

WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

AUGUST 22, 2021

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



AS FOR ME AND
MY HOUSEHOLD,

*we will serve
the Lord.*

JOSHUA 24:15



Community, Personnel & On-Going Information

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CONVENT

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Office Hours: 9:00 AM-4:00 PM Monday-Friday and
by appointment
Phone:.....322-4505 Fax.....322-4508
Email.....office@stmichaelparish.life
Website.....www.stmichaelparish.life
Address.....1 E. Wilhelm St., Schererville, IN 46375

ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL

Summer Office Hours: 9:00 AM-2:00 PM Monday-Thursday
Phone.....322-4531 Fax.....322-1710
Website.....www.stmichaelparish.life/school
Address.....16 W. Wilhelm St., Schererville, IN 46375
Principal
Miss Colleen Kennedy.....ckennedy@stmichaelparish.life
School Executive Assistant
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FAITH FORMATION

Summer Office Hours: 9:00 AM-2:00 PM Monday-Thursday
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Traditional Classes.....Tuesday or Wednesday 6:00-7:30 PM
Good Shepherd Classes.....Tuesday 6:00-7:30 PM
Sunday Family Classes.....Once a month 9:30-11:00 AM

SATURDAY LITURGY

Vigil: 5:00 PM
DAILY LITURGY
Weekdays 7:00 AM
Saturday 8:00 AM

SUNDAY LITURGY

7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 AM
HOLY DAY LITURGY
See page 15 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.

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

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Barbara Anderson.....Peace & Social Justice Liaison
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Thomas Molnar.....Parish Life Liaison
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Deacon Ron Pyle.....Permanent Deacon

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

Decisions, decisions! Life is full of deciding one thing or another. Most of the decisions we make are made quite naturally, without very little fore thought. This is just fine for things like breathing, eating and sleeping. However, not disciplining ourselves to think about more complex matters like relationships, can lead a person down a painful road.

Deciding to follow the teachings of Jesus is just such a decision that demands more thought and reflection than we are sometimes willing to give. In the gospel today, St. John relates to us how so many people just naturally followed Jesus. They naturally followed Him because He said things they wanted to hear and did kind things for others. But they left His company when they were challenged to really think about what Jesus was asking them to believe.

This still happens today. As Catholics we firmly believe that the Holy Father is elected under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and assumes the rights and responsibilities of St. Peter. He is the vicar of Christ on earth. Yet, in more recent times when a person doesn't agree with the Holy Father they want to dismiss him. But that is not possible and still reminds within the broad circle of the Catholic Faith. Often we get caught up in the initial newness and novelty of the new, whether it's a person or a thing. But Jesus, and those who are responsible for carrying on His message, like the Pope, call us to a deeper and more challenging resolve. Our decision to follow and believe has to be made on a more profound level.

In revealing Himself as the “bread from heaven” and the need for His followers to eat His Body and drink His Blood to have life within them, Jesus called the people following Him to allow themselves to become what they would eat, to become the Christ. This becoming one with the Son of God was too much for many to accept. It was too intimate of a relationship with God. God is far easier to deal with when God is kept at a distance. It was unnerving to realize that God was standing in front of them in the flesh and longed to be one with them.



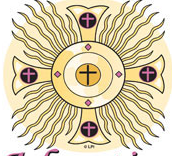
This might sound silly to us but we are not all that far removed from this same reaction. The decision to follow Jesus still demands that we eat His Body and drink His Blood to become what we eat and drink. Yes, we are to become more like Jesus which means you and I decrease and Jesus increases.

If we do not allow God to change us, we will still be formed by other “gods.” These gods require our devotion too. How devoted some can be to fashion, food, drink, unmarried sex, entertainment, sports, drugs, alcohol and gambling. These are gods not to be underestimated. They change us into selfish people always looking for the next “fix” with less and less concern for the people we say we love.

God desires to transform us beyond our limited being into His unlimited Presence. The decision to allow God to transform us is a decision we must make each day. It is not a natural decision to open oneself up to be changed into someone else. Even if that someone else is Jesus. That is why you and I each day must make a conscious decision to follow Jesus by our actions. Each day you and I must wake up and decide ‘today I will decrease a little more so Jesus can increase in me.’ Not an easy decision but one that leads us to real happiness and real life.

Spirituality and Worship Commission

Eucharistic



Adoration

August 25th
1:00-3:00 PM in the Chapel

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

Come Meet the Sacristan
August 23rd
1:00 PM
Gathering Space

Please wear a mask if you are not fully vaccinated.

