

Tri Parish Catholic Faith Community

To Learn, Live and Proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ



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Reconciliation

While we are unable to physically participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation it is a good practice to Examine your conscience each day and make an Act of Contrition: "O my God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Amen."

Baptism

Preparation class for parents required, contact parish office.

Marriage

Six months preparation required, contact parish office.

Sick/Shut-ins

Please call the parish office to request anointing of the sick and for home visits.

New Parishioners

Contact the parish office for registration or pick up a form at the entrance to church and return to the parish office in the collection basket. We would love to have you become an official part of our parish family.

Combined Parish Staff

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Due to the need for Social Distancing our Parish Offices are closed to the Public. We want to be present to you and help if you need anything, so please call on us. Fr. Aaron and Lisa Murner can be reached at the Parish Office at St. Michael at 812-364-6646. Michelle Whittaker can be reached at the Parish Office at St. Bernard at 812-347-2326. Deacon John can be reached at the Faith Formation Office at 812-364-6173.



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Managing God's Gifts To Us

Information for all Parishes



In light of new information and recommendations from health officials concerning the danger of the COVID-19 pandemic and the urgency to stop the spread of the virus the five Catholic bishops of Indiana have suspended all public Sunday and weekday Masses. The archbishop's dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass from March 13 continues until further notice. Information is continually changing. For updates you can visit www.archindy.org and click on the News Alert link for updates from the Archdiocese.

Holy Week Masses

Masses will be live streamed each day of Holy Week on our Facebook page (St. Michael Catholic Church). Masses will be also available on our parish website after the Mass is over by clicking on the link on the homepage.

Wednesday of Holy Week – 6:00 pm

Holy Thursday – 6:00 pm

Good Friday - Stations of the Cross - 12:00 p.m.

Good Friday Services – 6:00 pm

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil – 6:00 pm

Easter Sunday - 9:30 a.m.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 12, 2020

SUN 4/12 Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10

MON 4/13 Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Mt 28:8-15

TUE 4/14 Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22 [5b]/Jn 20:11-18

WED 4/15 Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [3b]/Lk 24:13-35

THR 4/16 Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Lk 24:35-48

FRI 4/17 Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118: 1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a [22]/Jn 21:1-14

SAT 4/18 Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21 [21a]/Mk 16:9-15

SUN 4/19 Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31



Please continue to take care of yourself!

Please continue to stay diligent in your social distancing. Wash your hands, stay hydrated, and practice good hygiene. We miss all of you and look forward to when we can pray and worship together in person again. Let us continue to pray for one another, especially for the most vulnerable, for the sick, for those who have died, and for all those who are ministering and caring for those in need. Let us also remember that we are a people of Hope and a people who believes in the promise of Jesus when He said that He will be with us always, even until the end of the age.

Our Food Pantry at St. Michael is open but we ask all neighbors to call before they come to schedule a pick up. You can call 812-364-6646, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Monday – Friday.

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK- Our world wants us to believe that life is only what we make of it. Today, we realize how untrue that is. Life is ultimately about what God makes of it, and the resurrection of Jesus reveals this. Alleluia, Christ is risen! Who do you understand yourself to be? What we did yesterday, are doing today, and may do tomorrow pretty much determine how we perceive ourselves. We even perceive Jesus this way in limiting our vision of him to his earthly accomplishments. But, we know through today's triumphant celebration that Christ is much more than his earthly legacy. The transfigured and resurrected Christ is the beginning, the end, and the fulfillment of all things and every person. All that Jesus did stands in second place to who we now know him to be. Do we realize that this will be our journey too? Christ is risen. Alleluia, alleluia!



Anyone wishing to contribute to our churches while we are closed may do so by mailing your contribution to the appropriate office. To help save on postage, you may combine and send one check for weeks at a time instead of mailing each week.

GOSPEL MEDITATION Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture - When we awoke this morning, we found ourselves blessed with another day. It is Easter Sunday. As that thought crossed our minds, did we find ourselves saying "so what" or "alleluia"? For many, today is truly a day of alleluia. For others, it is just another day of "so what." Faith makes a huge difference. It not only makes a difference in how we understand today and the significance of what we celebrate, it also makes a huge difference in terms of how we understand ourselves.

Succeed, live well, be productive, find your niche, follow your dreams, make money, protect your social status, be politically correct, and keep your preferences to yourself are pretty good examples of the messages our secular life wants us to hear. In and of themselves, they don't sound all that harmful. But when really examined, they are. The life of resurrection embodied in the Gospel tells us a much different story.

Life keeps us busy. We are always connected, distracted, occupied, and working. For many of us, an agenda awaits us before we even start our day, and unfinished stuff is brought with us when we retire at night. Make the best of life and "find your own road to happiness are messages we all too easily believe. The "so what" response to the new life of resurrection is often the result of believing that life is only what I make it. What God has to say isn't important to me securing my next raise.

