



The Epiphany of the Lord

LIGHT OF THE WORLD

We believe that Jesus is the Light of the World. To say this about Jesus is to say something about ourselves. Christ's light is meant to illuminate every corner of the earth and gather all people together. Today's scriptures reveal what that means.

In the Gospel story of the magi from the East we see Jesus, even as an infant, gathering people of different religions and races to his light. The magi bring the child their finest gifts and tell others of the light that they have seen. The reading from Ephesians reminds us that all Christians are "members of the same body, and copartners" in divine life. There ought not to be divisions among us: all should gather together under the light of Christ. Finally, Isaiah paints a picture of what the people of God, the church, should look like. We are to reflect the Light of the World so that all nations can walk by Christ's light and rulers by his shining radiance. When we do, all people will be gathered to Christ, bearing their finest

gifts and "proclaiming the praises of the LORD."

GOLD, FRANKINCENSE, AND MYRRH

The gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh portend the manner in which Jesus' light is to spread to the whole world. Myrrh, a perfume used for burial, foreshadows his death. Gold is a gift for royalty, and frankincense signifies holiness. Together they indicate that, through his suffering and death, Jesus will become both the afflicted King, in whose service we are to offer our gifts to the afflicted, and the eternal Priest, whose sacrifice we are to make known as the source of light uniting Christians and all humanity.

By our unity, our lives, and our witness, we are to reveal that Jesus Christ is indeed the Light of the World.

Today's Readings: Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

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St. Michael - 101 St. Michael Drive, Charlestown, IN 47111 Ph. 812-256-3200

Office Hours – 9:30 am-2:00 pm Tues. Wed., & Fri.

St. Francis Xavier – 101 North Ferguson, Henryville, IN 47126, Ph. 812-294-4682

Office Hours – Thursday 10:30am-1:30pm

Reconciliation – 4:00 pm Saturday at St. Michael or call the Rectory

Marriage – Please contact the pastor a year in advance. Advent and Lent are not times for celebrations.

Baptisms of Infants or Adults Joining the Church – Must be a practicing/registered member for three months. Please contact the DRE: St. Michael–Juliann Eickholtz, St. Francis–Father Tully

New To The Parish: Please call the office to register. Please introduce yourself to Father Tully at mass.

Parishioners Who Are Ill: Please call Fr. Tully or the rectory if a relative or friend is sick.

Bulletin Announcements: Get all bulletin announcements to the office in writing by Tuesday evening.

Los Enfermos Es muy importante comunicarse con el Padre (*debido a las leyes privadas, los hospitales no se comunican con las iglesias*).

Doctrina Cristiana: Las clases de educación religiosa para niños son cada domingo de 9:30 a.m. - 10:50 a.m. en la escuela. Recuerden que la Arquidiócesis requiere que los que van a recibir los sacramentos estén inscritos en las clases de religión.

Monaguillos: Los niños que quieren ayudar como monaguillos en el altar tienen su ensayo el segundo domingo de cada mes después de la misa de 11:00 a.m. Estos niños y niñas tienen que haber hecho la Primera Comunión. Los interesados comunicarse con Pbro.

Mass Schedule**Mass Intentions**

St FX	01/07	Mon		No Mass
St. M	01/08	Tue		No Mass
St. M	01/09	Wed	4:30PM	Mass
St. FX	01/10	Thurs	4:30PM	Mass
St. M	01/11	Friday	12:00PM	Mass
St. M	01/12	Sat	4:30PM	Leonard Eickholtz
St FX	01/13	Sun	9:00AM	Betty Bach
St. M			11:00AM	Fox & Bueter Family
St. M			12:30PM	En Español

ST. MICHAEL CHARLESTOWN

Eucharist
 Sat – 4:30 pm Time
 Sun – 11:00 am
 La Misa en Español
 Domingo – 12:30 pm

Mass Intentions

Saturday Evening: Mike Galligan
Sunday 11:00 am: Steve Hvozda

Gift Bearers for this week's Masses:
5:30pm: Robert Mueller Family
11:00am: John Kinser Family

Our Service Project each week is to collect non perishable canned goods for the North Clark Outreach Center!

The Rosary is said at St. Michael at 4:00pm before Saturday Evening Mass and at 10:30 before Sunday Mass.

Collection

December 29 & 30
 St. Michael \$ 8,577.00
 Christmas Offering \$1,129.00
 St. Francis Xavier \$ 1,525.00
 Christmas Offering \$2,549.00

If your child is absent from class on Sunday, please give the office a call at 812-256-3505. Classes begin at 9:30a.m. please be on time. Give yourself 5 or 10 minutes to settle in before class starts.

Faith Formation Classes are held on Sunday mornings for children three years of age through high School. If your child does not attend a Catholic School, he/she should be enrolled in the FF Program. Registration forms are on our website www.stmichaelstfrancis.com Assistants are needed each week!

