

# WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

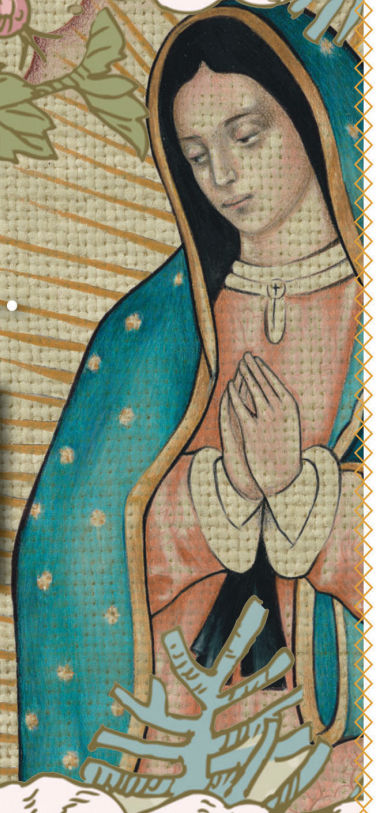
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 12, 2021

*Hear me and*  
understand well, my son...

...that nothing should frighten or grieve you.  
Let not your heart be disturbed. Am I not your Mother?  
Are you not under my protection?

~ Our Lady of Guadalupe to Saint Juan Diego



**Our Lady of Guadalupe  
Celebration  
December 13th  
7:00 PM Mass**



# 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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Phone:.....322-4505 Fax.....322-4508  
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Office Hours: 8:00 AM-3:30 PM Monday-Friday  
Masks are required.  
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Sunday Family Classes.....Once a month 9:30-11:00 AM

## SATURDAY LITURGY

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

## SUNDAY LITURGY

7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 AM  
**HOLY DAY LITURGY**  
See page 13 of the bulletin

## CHAPEL HOURS:

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

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesdays, 1:00-3:00 PM, in the Chapel

## SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

**Sacrament of Penance**...Saturday 3:30 PM-4:30 PM

**Baptisms**...First time parents at St. Michael must attend a Baptism Prep session before the baptism date can be scheduled. Please call Janice at 322-4505, ext. 8241 to schedule the prep session and/or baptism date.

**Marriage**...The bride, groom or their parents/grandparents must be active registered members of the parish for at least one year prior to reserving a date for the wedding. The diocese requires that arrangements must be made at least six months in advance of the wedding date in order for the proper personal, spiritual and liturgical preparations of the couple to be completed.

**Sacrament of the Sick**...Please call the office until 4:00 PM. After 4:00 PM, please call 322-6623 Monday-Friday and anytime on the weekend.

Names of the sick are placed in the bulletin for a period of four weeks after which time they are either removed or placed in the Book of Intentions in the Chapel.

## BULLETIN DEADLINE

Monday prior to the Sunday printing 12:00 PM (Noon).  
Holidays have exceptions. Please submit potential bulletin articles by email to bulletin@stmichaelparish.life or in print form to the office or by fax to 322-4508.

## PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

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Linda Kinzer .....Education & Formation Liaison  
Donna Krieps.....Education & Formation Liaison  
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Rev. Jacob McDaniel.....Associate Pastor  
Deacon Ron Pyle.....Permanent Deacon

Welcome to visitors and new members. If you would like to register, please see page 9 for more information or visit the website or call 322-4505, x8220. Come Join Us!

**Replace worry with....** You would think that with all the options for buying Christmas gifts life would get easier. This is simply not the case for most of us. Whittling away at our list of things to get ready, including gifts, moves all too slowly at times. In addition to this, you and I can easily assume that all of our activities are essential for Christmas to happen, and even for the world to go around.

The message from St. Paul is quite different today. St. Paul reminds us that as Jesus' followers we are to practice the same sort of trust Jesus demonstrated. You and I don't make the world revolve for our family or even for ourselves. Certainly, you and I would be missed by families and friends but life would go on as does our life when we lose someone. Realizing the truth of this is a sobering thought. It tempers our tendency for self-importance and redirects our attention to God. For only God makes it all spin and you and I need to continuously discover our need to trust in God's importance.