Sadly, we live as if the grave is the end. While we may give the wonder of heaven a blink now and then, its glory really doesn't impress us or matter all that much. It's all about the here and now and what I need to do today to get where I want to be tomorrow. We tend to put off considering the one significant "tomorrow" that will come the millisecond after we take our last breath. When that happens, will we want to be thinking "so what?" or "alleluia"?

There is only one Jesus, one mission, and one resurrection. There is also only one of us. Have you ever pondered what one solitary, humble human life can do? Faith, not our world, tells us how special we are. We are not robots. We are not replaceable. We have one shot. There are no do-overs. Love is at our core and unites us together as one with the God of love who so desperately wants us to be with Him forever. This may not match our secular agenda, but it ought to make our true inner agenda leap for joy. There doesn't need to be an end. I can live forever. Alleluia!

St. Michael & St. Bernard Mass Intentions		
Saturday	April 11	Patty & Harold Jacobi
Sunday	April 12	Parishioner's Intentions of St. Michael, St. Bernard, and St. Joseph
Monday	April 13	Deloris Eisfelder
Tuesday	April 14	Harlan & Jim Uhl
Wednesday	April 15	Huston Ernstberger
Thursday	April 16	Joanne Kochert
Friday	April 17	Mary Rita Jacobi
Saturday	April 18	Father Aaron's Intention
Sunday	April 19	Libby Kruer

St. Michael

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Margaret Baylor, Tom Tunnington, Dorothy Dohoney, Beverly Dietrich, Barb Rainbolt, Joseph Robbeloth, Carol Ransom, Trish Wagner, Judy Rae Gettelfinger, Rose Kiefer, Anna Kaelin, Wanda Gehm, Julie Payne, Cletus & Priscilla Gettelfinger, Matthew Kruer, Jack Dohoney, Debbie Jones, Colette Murray, Casey Shaw, Linda Rothrock, Matthew Marino, Gretchen Hammett, Jaxon Nutini, Jerry Jacobi, Kyle Costello, Ray Kordek, Carol Cox, Doug Fessel, Patricia A. Trent, Roy Kruer, Luna Smith, Ted Lippert, Irma Morales, Cherie Vickers, Archdiocese of Indianapolis, All our Food Pantry and St. Vincent de Paul Friends.

Please Pray for Our Military & Their Families

CPO Johnathan Akers, Danny Baker, Tyler Hall, Lt. Col. Scott Schroeder, Zachary Shinkle, William Gilmer, Brad Missi

Weekly Collection:	April 5, 2020
Sun. Collection:	\$ 6,411.00
Needed for Budget:	\$ 7,134.65
Difference:	\$ - 723.65

Contributions - Your gift back to God for His many blessings can be mailed to the parish office or if you like, you can set up to have your contribution debited from your checking account. Forms are available on our parish website at: <https://www.saintmichaelschurch.net/ach-deposit-form>

A message from the St. Michael Finance Chair - Fellow parishioners, please be mindful that during this trying time of the COVID – 19 Pandemic, our parish expenses continue. We understand that this has created financial strife for many of us. If you are able, please mail your contributions to the Parish Office. Additionally, you can set up automatic withdrawals from your financial institution. Contact the parish office to set up the process. The monthly withdrawal will occur on the second Tuesday of each month. Those of us 70 and a half or older, have the option of making a tax-free contribution from their 401K to the church from their required yearly distribution. Have your financial institution make the check payable to St. Michael Catholic Church. The advantage to this process is that no taxes are withheld from the contribution. The disadvantage is that since no taxes were paid the donation is not deductible for tax purposes. I personally have used both the First Harrison automatic deduction and the contribution from my 401K. Thank you for your support of OUR parish during the bad times as well as the good times. Sincerely, Patrick Harbeson Finance Chairman & Bill McIntyre Finance Vice Chairman

St. Michael Food Pantry - We are still open but we are in need of food. You can leave the items at the covered door into the church office and will pick them up and put them away. Please call the office and let them know the items will be dropped off so we can make sure we get them.

The Mule / Zero Turn Mower Raffle Postponed: The Raffle for your choice of the Kawasaki Mule of Zero Turn Mower has been postponed until May 10th. Tickets are still available by calling the parish office at 812-364-6646 or Nadine Kaelin at 812-472-3931. Tickets are \$25.00 each or 5 for \$100.00. You can mail in your check and your ticket will be mailed back to you. License #002576

St. Michael Luau Dinner / Dance has been postponed - A new date will be scheduled as soon as possible.

Finance Commission will meet via a Zoom Call on Tuesday, April 21st at 6:30 p.m. Members will receive a link prior to the meeting to be able to sign in to the call.

