board
HSA
Sports Advisory Committee
Music Ministers
Festival Committee
Catholic Bible Study

April 8th 7:30 PM

Ministers of Care
Ministry of Consolation & Hope
Parish Nurses
Health & Spirituality Committee
Cross Bearers
Adult Catholic Education Ministers
Education Foundation Board
Members

Lenten/Triduum Schedule

Ash Wednesday	March 2
7:00 AM	Mass with ashes
8:55 AM	School Mass with ashes-SMS children only
Noon	Mass with ashes
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM	Exposition & Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
7:00 PM	Mass with ashes
Friday	March 4
Noon	Stations of the Cross
7:30 PM	Stations of the Cross
Saturday	March 5
9:00 AM	Lenten Morning of Reflection for Adult Liturgical Ministers
Tuesday	March 8
6:30 PM	Stations of the Cross-Faith Formation
Wednesday	March 9
1:00 PM	Stations of the Cross-SMS (Grades 6-8)
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM	Exposition & Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
6:30 PM	Stations of the Cross-Faith Formation
Friday	March 11
10:30 AM	School Penance Service (Grades 3-8)
Noon	Stations of the Cross
4:00-5:00 PM	NIGHT OF LOVE
7:00 PM	Confessions
7:45 PM	Stations of the Cross-Note time change
8:30-9:30 PM	Mass in Chapel
Saturday	March 12
12:00 AM	<i>Eucharistic Adoration throughout the Night</i>
7:00-8:00 AM	Confessions
Tuesday	March 15
6:30 PM	Stations of the Cross- Faith Formation
Wednesday	March 16
1:00 PM	Stations of the Cross-SMS (Grades 4-5)
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM	Exposition & Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
6:30 PM	Stations of the Cross-Faith Formation
Friday	March 18
12:00 PM	Stations of the Cross
7:30 PM	Stations of the Cross
Wednesday	March 23
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM	Exposition & Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
Friday	March 25
Noon	Stations of the Cross
7:30 PM	Stations of the Cross
Tuesday	March 29
6:00 PM	<i>Communal Penance Service</i> (6-8 priests)
Wednesday	March 30
1:00 PM	Stations of the Cross-SMS (Grades 2-3)
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM	Exposition & Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
6:30 PM	Stations of the Cross-Faith Formation

Friday	April 1
Noon	Stations of the Cross
7:30 PM	Stations of the Cross
Saturday	April 2
3:00-4:30 PM	Confessions (2 priests)
Tuesday	April 5
6:30 PM	Stations of the Cross-Faith Formation
Wednesday	April 6
1:00 PM	Stations of the Cross-SMS (Grades K-1)
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM	Exposition & Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
6:00 PM	<i>Communal Penance Service</i> (6-8 priests)
Friday	April 8
Noon	Stations of the Cross
7:30 PM	Stations of the Cross
Saturday	April 9
2:30-4:30 PM	Individual Confessions (3 priests)

HOLY WEEK

*All Palm Sunday Masses will begin in St. Patrick Hall
with the Blessing of Palms & Procession into Church*

5:00 PM	Vigil Mass
Sunday	April 10
7:30, 9:30, 11:30 AM	Masses
Wednesday	April 13
8:55 AM	<i>Living Stations of the Cross – School Only</i>
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM	Exposition & Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
6:30 PM	<i>Living Stations of the Cross-Faith Formation Only</i>

TRIDUUM SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday	April 14
7:00 AM	Morning Prayer Service
10:30 AM	Chrism Mass at Holy Angels Cathedral
7:00 PM	Mass of the Lord's Supper
8:30 PM - Midnight	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Meditation in St. Patrick Hall
Good Friday	April 15
7:00 AM	Morning Prayer Service
Parish Office Closes at Noon	Stations of the Cross around Mt. Calvary
1:30 PM	Good Friday Liturgy
7:00 PM	Taizé Prayer Service
Holy Saturday	April 16
8:00 AM	Morning Prayer Service
9:00 AM	Blessing of First Foods of Easter
8:00 PM	Easter Vigil Service
Easter Sunday	April 17
7:30, 9:30, 11:30 AM	Mass
Easter Monday	April 18
7:00 AM	Mass
Parish Office is Closed	



Spirituality and Worship Commission

Guidelines Regarding Fast and Abstinence

THE LENTEN FAST

Ash Wednesday:

This day is commemorated by fasting and abstinence from meat.