Advent presents a real challenge as we get ready to commemorate Jesus' birth and prepare for His final coming. All of the hustle and bustle can lead us to think that if we don't do this or that Christmas won't be meaningful; as if "we" give meaning to Christmas. Certainly, we like things to be nice, but nice is not perfect. If you and I are trying to prepare for a close to perfect Christmas we are bound to worry, because so many variables can lay our preparations to waste. What happens is that you and I are not able to see the beauty of the forest. We only see the individual trees many of which are not perfect at all.



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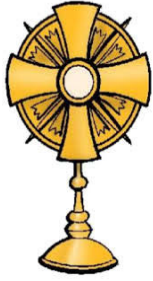
When we hand our hopes over to God, our worry diminishes and we are able to see God being made flesh in many more places than manger scenes. You see, our worry about the things of this life can easily cloud our vision of the great gift of God's presence among us. In handing our worry over to God in prayer our tasks do not go away but they are put into perspective. We begin to see how God takes the less than perfect trees making them into a forest of great beauty.

**Marriage Preparation.** It is at this time of the year and in the month ahead that many young people get engaged. If you or someone (another Catholic) is getting engaged please remember that you need to contact the parish office no less than six months in advance.

A Catholic looking to get married must be married in a Catholic church witnessed by a Catholic priest or deacon. Any dispensation from the "form" must be approved by the Bishop. If one chooses not to follow this expectation the marriage is not sacramentally valid and thus the couple involved cannot go to communion. As Catholics we believe that marriage is a sacramental state, not just a civil one.

Fr. Jacob, Deacon Ron and I are charged with the responsibility to help couples prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage. Thus, it is best to contact the office sooner rather than later. The preparation period is at least six months, so it is best to contact us nine months from the wedding date. This preparation is bolstered by other married couples in the parish and it takes time. Time that cannot be made up. The whole six months is needed. We want to help you have a successful and happy marriage, not just a nice wedding day.

# Spirituality and Worship Commission



## ***Eucharistic Adoration***

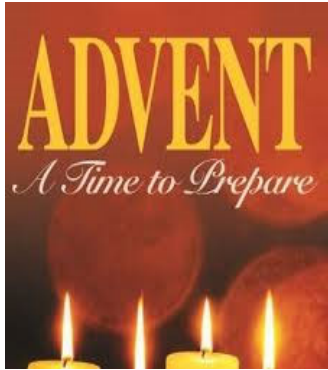
***December 15th***

***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

## **COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE**



**DEC. 15TH**

**6:30 PM**

**IN THE CHURCH**

## **Celebration of the**

**Feast of**

**Our Lady of  
Guadalupe**

**December 13th**

**7:00 PM Mass**

**in the Church**



## **Decorating the Church For Christmas**

**December 14th at 6:00 PM**

**December 23rd at 6:00 PM**

Please come and help the Art & Environment Ministry decorate the church with artificial trees and the manger on December 14th. Then on December 23rd, tinsel the live trees, hang garland and the Advent links in the Gathering Space and complete other miscellaneous tasks to make our church the best decorated. Please call Tina at 865-8663 if you have any questions.

*Submitted by Tina Kempf*



## ***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 at 219-322-3077.

*submitted by Janice Gatons*



# Spirituality and Worship Commission

## Parish Advent Activity

There are links of paper with items for Sojourner Truth House, the Carmelite Home, the Good Samaritans, and Respect Life. Please take one or more links home and purchase the items. Return the link and the gift(s) and place in the baskets provided. The links will then be joined to decorate the Gathering Space at Christmas. Let us fill the space with a chain symbolizing our love and concern for our brothers and sisters.

