

DECEMBER 5, 2021

WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



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SECOND

Sunday

OF

Advent

John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan,
proclaiming a baptism of repentance
for the forgiveness of sins.

Luke 3:3

Community, Personnel & On-Going Information

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CONVENT

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Office Hours: 8:00 AM-3:30 PM Monday-Friday
Masks are required.
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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

Making a Clear Path. When we think of Christmas we often think of an event, a one or two day event, December 24th and 25th. This might be why getting ready for it seems so daunting. When you think about it, it is a lot of work for one or two days. We start out with a lot of joyful expectation that this year “Christmas” will be the most magical, the best, the most heartwarming. After a few weeks of preparation though we begin to feel the strain and slowly the perfect Christmas we were dreaming of is invaded by the imperfection of daily life, sickness, depression, buyer’s remorse and the ever ticking clock counting down to Christmas day.

We already feel behind schedule because our more perfect neighbors already have their tree up and all their shopping done, their Christmas cards sent out and the packages wrapped. It is though this din of preparatory tasks that the words of the Advent scriptures can redirect our energies and so improve our chances for a God-filled Christmas, which really is perfect.

A rewarding celebration of the birth of our salvation is found not in the clutter of Christmas, as charming as it might seem. Rather, the perfect Christmas is prepared for by clearing a path for Christ to be more readily felt, seen and heard in our daily lives. Preparing our hearts is important but it cannot stop there. With hearts ready for Christ, you and I have to actually start clearing the path for Him to come. This Advent season calls us to action, to clear some more of the path which is often obstructed by our tacit acceptance of the poverty around us and even our game-like celebration of violence. Perhaps the video game “Halo Infinite” is not the best gift to give on the birthday of the Prince of Peace.

We clear the path one stone at a time. An act of charity towards another is like a bulldozer on the job. Tuning out of the violence glorified and trivialized in TV, movies and video games can be like an earth mover making the way smooth for Christ’s message of peace to fully enter this world. One decision at a time to act like Christ in a crowded store, in a traffic jam, when you are in a hurry or when someone is not kind to you is building the royal road on which together we can travel to meet our Lord.

Clear the Path — Confessions in Preparation for Christmas

Next week there are many opportunities for the Sacrament of Penance. Not allowing yourself to be touched by Jesus in this beautiful sacrament is a sadness, to know His loving voice saying, so you can hear, “your sins are forgiven,” is far more real than any mental exercise we might engage in to convince ourselves of that fact. If everyone is sinless there is no need ofr Jesus or all the big hoopla that surrounds His birth. But, we all need His mercy not in some general philosophical way, but in a very real concrete way.

Opportunities for Confession:

St. Mary, Crown Point — Monday, December 13th at 6:30 PM

St. Thomas More, Munster — Tuesday, December 14th at 7:00 PM

St. Michael, Schererville — Wednesday, December 15th at 6:30 PM

Our Lady of Consolation, Merrillville — Thursday, December 16th at 7:00 PM

St. Andrew, Merrillville — Wednesday, December 22nd at 1:00 PM & 7:00 PM

These times are in addition to the usual weekly times for confession at these various parishes.



Serra Club of Northwest Indiana announces that Bishop Robert J. McClory will be our guest speaker on Monday, December 6th, at 6:30 PM, St. Bridget's Hall in Hobart. Please join us to learn more about our support for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. We meet on the first and third Mondays of each month. Call Susan at 219-688-8209 for more information.

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



The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holyday of Obligation

December 8th

Mass Times

Dec 7th: 7:00 PM

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

Celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
December 13th
7:00 PM Mass
in the Church



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 (with the guidance of his sponsor, Shanen Sebahar) who was prepared by the St. Michael Community to be received into full communion of the Catholic Church. He 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

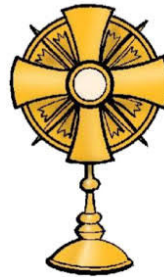


Eucharistic Adoration

December 8th

1:00-3:00 PM

in the Chapel



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 are 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.

Submitted by Tina Kempf

Advent Evening Prayer
Come Share a Moment of Prayer



December 6th & 20th
7:00 PM in the Church

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

WARRIOR OF THE WEEK



My name is Carter Knueppel and I have been attending SMS since I was in preschool. Next year I plan on attending Marian Catholic High School. I am going to Marian for Math and Biology every morning, so I am already experienced. Here at SMS, I am the Student Council President. As the president I help plan events that the student council puts on and even help design the shirts for 8th grade. I play every sport I can at SMS so I am very busy sport wise playing soccer, basketball, volleyball, cross country, and track. I'm also on a soccer team outside of school. Once a month I volunteer at Phil's and Friends which is a group of people that make boxes filled with things you might need while in a hospital like a notebook or a blanket and a handmade card. The boxes are mailed to cancer patients and it just helps them have a better day.

