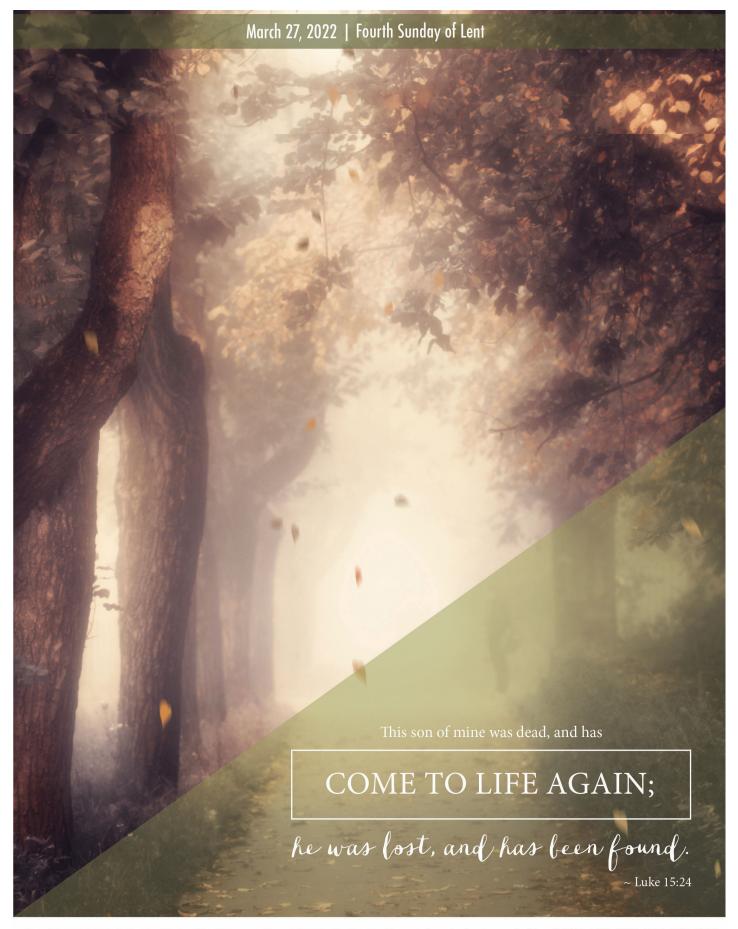
#### WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



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**SATURDAY LITURGY** 

Vigil: 5:00 PM **DAILY LITURGY** 

Weekdays 7:00 AM Saturday 8:00 AM 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

#### **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Wednesdays, 1:30-4:00 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**

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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

**Rejoice in Forgiveness.** This Sunday in Lent reminds us that Lent is not about suffering but about rejoicing. Why? Because God has reached out to you and me first and our reconciliation to God has thus begun. Knowing this, St. Paul begs us today when he is saying: "We implore you, in Christ's name: be reconciled to God!" Lent is our turn to turn closer to God.

One important way for us as Catholics to turn back to God is the Sacrament of Penance. Confession is not only good for the soul, it is good for the whole of us: mind, body and soul. The daily stresses of life are easily compounded when we try to walk our life journey in an opposite direction from Jesus. God is always present to us but there are times when we choose to ignore that presence and do things our way and not God's way. This is what sin is; it is my choice to ignore God's presence in my life and in my relationships with other people. It is the choice you or I make to indulge our weaknesses.

The celebration of the Sacrament of Penance is a most effective way for us to admit to ourselves, and to God, that we have turned from the path of life. Through the sacrament we recognize in a concrete way our need for God to heal us. God's healing power is most effective if you and I approach the sacrament with the best of intentions.

An honest and thoughtful review of our conscience is necessary for a good confession. Our review of conscience must go deeper than a "laundry list" of offenses to honestly recognize those more sinister attitudes that lead us to hurt ourselves and others.

The key question in the review of one's conscience is to ask WHY? The key to a good confession is more than just a list of things I did or did not do. A good confession also means being honest with myself as to why I think I do those things. Asking "why" gets at that underlying attitude we carry in our hearts which directs our actions. It is those attitudes and the actions that flow from them that are in most need of God's healing grace.

Why do I lose my temper so quickly; what does God need to heal in me to help me with this? Why do I treat others with disdain; do I think I'm smarter or better than others? Why can't I show mercy to others, the poor, or family members who I don't like? God shows me mercy, or do I discount God's mercy? Why do I indulge my weakness regarding overeating, inappropriate sex or being lazy in front of the TV? Do I think I'm the victim; am I unable to realize that I use my free will to do these things?