Lenten Fridays:

These days are marked by the discipline of abstinence from meat.

The Lenten Fast is a fast of penance.

Our self-denial is a way of emphasizing our dependence on God.

THE PASCHAL FAST

“The Paschal Fast must be kept sacred. It should be celebrated everywhere on Good Friday, and where possible should be prolonged throughout Holy Saturday.”
(Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy #110)

Good Friday through Holy Saturday:

These days are marked by fasting and abstinence from meat. Please note that these days are not part of Lent or the Lenten Fast.

The Paschal Fast is a fast of anticipation.

The observance of this most ancient fast is a solemn way to prepare ourselves for the reception of the Easter Communion.

HOW DO WE FAST?

The customary fast:

This fast allows for only one full meal to be taken during the day. Two smaller meals are permitted, if necessary, to maintain strength according to one's needs. Eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

The fast of the early church:

This fast begins upon rising. No meals are taken until the customary work day (5:00 PM) is ended. A glass of juice may be taken in the morning and simple liquids, such as water, coffee and tea during the day. The fast ends with a brief prayer followed by an adequate meal. For many this may work as a more natural way to fast.

Age Guidelines for fasting:

Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics who have celebrated their 18th birthday and who have not yet celebrated their 59th birthday.

HOW DO WE ABSTAIN?

Traditional abstinence:

This is the practice of refraining from meat and meat products.

Abstinence as penance:

Entering fully into the spirit of the Lenten Fast and the Paschal Fast, we are also encouraged to abstain from other foods, practices or activities.

Age guidelines for abstinence:

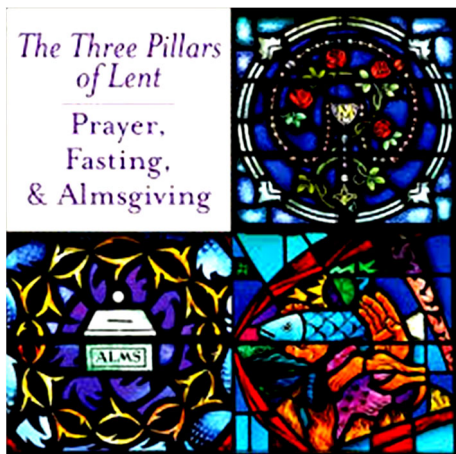
Abstinence is to be practiced by all who are 14 years of age and older.

Prepared by the Office of Worship, Diocese of Gary

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 will be crosses representing the above three words on tables in the Gathering Space. As you come to Mass each week, please take a paper cross corresponding to your Lenten deed and place it on the cross on the table. Here are some examples for you to consider:

*The Three Pillars
of Lent*
Prayer,
Fasting,
& Almsgiving



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.

Education and Formation Commission

SMS NEWS

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

WARRIOR OF THE WEEK



My name is Payton Down. I started pre-school here at SMS. I will be attending Andrean High School next year. I am so excited to start my journey at Andrean in a new building, with new people and new teachers. The activities I participate in here at SMS are volleyball, basketball and cheer. Outside of school I also play golf. I love to be active. My favorite thing about SMS is the environment. At SMS you get to know wonderful classmates and teachers. I have known my friends here for so long, we have created life-long friendships. Here at SMS you create friendships with the new students very fast. I will miss my SMS friends that are not attending the same high school as me. I will also miss the environment of being in a K-8 school. My advice to younger students is to have fun and cherish the time you have here at SMS because it goes by fast, and to be a good role model for the younger grades coming up.

INCOMING PRINCIPAL OF ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC SCHOOL



MISS MICHELLE WACNIK

MARCH CALENDAR

1st: Burning of Palms 1:00 PM
3rd: Open House 6:00 PM
10th: HSA Meeting
7:00 PM in St. Patrick Hall

20th: "Do This in Memory of Me" Mass
11:30 AM
21st-25th: No School-Spring Break

Education and Formation Commission

Calling All High School Students!