Marian Devotions
Today, August 22nd
7:45 PM

Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine



August Intention:
For leaders in the Church and all those who teach the faith



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

RCIA is the process for those who are 8 years of age or older, baptized in another faith tradition, non-baptized, or only baptized in the Catholic faith and wish to complete their sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. For more information about this process, please call Kimberley Hoogveen at 219-322-3077. *submitted by J. Gatons*

Education and Formation Commission

SMS NEWS



SMS AUGUST CALENDAR

Due to COVID-19 all dates are subject to change and/or cancellation.

23rd: Kona Ice Social in School Parking Lot
Drop off School Supplies
5:00-6:30 PM
25th: First Day of School K-8th

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

26th: Meet the Teacher Night K-5th
6:00 PM ADULTS ONLY
30th: First Day of Preschool



Education and Formation Commission

Always Wanted Your Child to Attend a Catholic School but Did Not Want to Pay the High Cost of Tuition?

TRANSFER NOW – Those transferring from a Lake Central district school could qualify for \$5363!!!!

The State of Indiana has dramatically increased the financial aid thresholds to qualify for financial aid. If your 2020 tax returns are less than the numbers listed below, then you should seriously consider transferring your child from a public school to St. Michael School.

Persons in Household	Annual Income Limit for 90% Choice Scholarship
1	\$71,484
2	\$96,681
3	\$121,878
4	\$147,075
5	\$172,272
6	\$197,469
7	\$222,666
8	\$247,863
9	\$273,060
10	\$298,257

Income verification is based on the 2020 Federal Tax Return adjusted gross income amount. The household size is verified by the number listed on the 2020 Federal Tax Return.

What do I need to do if I qualify based on income eligibility?

Please complete the application found at: <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>

When is the deadline to apply for the 2021-2022 school year?

The sooner the better, however, applications must be submitted by 9/1/2021.

For further information, contact Colleen Kennedy at 219-322-4531 x8322 or email her at ckennedy@stmichaelparish.life.

Submitted by Marty Lucas

Lower Your Taxes and Help the Children at St. Michael School

The State of Indiana has dramatically increased the financial aid thresholds to qualify for financial aid. These new thresholds will have a positive impact on the number of St. Michael students qualifying for financial aid. The funds for this financial aid are provided by individuals and businesses donating to the Sagamore Institute. We need parishioners to support this program. We need additional funds to meet the additional demands for the upcoming 2021-2022 school year.

The State of Indiana has a School Scholarship Tax Credit Program. Here is how the program works. An individual or business will donate money into this program for St. Michael School. The donation can only be used for financial aid scholarships. You will receive an Indiana State tax credit for 50% of your donation amount. You can lower your taxes while helping the children at St. Michael School. This tax credit program is only available while State funding is available. The bottom line is to make your donation as early as possible to take advantage of this tax saving program.

To donate online: <https://scholarshipsforeducationchoice.com/st-michael-school/>

To donate by mail: Make your check payable to **Sagamore Institute SGO**. please indicate on the check that it is for St. Michael School, Schererville. Mail the check to:

SEC at Sagamore Institute P.O. Box 301076 Indianapolis, IN 46230

Submitted by Marty Lucas

Education and Formation Commission

All High School Teens are Invited!

We can't wait to hear your ideas and what you'd like Radiate to be this year!



GATHER AROUND THE FIRE PIT W/RADIATE!

SHARE YOUR IDEAS
FOR THIS YEAR
& ROAST S'MORES

Fri, Sept 10
(7-9pm)

Faith Formation News

Kimberley Hoogeveen, Director of Religious Education

2021-2022 Faith Formation Program

CLASSES WILL START ON:

- * Tuesday, September 7th/6:00-7:30 PM
- * Wednesday, September 8th/6:00-7:30 PM
- * Sunday, September 12th/9:30-11:00 AM

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW:

- ◆ Parent Orientations held first day of class in the gym
- ◆ Class sizes are not more than 15 students per class
- ◆ Classes held in St. Michael School classrooms
- ◆ Classes led by volunteer catechists
- ◆ We follow Lake Central School Corporation calendar
- ◆ Student class assignments will be emailed by August 23rd
- ◆ You must be registered with the Faith Formation Office





St. Michael Faith Formation

Presents a...