Give some thought this week to those attitudes that lead you to walk in the opposite direction of God's love. Then take advantage of God's mercy in the sacrament of confession. The desperate healing we need comes no other way but through this sacrament. Indeed, the Eucharist received in communion is unable to be fully realized in us if we first need confession and reconciliation to God.

We have scheduled 8 priests to be available for our Lenten Penance Services scheduled for this Tuesday, March 29th and next Wednesday, April 6th, both at 6:00 PM. Confessions are also heard on Saturday afternoons, 3:30-4:30 PM in the Chapel. We have extended the Saturday times for Saturday, April 2nd, 3:00-4:30 PM (2 priests available) and the following Saturday, April 9th, 2:30-4:30 PM (3 priests available). Come and know the weight that God longs to remove from you so you can see more clearly God's hand in yours as you walk towards Easter.

**Catholic Services Appeal** As a parish we exist within the local Church of the Diocese of Gary. My pastor and your pastor is Bishop McClory. This reality is important to remember. We, as a single parish, cannot do all that needs to be done by Christ's Church. Together with our brothers and sisters in this local Church, under Bishop McClory, we can accomplish great and necessary things.

Your pledge to the CSA helps to educate men for the Priesthood and Diaconate and lay persons for Lay Ministry; it helps young mothers to Choose Life for their babies; it assists our Radiate ministry connecting our youth to their peers in other parishes and it helps to care for the thousands of Sisters who served the Church faithfully and selflessly for generations. A monthly pledge of \$30.00, \$50.00, \$75.00, \$100.00 or more helps with all these areas and more. Consider becoming part of the *Bishop's Guild* for a \$1000.00 pledge. Your pledge for 7 or 8 months makes it possible for us to reach our parish goal. THANK YOU for your generosity!!

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#### **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

#### **Eucharistic Adoration**



March 30th in the Chapel 1:30-4:00 PM

# Little White Easter Season Reflection Books Available April 2nd/3rd & 9th/10th

A donation of \$1.00 each in exact change is appreciated. Submitted by Janice Gatons

#### **Foot Washing Ministry**

Volunteers are in need on Holy Thursday, April 14th, 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



#### STATIONS OF THE CROSS JOIN US FOR THIS POWERFUL AND SPIRITUAL JOURNEY NOON & 7:30 PM

All Lay Ministers are invited to this spiritual pilgrimage together as a way to express your devotion and commitment to your ministry. To facilitate this experience, suggested dates are listed below:

#### **April 1st, 7:30 PM**

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

## COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE ADOL 20TH AT 6:00 DX

MARCH 29TH AT 6:00 PM APRIL 6TH AT 6:00 PM

INDIVIDUAL CONFESSIONS MARCH 26TH 3:30-4:30 PM APRIL 2ND 3:00 -4:30 PM APRIL 9TH 2:30-4:30 PM

### An Art & Environment Invitation All Are Welcomed!

The Art & Environment needs your help in preparing the church for Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday and Easter. We will meet as follows:

April 9th at 9:00 AM April 12th at 6:00 PM April 16th at 9:30 AM

Many hands will make the work go faster. No experience is needed. Please call Tina at 865-8663 if you have any questions.

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### **Spirituality and Worship Commission**

#### PARISH LENTEN PROJECT

There are crosses representing Prayer, Sacrifice and Almsgiving available in the Gathering Space. As you come to Mass each week, take a cross corresponding to your Lenten deed and hang it to the cross on the table. 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.

#### **Education and Formation Commission**



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

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## Everyone is Welcome to Attend Alpha! Join us Thursday, March 31st, 7:00-9:00 PM in St. Patrick Hall

Our video topic this week is, "Does God Heal Today?" We'll discuss the miraculous healings of Jesus and why it can be hard to believe that God can heal today.

Alpha is a great place to be fed physically and spiritually.

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

#### Radiate is for All High School Students!

Have you wondered what RADIATE is all about? It's a place where you can feel comfortable and join in with other teenagers. You will have a GREAT TIME! All High Schoolers are welcome. You will meet Friends, enrich your Faith, and have a ton of Fun!