*Submitted by Tina Kempf*

# 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

# DECEMBER CALENDAR

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

**13th:** Deadline to turn in Mitten Tree items

**15th:** "Little Elves" Shopping Day for Students

**17th:** Christmas Parties

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

# WARRIOR OF THE WEEK



My name is Danielle, but most people call me Dani. This is my tenth year at SMS and it has been fun. I am going to miss it when I graduate. I am going to be attending Andean High School. I participate in many activities. I play three sports: softball, basketball and volleyball. I play basketball and volleyball in school, and I play travel softball and volleyball. Softball is my favorite. I am also on Student Council and am part of Girl Scouts. All of these activities have taught me leadership, responsibility, teamwork and many other things. I love being a part of many things because it makes me feel like I make a difference in other people's lives. My favorite thing about SMS is that it is a family environment. If you need something, there's always someone to talk to. There are many people who are there for you at all times. You make amazing friends and they will always be there at your best times and your worst. Like a family there's times you get mad at them, but you always make up. I am going to miss a lot when I leave SMS and go off to high school. I will miss my friends and my teachers. I will miss the kids that are always smiling at you when you help them

out and that always waves at you in the hall. Most of all I will miss my loving school family and the people I grew up with and were my best friends for so long. If I had to give any advice to younger students I would say to get good grades. They do matter in the long run and make a difference. Another thing I would say is make good friends because they will be with you for a long time. Make friends with people you can trust and be yourself around. Make sure you are the best version of yourself!

# Education and Formation Commission

## 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



## High Schoolers Are Always Invited to Radiate.

It's not too late to join us! NOW is a great time to come on out to make new friends, have some food and enrich your faith.

**CHRISTMAS PARTY  
DECEMBER 19TH  
IN ST. PATRICK HALL  
6:00-8:00 PM**



- ◆ WEAR YOUR UGLY SWEATER FOR OUR CONTEST!
- ◆ BRING A \$5 WRAPPED GIFT TO PLAY A GAME
- ◆ DECORATING COOKIES PROJECT
- ◆ MORE GAMES

Sign up for text messages to be informed: @Radiate to 81010

Any questions? Call Jeannine Quigley at 219-775-5356

*submitted by Jeannine Quigley*

## **OPLATKI FUNDRAISER AFTER ALL MASSES THIS WEEKEND & NEXT WEEKEND IN THE GATHERING SPACE**

### *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.



# Education and Formation Commission



## Faith Formation News

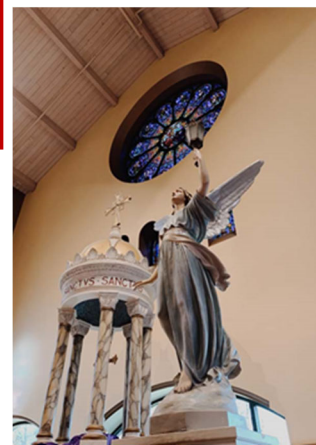
Kimberley Hoogeveen, DRE



### DECEMBER CALENDAR

14th/15th: Traditional Classes, 6:00-7:30 PM  
21st/22nd: Christmas Break-NO CLASSES  
28th/29th: Christmas Break-NO CLASSES

**Sunday Faith Formation Families learn about Catholic Church Symbols Presented by Carol Schiessle**



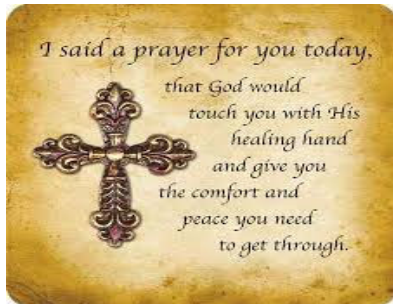
# Peace & Social Justice Commission

Welcome the Newly Baptized

Josephine Marie Kistner  
Emerson Marisa Kistner

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

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



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

# Peace & Social Justice Commission

## Blood Pressure, Glucose and Oxygen Level Screenings

Screenings will take place next weekend, **Dec. 18th and 19th**, in the St. Amand Room after the 5:00 PM, 7:30 AM and 9:30 AM Masses by the parish nurses. To enter, please use the door by the women's restrooms on the west side of the Gathering Space.

**EMOTIONS ANONYMOUS MONDAYS**  
**6:00-7:30 PM**  
**USE EAST DOORS/SOUTHWEST MEETING ROOM**  
**Please note there will be NO meeting on Dec. 27th.**

## The Good Samaritans Happenings



*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.*

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.**



### *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.



# Peace & Social Justice Commission



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!

