

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD. JANUARY 8, 2017

ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF JOLIET IN ILLINOIS

310 S. Wheaton Ave. • Wheaton, IL 60187 www.stmichaelcommunity.org

St. Michael Parish Mission Statement

To hear and respond to Jesus' call to be His disciples, and nourished as a community by Word and Eucharist, to continue His redemptive mission of love and service to all.



"They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother."

Most Rev. R. Daniel Conlon, Bishop Most Rev. Joseph M. Siegel, Auxiliary Bishop

Rev. Daniel E. Hoehn, Pastor officeofthepastor@stmichaelcommunity.org

Fr. Marek Herbut, Parochial Vicar mherbut@stmichaelcommunity.org

PARISH OFFICE

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Hours

Monday - Thursday...... 8:30 am - 4:30 pm Friday 8:30 am - 1:00 pm

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FAITH CENTER

(630) 682-3650 (630) 690-3324 (Fax) 317 W. Willow Ave, Wheaton

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil for Sunday	5:00pm
Sunday	7:30am, 9:00am
	10:30am, 12:00pm
Monday-Friday	6:30am, 8:00am
Saturday	8:00am

Rosary prayed after all daily Masses

Holy Days of Obligation

Vigil for Holy Day		.5:30pm
Holy Day	6:30am,	8:00am
	12:15pm,	7:00pm

CONFESSIONS

Monday	7:15am-7:45am
Tuesday	12:00pm-1:00pm
	6:00pm-7:00pm
Wednesday	6:00pm-7:00pm
Thursday	<mark>7:15am-7:45am</mark>
Saturday	8:30am-9:15am
	4:00pm-4:45pm

Or by appointment.

From the Pastor's Desk...



Dear Brothers and Sisters.

Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany. The word means "manifestation" and refers to God's act of making Himself known to us – ultimately in the person of Jesus Christ. Pope Francis, in a homily on this feast, said:

"The Magi...were searching for the Light. The star appearing in the sky kindled in their minds and in their hearts a light that moved them to seek the great Light of Christ. The Magi followed faithfully that light which filled their hearts, and they encountered the Lord.

The destiny of every person is symbolized in this journey of the Magi: our life is a journey, illuminated by the lights which brighten our way, to find the fullness of truth and love which we Christians recognize in Jesus, the Light of the World.

Like the Magi, every person has two great "books" which provide the signs to guide this pilgrimage: the book of creation, and the book of Sacred Scripture.

What is important is that we be attentive, alert, and listen to God who speaks to us, who always speaks to us. Listening to the Gospel, reading it, meditating on it, and making it our spiritual nourishment especially allows us to encounter the living Jesus, to experience him and his love.

The Gospel tells us that the Magi, when they arrived in Jerusalem, lost sight of the star for a time. They no longer saw it. Its light was particularly absent from the palace of King Herod: his dwelling was gloomy, filled with darkness, suspicion, fear, envy. Herod, in fact, proved himself distrustful and preoccupied with the birth of a frail child whom he thought of as a rival. In reality, Jesus came not to overthrow him, a wretched puppet, but to overthrow the prince of this world! Nonetheless, the king and his counselors sensed that the foundations of their power were crumbling. Herod went so far as to kill the children. Herod was fearful, and on account of this fear, he became insane.

The Magi were able to overcome that dangerous moment of darkness before Herod because they believed the Scriptures, the words of the prophets, which indicated that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem. And so they fled the darkness and dreariness of the night of the world. They resumed their journey toward Bethlehem, and there they once more saw the star, and the Gospel tells us that they experienced "a great joy" (cf. Matthew 2: 10)—the very star which could not be seen in that dark, worldly palace.

One aspect of the light which guides us on the journey of faith is holy "cunning." This holy "cunning" is also a virtue. It consists of a spiritual shrewdness, which enables us to recognize danger and avoid it. The Magi used this light of "cunning" when, on the way back, they decided not to pass by the gloomy palace of Herod but to take another route. These wise men from the East teach us how not to fall into the snares of darkness and how to defend ourselves from the shadows that seek to envelop our life. By this holy "cunning," the Magi guarded the faith.