My favorite thing about SMS is that you can very easily get help from a teacher if you ever need it. Every teacher and even Miss Kennedy will always help you with your work or if you need help with something else. This school is so amazing and I don't know what I am going to do without it. The thing I will miss most is how loving this SMS family really is. I am going to miss this because once you go to high school that aspect really drifts off. My advice to younger students is to not tear yourself apart about one bad grade. The year is long for a reason and there is always a way to make it up. I am happy that I can move on to high school, but I am going to miss this school for a very long time.

DECEMBER CALENDAR

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

6th: Penance Service for Grades 3-8 10:00 AM
12th: "Do This in Memory of Me" Mass 11:30 AM
13th: Deadline to turn in Mitten Tree items
15th: "Little Elves" Shopping Day for Students

17th: Christmas Parties
20th-31st: *Christmas Break*



Please help SMS earn free rewards from the Apples for the Students program. We ask that you save your Strack & Van Til receipts dated Sept. 1, 2021-March 1, 2022, place them in an envelope marked Apples for the Students and turn them into the collection basket or drop box.

Tax Credit Program

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

Education and Formation Commission

**RADIATE INVITES ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TO JOIN US!
MAKE NEW FRIENDS AND DIVE DEEPER INTO YOUR SPIRITUALITY
(our TEENS choose topics & plan for the gatherings),
EAT YUMMY FOOD & SNACKS, ALL WRAPPED UP IN FUN!**

COME ON OUT TO OUR NEXT GATHERING:

Dec. 5th: Gathering in St. Patrick Hall, 6:00-8:00 PM

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

**OPLATKI SALE FUNDRAISER AFTER ALL MASSES ON
DEC. 11TH/12TH & 18TH/19TH**



AN NCYC 219 EXPERIENCE

What an amazing experience we all had at our NCYC 219, the pictures say it all. Our souls were renewed and it was beautiful as our hearts were set ABLAZE!

Questions? Call Jeannine Quigley (219) 775-5356.
submitted by Jeannine Quigley



**ADVENT
SEASON**

Faith Formation News
Kimberley Hoogveen, DRE



Mrs. Kowal's 4th grade class created beautiful Advent wreaths, while sharing a lesson about this Advent Season!

DECEMBER CALENDAR

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change and/or cancellation.**

Dec. 7th/8th: Traditional Classes, 6:00-7:30 PM
9th/10th: 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
16th/17th: Traditional Classes, 6:00-7:30 PM
21st/22nd: Christmas Break-NO CLASSES
28th/29th: Christmas Break-NO CLASSES

Education and Formation Commission

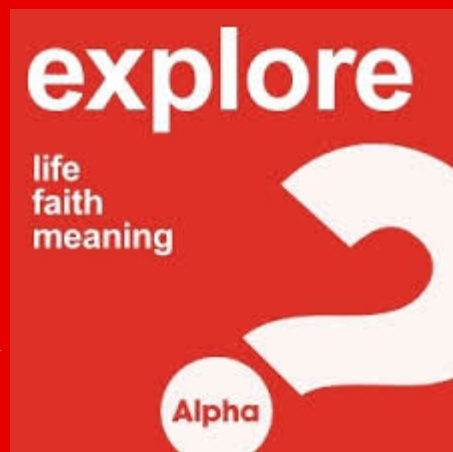
All Are Welcome to Attend Alpha!

St. Michael's ALPHA Kick-Off Party is January 27th, 7:00-9:00 PM, in St. Patrick Hall.

Please consider joining us as we explore topics like: "Who is Jesus?" "Why did Jesus Die?" "How and Why Should I Read the Bible?" "How Can I Resist Evil?"

These and many more topics are included in the faith enrichment series known as Alpha. Alpha is an 11-week course created for the nonbeliever, cradle Catholic, and anyone in-between. The series explores the Christian faith and provides an introduction to Jesus and his message. Each session includes a meal, 30-minute video, and small group discussion where you can share your thoughts and questions—or just listen. There's no pressure, no follow up and no charge. Oh, and no homework.

As you make plans on how you'll enrich your faith life in 2022, maybe Alpha is the right course for you. Sign up on our parish website today. Questions, call Carol 219-765-8600.



