

NOVEMBER 28, 2021

WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



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**FIRST**

Sunday

OF

*Advent*

There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars.  
... When these signs begin to happen,  
stand erect and raise your heads  
because your redemption is at hand.

Luke 21:25, 28

# Community, Personnel & On-Going Information

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## CONVENT

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Address.....43 W. Wilhelm Schererville, IN 46375

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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by appointment  
Phone:.....322-4505 Fax.....322-4508  
Email.....office@stmichaelparish.life  
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Address.....1 E. Wilhelm St., Schererville, IN 46375

## ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL

Office Hours: 8:00 AM-3:30 PM Monday-Friday  
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Traditional Classes.....Tuesday or Wednesday 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 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



You bet - ter watch out, you bet - ter not cry.

The next few weeks will witness a flurry of activity as you and I

prepare to celebrate the feast of Christmas. As we enter into this festive, yet frustrating, time of the year we are told today, quite plainly, why we are preparing.

The celebration of Christ's coming is a preparation for the end of the world as we know it to exist. That is pretty serious business. Sadly, however, the very feast that is meant to help us prepare for the coming of Christ carries with it so many distractions that can prevent us from truly preparing ourselves for the great manifestation of Christ "*coming on a cloud with great power and glory,*" as the Gospel relates.

Our preparations for Christmas are meant to not only prepare our homes but more importantly prepare our hearts for Christ's coming. The "coming" the Church has spoken of down through the ages is not a repeat of the birth in Bethlehem. That has happened, in history, once and for all. The coming you and I need to be attentive to is much more mature.

It is said Christmas is for children, how true if what is anticipated is the excitement of the family gathering, presents being opened and lots of good food being eaten. As adults we sell ourselves short if we think Christmas is not for us too. Not the Christmas of a child but the Christmas of a mature disciple of Christ.

Christmas is for adults just as much as for children, but in a significantly different way. As we grow we realize the very real need for Christ to come again. We realize as we mature our weakness and inability to set things right in our own lives let alone the world. We need a Savior to save us and bring us finally to God.

Because our anticipation of Christmas has a different focus than it did when we were eager for the tap, tap, tap of the reindeer's paws on the roof, our preparation of Christmas is a bit different too. A good gauge for our Advent preparations is to ask if all the things we do in these next few weeks lead us to prepare for the real coming of Christ, or does all this activity distract us from being able to deepen Christ's presence in our daily life?

Retiring to the desert to pray is not an option for the majority of us, so how do we use the activity we find ourselves in to help us prepare for Jesus' coming? The attitude we bring to these weeks sets the tone. First and foremost we need to take advantage of the Advent devotional aides available to us. Each family is given such an aid to prayer for the season today and available too are the little Blue Books which have been so popular over the years. But also we have set aside some time for everyone to join in prayer together on Monday evenings at 7:00 PM. It's a break from the shopping and the preparations. It is not long and you can even get some refreshment afterwards.

In addition to prayer, bringing patience in long lines at the stores and in the traffic teaches you and me the patience of waiting for Christ. Opening our hearts to acts of charity for child and adult can prepare us to accept God's charity at the end. Forbearance in our parties, staying sober and alert, can lead us to thirst for the wine of God's kingdom, where no one is left out in the cold. Remembering that all the possessions we look to buy and give as presents, or to receive, do not possess us but are deeper signs of the ultimate gift we have received in the person of Jesus Christ, the same Christ who will surely come again to complete the good work He has begun in each one of us.



# Spirituality and Worship Commission

## Last Weekend for Little Blue Advent Books \$1.00 Donation

The Advent books will be available 15 minutes before and after all Masses this weekend on the west side of the Gathering Space.



**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

## Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

On Sunday, November 21st, our RCIA candidate, **Ryan Blair**, was sent to the Cathedral for the Rite of Call to Continuing Conversion for Christian Candidates. At this time Bishop McClory recognized **Ryan** as prepared by St. Michael Community to be received into full communion of the Catholic Church. Ryan was previously baptized in another faith tradition and will receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist on January 9, 2022, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord at the 9:30 AM Mass. Please keep **Ryan** in your prayers as he continues his faith journey.



*Submitted by Janice Gatons*

## Parish Advent Activity

For our annual parish Advent activity, the Art & Environment Ministry picked four charitable organizations to sponsor: Sojourner Truth House, the Carmelite Home, the Good Samaritans and Respect Life.

In the Gathering Space, there will be links of paper with items needed by the above charities. Please take one or more links home and purchase the items. Return the link and the gift and place in the baskets provided.