We, too, need to guard the faith, guard it from darkness. Many times, however, it is a darkness under the guise of light. This is because the devil, as St. Paul says, disguises himself at times as an angel of light [2 Corinthians 11: 14]. And this is where a holy "cunning" is necessary in order to protect the faith, guarding it from those alarmist voices that exclaim, "Listen, today we must do this, or that …"

Fr Daniel Elfoeh

January 8th Epiphany of the Lord

ST. MICHAEL STAFF 630-462-5000

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	Parish Receptionist, Nancy Mackowiak	Ext.	5000
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	Dan Simmet	Ext.	5000
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New Members: We warmly welcome new families and individuals to St. Michael Parish. Registration is held the third Sunday of each month following the 9:00 AM Mass in the conference room, next to the parish office; or call the office during normal parish office hours.

Baptisms: Typically every Sunday immediately following noon Mass. A preparation program for parents is held on the second Saturday of the month at 10:00 a.m. in the Adult Education room found on the first floor of the Faith Center. Call the parish office to schedule a baptism.

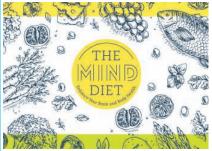
Weddings: Congratulations on your engagement! Due to the size of our parish, weddings are celebrated for registered parishioners only. Couples need to speak to one of our priests before making any other arrangements or reserving a reception hall. Diocesan policy requires a period of at least 6 months prior to the wedding for a couple to complete their necessary preparation.

Sacrament Preparation: Preparation for children to receive First Eucharist or Confirmation is a two year program either through our school or Religious Education Program.

Liturgical Ministers January 14 & 15

Mass	Cantor/ Musicians	Lectors	Servers	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion			Ministers of Hospitality
5:00pm Vigil	Julie Chris	V. Heaton J. Smith	L. Conti L. Shanahan N. Shanahan	A. Boyle B. Flynn C. Harris J. Johnson	M. Johnson J. Messitt K. Messitt J. Moran	A. Sitley S. Sitley	E. Downey B. Kahlfeldt J. Pindel R. Steffen
7:30am	Nancy Kevin	L. O'Brien P. Suess	H. Anderson J. Anderson G. Carroll M. Challenger G. Kamykowski R. West J. Kustak T. West L. Ryan			B. Glowienke J. Kinsley J. Rood P. Scarpelli	
9:00am	Gretchen Kevin	M. Boyle D. Cerone	A. Hernandez G. Hernandez C. Striedl	H. Bollweg B. Hurley J. King M. Newman	D. Novak K. Reitmann R. Richards G. Riss	L. Vitale W. Wachter	M. Cerone C. DeMars R. Heithoff T. Kearney
10:30am	Colleen Chris	K. Fisher K. Midha	S. Cody M. Gnorski T. Gnorski	ski P. Gerard D. Michaud			T. Shanahan T. Tiberi J. Luxem M. Mulhern
12:00pm	Mary Chris	D. Christensen M. Steinken	W. Fitzpatrick C. Merker F. Merker	H. Beruete A. Bilecki C. Cackovic	S. Knoerr A. Milasius M. Murphy	D. Piombino B. Tijerina	S. Anasco C. Anasco D. Bates T. St. George

The MIND Diet Thursday, January 12 at 6:30pm



Join us for an informative presentation with Kristin A. Gustashaw, MS, RDN, LDN, CSG from Rush University medical center on Alzheimer's disease and how the MIND

diet can enhance your mind and reduce your likelihood of developing the disease.

Meet in the St. Michael Adult Education room (1st floor of the Faith Center). Thursday, January 12 at 6:30pm Please RSVP to Thecla Rettberg by Monday, January 9th at 630-462-5042.

Grief Support Group

Join us for "Seasons of Hope" on **Tuesday, Jan 17.** If you are going through the loss of a loved one or friend and are looking for spiritual support during your grief journey then consider joining this confidential group. We spend time reflecting on scripture, sharing concerns, and assisting and supporting each other during dialogue and prayer.

We meet from 6:30-8:00pm in the Bridal Room. (Please use Wheaton Ave. entrance/door #8) Questions? Contact Thecla Rettberg, Parish Nurse at 630-462-5042

For Our Faithful Departed

Virginia Schramer (December 21, 2016)

Mother of Jeanne Schramer

June Keogh (December 24, 2016) Wife of James Keogh

Clare Nelson (December 24, 2016)
Wife of Don Nelson

Mary Altiere (December 24, 2016)

Mother of Charmaine Montefalco

Kathleen McFadden (December 26, 2016)
Wife of Thomas McFadden

Emma Lamberty (December 29, 2016)
Niece of Emma Lamberty

Prayers for the Sick

Newly added individuals this week are printed in bold font.

Please let us know when there is healing or decided improvement.

Please note that only names given with permission of person or
family member will be added to the list.