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

Peace & Social Justice Commission

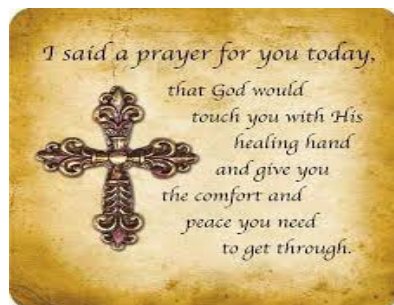
Emotions Anonymous
December 6th
6:00 PM in SW Meeting Room

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

Welcome the Newly Baptized

Ellie Rose Ludington

LIFE IS PRECIOUS; HANDLE WITH PRAYER



through our Lord, Jesus Christ.

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, ***Frankie Ricciardi***, ***Pat Christenson***, ***Elizabeth "Jean" Sanchez***, Donna Zackiewicz, ***Monica Vitela***, ***Theresa Guiden***, Deacon Bill Hathaway, Edna & Jesse Limson 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

St. Michael's parishioners are in bold, italic print.

Peace & Social Justice Commission

FAMILY CHRISTMAS MASS CARDS FOR SALE

The Respect Life Ministry will be selling Family Christmas Mass Cards in the Gathering Space after all Masses this weekend and December 11th after the 5:00 PM Mass and on December 12th in St Patrick Hall where we will have Breakfast with Baby Jesus and St. Nicholas. As in past years, we will be selling individual cards for \$2 or cards in packs of 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 would 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.

submitted by Cathy Bartczak



By HikingArtist

*Help trim our tree, help trim our tree
How lovely are thy branches."*

"May the Holy Family bless you in a deep abiding way, with special joy and gladness of that first bright Christmas Day"

In that spirit, your cards help decorate our trees and your donations will allow our ministry to continue to do the work that is asked of us.

We wish you and those you love Christmas peace and God's blessings for good health.

The Good Samaritans thank you for your generous hearts.

Can we help?

The Good Samaritans are offering a limited number of our annual Christmas Dinner Baskets to *parishioners* in need of assistance. Please contact our voice mail at 322-4505 extension 8250 and leave a message with your name and contact number *by December 13th*. A ministry member will return your call to explain distribution details. We are here to assist our St. Michael Parish Family.

submitted by Sue Cohen



LABORS **DECEMBER 7TH**
of
10:00 AM
LOVE **ST. PATRICK HALL**

The Good Samaritans are Listening

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.

Breakfast with Baby Jesus and St. Nicholas

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

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



DESKTOP INSTRUCTIONS

- Search www.amazon.com/smile, type in **St. Michael Church Schererville** and follow the instructions.



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



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

The following are **CHANGES** to the usual bulletin schedule:

All articles for the **December 19th** bulletin should be submitted by Thursday, **December 9th** at 9:00 AM.

All articles for the **December 26th** bulletin should be submitted by Wednesday, **December 15th** at 9:00 AM.

All articles for the **January 2nd, 2022** bulletin should be submitted by Wednesday, **December 22nd** at 9:00 AM.

Thank you for being attentive
to these deadlines.



**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**

Stewardship & Parish Administration Commission

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



Christmas Flower Envelopes

“Christmas Flower Offering” envelopes are due no later than Dec. 8th if you wish to have your intentions printed in the December 26th bulletin.

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY DECEMBER 5

Christmas Card Sales After All Masses
RCIA 9:30 AM
Radiate 6:00 PM

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

MONDAY DECEMBER 6

Emotions Anonymous 6:00 PM
Liturgy Committee Meeting 6:30 PM
Advent Evening Prayer 7:00 PM

TUESDAY DECEMBER 7

Labors of Love 10:00 AM
Faith Formation Traditional Classes 6:00 PM
Holy Day Vigil Mass 7:00 PM

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 8

Holy Day Masses: 7:00 AM, Noon & 7:00 PM
Eucharistic Adoration 1:00-3:00 PM
Faith Formation Traditional Classes 6:00 PM

THURSDAY DECEMBER 9

Choir Practice 7:00 PM

FRIDAY DECEMBER 10

Respect Life Meeting 1:00 PM

SATURDAY DECEMBER 11

Confessions 3:30-4:30 PM
Christmas Card Sales After Vigil Mass
Oplatki Fundraiser After Vigil Mass

SUNDAY DECEMBER 12

Breakfast with Baby Jesus & St. Nick After All Masses
Christmas Card Sales After All Masses
Oplatki Fundraiser After All Masses
Faith Formation Family Session 9:30 AM
RCIA 9:30 AM
“Do This In Memory of Me” Mass 11:30 AM

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE



October 31, 2021

Adult	\$14,400.85
Children	\$5.00
EFTs*	\$1,435.00
Loose	\$517.85

Total Weekly Offering
\$16,358.70

*Electronic Funds Transfer



STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us

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

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Julie Hudec, Hal Slager, Joe Townsend,
Donna Velez

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

Diocesan Life Information

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. Facilitators are Jim Kaczka and Donna Weidenfeller with guest, Chandra Gary. 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.