Are you in High School? If you are, then you are invited to our next Radiate gathering! We are a place where Fun, Friends, and Faith meet! Our teens lead their peers in current things going on around them. We play games, meet new friends, and have snacks too. JOIN US!



Mark your calendars:

Feb. 27th: Q & A Night with Fr. Jacob on things we have always wondered about, 6:00-8:00 PM in St. Patrick Hall

March 13th: Sr. Deanna will be our guest speaker, 6:00-8:00 PM in St. Patrick Hall

March 27th: Gathering, 6:00-8:00 PM in St. Patrick Hall

REGISTER NOW for TAPT Retreat at www.garyoyya.org/tapt/registration/

Who: HS Teens in our Gary Diocese

What: TAPT = Teens Are Praying Together retreat (\$90 for the weekend, includes food & lodging)

When: April 1st-3rd

Where: Camp St. Lawrence, Valparaiso

Why: A great diocesan community experience which will open your heart and mind to the Incarnate Jesus Christ. It will consist of weekend talks, discussions, activities, prayer, Reconciliation, Eucharist, food, friends and more fun than you will have ever imagined!

To get Radiate updates: Text 81010 @ Radiate

If you have any questions, please contact Jeannine Quigley at 219.775.5356.

submitted by Jeannine Quigley



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

Alpha is Open to Everyone!

Join us here on Thursday, March 3rd, 7:00-9:00 PM in St. Patrick Hall

Our video topic this week is, "Why and How Should I Read the Bible?" We'll discuss our thoughts about the Bible, challenges that may make reading the Bible difficult, and ideas to help us read the Bible more. We'll also hear a variety of insights from people in other parts of the world.

Alpha is for anybody. Come and see if it's for you.

Sign up on the parish website. Call Carol, 219-765-8600, for more info. It's never too late to join us.

Submitted by Carol Slager

Faith Formation News
Kimberley Hoogeveen, DRE

MARCH CALENDAR

1st: Traditional Classes 6:00-7:30 PM Burning of Palms 6:30 PM	8th/9th: Traditional Classes 6:00-7:30 PM
2nd: Traditional Classes 6:00-6:45 PM Ash Wednesday Mass 7:00 PM	13th: Family Session 9:30-11:00 AM
4th: Confirmation Retreat 4:30-8:30 PM in St. Patrick Hall	15th/16th: Traditional Classes 6:00-7:30 PM
	20th: "Do This in Memory of Me" Mass 11:30 AM
	22nd/23rd: No Class-Spring Break
	29th/30th: Traditional Classes 6:00-7:30 PM

Peace & Social Justice Commission

Welcome the Newly Baptized

Ella Mary Hohner
Hunter Robert Kalmes

Commission Members: Ministry of Consolation and Hope, Good Samaritans, Pastoral Care, Respect Life, Health & Spirituality Committee, Parish Nurse Ministry, Rebuilding Hope Mission Team, Wheelchair Ramp Ministry, Labors of Love, Emotions Anonymous

LIFE IS PRECIOUS: HANDLE WITH PRAYER



Janet Trembaczynski, Edna Limson, ***Don Meyer***, Sue Barry, Zbigniew Sohacki, Beth Ann Brown, ***Tina Serna, Audrey Weber, Pat Christenson, Sherry Lazzaro, Phyllis McNeill***, Anita Gaddy, Angela Koutsis, Linda Iwan, Rev. Stephen Loncar, Rev. Ian Williams, ***Diana Marovich, Josephine Purnell, Elizabeth "Jean" Sanchez, Monica Vitela***, Pat Komorowski and all those in need of the healing touch of God.

Please call Monica at 219-322-4505, ext. 8220 to place a loved one on the Prayer List. 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.



Bereavement Sessions **Ministry of Consolation and Hope** **Thursdays, **March 3rd**- April 7th** **7:00-8:30 PM in St. Patrick Hall**

Registration: 219-322-4505, ext. 8241 by March 1st a MUST!