Eleanor Agan Susan Gransee Vivienne Amoroso **James Grant** Chris Baird Cindy Baise Alice Barry Katherine Beck Tony Bedard Iosu Beruete Dee Bingham Robert A. Birk Peg Birt Joan Kern Elizabeth Blade Anne Bobko Bernard Briody Mary Briody Pat Bryda Matt Callaway Sean Carter Eileen Cashin Debbie Coradini Francis Dale Gabby DeFeo Rebecca Delgaldo Gerald DePratt Anthony Diletti Lorie Diletti Linda Dolan William Dumper Dziekanowski

William Dumper
Mary Lou
Dziekanowski
Leigh Eckroth
Zoe Farrell
Teresa Fillman
Joseph Fogarty
Theresa Fogarty
Kathy Fountain
Joe Franz
John Gallagher
Matthew Gill
Lillian Glab
Beverly Gleich
Francisco Gonzales III

Cathy McGuit
Patrick McGu
Charlotte Mc
Charlotte Mc
Mary E. Meyer
Jim Meyers
Therese Midl
Elio Morso
Timothy I. M
Eugene Murp
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Murphy
Mercedes Niz
Janet O'Donn
Marty Olsen
Adam Paikai

Drew Hahn Beth Hansen **Brian Hayes Hoffman Family** Margaret Ivancevich Norm Jacobsen Barbara Jozaitis Rose Johnson Denise Kinsley Ron Kinslev Grace Krall Robert Krzyzewski Sr. Carol Kuglich **Brett Lauten** Rev. Patrick Lee Mitch Lenzi Mary Linzemann Dana Lohman Matthew Longhurst Tom Loversky Perky Loversky Richard Maciejewski Diana Mahchunt Frank Mahchunt Cathy McGuire Patrick McGuire Charlotte McPherson Mary E. Meyer Jim Meyers Therese Midha Elio Morso Timothy I. Murnane **Eugene Murphy** Margaret (Peg) Murphy Mercedes Niziolek Ianet O'Donnell **Marty Olsen**

Josie Pasciak Ronnie Pankratz **Janelle Phurston** Vicki Piccolo Denise Piombo Eleanor Piszyk Rene Poleo Ryan James Porter Genevieve Rajnic Ralph Ray Ray Reynertson Daniel Roman **Judy Rutz Drew Sandler** Bishop J. Peter Sartain Peter Schnez Beth Schwark Jo Ellen Sereno Elijah Sepich Penny Simoncelli Jude Skallerup Margaret Sloan Marcy Smith Chris Seogin Chester Sowinski **Iack Sowinski** Derek Sauires Rosemarie Stonehill Denise Sullivan **Lorraine Tansley** Mary Ann Timoney Virg Tobin Kathy Waldman Marcia Wells Alice Wendt Corey Wieseman Thomas Witt Missy White Andrew Valadka Christopher Zinski

Anointing of the Sick/Homebound/Hospital Visits

Please call the parish office to inform us of an illness or hospitalization of a parishioner or family member.

Privacy laws prohibit hospitals from releasing information to clergy about hospitalized church members without the specific consent and request of the patient or their immediate family.

LITURGY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

7:30 AM +Bill Matte—Tom & Ellen Olp

9:00 AM St. Michael Parishioners

10:30 AM + Mary Conner—Tony & Tanya Shanahan

12:00 PM +George & Kathryn Fortman—Sunny

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MONDAY, JANUARY 9 THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38/Ps 29/Mt 3:13-17

6:30 AM Intentions of Jennifer Hickey—Rosary Group

8:00 AM +Joseph Kwiatkowski—Family

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10

Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8/Mk 1:14-28

6:30 AM +Walter Kania —Kania Family

8:00 AM +Neil Aloworth—Family

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11 SCHOOL MASS

Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105/Mk 1:29-39

6:30 AM +Terri Sullivan—John & Sile Ellison

8:00 AM +Terry Mullen—Gryniewicz Family

+Barb Haydel—St. Michael School Staff

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12

SAINT MARGUERITE BOURGEOYS

Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95/Mk 1:40-45

6:30 AM +Larry Kammes— Matthew & Rosalina Mazza

8:00 AM +James Gilmore—George & Susan Miller

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13

SAINT HILARY

Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78/Mk 2:1-12

6:30 AM +Thomas Needham—Robert Byrnes

8:00 AM Intentions of Hickey Family—Rosary Group

SATURDAY, IANUARY 14

Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19/Mk 2:13-17

8:00 AM +Dolores Pool—Marge & Dan Donovan

5:00 PM +Anna Kozlowska—Family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

SECOOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

7:30 AM +Helen Aderholdt—Ann & Ray Reynertson

9:00 AM +Robert Fitzpatrick—Kelly & Thomas Dattulo

10:30 AM St. Michael Parishioners

12:00 PM +Robert J. Roth—Palasek Family

VOCATION PRAYER CALENDAR

Remember these men and women in your daily prayers –Priests, Deacons, Seminarians and Religious in the Diocese of Joliet.