At Christmas, we will join the links and decorate the Gathering Space. Let us fill the space with a chain symbolizing our love and concern for our brothers and sisters.

**Advent Evening Prayer  
Come Share a Moment of  
Prayer and  
Fellowship  
Nov. 29th  
Dec. 6th and 20th  
7:00 PM**



## ***Eucharistic Adoration***

***December 1st***

***1:00-3:00 PM***

***in the Chapel***

**The Immaculate Conception  
of the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
Patronal Feast Day of  
the United States of America  
and a Holyday of Obligation**

**December 8th**

**Mass Times**

**Dec 7th: 7:00 PM**

**Dec. 8th: 7:00 AM, 12:00 PM & 7:00 PM**

# Education and Formation Commission

**Commission Members:** Director of Religious Education, School Principal, Sport/School Advisory Board/HSA Representatives, Marriage Prep, Baptismal Prep, Adult Catholic Education, RADIATE Youth Ministry, Bible Study

*SMS NEWS*

## WARRIOR OF THE WEEK



My name is Michael Wisniewski. I am 13 years old and have been attending SMS since kindergarten. I'm most likely going to Andean High School or Marian Catholic High School. I participate in a couple of different activities including Boy Scouts, altar serving, and cross country. I enjoy doing all of these things and plan on continuing them in high school. Altar serving is one of my favorite things to do because it makes me feel more involved and part of the Mass. My favorite thing about SMS is how we're all like a family, how everyone is treated nicely, and that we're accepting of all no matter who you are. I also like how we are able to talk about and learn about our faith. When I leave I will miss many things including my friends, my teachers and my classes. I have really enjoyed my time at SMS and am sad to be leaving. The advice I would give to younger students is, enjoy it while it lasts, never give up, even when things are difficult, and always do your best. I have always tried my hardest in school and if you do so it will pay off. I have loved my time here at St. Mikes and I'm sad I'm leaving but I'm looking forward to high school.

## DECEMBER CALENDAR

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

<b>6th:</b> Penance Service for Grades 3-8 10:00 AM	<b>17th:</b> Christmas Parties
<b>12th:</b> "Do This in Memory of Me" Mass 11:30 AM	<b>20th-31st:</b> <i>Christmas Break</i>
<b>13th-15th:</b> "Little Elves" Shopping Days for Students	

### Ways to Help SMS Students

❖ School Scholarship Tax Credit Program-donate and get 50% tax credit on your IN state taxes.

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

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

SEC at Sagamore Institute

P.O. Box 301076

Indianapolis, IN 46230

❖ Apples for the Students-save Strack & Van Til receipts (Sept. 1, 2021-March 1, 2022) put them in an envelope marked Apples for the Students and place in the collection basket or drop them off at the parish office during normal business hours. The school will earn technological items. The more receipts saved the more the school receives.

# Education and Formation Commission

**HIGH SCHOOLERS ARE ALWAYS INVITED TO RADIATE!  
IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN US!**

## OPLATKI FUNDRAISER

Radiate members are scheduled to sell Oplatki after all Masses, Dec. 11th/12th and Dec. 18th/19th.



### What is the OPLATKI Christmas Tradition?

Just before the Christmas Eve meal, the entire family will gather around the table with the Oplatki. Generally the eldest member of the family will begin the ritual by breaking off a piece of the wafer and passing it to another family member with a blessing. This blessing can simply consist of what you desire for your loved one in the upcoming year - whether it be good health, success, or happiness. The wafer is passed from person to person until all have had a piece and all have been given blessings. The purpose of this act is primarily to express ones unconditional love and forgiveness for each member of his or her family.

Upcoming Radiate Gatherings:

**Dec. 5th:** Gathering in St. Patrick Hall, 6:00-8:00 PM. Topic: TBD as our teens will be planning soon.

**Dec. 19th:** Christmas Party in St. Patrick Hall, 6:00-8:00 PM

For updates and information, subscribe by texting: @radiate to 81010

Questions? Please call Jeannine Quigley (219) 775-5356.