Pastoral Council will meet via a Zoom Call on Tuesday, April 28th at 6:30 p.m. Members will receive a link prior to the meeting to be able to sign in to the call.

Congratulations to Derrick and Sherry Roll who celebrated the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony at St. John Paul II parish on March 21st. May God bless your new life together!

St. Bernard

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Michelle Whittaker – Parish Secretary – SaintBernardCatholicChurch@gmail.com

Please keep in your prayers: Mary Senn Taylor, Paul Bary, Bobby Harris, Donnell Royer, Wayne Smith, Marlana Cheatham, Toni Rothrock, Jolene Mauck, Olive Sarles, Linda Magill, Donna Schellenberger, David Mauck, Veronica Battista, Jim Nolot, Addley Gaines, Jean Newton, Sharon Bary, Rhonda Day, Larry Colin, Juanita Hughes, Sharon Patton, Julia Griffith, Jeff Mauck, Greg Byerley, Sandy Sieg, Michael Briscoe, Bryant Otto, Carolyn Cline, Susie Spears, Members of Military.



4-05-20 Mailed Collection Totaled \$ 2,370.00
Church in Africa Totaled \$40.00
Catholic Relief Services \$30.00
Catholic Home Missions \$10.00
Easter Donations \$165.00

We extend our sympathy and prayers to the family of Jolene Mauck who passed away on Monday and was buried Wednesday in the church cemetery. Eternal rest grant to her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Cash Raffle - Appreciating the gravity of the Coronavirus pandemic situation, we have decided to suspend our 2020 Cash Raffle. Considering the ongoing stay-at-home orders and not knowing when we'll be able to return to church, we need to focus on keeping people safe.

AmazonSmile – You shop. Amazon gives. Did you know that in addition to the donations you already make to St. Bernard you can have Amazon send its own donation to us every time you order something from them? How does AmazonSmile work? In order to browse or shop at AmazonSmile, customers must first select a charitable organization. For eligible purchases at AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price to the customer's selected charitable organization. It doesn't cost any additional money. Just remember you have to start at www.Smile.Amazon.com St. Bernard's link is <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/20-5227964> Please bookmark this link and use this as your log in page when ordering from Amazon for St. Bernard to receive a donation. Thank you!!!!

The St. Bernard Quilters are raffling a quilt to be given away during the Mother Day's Banquet on May 18th. The cost is \$2 each or 3 for \$5. You may also contact Jill Robertson, Marla Adams, Rita Colin or the parish office to purchase tickets. Any parishioners wishing to help sell tickets should contact Jill Robertson.

Unity Meal – All meals at Unity Chapel have been canceled as long as North Harrison Schools are closed.

Food Pantry - If someone from St. Bernard's wants to leave something for the food pantry, you may drop it by the office at St. Bernard's on Monday's and Wednesday's between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm or leave it in the walkway leading into the rectory at the side door. You also can take it directly to St. Michael's if you prefer.



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Father Fred Denison – Attended By



Please keep in your prayers:

Phillips Family, Norma Hurt, Michelle Garrett, Pamela Byrne, Marty Will, Frank and Dee

Hirsch, Roger Michels, Judy Neckar, Erin Haendiges, Gail Reyling, Imogene Talley, Carol Will, Richard Will, Father Fred, Mike Trusty, Francis Powell, Monty and Mary Garrett, Jane Newton, Jerry Amoroso, Frank Neckar, and all those suffering in any way.

Our Military Family Members:

Tom Shawler, Jr., Hannah Bradley, Chris Eaton



Family and Friends of our parish members:

Elaine Zipp, Ida Phillips, Angela Crecelius's sister; David Thomas – Susan Sauer's brother; Joan Jackson – Jane Newton's sister; Paul Panozzo; Elmer Ray Jenkins—Connie Conklin's father; Jamie Craig—Barb Flispart's son-in-law; Adeline Talley—Imogene Talley's granddaughter; Angela Crecelius's nephew – Martin Gabel; Mary Lee Sneed's brother – Victor Dubois; Robin Bowman; Joni Shaw - Patty Reyling's sister; and all Prayer Requests in the Prayer Book.

Weekly Mailed Collection Totaled \$15.00

Faith Formation News

Faith Formation Office Hours are: St. Michael Church - Tuesday - Thursday 9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Fridays 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. and St. Bernard Church – on Friday Mornings.

Faith Formation News:

Upcoming Faith Formation Classes:

As you know Faith Formation Classes have been suspended for the indefinite future to limit the exposure to the COVID-19 virus. We will hold classes as soon as we are able.

Parents: Please look for an email every Friday for activities and lessons you can do with your child at home to help continue their Faith Formation. If you are not receiving an email from the Faith Formation Office please call or email the office and let us know.