“NEW FAMILY GATHERING”

Families “NEW” to Faith Formation this is a night for you and your children to gather, while we share with you, all that our wonderful program can offer for your family.

Must be registered for 2021-2022 Faith Formation classes.

AUGUST 26, 2021

6:00 PM- St. Patrick Hall

COME meet the staff... We are here for you!

**St. Michael Faith Formation
16 Wilhelm, Schererville, IN 46375
RSVP- 219-322-3077**

Peace & Social Justice Commission

KEEP UPDATED ON CURRENT ISSUES

The 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!

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



For Those Who Have Died...

Pauline Schutz
Connie Biegel

Life has changed, not ended

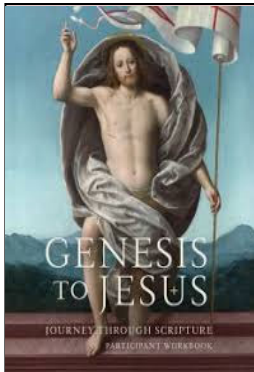


LIFE IS PRECIOUS; HANDLE WITH PRAYER

Matthew "Sonny" Goldasic, Gladys D'Mello, Whitney Brittle, Jerry Caravana, Ken Caravana, Courtney Aydt, Charles Svitko, Zbigniew Sohacki, David Sarros, Beth Ann Brown, Tina Serna, Audrey Weber, Pam Weber, Robert Marszowski, Kenny Kollasch, Sr., Linda Bayus, June Czajkowski, Barbara Krivickas, Byron Szulczewski 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.



Last Weekend to Register

AFTER THE 5:00 PM, 7:30 & 9:30 AM MASSES AND BEFORE 11:30 AM MASS
GENESIS TO JESUS

**WEDNESDAYS, September 8—October 13, 2021 (1ST SESSION)
and February 2—March 9, 2022 (2ND SESSION)**

7:00 PM in St. Patrick Hall

COST OF BOOK IS \$20

**EMOTIONS ANONYMOUS
FREE EMOTIONAL SUPPORT GROUP
FOR THOSE 15 YEARS AND UP
EVERY MONDAY
6:00-7:30 PM IN
ST. AMAND ROOM
USE EAST DOORS/SOUTHWEST
MEETING ROOM**

**Blood Pressure, Glucose and
Oxygen Level Screenings**



**this Weekend
in the St. Amand room
after the 5:00 PM,
7:30 AM and 9:30 AM
Masses**



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.

Peace & Social Justice Commission

Rebuilding Hope Mission Team/Wheelchair Ramp Ministry

St. Michael's Wheelchair Ramp Ministry installed another ramp on August 5th. Pictured is team member, Jim Koeling, homeowner Doug Hardy, and team member from St. John the Evangelist, Bill Marvel.

A big THANK YOU to Deacon Tom Kubik for allowing us use of his horse barn to store our ramp materials.

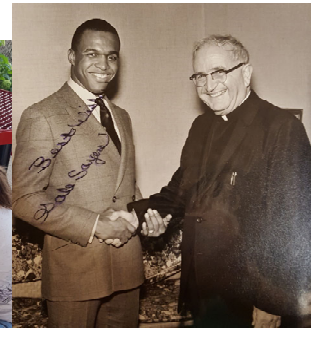
If you would like to participate in this ministry in any way, please contact the parish office at 219-322-4505.



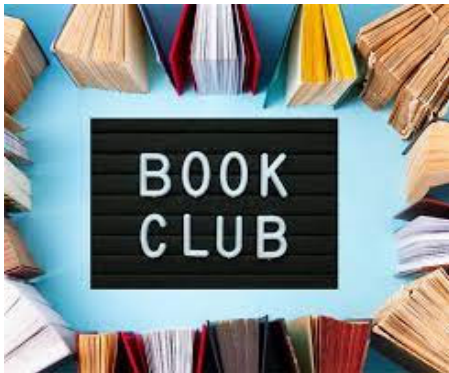
St. Michael's Rebuilding Hope Mission Team participated in United Way's "Day of Caring" at Campagna Academy. We assembled picnic benches and helped retrieve and sort treasures from 1947 to present. We even found autographed photos of Chicago Bears greats Dick Butkis and Gayle Sayers.

We also found out about the origins of Campagna Academy and that the Chapel still has its original stained glass windows which were covered due to lack of funds to properly restore them. We also learned that the Cross and the hanging lights came from local churches, and the Altar came from St. Patrick's in Chicago!