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.

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

Join Sue Wilhelm in exploring Teresa of Avila's invitation to grow deeply in relationship with God. A reformer, Teresa knew that the power of the Love of God was the source of all transformation. Teresa used images such as a castle, water, silkworm to describe growing in awareness of the abiding presence and desire of God for us. **Cost \$55. Please register by Dec. 7th.**

An Advent Stillness Hermitage Retreat December 15th 9:00 AM-4:30 PM (EST)

Sr. Nancy Raboin, a spiritual director and facilitator for hermitage retreats at the Center at Donaldson and facilitator for hermitage retreats at the Center at Donaldson will guide you through a day at Lindenwood. Besides introducing the history of hermitages in the Christian tradition, Sister will lead you in an opening experience, invite you to your "hermitage" room and facilitate the process.

Cost: \$65.00 Please register by December 7th.

2022 NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE

January 19, 2022

For more information, please contact the Lake County Right to Life, www.lakeloveslife.org or 219-838-1138.

*ENTRANCE EXAM AT BNI



Bishop Noll Institute will host an entrance exam for prospective students at 9:00 AM on **Dec. 11th** at the school, 1519 Hoffman St. in Hammond. This is the first step in the admissions process for all 8th graders who have not taken the entrance exam yet and are interested in attending Bishop Noll. Those who have taken an entrance exam at their Diocese of Gary grade school do not need to take this entrance exam. Parents must pre-register their child for the exam by downloading and completing a transcript and behavioral report request form, available at bishopnoll.org, and emailing it to Jeff Stur, director of admissions, at jstur@bishopnoll.org by the registration deadline of Dec. 9th. **Walk-ins on the day of the exam will not be accepted.** Test takers should arrive by 8:45 AM. Testing will begin promptly at 9:00 AM and conclude by 12:30 PM. Parents should drop off and pick up their children at Door A. Email Bishop Noll's director of admissions, Jeff Stur, at jstur@bishopnoll.org or call (219) 932-9058, ext. 1008, with any questions prior to the exam.

Turn over a new leaf

Volunteers needed in the following areas:

Merrillville, Highland, Griffith, Hobart, Hammond, Miller, Munster, Whiting

Contact Charlie at 219-756-3663

mownwi.org

MEALS on WHEELS NORTHWEST INDIANA

The graphic features a background of colorful autumn leaves in shades of orange, red, and yellow. The text is centered and uses various colors and fonts to highlight key information.

We Remember . . . We Prepare . . .



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY	DECEMBER 4	THURSDAY	DECEMBER 9
5:00 PM	✦ Robert & Carol Keyl	7:00 AM	✦ Charles & Alice Lozano
SUNDAY	DECEMBER 5 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	FRIDAY	DECEMBER 10
7:30 AM	St. Michael Parish	7:00 AM	✦ Mike & Mary Starr
9:30 AM	✦ Thomas J. LaFond	SATURDAY	DECEMBER 11
11:30 AM	✦ Beverly Mullaney	8:00 AM	✦ Robert & Leone Zaborske
	✦ Ernesto & Ernestina Flores	5:00 PM	✦ Frances Rubick
	✦ Raymond Napiwocki	SUNDAY	DECEMBER 12 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
MONDAY	DECEMBER 6	7:30 AM	St. Michael Parish
7:00 AM	✦ Meredith Macki	9:30 AM	✦ Vivian Peifer
TUESDAY	DECEMBER 7	11:30 AM	✦ John Finley
7:00 AM	✦ David Hildebranski		✦ Charles & Alice Lozano
7:00 PM	✦ Sarah & Adam Barrientez		✦ Mark Biegel
WEDNESDAY	DECEMBER 8 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION		
7:00 AM	✦ Mary Shelby		
8:55 AM	For Health & Safety of SMS Students (Mass for SMS students only)		
12:00 PM	✦ Jacob A. Hasselgren		
7:00 PM	✦ John (Bob) Dobrzynski		

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THE WORD

(Readings for December 12, 2021, The Third Sunday of Advent)

I. *Zephaniah 3:14-18a*

Be joyful, Jerusalem! The Lord will come and save you from your enemies, do not be discouraged or lose heart, for “the Lord your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior.”

II. *Philippians 4:4-7*

“Rejoice in the Lord always,” wrote Paul. “I say it again: rejoice! The Lord is near. Make your requests known to God; then the peace of God that surpasses understanding will guard your hearts and minds.”

III. *Luke 3:10-18*

John the Baptizer said to the crowds, “I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.” In that way he preached good news to the people.

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