See you on:

March 27th: Delving into the Eucharist & Eucharistic Miracles, 6:00-8:00 PM in St. Patrick Hall April 10th: Gathering, 6:00-8:00 PM in St. Patrick Hall

WE ARE EXCITED to bring RADIATE to St. James the Less in Highland (where Fr. Gregory is) during the spring. They are our "neighbors" and are only six minutes away from St. Michael Church down Kennedy Avenue. What a perfect way to include other teens from our neighboring parishes!

Dates are already on the calendar:

April 24th

May 15th

June 3rd

If you have any questions, please contact Jeannine Quigley at 219-775-5356.

submitted by Jeannine Quigley

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#### **Education and Formation Commission-**

# WARRIOR OF THE WEEK



My name is Ella Doffin. I am an eighth grade student at SMS and have been going here since preschool in 2010. When asked what high school I am going to, I don't know what to say. What I can say is that I am unsure of what high school I am going to but hopefully I can decide soon. The activities I have participated in are volleyball, basketball, and cheerleading while at SMS. Outside of school, I play guitar and enjoy journaling. In previous years I have participated in Girl Scouts but unfortunately I don't anymore. My favorite thing about SMS is the teachers. Most of them, if not all, are extremely helpful and caring to the students, and are very passionate about what they do. One other thing I like about SMS is how close I am with my classmates. The thing I will miss most about SMS is the building. That may sound weird but I literally grew up here. I know this place like the back of my hand and the thought of going somewhere else worries me. My best advice to the younger students is to be positive. As a not very positive person, I know how hard it is. Don't surround yourself with negative people and thoughts. Remember you are your top priority, don't let the little things ruin your dreams.

### APRIL CALENDAR

### STRACK & VAN TIL RECEIPTS DUE TO THE OFFICE NO LATER THAN MARCH 30TH.

March 30th: Stations of the Cross Grades 2-3

1:00 PM

1st: End of First Quarter

6th: Stations of the Cross Grades K-1 1:00 PM

8th: Distribution of Report Cards 9th: First Holy Communion Pictures 9:00-11:00 AM in St. Patrick Hall

13th: Living Stations 9:00 AM (for school only) &

6:30 PM

15th: No School-Good Friday

18th: No School

**20th:** Open House 6:00-7:30 PM **21st:** Confirmation Practice 7:00 PM

22nd: Confirmation Mass 5:30 PM

**24th:** First Holy Communion 9:30 & 11:30 AM Masses

#### 2022-2023 Catholic Diocese of Gary Tuition Assistance Applications

The Diocese of Gary would like to announce that tuition assistance applications for the 2022-2023 school year is open. FACTS Management will continue to provide and process our tuition assistance applications. Please, use the following link for Tuition Assistance: <a href="https://online.factsmgt.com/AID">https://online.factsmgt.com/AID</a>. The applications may also be found at the Diocesan full website, <a href="www.dcgary.org">www.dcgary.org</a>. You will find the application by clicking on the **Departments** tab and then clicking on **Office of Catholic Schools**. Scroll down and click on **Online Application** link. There are no paper applications. The regular application period will close in **October 2022**. <a href="Tuition assistance">Tuition assistance</a> is only open to Catholic families who are registered members of parishes within the Diocese of <a href="Gary">Gary</a>. You may complete an application if you have children entering grades kindergarten through twelve. Pre-school students are not eligible for tuition 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 e-mail address, phone number and chat line on the application website for customer service.

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#### **Education and Formation Commission -**



Registration for the 2022-23 school year is now open. Visit the website for registration form and more information.

### APRIL CALENDAR

March 29th/30th: Traditional Classes

6:00-7:30 PM

**3rd:** Family Session 9:30 AM

5th/6th: Traditional Classes 6:00-7:30 PM

9th: First Communion Pictures 9:00-11:00 AM in St. Patrick Hall 12th/13th: Traditional Classes 6:00-7:30 PM

**19th:** First Holy Communion Practice

6:00-8:00 PM

21st: Confirmation Practice 7:00 PM 22nd: Confirmation Mass 5:30 PM

**24th:** First Holy Communion 9:30 & 11:30 AM Masses

#### **Confirmation Retreat 2022**















8th graders having fun while exploring what it means to live out the Sacrament of Confirmation

Guest Presenter - Dr. Terry Nelson-Johnson

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#### 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. Wheelchair Ramp Ministry, Labors of Love, Emotions Anonymous

#### RESPECT LIFE NEWS

#### **Spiritual Adoption Cards Available This Weekend**

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 after all Masses this weekend. The cards have a place for the date to indicate the beginning of the Spiritual Adoption of an unborn child and the completion date 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 either before or after Mass.