If you would like to participate in this ministry in any way, please contact the parish office at 322-4505.



Parish Life



September 28th
11:00 AM-12:00 PM
St. Patrick Hall

Book Title: *Two Steps Forward*
by
Sharon Garlough Brown

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

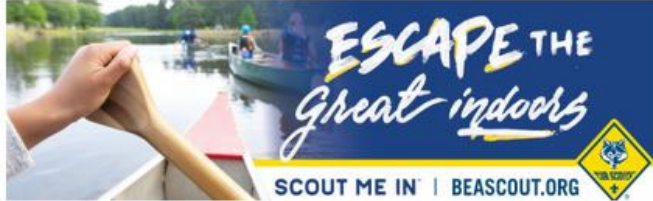


Fun for Seniors

August 24th
10:00 AM-12:00 PM
St. Patrick Hall

All those 50+ come and join the fun.

JOIN CUB SCOUT PACK 504



YOUTH - K thru 5th Grade

- FUN FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY
- OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES
- COOKOUTS & CAMPOUTS
- STEM ACTIVITIES
- HIKING & GEOCACHING
- IN PERSON & VIRTUAL MEETINGS & EVENTS

JOIN TODAY!!!

CUBSCOUTS504@GMAIL.COM

Check us out on our Facebook page: Schererville Cub Scout Pack 504

LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER FOR FANTASY FOOTBALL AUGUST 22ND



Draft Day: August 29th

at 5:30 PM in St. Patrick Hall

Pizza & Beverages Provided

Email frjacob@stmichaelparish.life today if interested.

MEN'S FAITH SHARING GROUP



SAINT MICHAEL MEN'S FAITH SHARING GROUP INVITES MEN OF THE PARISH TO JOIN US TO BE TRANSFORMED BY SHARING OUR FAITH WITH ONE ANOTHER AND GROWING IN RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST.

**SEPTEMBER 4TH
OCTOBER 2ND
@ 9:00AM
ST. AMAND ROOM**

FOR MORE INFO: CONTACT GARYWWOLFE@HOTMAIL.COM

NO PODCAST THIS WEEK



Stewardship & Parish Administration Commission

Stewardship in Action

How can you level up your commitment to Jesus this week? What inspiration would fuel that renewed commitment?



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



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE



July 18, 2021

Adult	\$14,452.00
EFTs*	\$5,670.00
Children	\$11.00
Loose	\$295.00

Total Weekly Offering
\$20,428.00

**Electronic Funds Transfer*

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY AUGUST 22

BP Screenings After 7:30 & 9:30 AM Masses
Signups for Genesis to Jesus After 7:30 & 9:30 AM
Masses & Before 11:30 AM Mass
RCIA 9:30 AM
Marian Devotions 7:45 PM

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

MONDAY AUGUST 23

Kona Ice Social/Drop Off Supplies 5:00 PM
Emotions Anonymous 6:00 PM
Stewardship Meeting 6:30 PM

TUESDAY AUGUST 24

GEMS 10:00 AM

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 25

First Day of School K-8
Eucharistic Adoration 1:00-3:00 PM

THURSDAY AUGUST 26

Meet the Teacher Night K-5 5:00 PM
New Faith Formation Families Gathering 6:00 PM

FRIDAY AUGUST 27

WOW Meeting 7:00 PM

SATURDAY AUGUST 28

Confessions 3:30-4:30 PM

SUNDAY AUGUST 29

RCIA 9:30 AM
Fantasy Football Draft 5:30 PM

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Please consider supporting our education endeavors at St. Michael Parish through the **St. Michael Education Foundation with a Memorial Donation.**

Your gift will be listed here and acknowledged to the family or individual you memorialize.

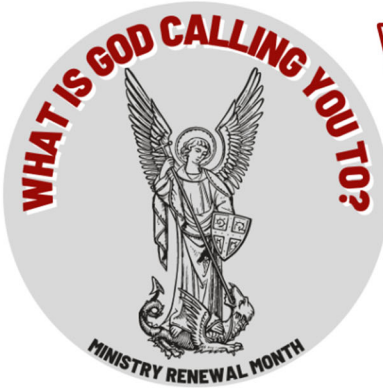
Living Memorial - Anniversary Memorial - Deceased Memorial

Directors of the Foundation

Rev. Martin J. Dobrzynski, Pastor
Colleen Kennedy, Principal
Dr. Ed Udani, Secretary
Jessica Cherry, Treasurer