SAVE THE DATE: Birthday Bash Saturday, January 19, 2018 after 4:30 pm Mass. It will be held in the Multipurpose Room. Meat, drink and desert will be provided. Please bring your favorite covered dish. Don't bring gifts. Your presence is gift enough. Please RSVP to Malia at 812-406-7488, or Glenda Minnick 812-256-0163.

Faith Formation Commission Meeting is on Monday, January 14 at 6:30 pm in Rectory Meeting Room.

Server Practice is on Saturday Morning, January 19 at 9:00 am in church. Parents must stay with interested servers. For more info contact Juliann.



St. Michael's Bible Study is on Sunday morning at 9:00am in the Cry Room. For more information contact Steve Buit 812-820-7956.

First Reconciliation/First Eucharist Class
 Please keep in your prayers the following students: Jonathan Carrillo, Drew Doherty, Jennifer Flores, Aaron Fouts, Marissa Garcia, Freddy Jimenez, Isaac Kinder, Adalyn Lathem, Itzel Lopez, Edwin Mendiola, Amber Nove, Allyson Pascual, Jackie (Angelica Pacheco), Maelyn Sarver, Gloria Spencer, Isabella Tolliver, and Yareli Trejo.

Calendar

January 6-Session Sixteen
January 13-Session Seventeen-Rosary & Music Practice, 11:00 Youth Mass, Gift Bearers Grades 7-8 & High School
January 19- Saturday after 4:30pm Mass Birthday Bash
January 20-Session Eighteen
January 27-Session Nineteen

ST. MICHAEL EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER
 812-256-3503 Rita Poff Director
Monday - Friday 6:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Infant & Toddler Care: starting at 6 weeks
Childcare: 6 weeks - 12 years old
Before & After Care and Summer Camp: KG - 5th grade
Preschool: Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
8:15 am - 11:15 am & 12:15 pm - 3:15 pm
Pre-Kindergarten: Monday - Thursday
8:00 am - 11:30 am & 12:30 pm - 4:00 pm

St. Michael Ministries Schedule

Sat. January 12, 4:30pm

Eucharistic Ministers: M.P. Beach, G. Minnick
 Servers: J. Worley
 Gift Bearers: Sarah Toby Family
 Musician: Carolyn Eickholtz
 Cantor: Tim & Ky Baltz
 Lector: C. Ledbetter

Sun. January 13, 11:00 am – St. Michael

Eucharistic Ministers: S. Fouts, C. Dunn, J. Kinder
 Servers: Volunteer
 Gift Bearers: First Communion Class
 Musician: Nancy Kinder
 Cantors: Youth Choir, Jessica Sarver
 Lector: Sharron Barker

Parish gift-Resisting Happiness by Matthew Kelly.

If you didn't make the Christmas Party and would like a copy of this book, call the rectory and we can get you one. A Book Study is forming to discuss what we read and to share with each other on January 6th after the 11:00am Mass. We will meet in the school. Please call Marina Traub if you want to attend at 812-256-2623. If you want to, bring a snack to share.

YOU ARE BORN A MAN.

YOU BECOME A KNIGHT.

**Join today. Visit KofC.org/JoinUs
 Contact Jim Worley @ 812-725-6826 for
 more information.**



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

Henryville

Eucharist
 Sunday 9:00am

Mass Intention:
Sunday Mass: Red & Francis
Furnish



Gift Bearers for this week's Mass: Joyce & Tom Nolot

St. Francis Xavier Ministries Schedule

Sun. January 13, 9:00am

Eucharistic Ministers: Erin Horine, Tom Mayes, Dan Young
 Servers: Samantha Smith, Kate Smith, Allison Smith
 Ushers: Anthony Harbeson, Mike Harbeson
 Gift Bearers: Pre-School & Kindergarten Class
 Lectors: Emily Horine

St. Francis Faith Formation

January 6- Class

January 13- Class

January 20-Class



Come out and enjoy St Francis Xavier Fish Fry the first Friday of every month, 5-7pm. The menu includes fish, fries, slaw, fried biscuits, drinks & Desserts. Thank to everyone for your support!

SAVE THE DATE!!!

FOR AN EVENT THAT WILL CHANGE YOUR LIFE REBOOT!

With internationally renowned speaker and author, CHRIS STEFANICK REBOOT! is the fun, inspiring and practical experience of applying the beauty and genius of the heart of the Gospel to every aspect of your life. From prayer and spirituality, to work, dating, marriage, parenting, health and more! There is no part of your life that will be left untouched!

Thursday, February 28, 7:00 – 9:30PM

St. Mary of the Knobs Catholic Church

5719 St. Marys Rd.

Floyds Knobs, IN 47119

For more information and tickets see Glenda Minnick

Join the Signature Campaign this Weekend!

This coming year, 2019, marks the 46th anniversary of the Supreme Court's decisions that legalized abortion on demand for the entire nine months of pregnancy, which has resulted in the deaths of over 61 million plus babies before they were allowed to take their first breath. Full page ads will be published in the Corydon Democrat, the Evening News and the New Albany Tribune with the names of citizens who believe that every unborn child deserves a chance at life. Citizens can express their opposition to the killing of innocent children, by allowing their names to be printed in the ads. A donation of \$5.00 will be accepted to cover the cost of publishing. After each Mass on Sunday January 5 & 6, 2019, slips of paper will be available to place your name in this ad to show your support for Right To Life.