For those who have not made it back to Mass yet or do not have the opportunity to get a card, you can still participate by naming a child and saying the following prayer every day from March 25th - December 25th. During your earthly life, this spiritually adopted child of yours will be known only to God but in the world to come it is hoped you will meet the child whose life was spared by your prayers and spend happiness with them.

"Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion." Prayer of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen.

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

The Respect Life Ministry would like to remind everyone that there are only 15 days left of the 40 Days for Life Prayer Campaign sponsored by Lake County Right to Life. 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. If you are still looking for something special to do for Lent and 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 to 7:00 PM for a peaceful, non-confrontational prayer vigil to pray for the end of abortion. On Saturday April 9th, there will be a special prayer event that will begin with the Traveling Rosary Prayer Service for Life at Our Lady of Consolation (8303 Taft St., Merrillville) in front of the Abortion Cross at 10:00 AM and immediately following (11:00 AM) will proceed to Planned Parenthood to join the Parishioners from St Michael's and all other prayer warriors for an hour of peaceful vigil to pray for the end of abortion. Let's all try and attend BOTH services and double the power of our prayers. Peaceful vigil is not the only way to participate in this prayer campaign. If you cannot participate at Planned Parenthood perhaps you would be able to attend Adoration on Wednesdays, 1:30-4:00 PM or just praying and fasting in your own home. There are 360 hours left of this campaign; can you give just one hour to stand up for life?

#### One Mind Changed. One Life Saved. One Mother Protected.



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



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.

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#### **Peace & Social Justice Commission**



For Those Who Have Died...

Mary Thiel

Life has changed, not ended

#### LIFE IS PRECIOUS; HANDLE WITH PRAYER



Patricia Lyons, Sharon Valko, Connie Hernandez, Emily Watroba, Lupe Vega, Mary Joe Retseck, Carol Gembala, Dean Markovich, Barbara Krivickas, Janet Trembczynski, Edna Limson, Nicole Villanueva, Chuck Blair, Donna Rau, Pat Komorowski, Don Meyer, Zbigniew Sochacki, Beth Ann Brown, Tina Serna, Audrey Weber, Deacon Mike Prendergast, Patty Bohney, Matt McGovern, Anita Gaddy, Angela Koutis, Linda Iwan 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.

### Parish Life -

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



#### **BLOOD DRIVE**

St. Michael the Archangel
Knights of Columbus Council 12177
Saint Patrick Hall

Tuesday, March 29<sup>th</sup> 12:00PM-5:00PM

Schedule a blood donation appointment today: Download the Blood Donor App 1-800-733-2767

RedCrossBlood.org

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Monday, March 28th 8:30 AM to

Thursday, March 31st 9:00 AM

Pick Up Friday, April 1st

12:00-3:00 PM

Proceeds going to Ukraine Supported by FCSLALife

#### **Discernment 2022**

We thank everyone who came to discern and for their interest in serving their parish. The following is a list of the newly discerned members:

#### **Parish Council**

Barbara Anderson Nancy Finley Mike Morley Joel Palaschak

#### Finance Council

Gilbert Wieser Barbara Bohney James Sullivan Loretta DePrez

#### **School Advisory Board**

Stephanie Trevino Jessica Zvyak

#### **HSA**

Christine Librojo

#### **Sports Board**

Sandra O'Drobinak

#### Thought of the day Life is a collection of changes. so don`t avoid changes.take every change as a challenge. some give success and some act as a stepping stone to success."

### Parish Life ——

#### CALLING ALL SENIORS TO PARTICIPATE IN GEMS



#### **Calendar of Events**

**April 12th:** Meeting at 10:00 AM in St. Patrick Hall May/June: Meeting at 10:00 AM, location and dates to

be announced at a later date

June 28th: Trip to Poor Handmaids in Donaldson, IN July 12th: 90 Minute Tour of Lake Michigan from

Michigan City, Cost is \$25 payable day of the trip. Lunch will be in New Buffalo, Michigan

Must register by May 31st.

Sept. 28th: Bus trip to Starved Rock for lunch and a

show, we will leave from the church parking lot at 9:45 AM and return around 4:45 PM. Cost is \$104.00 nonrefundable. There are 30 tickets available. You will be counted when the trip is paid for. Deadline to sign up is June 29th.