JANUARY

8 Frs. Lloyd Bowden & Dong Bui

9 Srs. Krystyna Kosakowska, Teresa Lawicka MSHF
 – Jeanne Francis Haley, Kathleen John McLinden,
 Maria Therese Valente O.Carm - Regina Maria
 Callahan OP

10 Frs. Thomas Cargo & Santos Castillo

11 Frs. Robert Coleman & William Conway

12 Randy Waring (Deacon Candidate)

13 Frs. Miroslaw Stepien, Tadeusz Winnicki S.Ch. – John Belmonte, George A. Lane SJ

14 Frs. Thomas Corbino & Mark Cote

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St. Michael Parish
So that we might better serve your needs, please fill out this form and drop it in the collection basket or mail it to the parish office (310 S. Wheaton Avenue, Wheaton, IL 60187). Thank you.
Name
Address
CityZip
Phone
New Parishioner Returning to Parish
New Address Interested in becoming Catholic
Send Envelopes Interested in Religious
Interested in School Education
Would like to be contacted by a priest
Would like to be contacted by parish nurse

On **January 14 & 15**, please welcome Rev. John Malasi Ighacho who will be with us to celebrate Masses and tell us about the work of Unbound, a lay Catholic sponsorship ministry that helps children and elderly in 20 developing countries. To learn more visit Unbound at www.unbound.org.

RCIA Classes begin Tuesday, Jan 17Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Interested in the Catholic Faith? Whether you are Baptized or not, are just starting to learn about the Catholic Church or have looked into joining the Church for years, we welcome you! Catholics enter into full communion though the Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Eucharist, and Confirmation.

Baptized Catholics who have been away from the Church or have not received these Sacraments are welcome to join our classes as well.

Classes meet weekly, beginning Tuesday, January 17 at 7pm. Contact John Ellison for more information: jellison@stmichaelcommunity.org or (630) 462-5045



Prayer Shawl Ministry

This January, St. Michael Prayer Shawl Ministry will celebrate 10 years of giving shawls to all those who need that little extra hug.

Our next meeting will be January 21st in the Bridal Room (east end of narthex) from 9-10:30am. Please come join us for knitting or crocheting or just friendship. All are welcome at any of our monthly meetings.

2016 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal Through December 30, 2016



Parish Goal	\$ 147,537
Amount Pledged	\$ 242,844
Amount Paid	\$ 231,639
Remaining Balance	\$ 11,205
Rebate Amount	\$ 54,666
# of Families Pledged	790

It is very important that these pledges be paid before the end of 2016. if we exceed our goal in paid pledges, 65% of the additional funds received will be returned to the parish.

Are you signed up to use parish pay?



Support your parish with online donations

St. Michael Parish has implemented an automated giving program called ParishPay. ParishPay is a checkfree, no-cost, convenient way for you to participate in stewardship and donate to special collections, including our Restricted Major Maintenance Fund.

You can make online donations (one-time, weekly, monthly, or annually) with the payment method of your choice.

Please visit parishpay.com or call 866-PARISH-1 to set up an account. Enrollment forms can also be printed from Stmichaelcommunity.org under the "donate" tab and returned to the parish office.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Thank you for your Christmas offerings. If you were traveling and would still like to make your Christmas donation, you may do so in Sunday's collection or to the parish office.

Enroll in ParishPay at <u>www.parishpay.com</u> for one-time or recurring online donations.

Lost/Found wedding ring

While cleaning the office, a men's wedding band was discovered that with a note saying the ring was originally found in our parking lot in February, although no year was specified.

The inside bears two sets of initials: G.O.J. to G.V.B. and G.C.K. to M.H.M. If the wedding band belongs to you or a family member, please contact Mary in the Parish Office at 630-462-5004.

In an effort to accommodate our seniors and members with special needs we ask you to refrain from parking in the main parking lot adjacent to the Church/school & the parish office parking lot during Church services.

Thank you for your cooperation.

What does our Catholic faith tell us about marriage and how is it different from what our culture says?