RESPECT LIFE NEWS

40 Days for Life Spring Campaign March 2nd - April 10th

The Respect Life Ministry would like to inform everyone that the 40 Days for Life Spring Campaign begins on Ash Wednesday, March 2nd, and goes until Palm Sunday, April 10th. The 40 Days for Life is a prayer campaign held worldwide with a vision to access God's power through prayer, fasting and peaceful vigil to end abortion. Some exciting numbers to share with you at this time because of the 40 Days for Life Campaigns: 20,368 babies saved, 229 abortion workers have quit, and 114 abortion facilities closed. 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 for a peaceful, non-confrontational prayer vigil to pray for the end to abortion.

Parishioners from St Michael's are planning to go to Planned Parenthood on Saturday, April 9th, at 11:00 AM for an hour of peaceful vigil to pray for the end of abortion. There are 960 hours that make up the 40 Days for Life; can you give up just 1 hour to stand up for life?

One Life Saved. One Mother Protected. One Worker Converted. One Facility Closed.

Respect Life Ministry would like to encourage everyone to watch EWTN's ProLife Weekly every Thursday at 9:00 PM or Tuesday at 12:00 PM to keep informed on issues that are currently being discussed. Also visit their website at Prolifeweekly.com for the weekly CALL TO ACTION!

Submitted by Cathy Bartczak

Peace & Social Justice Commission



The Good Samaritans 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.

Parish Life



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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY

MARCH 11TH

4:00-7:00 PM

ST. PATRICK HALL

COST: \$12

Tickets on sale this weekend and next weekend in the Gathering Space.

Looking to Participate?

Come and Discern Where You Can Offer Your Gifts!



We are seeking dedicated parishioners who want to participate more in the parish. There are no nominations and no elections. Committee members are determined through a process of DISCERNMENT. This is the same way the Apostles came to choose those who would help them. The discernment process is painless, and even a bit fun. You and other interested parishioners simply come to two Wednesday evenings, **March 9th & 16th**, 7:00-8:30 PM. At these two sessions a trained discernment team will assist you in learning about these groups, their function and their work.

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

Both sessions are necessary for a good discernment.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE CALL JANICE AT 322-4505, EXT. 8241 FOR MORE INFORMATION REGARDING THE DISCERNMENT PROCESS AND TO RESERVE A SPACE. YOUR RESERVATION HELPS US TO HAVE ENOUGH MATERIALS ON HAND FOR EVERYONE TO PARTICIPATE.

Parish Life

Fun For GEMS



**MARCH 8TH AT 10:00 AM
SE MEETING ROOM**

**Knights of Columbus
St. Michael Council #12177
Pancake & Waffle Breakfast Today
8:00 AM-1:00 PM
Sausage Links, Eggs Strata,
Country Potatoes
Juice, Milk, Coffee
All-You-Can-Eat Pancakes and Waffles
Adults: \$8
Children 6-12: \$5
Children 5 & under: free**



**LABORS
of
LOVE**

**GATHERING
MARCH 1ST
10:00 AM
ST. PATRICK
HALL**

St. Michael's Men's Faith Sharing Group

March 12th

9:00 AM in St. Amand Room

All men of the parish are invited to join us to be transformed by sharing our faith with one another and growing in relationship with Christ. For more information, please contact Gary at garywolfe@hotmail.com.

Stewardship & Parish Administration Commission

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

2022 SUPER RAFFLE RESULTS

Raffle Ticket Sales	\$110,200.00	Party-cancelled	0.00
Raffle Expenses	\$12,673.22	Party Expenses	\$1,065.00
Raffle Winner Payments	\$31,200.00	Net Party Results	(\$1,065.00)
Net Raffle Results	\$66,326.78		
% Return on Ticket Sales	60.2%	Net Event	\$65,261.78

Submitted by Jessica Cherry

The Super Raffle committee would like to thank all St. Michael parishioners for their tremendous support which helped to make the 2022 Super Raffle our most successful to date. We truly appreciate everyone who bought or sold tickets, and all who volunteered to help with our mailings, ticket sales and preparations. Special thanks to Father Marty, Father Jacob, Megan Jones and Don Doffin, Sr. for their assistance with the livestreamed drawing. We look forward to the continued participation of our parish family in 2023! Don't forget to look for Mega Raffle tickets available soon. Thank you!