If you wish to attend these trips or have any questions, please call Carol at 219-736-5085.

#### **Stewardship & Parish Administration Commission**



Easter flower envelopes are due in the parish office no later than Monday, April 4th, at 8:30 AM if you wish to have your name and intentions published in the Easter bulletin.

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



This week we take up the Catholic Relief Services collection to reveal Christ's Love to our brothers and sisters in need. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide relief and support for struggling communities and to work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

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#### **Stewardship & Parish Administration Commission**

## stewardship in Action

Do something kind for our first responders, health care workers, teachers or other people who work in careers of service. Write a thank you note or make a meal to show your gratitude.

Submitted by Conchita Bryner

#### **RICE BOWL**

#### A STORY OF HOPE FROM RWANDA

Living in Kigali, Rwanda, Gloriose Uwamahoro and her husband Karekezi Jean Pierre are no strangers to hardship and hard work. Driven by a dream to send their three children to a good school, Gloriose sells vegetables and water in a kiosk and Karekezi sells vegetables at a market. It's a full day's work. They often return home late at night, but thankful for the blessings they have. "Our country went through a lot," Gloriose says. "Though I say that our country has made progress, development is still essential, and it is ongoing." They faced many challenges. Their daughter was malnourished—like many other children in their village. Then Gloriose joined Gikuriro, a project funded by the U.S. government and led by Catholic Relief Services to support the Rwandan government's efforts to combat malnutrition. In Gikuriro, Gloriose learned how to prepare balanced meals for her children. She also learned about the importance of good hygiene. She shared these and other skills—like how to grow a kitchen garden with her husband so they could support their children together. "Parents have to pull together ... because they are our responsibility," Gloriose says about caring for their children. She later joined a CRS-led micro-savings group and learned how loans could help her grow her business and make more money. Now she earns enough to support her family. She and Karekezi can also afford to fulfill their dream of sending their kids to school. Gloriose says because parents in her village have gained knowledge about balanced diets, their children are receiving the food they need to grow. But what she considers truly wonderful is how, by participating in the program, "a woman has been given a voice." "It wasn't a thing before for a woman to speak up ... or borrow a certain amount of money and use it to make profit and pay it back," she says. "That is something to be thankful for."

#### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE



February 13, 2022

Adult Children EFTs\* Loose \$13,744.30 \$29.00 \$1,890.00 \$515.30

Total Weekly Offering \$16,178.60

\*Electronic Funds Transfer

### Weekly Schedule

#### **SUNDAY MARCH 27**

Coffee & Donuts After All Masses Spiritual Adoption Cards Available 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 MARCH 28**

Ministers of Care Meeting 9:30 AM Peace & Social Justice Meeting 6:00 PM

#### **TUESDAY MARCH 29**

K of C Blood Drive 12:00-5:00 PM Communal Penance Service 6:00 PM Faith Formation Traditional Classes 6:00 PM

#### WEDNESDAY MARCH 30

Stations of the Cross Grades 2 & 3 1:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration 1:30-4:00 PM Faith Formation Traditional Classes 6:00 PM Genesis to Jesus 7:00 PM

#### THURSDAY MARCH 31

Alpha 7:00 PM

Bereavement Session 7:00 PM

Choir Practice 7:00 PM

Education Foundation Meeting 7:00 PM

#### FRIDAY APRIL 1

Stations of the Cross 12:00 PM & 7:30 PM

#### **SATURDAY APRIL 2**

Confessions 3:00-4:30 PM

Easter Reflection Books Available After Vigil Mass

#### **SUNDAY APRIL 3**

Easter Reflection Books Available After All Masses Family Session 9:30 AM RCIA 9:30 AM

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#### **Diocesan Life Information**.

#### WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

The Diocese of Gary's Women's Conference is less than a month away! It is being held on **April 2nd** at Bishop Noll Institute in Hammond. Speakers include Fr. Donald Calloway, Paula Umana, Sonja Corbitt, Fr. B. Thomas Celso, and Fr. Andrew Summerson and Laura Ieraci, with Bishop McClory celebrating the opening Mass.

It's time to register for this inspiring and amazing event when Catholic women from all over Northwest Indiana come together to worship, learn, pray, and connect with each other. Don't miss it! Go to <a href="https://www.nwicatholicwomen.com">www.nwicatholicwomen.com</a> to register and for more information.