Operation Rice Bowl – We prayed, fasted and gave alms—and now we celebrate the Risen Lord! Our Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl challenges us as we begin the Easter season to share what we have with our global family. Normally we would be turning in our Rice Bowls, but until we can gather together again let us continue to keep our Rice Bowls “front and center” in our homes as we remember the hungry in our world.



CYO Camp Rancho Framasa – Summer CYO Camp registration brochures are available in the Faith Formation Office or by going to <https://www.campranchoframasa.org>

Youth Ministry News:

Join us for Evening Prayer this Easter Sunday! All youth are invited to join with Fr. Aaron and Deacon John for

evening prayer this Sunday at 6:00 p.m. If you would like to join us send a note to Deacon John via email or text and we will send you the link. Parents are welcome to join in as well.

Confirmation Class – We ask that our Confirmation Class continue to work on your Patron Saint Essay. They are due on May 3rd. Our next Confirmation Class will be conducted via a Zoom call on Sunday, April 19th at 6:00 p.m. Deacon John will send you a link via email so that you can join in.

Confirmation Retreat – Fire and Water Re-Scheduled – The Deanery Confirmation Retreat has been re-scheduled for September 11-12. If you were signed up for the April you are automatically signed up for the September Retreat now. If you still need to take a Confirmation Retreat and haven't signed up please do so at www.catalystcatholic.org

Jr High Scavenger Hunt – We invite all youth in Grades 6-8 to participate in our Jr. High “Virtual” Scavenger Hunt. Find the situations around your home and send pictures back to Deacon John by April 19th. The most creative pictures will win prizes! Separate instructions were emailed to your parents. If you didn't get yours please contact Deacon John at the faith formation office.

Rev Bernard Koopman and Joel Van Bree Memorial Scholarships – Scholarship applications are now available. The Rev Bernard Koopman Scholarship is available to any high school senior from St. Michael Church. The Joel Van Bree Scholarship is available to any high school senior from our Tri-Parish Community. Contact Deacon John if you would like an application. The deadline to turn in applications is May 10th.

One Bread, One Cup Conference – We still have 2 spots available for a current youth who is in Grades 9, 10, or 11 for the One Bread, One Cup Conference at St. Meinrad

this June 26 -30. After April 15th we will give up those two spots. Contact Deacon John if you would like to attend.

Where can I watch Mass on Television or on the Internet?

WHAS Mass on the Air – Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

EWTN on TV or Internet – Weekdays and Sundays 8:00 AM, 12:00 PM, & 7:00 PM on your local cable or dish provider or ewtn.com

Ideas for what to do when you can't attend Mass as a Family:

- Watch mass on TV or Internet
- Read the readings and Gospel that would be at Mass that week (You can find them at <http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/>)
- Take spiritual communion (find the prayer below)
- Listen to an online homily via podcast or YouTube
- Pray a rosary together (you might want to use this link <https://therosary.online/>)

For more ideas go to: <https://www.catholicicing.com/weekly-mass-resources-for-kids/>

Join us for Mass! We will stream Mass with Fr. Aaron all through Easter Week on Facebook Live. Mass will be at 6:00 p.m., Monday – Friday and at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays. If you have access to Facebook find us at St. Michael Catholic Church. If you don't have access to Facebook you can still view our live stream by going to our parish website and clicking on the link on the homepage.

Watching Mass at Home – Many of us enjoy watching “mindless” TV from time to time. We have found ourselves passively watching the images in front of us. When it comes to watching Mass from home let us actively participate. Here are a few practical tips:

1. Get Ready: If you are able read the readings before Mass begins.
2. Silence is Golden. Quiet yourself and your surroundings.
3. Call to mind your intentions. If you are with your family voice those out loud. Don't forget those who are sick and for the health care workers that care for them.
4. Participate! Answer the prayers. Sit, stand, and kneel if you are able. Pray along!

Spiritual Communion – When you cannot receive the Eucharist physically, we can always receive spiritual communion:

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into

my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Question of the Week for Easter Sunday:

Question for Children: When have you seen someone do a good deed for someone else?

Question for Youth: Jesus' closest friends had trouble believing that the tomb was empty. Resurrection is surprising. What does Jesus' resurrection mean in your life?

Question for Adults: Name one way or time when you experience the presence of the Risen Christ? Is it at meals? With those whom you love? At other times?

Resources:

Catholic Icing – Activities for Parents to use with their children: <https://www.catholicicing.com/>

Formed is a wonderful resource of Catholic information and formation. You can access your free subscription by registering through our parish. If you have not yet registered for formed go to www.saintmichaelchurch.formed.org You will need to create a username and password. You can then enter by going to www.formed.org. You can also download the free mobile app.

FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK



Presence The Story of the Eucharist

God authors His great love story not only with words, but with deeds. All of God's mighty deeds throughout history make up one beautiful narrative of salvation, which culminates in the Paschal Mystery.

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