The Church, through the ages, led by the Holy Spirit, has guarded what is essential in the true meaning of the vocation of marriage.

Discover what God's purpose and vision is for marriage. We are inviting couples, young and old, married or

contemplating marriage, to watch a video each session from the Augustine Institute series "Beloved".

We will also have an opportunity for discussion in small groups about the presentation. The beauty and meaning of your marriage will be revealed and strengthened through this program. The program will run for 7 sessions, every other Tuesday, 7:30-9:00 p.m., starting on January 17 through April 11 in the first floor of the Faith Center.

There is no cost. Please call the parish office with questions and/or to sign up (630)665-2250, or just attend first session to sign up.

Download the "Saint Michael Wheaton" parish app, from your Apple, Google, Windows, or Amazon app store for all phones and tablets!

Keep up with St. Michael news and events, plus access our Catholic resources such as prayers, saint of the day, Mass readings, and confession "how to."



FEED the HUNGRY

Sponsored by a Friday Nights Branches Group Helping St. Michael's to Feed the Hungry since 2001.

Whoever is kind to the poor, lends to the Lord, and will be repaid in full. Proverbs 19:17

Please bring your donations to Mass January 14 & 15

In December, you donated 6 boxes of food and \$2,018

Thank you. Your donations help a lot. Donations are shared equally with Interfaith Food Pantry & People's Resource Center

INTERESTED NEW VOLUNTEERS? CALL: Eileen Briggs 630-517-8752

We Welcome those Baptized January 1st!

Susan Ray Piper, Child of Matthew & Gayln



Perpetual Adoration Chapel

Our Perpetual Adoration Chapel is now open!

You can still sign up as a weekly adorer, substitute or coordinator through our website, Parish App "Saint Michael Wheaton", or by emailing



stmikesachapel@gmail.com.

The chapel will be unlocked for visitors from 6am-6pm.



Thank you, St. Michael Catholic Church Teen Group!

On behalf of everyone here at Waterleaf, we'd like to say a very big thank you for your support and the gifts you collected for our baby boutique and client moms, dads and their children as well as all the help in helping with the baby bottle project at our center. Your kindness and generosity make a difference in helping build a culture of life.

The Waterleaf Team

Waterleaf Medical Clinic 3598 E. New York Street Aurora, IL 60504 630-701-6270 Waterleaf Education and Resource Center 682 W. Boughton Road, Suite B Bolingbrook, IL 60440





blue & gold gala



Help us honor this year's Lancer Legacy Honorees, each celebrating 45 years of teaching at St. Michael Parish School.



Mr. Bill Cashin & Mrs. Peggy Flynn



Tickets on sale NOW for the Gala

February 3rd, 2017

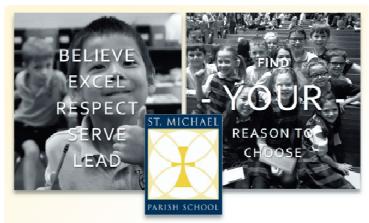
at the Westin Lombard Yorktown Center

BUY TICKETS AT: https://stmichaelschoolwheaton.ejoinme.org/MyEvents/20162017Gala

ALUMNI, PARISHIONERS & SCHOOL FAMILIES... HELP!

Please email us stories & pictures of Mrs. Flynn & Mr. Cashin! Email to alumnirelations@stmichaelcommunity.org or mail a copy (copies will not be returned) to us at 314 W. Willow Ave., Wheaton, IL 60187!

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JOIN US FOR OUR OPEN HOUSE TO SEE WHY

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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, January 29, 2017 12PM Mass & 1PM All-School Open House

INDIVIDUAL TOURS

Ongoing at your convenience



Call us at (630) 665 – 1454 to RSVP for Open House or schedule a tour!



Feed My Starving Children MobilePack

St. Michael Church is once again partnering in the Feed the Need Mobilpack, which is one of the most effective methods to help those individuals starving in our world. Your support is needed and appreciated.

The goal is to raise \$264,000, which will provide 1.2 Million meals to feed children across the globe.

Donations may be made online at feedtheneedillinois.org

Checks written to St. Michael Church with FMSC or FTN in the memo line may be placed in the collection baskets. Donations may be made at the FMSC /FTN tables in the Narthex on designated weekends in January.

5,000 volunteers are needed to pack at North Central College on February 18 & 19, 2017.

Mobilpack Volunteer sign up will take place in the St. Michael Church narthex during weekends in January.