*submitted by Jeannine Quigley*

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**ST. MICHAEL'S ALPHA KICK-OFF PARTY**  
**JANUARY 27TH**  
**7:00-9:00 PM**  
**ST. PATRICK HALL**



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

*Faith Formation News*

*Kimberley Hoogeveen,  
Director of Religious Education*



**DECEMBER CALENDAR**

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

**Nov. 30th/Dec. 1st:** Traditional Classes,  
6:00-7:30 PM

**7th/8th:** Traditional Classes, 6:00-7:30 PM

**12th:** Family Session 9:30-11:00 AM  
"Do This in Memory of Me" Mass, 11:30 AM

**14th/15th:** Traditional Classes, 6:00-7:30 PM

**21st/22nd:** Christmas Break-NO CLASSES

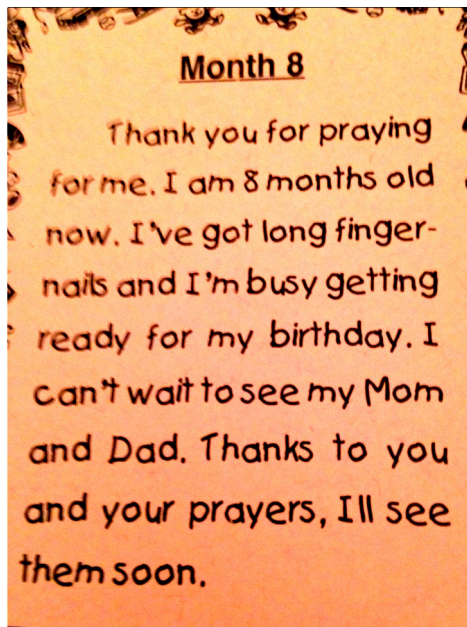
**28th/29th:** Christmas Break-NO CLASSES



# 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 Program

Please remember to pray daily for your Spiritually Adopted baby and the baby's mother and father. 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 need the child whose life was spared by your prayers and spend eternal 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*

In celebration of the baby's birth next month, part of the Parish Advent Activity has Respect Life as one of the charitable organizations that will be helped. The donations you provide will help the many organizations that promote life and nurturing care.

## FAMILY CHRISTMAS CARD SALE

It is good to be back in the gathering space selling our Family Christmas Cards. As we have learned from our past sales, many people want to get their Christmas cards out right after Thanksgiving so we will begin selling cards after Mass this weekend and will continue until December 12th. We will have two tables in the gathering space, one at each end until December 11th and on December 12th we will be in St Patrick Hall where we will have Breakfast with St Nicholas and Baby Jesus after all Masses. The cost of individual cards is \$2 and cards in packs 10 for \$15.

Although the main focus of having these cards is being able to send a beautiful card to your family and friends, it also means having their names entered into our Book of Intentions and prayed for at Mass on January 2, 2022 and all throughout the year. Forms will be available to enter the names of those you are sending cards to and they can be dropped off in the gathering space during the month of December.

Exact change will be greatly appreciated or your personal check made out to St Michael's Respect Life. Proceeds from the sale help us support the many organizations that need our help.

As always, thank you for your support and God Bless You.



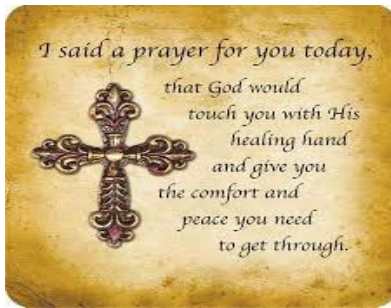
The Respect Life Ministry would like to encourage everyone to watch EWTN's ProLife Weekly every Thursday at 9:00 PM or Tuesday at 12:00 PM to keep informed on issues that are currently being discussed. Also visit their website at [Prolifeweekly.com](http://Prolifeweekly.com) for the weekly CALL TO ACTION!

# Peace & Social Justice Commission

Welcome the Newly Baptized

Hannah Rose VandenBurgh

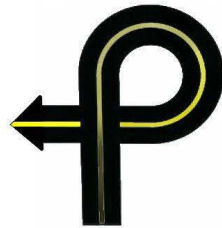
## ***LIFE IS PRECIOUS; HANDLE WITH PRAYER***



Greg Seliger, Stephanie Willette, ***Kay Parker***, Zbigniew Sohacki, David Sarros, Beth Ann Brown, ***Tina Serna***, Robert Marszowski, ***Audrey Weber, Pam Weber, Kenny Kollasch, Sr.***, Linda Bayus, Christine Lee, ***Helen Gross Family***, Andy Thorn, Angela Koutis, Fr. Ron Zgunda, Linda Blaise, ***Frankie Ricciardi, Pat Christenson, Aria Lopez, Elizabeth "Jean" Sanchez***, Donna Zackiewicz, ***Monica Vitela, Theresa Guiden***, Deacon Bill Hathaway 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.***



"NEW HOPE ROAD"

EA-EMOTIONS ANONYMOUS  
12 STEP PROGRAM

FREE EMOTIONAL SUPPORT GROUP  
FOR PEOPLE 15 YEARS OLD & UP

DEPRESSION  
GRIEF  
EMOTIONAL DISORDERS

ANXIETY

ANGER

RELATIONSHIP ISSUES

Jennifer Davids, Your Trusted Servant  
Call for availability (219) 308-0929 Cell

Every Monday Nights 6-7:30 pm.  
Closed Holidays and Snowy Inclement Weather

St. Michael The Archangel Church  
Use East Doors/St. Patrick Hall in  
Southwest Corner Room  
1 E. Wilhelm Street  
Schererville, IN 46375



# Peace & Social Justice Commission



The Good Samaritans 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.