#### ANDREAN EVENTS SCHEDULE A SHADOW DAY

Contact Mr. Jim Nohos, Director of Enrollment Management at 887-5959, ext. 260 to schedule a visit. **APPLY TODAY!** 

Families are invited to apply for the 2022-23 school year. The application can be completed online at andreanhs.org.

#### **UPCOMING ADMISSION EVENTS**

Entrance Exam is scheduled for Apr. 3rd at 1:00 PM. Pick up is at 4:00 PM.

#### \*FISH FRY

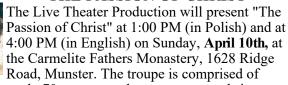
The Hoosier Hrvati Tamburitza Orchestra of Northwest Indiana invites all to a Fish Fry, **April 8th**, 4:00-7:00 PM at the Croatian Lodge, 8550 Taft St., Merrillville. The dinner will be held in the "Cro Lounge" located on the North side of the building. The menu will include: All you can eat fried Pollock Dinner...\$12.00 Fried Cod Dinner...\$14.00

Fried Shrimp Dinner...\$14.00

Meals will include cole slaw, macaroni and cheese, roll and butter, coffee and dessert.

A cash bar will be available for pop, beer and wine. Any questions? Please call: 219.649.1722 or visit us on Facebook at Hoosier Hrvati. We hope to see you!

#### THE PASSION OF CHRIST



approximately 70 amateur volunteer actors and singers and directed by Cecylia Jablonska. All are welcome; a free-will offering will be accepted. For information, call Live Theater Production at 773-544-6573 or the Carmelite Fathers Monastery at 219-838-7111; on Facebook at "Live Theater Production"; or www.livetheaterproduction.com.

#### \*EASTER MEAL FOR \$17

Let the Our Lady of Czestochowa Shrine's caterers help you with your Easter holiday meal! The menu includes stuffed chicken drumsticks, breaded pork cutlets, pork tenderloin in gravy, potatoes, potato dumplings (kopytka), sauerkraut, taco salad, and broccoli/cauliflower salad. Carry-out dinner orders are \$17 per person (with a minimum of 10) are due by **April 12th**; pickup will be 10:00 AM-2:00 PM on April 17th (Easter Sunday) at the Millennium Hall, located on the grounds of the Our Lady of Czestochowa Shrine, 5755 Pennsylvania St., Merrillville. For more information or to place an order, call Stasia at 708-205-8324 or Zosia at 708-267-5603.

#### STM CAREER NETWORKING GROUP

STM Career Networking Group will have a session, "Why are so Many Part-Time Workers Struggling to Find Full Time work During a Labor Shortage" presented by the Hosts of the Career Networking Group on **April 13th**, 7:00-8:30 PM at the STM Weis Center, 8635 Calumet Ave., Munster. This is open to all those who are unemployed, new to the job market or looking for a change.

#### \*LAKE COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE FUNDRAISING BANQUET

"Where the Rubber Meets the Road" will take place on Thursday, **April 21st**, at 7:00 PM at Saint Sava Banquet Hall, 9191 Mississippi St, Merrillville. Guest speakers will be Will Ford and Matt Lockett. For further details or to reserve your seat, please RSVP to 219-838-1138 or office@lakecortl.org
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We need YOU to help foster and support vocations in our diocese. Join Serra on the first Monday of each month for a business meeting to learn what we do and how we serve. We also meet on the third Monday of each month for Holy Hour of Exposition,

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#### COUNSELORS, LIFEGUARDS & NURSES NEEDED

Camp Lawrence in Valparaiso is looking for counselors in training, counselors, lifeguards and a nurse to work the six week summer camp season. Applicants must be at least 16 years old to apply. Please contact the Catholic Youth Organization for more information. Phone: 219-736-8931, Email: nwicyo@comcast.net.

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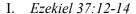
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(Readings for April 3, 2022, the Fifth Sunday of Lent)



The Lord God told the people that soon the graves of the dead would open and they would rise. "I will put my spirit in you that you may live...says the Lord."

II. Romans 8:8-11

"Whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him." God, who raised Jesus from the dead, will raise also those in whom the Spirit dwells.

III. John 11:1-45

Lazarus died, and Jesus raised him from death. Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in Me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die."

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#### The Parish Website

Visit our website, <u>www.stmichaelparish.life</u> 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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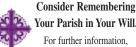
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