Please consider joining the St. Michael FMSC Team! For further information, please contact:

annamariegboyle@gmail.com or feedtheneedillinois.org

Be Part of 2017 Gala Giving!

As the St. Michael School Blue & Gold Gala committee prepares for our largest fundraiser event on **Friday**, **February 3, 2017** at the Westin, Lombard. We reach out to YOU, the school families and parish community for donations. Your generous contributions will help create exciting live auction & raffle items at the Gala! Whether you are St. Michael school parents/ grandparents, alumni or R.E. parish members we ask you to take a minute to think how you can give back to a place we all love.

You can support this worthy cause in three ways:

DONATE CASH/CHECK/ONLINE: You can help by underwriting a Gala expense or donate a personal luxury. (i.e. Lake house, timeshares, airline miles, event tickets)

BE A SPONSOR/PURCHASE AD SPACE: Your business will appear on our Gala website, in our Bid Book and featured in our new Online Business Directory with a web-link right to your business.

GIFT CARDS NEEDED: Gas Cards, Amazon, Local Restaurants & Binny's (to complete the Instant Wine Cellar). Please drop-off donations to the school office & remember to label envelope:

Attn: Blue & Gold Gala & Donor's full name.

Thank you & may God bless you for supporting our children and the future of St. Michael School. **Learn more about the Gala & Get your Blue & Gold Gala Tickets Now!**https://stmichaelschoolwheaton.ejoinme.org/MyEvents/20162017Gala



Steubenville Youth Conference Trip-July 7-9th Franciscan University- Ohio

Join over two thousand teens from around the country for a weekend that you'll never forget. Open to students entering 9-12th grade in the fall of 2017 and class of 2017 seniors. COST: \$285 (financial aid is available) A \$40 deposit and application will secure your spot!

Questions? Please contact Theresa Simeo at tsimeo@stmichaelcommunity.org



Divorce and Beyond

Hello, My name is Deacon Dan L. Aderholdt and I am a staff member at St. Michael Church in Wheaton.

We will be offering a spring session of "Divorce and Beyond" starting February 8th and continuing for ten (10) weeks. This ministry has been promoted by the Diocese of Joliet, through the Office of Family Ministry and this is the fourth time we are offering it.

Divorce is painful and the grief resulting from a divorce is great. The program "Divorce and Beyond" is based on the book Divorce and Beyond, A Workbook for Recovery and Healing by Greteman, Haverkamp and Radtke.

"Divorce and Beyond" is:

- For people already divorced or have filed for divorce
- Examines what happens to most couples going through the breakup of a marriage
- Helps participants understand what they are going through and that others have experienced the same things
- Offers activities for making divorce a growth experience
- We are asking attendees to commit to all ten (10) sessions
- Insights will be shared from reflecting on ones experiences and reading materials
- Reading and Exercises do not attempt to cover all the information by each topic, but are intended to start the process of thinking and helping to organize your own thoughts and experiences

Registration is required, so please contact me if you are interested in attending, or with any questions. We begin meeting Wednesday, February 8th from 6:30-8:30 in the Family Room (East end of narthex)

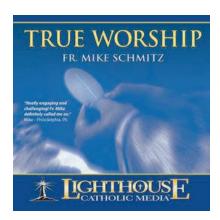
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Lighthouse Catholic Media Kiosk

Catholic CDs, Books & Brochures in the West
Narthex to Help Busy Parishioners Make Sense of
Life and the Catholic Faith.

Featured CD:



Fr. Mike Schmitz, the director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry for the Diocese of Duluth and Chaplain for the Newman Center at the University of Minnesota-Duluth, inspires and educates in this talk about the highest form of worship - the Mass. Through this vibrant presentation, Fr. Mike makes sure you will never experience the Mass in the same way again.

Parishioner Comments

"I loved how direct and clear Fr. Schmitz was about uniqueness of the Catholic faith from other faiths, with the True Presence and how he compassionately shared that to worship down the street where very devoted brothers and sisters worship is not the same... I found Fr. Schmitz very engaging and unwavering in defending the Catholic belief in the true presence of Christ in the Eucharist.."

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Fatima and the Shrines of France & Spain An 11-day Pilgrimage Sept 26-Oct 6, 2017

Led by Fr. Dan Bachner of St. Raphael Parish, Naperville. Join us during the 100th anniversary of Mary's apparition to Blessed Lucia, Jacinta, and Francisco at Fatima!

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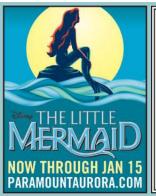
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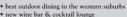
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