## Parish Life

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

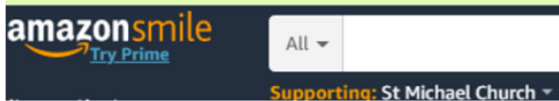


### DESKTOP INSTRUCTIONS

- Search [www.amazon.com/smile](http://www.amazon.com/smile), type in **St. Michael Church Schererville** and follow the instructions.



- Once completed your Amazon should say **"Supporting St. Michael Church"**!



# amazon smile

### MOBILE APP INSTRUCTIONS

#### Turn on AmazonSmile

Open the app and find 'Settings' in the main menu (☰). Tap on 'AmazonSmile' and follow the on-screen instructions to turn on AmazonSmile on your phone.

**FOR QUESTIONS, CONTACT  
MARTY LUCAS AT 219-789-6970**

**Breakfast with St. Nicholas  
and Baby Jesus**

**December 12th After All Masses  
in St. Patrick Hall**

Have your child's picture taken with Baby Jesus and St. Nicholas. As part of Coffee and Donuts Sunday, you will have the opportunity to take a picture with Baby Jesus and St. Nicholas. You can either take

your own picture for a good will offering or for \$5 we can take the picture for you that will include a festive picture frame. It will also be your last opportunity to purchase Feast of the Holy Family Mass cards being sold for \$2 a piece or 10 for \$15.

*submitted by Cathy Bartczak*



Welcome  
To Our  
Church



**New Member Registration  
This Weekend  
After the 7:30 & 9:30 AM  
Masses in St. Patrick Hall**

YESTERDAY  
IS HISTORY  
TOMORROW  
IS MYSTERY  
**TODAY**  
IS A GIFT

(ELEANOR ROOSEVELT)

**A THANK YOU RECEPTION  
IN HONOR OF ALL THOSE WHO HAVE  
VOLUNTEERED THEIR TIME  
TO A MINISTRY OR  
PARISH/SCHOOL RELATED EVENT**

**DECEMBER 29TH  
6:00-9:00 PM IN  
ST. PATRICK HALL  
RSVP BY DEC. 24TH AT NOON TO  
MONICA  
322-4505, X8220 OR  
MWANTUCH@STMICHAELPARISH.LIFE**

**THANK YOU  
FOR VOLUNTEERING**

"THE SMALLEST ACT OF KINDNESS  
IS WORTH MORE THAN THE  
GRANDEST INTENTION."  
- OSCAR WILDE

# Stewardship & Parish Administration Commission

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

## Stewardship in Action

How can you be free of anxiety especially during Advent? Create a daily practice to take time to pray, reflect and spread joy to at least one other on a daily basis. Create smiles wherever you go.

*Submitted by Conchita Bryner*

## Weekly Schedule

### SUNDAY NOVEMBER 28

Advent Reflection Books Available Before & After  
All Masses

Christmas Card Sales After All Masses

New Member Registration After 7:30 & 9:30 AM  
Masses

RCIA 9:30 AM

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

### MONDAY NOVEMBER 29

Emotions Anonymous 6:00 PM

Advent Evening Prayer 7:00 PM

### TUESDAY NOVEMBER 30

Faith Formation Traditional Classes 6:00 PM

### WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 1

Eucharistic Adoration 1:00-3:00 PM

Faith Formation Traditional Classes 6:00 PM

### THURSDAY DECEMBER 2

Choir Practice 7:00 PM

### SATURDAY DECEMBER 4

First Saturday Devotions After 8:00 AM Mass

Confessions 3:30-4:30 PM

Christmas Card Sales After Vigil Mass

### SUNDAY DECEMBER 5

Christmas Card Sales After All Masses

RCIA 9:30 AM

Radiate 6:00 PM

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE



**October 24, 2021**

Adult	\$12,830.00
Children	\$23.00
EFTs*	\$3,280.00
Loose	\$357.00

**Total Weekly Offering**

**\$16,490.00**

**Propagation of Faith**

**\$2,244.00**

*\*Electronic Funds Transfer*

## Please Note-Important Tax Information

Although the Catholic Services Appeal campaign officially ends January 31, 2022, only payments received by December 31, 2021 can be claimed as tax deductions for 2021.