## FAMILY CHRISTMAS MASS CARDS FOR SALE

The Respect Life Ministry will be selling Family Christmas Mass Cards in the Gathering Space after all Masses on **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*

## Parish Life

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


### Breakfast with Baby Jesus & St. Nicholas After All Masses this Sunday in St. Patrick Hall

Have your child's picture taken with Baby Jesus and St. Nicholas. Good will offerings accepted or for \$5 we can take your picture and include a frame. Then enjoy a continental breakfast with family and friends.



### New Member Registration

The Welcoming Ministry will be taking parish registration on Sunday, **Dec. 19th**, after the 7:30 & 9:30 AM Masses in St. Patrick Hall. We ask that you have the dates and places of Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation and Marriage for all members of the family. You may also register at the parish office Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM-3:30 PM or register online. If you have any questions, contact Monica at the parish office 322-4505, ext. 8220 or [mwantuch@stmichaelparish.life](mailto:mwantuch@stmichaelparish.life).



Join the Serra Club of Northwest Indiana on the first and third Mondays of the month to learn more about their support for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Meeting time is 6:30 PM in St. Bridget's Hall, 107 Main St., Hobart. Call Susan at 219-688-8209 for more information.

**Thank You Reception**  
**Wednesday, December 29th**  
**6:00-9:00 PM in St. Patrick Hall**



**Volunteers are  
seldom paid; not  
because they are  
worthless, but  
because they are  
PRICELESS!**



In appreciation to all our dear Liturgical Ministers, members of the Parish Ministries and Council/ Commission, Advisory Boards, Parish Staff, School Staff and volunteers from any event you may have helped with, a thank you reception will be held in your honor.

**RSVP by Dec. 24th at noon to Monica at 322-4505, x8220 or [mwantuch@stmichaelparish.life](mailto:mwantuch@stmichaelparish.life).**



# Stewardship & Parish Administration Commission

## Stewardship in Action

Contribute to an organization that supports the poor, sick, lonely, etc. Encourage others to do so as well.

*Submitted by Conchita Bryner*

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

### Please Note-Important Tax Information

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

## Weekly Schedule

### SUNDAY DECEMBER 12

Blessing of Baby Jesus Figurines During All Masses  
Breakfast with Baby Jesus & St. Nick After All Masses  
Christmas Card Sales After All Masses  
Oplatki Fundraiser After All Masses  
Family Session 9:30 AM  
RCIA 9:30 AM  
"Do This In Memory of Me" Mass 11:30 AM

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

### MONDAY DECEMBER 13

Emotions Anonymous 6:00 PM  
Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass 7:00 PM

### TUESDAY DECEMBER 14

Art & Environment Set-Up Part 1 6:00 PM  
Faith Formation Traditional Classes 6:00 PM  
Choir Practice 7:00 PM

### WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 15

Eucharistic Adoration 1:00-3:00 PM  
Baptismal Prep 6:00 PM  
Faith Formation Traditional Classes 6:00 PM  
Communal Penance Service 6:30 PM

### FRIDAY DECEMBER 17

SMS Christmas Parties 12:15 PM

### SATURDAY DECEMBER 18

Confessions 3:00-4:30 PM  
BP Readings After Vigil Mass  
Oplatki Fundraiser After Vigil Mass

### SUNDAY DECEMBER 19

BP Readings After 7:30 & 9:30 AM Masses  
New Membership Registration After 7:30 & 9:30 AM  
Masses  
Oplatki Fundraiser After All Masses  
RCIA 9:30 AM  
Radiate 6:00 PM

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE



November 7, 2021

Adult	\$19,860.05
Children	\$15.00
EFTs*	\$6,477.00
Loose	\$540.05

**Total Weekly Offering**  
**\$26,892.10**

*\*Electronic Funds Transfer*

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

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# Mission Statement

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To know and experience the mystery of our God by sharing with our brothers and sisters the power of prayer, compassion and healing as we pledge to create an environment in which we will:

- ◆ Meet Jesus in our lives and know Him more intimately
- ◆ Strengthen and enrich our faith through common worship
- ◆ Acknowledge that our individual journeys contribute to this shared mission
- ◆ Recognize, develop and affirm individual gifts for the benefit of the community and for the glory of God
- ◆ Provide opportunities to seek and to promote social justice and peace
- ◆ Place our trust in God and in the working of the Holy Spirit

We welcome you to St. Michael Catholic Community. We hope that our experience will be uplifting and filled with the joy of Christ.