To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under heaven a time to be born a time to love a time to heal a time to die and a time of peace.

PLEASE PRAY FOR HEALTH & STRENGTH:

Karen Anderson, Mary Barrett, Donald Barker, The Ben Bertram Family, Dennis Bishop, Robin Bishop, Clarence Bottorff, Mike Broderick, Heather Bruning, Wyatt Burke, Lyn Carter, Glen Cole, Janice Collier, Lorrie Cox, Fr. Curran, Jonathan Dean, Bernice Donahue, Paula Downs, Gordon Dragoon, Jeanette Drury, Fr. John Elmer, Donna Foster, Kathleen Hensley, Victor Howard, Maefiel James, Raymond Kopp, James Leach, Chuck Ledbetter, Kay Ledbetter, Helen Little, Connor Martin, Terry Mattingly, Kina McKinney, Herb Montgomery, Iliad Mullins, Esther Toby Nelson, Ian Newland, Mitch Newland, Cathy Peek, Katelyn Phillips, Denny Poff, Nancy Rash, The Sanchez Family, Carroll Schafer, Bob Scherer, Dave Schlageter, Schoenbachler/Clark Family, Eugene Seals, Robert Sherer, Dorothy Smith, Bob Snyder and Family, Lynn Vogt, Logan Westerhouse, Kyle Wilson, Teresa Whitaker, Luke Wood, Lawrence & Barbara Yochum.

Names will remain on the list for 6 months unless you tell us to remove them or request that they be kept longer.

**WinterBash Dinner/Dance – 21 years and above
St. Michael's Church, 11140 Farmers Lane, Greenville,
IN 47124 (formerly Bradford)**

On Friday, February 8 at St. Michael's Parish Life Center, there will be a WinterBash Dinner/Dance from 5:30-11 PM E.D.T. The Social Hour is from 5:30-6:30 PM. A prime rib dinner by B & R Sales will start at 6:30 PM. Music will be provided by Lucky Records DJ Service. Charge \$25 per person. There will be a cash wine & beer bar available. BYOB is not allowed. There will be chances on a quilt & HDTV. **ADVANCED TICKET SALES ONLY FOR DINNER/DANCE!** Contact Pattie 812.734.5590 or Nadine 812.472.3931. Proceeds support the St. Michael's Service Ministry. License #149020.

SUMMIT High School Senior Christian Awakening Retreat - Feb. 21-24, 2019 at Mt. St. Francis. You've made it to your SENIOR YEAR! You're almost to the SUMMIT. Once you're there what do you see? **More** mountains!

On this retreat, you will have an opportunity to prepare for the difficulties you will face in college and the real world. This retreat is a chance for you to grow deeper in love with Christ and His Church, knowing that our ultimate end is the Heavenly SUMMIT!! The SUMMIT is four days of authentic encounters, formation, fellowship, and FUN! Deadline to register is Feb.8, 2019. Registration forms can be found at nadyouth.org or by calling 812-923-8355.

Solemnity of the Epiphany

Christmas -During the Christmas season from December 24 until the Sunday after Epiphany, we reflect upon the mystery of love that is made visible in the birth and early childhood of Christ

Breaking open the Word-Suggested text for faith sharing; Today's Gospel

Theme: The mystery of the incarnation- Jesus is a gift to all humanity.

Step 1: Listen to the Word. As you hear this reading what words or phrases strike you? What in this reading touches your heart? What lingers in your mind, how do you respond?

Children & Youth : In your life, who helps you to see Jesus in other people, such as a parent, classmate or a friend?

Adults: The star guided the Magi to Jesus. What are the people or events who have guided you in your relationship with Jesus?

Question of the Week is from Our Sunday Visitor at osvcurriculum.com Click on Lifelong Catechesis and Question of the Week.

Hosparus Health of Southern Indiana needs volunteers, offers free training Saturday, Jan. 26

Hosparus Health of Southern Indiana needs patient support volunteers in Clark, Crawford, Dubois, Floyd, Harrison, Orange, Perry, Scott and Washington counties and will host a free training on **Saturday, Jan. 26, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.** (lunch and snacks provided) at its New Albany location, 502 Hausfeldt Lane.

God, Our Father, Giver of Life,

We Entrust our Nation to your loving care.

Your are the rock on which this nation was founded.

You alone are the true source of our cherished rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Reclaim this land for your glory and dwell among your people.

Send your spirit to touch the hearts of our nation's leaders. Open their minds to the great worth of human life and the responsibilities that accompany human freedom.

Remind your people that true happiness is rooted in seeking and doing your will.

Through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, patroness of our Land, Grant Us the Courage to reject the **"Culture of Death"**.

Lead us into a new millennium of life. We ask this through Christ, Our Lord, Amen.