Submitted by Jen Poskin

Stewardship & Parish Administration Commission

Stewardship in Action

Consider “the wood beam in your eye” and ask our Lord for help removing it. Where can we show mercy in our lives over stubborn pride?

Submitted by Conchita Bryner

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 27

Pancake Breakfast 8:00 AM-1:00 PM
Fish Fry Ticket Sales After All Masses
RCIA 9:30 AM
Radiate 6:00 PM

The Rosary is said after the 7:00 AM Weekday Mass and 8:00 AM Saturday Mass Except Tuesday-after OLPH devotions

MONDAY FEBRUARY 28

Emotions Anonymous 6:00 PM

TUESDAY MARCH 1

Labors of Love 10:00 AM
Burning of Palms 1:00 & 6:30 PM
Faith Formation Traditional Classes 6:00 PM
Good Samaritans' Meeting 6:30 PM

WEDNESDAY MARCH 2

Ash Wednesday Masses: 7:00 AM, 12:00 PM, 7:00 PM
Eucharistic Adoration 1:30-3:00 PM
Faith Formation Traditional Classes 6:00 PM

THURSDAY MARCH 3

Open House 6:00 PM
Alpha 7:00 PM
Bereavement Session 7:00 PM
Choir Practice 7:00 PM

FRIDAY MARCH 4

Stations of the Cross 12:00 PM & 7:30 PM
Confirmation Retreat 4:30 PM

SATURDAY MARCH 5

First Saturday Devotions After 8:00 AM Mass
Liturgy Ministry Retreat 8:30 AM
Confessions 3:30-4:30 PM
Fish Fry Ticket Sales After Vigil Mass

SUNDAY MARCH 6

Fish Fry Ticket Sales After All Masses
RCIA 9:30 AM

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE



January 16, 2022

Adult	\$15,574.47
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Mass Intentions

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 26

5:00 PM ✠ Patricia Hansen

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 27 8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 AM St. Michael Parish

9:30 AM ✠ Joe Vozar

✠ Andy Ruff

11:30 AM ✠ Gino Testolin

MONDAY FEBRUARY 28

7:00 AM ✠ Mark Biegel

TUESDAY MARCH 1

7:00 AM ✠ James M. Zeleznik

WEDNESDAY MARCH 2 ASH WEDNESDAY

7:00 AM ✠ Antonio Rossignuolo-*Birthday*

8:55 AM In Honor of Generous AHS Benefactor
(Mass for SMS students only)

7:00 PM ✠ Gino Testolin

THURSDAY MARCH 3

7:00 AM ✠ Patricia J. Lyza

FRIDAY MARCH 4

7:00 AM ✠ John Finley

SATURDAY MARCH 5

8:00 AM ✠ Jerry Ehresman

5:00 PM ✠ Chandler Cowser

SUNDAY MARCH 6 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

7:30 AM ✠ Herbie Lemon III

9:30 AM ✠ Patricia J. Lyza-*1st Anniversary*

✠ Otis Cochran

✠ Roman, Adeline, Greg & John Barlog
St. Michael Parish

11:30 AM

✠ indicates deceased



reflections...

THE WORD

(Readings for March 6, 2022, the First Sunday of Lent)

I. *Deuteronomy 26:4-10*

Moses told the story of the Israelites: The Lord God led them from bondage to freedom. This story should always be recalled before offering gifts to God. The people of God can rejoice over the many good things the Lord has given them.

II. *Romans 10:8-13*

God's word is on your lips and in your heart. If you proclaim with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe it in your heart, you will be saved. "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

III. *Luke 4:1-13*

Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days. There He ate nothing and was tempted by the devil. Afterward, the devil left Him to await another opportunity.

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