## 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

Jesica 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](http://www.stmichaelparish.life).



# Diocesan Life Information

## AN EVENING OF REFLECTION

St. Thomas More, Munster is hosting the Third Evening of Reflection for all women in the diocese. "Advent by Candlelight" will be held on **November 30th** in St. Thomas More Church. The evening will begin at 6:30 PM with song, prayer, scripture and a presentation by guest speaker, Ms. Emily Hackett, Director of Religious Education at St. Thomas More. Her topic for the evening is "More than Countdown to Christmas."

## FABULOUS 50'S CHRISTMAS

Get your tickets early for the return engagement of the very popular "A Fabulous 50's Christmas" playing at the Towle Theater this December with Friday, Saturday and Sunday performances, **December 3rd-19th**. Perfect for a group outing, the Towle Theater can add a special private performance for groups of 90 or more guests with an optional pre-show lobby reception complete with food, drinks and custom touches. Tickets are reasonable and special group rates are available. If you're looking for a family-friendly intimate theater experience, this is the perfect place for you and your favorite group of friends and family to gather for an entertaining afternoon or evening. The Towle Theater is located at 5205 Hohman Ave., Hammond and can be reached at (219) 937-8780 or [www.towletheater.com](http://www.towletheater.com). Plan your special holiday outing now and beat the rush. Seating is limited, so don't delay.

## \*STM CAREER NETWORKING GROUP

STM Career Networking Group is hosting an open session on **December 8th**, 7:00-8:30 PM, at STM Weis Center, 8635 Calumet Avenue, Munster. Discussions and topics are unlimited. It could be resumes, interviews, elevator speeches, cover letters, job search engines, etc. It's all there for you: listen, learn, participate. This is free and open to all those who are unemployed, new to the job market or want to change careers. Masks are mandatory.

## 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](http://andreanhs.org).

### UPCOMING ADMISSION EVENTS

Entrance Exams are scheduled for **Jan. 15th, Feb. 13th, Mar. 12th and Apr. 3rd**. All start at 1:00 PM. Pick up is at 4:00 PM.

Niner Night is **December 8th and April 13th**, 7:00-8:00 PM.

## EVENTS AT LINDENWOOD RETREAT & CONFERENCE CENTER

Please join us at Lindenwood Retreat and Conference Center for these upcoming events. Registration for the following is through our website, [www.lindenwood.org](http://www.lindenwood.org)

### Women Who Knew God Series: Teresa of Avila Friday, December 14th 10:00 AM- 3:00 PM (EST)

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<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 27</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 2</b>
5:00 PM	✦ Tom Kudzia	7:00 AM	John Finley
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 28 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 3</b>
7:30 AM	✦ Rose Paratore	7:00 AM	✦ Otis Cochran
9:30 AM	✦ Carol Kyle	<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 4</b>
	✦ Soraya Haddad	8:00 AM	✦ Charles & Alice Lozano
	✦ Jerry Eberle	5:00 PM	✦ Robert & Carol Keyl
11:30 AM	St. Michael Parish	<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 5 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 29</b>	7:30 AM	St. Michael Parish
7:00 AM	✦ James "Nacho" Mendoza-5th Anniversary	9:30 AM	✦ Thomas J. LaFond
	✦ Fe DeQuina	11:30 AM	✦ Beverly Mullaney
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 30</b>		✦ Ernesto & Ernestina Flores
7:00 AM	✦ Elmer Doctor		✦ Raymond Napiwocki
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 1</b>		
7:00 AM	✦ Deacon Ed Gatons-3rd Anniversary		
8:55 AM	✦ Maryann Gawel (Mass for SMS students only)		

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### THE WORD

(Readings for December 5, 2021, The Second Sunday of Advent)

- I. *Baruch 5:1-9* Rejoice, Jerusalem, and be glad! The glory of God will shine upon you. The mountains and valleys will become a level plain. "God is leading Israel in joy."
- II. *Philippians 1:4-6,8-11* Paul prayed for the Philippians that the good work begun in them may be "filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ."
- III. *Luke 3:1-6* The word of God was spoken to John the Baptizer. From that time on he went about proclaiming a baptism of repentance, saying, "Prepare the way of the Lord."

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