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## Diocesan Life Information

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### \*BNI CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The holidays are here and a tradition will be rekindled with the annual Christmas concert featuring the Bishop Noll Institute concert band and choir conducted by Rocco Carioto. The concert will take place at 6:00 PM today, **December 12th**, in the school's auditorium, 1519 Hoffman St., Hammond, Door C. Family members of performers will be permitted to attend in the auditorium and the concert will be streamed on the "BNI Fine Arts" Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/BNIFineArts](http://www.facebook.com/BNIFineArts)) at 6:00 PM. The Concert Band will feature many holiday favorites including "A Christmas Festival" by Leroy Anderson, selections from a "A Nightmare Before Christmas" and a special concert band/rock band version of "Carol of the Bells." Everyone will climb aboard as the band performs "The Theme from The Polar Express." The BNI Jazz Band will bring the Peanuts characters to life with selections from "A Charlie Brown Christmas" and the school's Mariachi Band will perform traditional Christmas selections. The BNI choir will perform George Michael's "Last Christmas," a special a capella version of "Silent Night," as well as singing many favorites such as "White Christmas." Guests will see it snow live during the concert.



### \*A FABULOUS 50'S CHRISTMAS

Get your tickets now for the "A Fabulous 50's Christmas" at the Towle Theater, 5205 Hohman Ave, Hammond. Performances are on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays through Dec. 19th. Please call 219-937-8780 or visit [www.towletheater.com](http://www.towletheater.com).

### 2022 NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE January 19, 2022

For more information, please contact the Lake County Right to Life, [www.lakeloveslife.org](http://www.lakeloveslife.org) or 219-838-1138.



### \*COOKIE WALK

The Ladies Altar Society of the Descent of the Holy Spirit is hosting a Cookie Walk on **December 18th**, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM at the church hall, 545 E. 77th Ave. (Seberger Road), Schererville. Delicious homemade cookies, pastries, nut rolls, and breads will be available for purchase. Also homemade cabbage rolls, halushki and pierogis (sold by the dozen) will be sold. For additional information, please call Sharon Holowaty at 219-864-4342.





# We Remember . . . We Prepare . . .



## Mass Intentions

### SATURDAY DECEMBER 11

5:00 PM †Frances Rubick

### SUNDAY DECEMBER 12 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:30 AM St. Michael Parish

9:30 AM †Vivian Peifer

11:30 AM †John Finley

†Charles & Alice Lozano

†Mark Biegel

### MONDAY DECEMBER 13

7:00 AM †Jim Bartel

### TUESDAY DECEMBER 14

7:00 AM †Joe Vozar

### WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 15

7:00 AM Lucio "Lu" Lozano-*Birthday*

8:55 AM Special Blessings  
(Mass for SMS students only)

### THURSDAY DECEMBER 16

7:00 AM †Sandy Pyle

†Barney Davis-*4th Anniversary*

### FRIDAY DECEMBER 17

7:00 AM †Charles Cary

### SATURDAY DECEMBER 18

8:00 AM †David Hildebranski

5:00 PM †Alex Skizas

### SUNDAY DECEMBER 19 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:30 AM St. Michael Parish

9:30 AM †Pauline Coniglio

11:30 AM For an End to Abortion on Demand and  
for a Conversion of Heart for  
those who Provide Abortions

†Beverly Mullaney

†Ernesto & Ernestina Flores

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reflections...

## THE WORD

*(Readings for December 19, 2021, The Fourth Sunday of Advent)*

I. *Micah 5:1-4a*

Out of tiny Bethlehem will come one who is to be ruler over all Israel.  
"He shall stand firm and shepherd his flock...he shall be peace."

II. *Hebrews 10:5-10*

God took no delight in holocausts and sin offerings, even those that fulfilled the law. Rather, God desired Christ. By death, Jesus took away the first covenant to set up the second.

III. *Luke 1:39-45*

When Mary visited Zechariah's house, Elizabeth greeted her: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, "The infant leaped in her womb."

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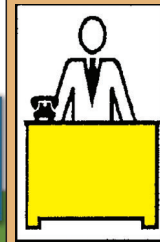


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