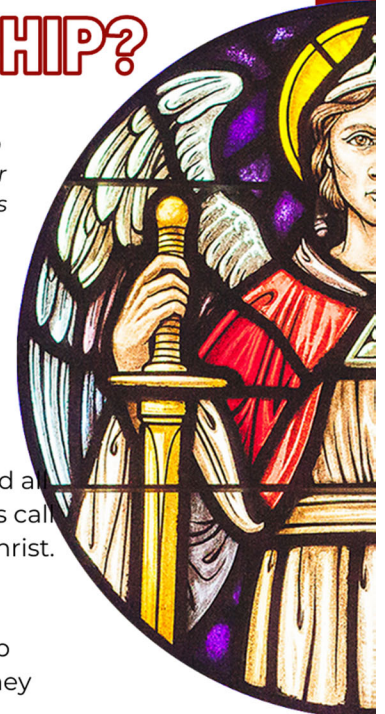
Kenneth Bohling, Patrick Cusick, Don Doffin,
Julie Hudec, Hal Slager, Joe Townsend,
Donna Velez

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



WHY STEWARDSHIP?

Throughout the month of September, our parish is celebrating the call to Stewardship through ministry. As faithful members of our parish, we are all called to be good stewards of the gifts God has entrusted to us. It is important that we annually renew our stewardship commitment, and affirm our gratitude to God by sharing His gifts of our time, talent, and treasure with our parish and the community.



SHARING OF OUR TIME, TALENT & TREASURE

In recognition of God's generosity and faithfulness to His people, we should prayerfully consider how each of us can be a good Christian steward. God's call to stewardship came when we were baptized, each of us as a disciple of Christ. The bishops of the United States acknowledge the importance of our discipleship with Jesus Christ, a relationship that leads to the practice of stewardship. According to the bishops, "disciples that practice stewardship recognize God as the origin of life, the giver of freedom, the source of all they have and are and will be."

SHARING OUR TIME: ALL OF US ARE ASKED TO DEEPEN OUR FRIENDSHIP WITH JESUS BY ATTENDING MASS WEEKLY AND DEVOTING TIME TO DAILY PRAYER.

SHARING OUR TALENT: ALL OF US ARE ASKED TO SERVE GOD BY SERVING EACH OTHER AND OUR NEIGHBOR THROUGH ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN AT LEAST ONE OF OUR PARISH'S MINISTRIES.

SHARING OUR TREASURE: ALL OF US ARE ASKED TO, ON A REGULAR BASIS, FINANCIALLY SUPPORT OUR PARISH SO THAT WE CAN CONTINUE TO BUILD UP GOD'S KINGDOM ON EARTH.

BENEFITS TO EVERY STEWARD

Benefits are plentiful for those individuals who welcome stewardship into their lives. When stewardship is practiced daily, we follow the example of Jesus and our faith is strengthened. As we reach out to others through our gifts, we will discover many blessings - a more purposeful life, more joy, less stress, more meaningful connections with others and the ability to make a true difference in another person's life. With stewardship as a way of life, we grow closer to the Lord.

A WAY OF LIFE

By giving of ourselves to others as we share our time, talent and treasure, we express our discipleship and show our gratitude to God for His gifts on a daily basis. Stewardship, however, means much more than simply giving our time, talent and treasure. If we carefully listen to God's call, we will come to understand that stewardship involves ALL of life - body, mind, and spirit, our material possessions, family, and friendships - in totality, all that we have, are, and will be.



NEXT WEEK...STEWARDSHIP AND PARISH LIFE MINISTRY FAIR

"Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good."

1 Corinthians 12:4-7

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL EDUCATION FOUNDATION'S ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

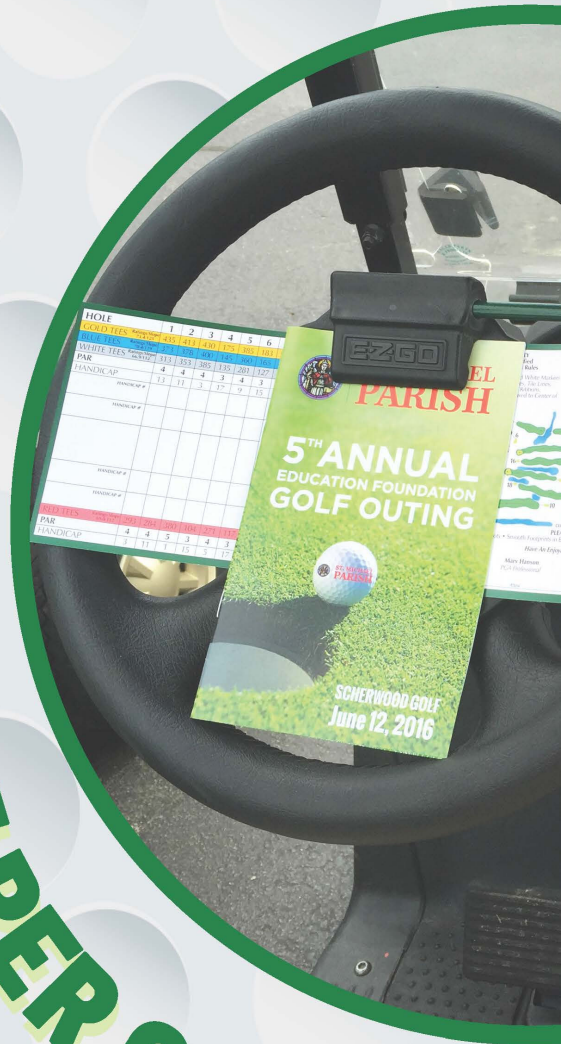
SEPTEMBER 12TH

@ SCHERWOOD GOLF

11AM REGISTRATION

12PM SHOTGUN START

**BBQ DINNER TO FOLLOW GOLF
IMPROVED PAGE OF PLAY THIS
YEAR!**



\$75 PER GOLFER

**TO REGISTER OR SPONSOR, CONTACT
PATRICK_CUSICK@HOTMAIL.COM
OR CALL 219-713-5472**



RETREATS AT LINDENWOOD CONFERENCE CENTER

Please register at www.lindenwood.org.

Healing Stories in the Gospel: A Retreat with Fr. Jerry Schweitzer

September 3rd, 9:00 AM-3:00 PM. During this retreat, we will explore Jesus' encounters with those in need of healing and how we can allow the Gospels to speak into our own need of healing today. Cost: \$45.00 includes meal, refreshments & retreat. Please register by August 23rd.

Women Who Knew God: Urging Us Forward Today

One Friday/month, 10:00 AM-3:00 PM. A six month immersion into teachings of great women. Learn from their writings, explore prayer and practices that assist in responding to God's invitation. Various presenters, facilitated by Sue Wilhelm. Cost is \$55.00.

StRides Against Suicide/Overdose

A 5K Run/Walk and Bike-a-thon will take place on **September 18th** at Washington Park, Michigan City. The goal of this charity event is to raise funding for a non-profit organization named Scene 2 which is based in Geneva, IL and partners with local mental health professionals to provide and financially cover services for people who are uninsured or unable to pay for such services. One major barrier to mental health and substance abuse treatment is cost and/or lack of insurance. Profits from StRides Against Suicide and Overdose will be used to provide mental health and substance abuse treatment for local individuals who are uninsured or cannot afford treatment throughout NWI. Walkers, runners and riders are needed to participate in the events, individuals to donate to the fundraiser and sponsors to help make this a success. Registration, donation and sponsorship are available through the website, LPAcounseling.com. You may also call 219-252-5464 or email admin@LPAcounseling.com.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD

Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreats are for anyone who has experienced an abortion or anyone who has been involved with one. The weekend focuses on the love and mercy of God, and on new beginnings, hope, and healing. The date for the next NW Indiana Rachel's Vineyard retreat is **October 22nd-24th** in Michigan City, Indiana. Please contact Rosanne Kouris 219-769-9292, ext. 259 for additional information.

* SPAGHETTI DINNER



St. Stephen Martyr Women's Club is hosting an AYCE Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner on Saturday, September 11th, 5:00-7:00 PM. Cost: \$10/person, cash bar, soda and water available for sale. Salad, bread, coffee and dessert included in the price of the meal.

FABULOUS 50'S CHRISTMAS

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THE WORD

(Readings for August 29, 2021, The Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time)

- I. *Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8* Moses urged the Israelites to be faithful to the commands of the Lord. They were not to change them in any way but to follow them wisely.

- II. *James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27* In order for God's word to take root, believers must do more than merely listen to it. They must act upon it.

- III. *Mark 7:1-8, 14-5, 21-23* Jesus said that nothing coming from outside can make a person impure. Rather, it is the evil coming from within that constitutes impurity.

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