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Sunday, September 22nd, 2019, 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
St. Michael Parish Mission Statement:
In the tradition of St. Michael the Archangel, Guardian of all, we are a Roman Catholic community called to bear witness to Christ through sacrament, stewardship, worship, and proclamation of the Gospel.

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PARISH COUNCILS & COMMITTEES

Pastoral Council - Leslie Kosanovic, Chairperson
Stewardship Council - Janet Boyle, Chairperson
Buildings & Grounds - Denny Wilson, Chairperson
Finance Council - Tom Galinski, Chairperson
Personnel Council - John Moore, Chairperson

The Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation is held 3pm-4pm on Saturday, 8am on First Saturday, or by appointment.

Eucharistic Adoration is held Monday 8am-5pm, 6pm-10pm; Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8am-5pm Wednesday 10am-5pm; Saturday 8am-noon.
Please contact Cindy Barone at the Parish Office if you are interested in Baptism, Anointing of the Sick, Christian Initiation of Adults, joining the parish, bulletin announcements, a pastoral visit for homebound or hospitalized parishioners, or Weddings (six months prior to the desired wedding date).

Your Parish Office is open 8am until 4pm Monday-Thursday and 8am until noon each Friday.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9; Tb:13:2, 3-4abefghn, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6
Thursday: Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 9:7-9
Friday: Hg 2:1-9; Ps 43:1-4; Lk 9:18-22
Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10-12ab, 13; Lk 9:43b-45
Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7; Ps 146:7-10; 1 Tm 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio); Autumn begins
Thursday: Ss. Cosmas and Damian
Friday: St. Vincent de Paul
Saturday: St. Wenceslaus; Blessed Virgin Mary
St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions

CANDLE OF PEACE

This candle burns in spirit with everyone whose trust was betrayed by the Church that we love.

We pray for the grace to forgive and to act with justice. Grant that all who have been harmed may find peace.
### Dear Friends,

On behalf of those we serve, thank you for your donations of over 300 pounds of food to the Catholic Charities Neighborhood Center throughout August 2019. Your support is a tremendous blessing.

Each day, the Catholic Charities Neighborhood Center provides a warm, safe place for neighbors in need to get out of the weather and enjoy a delicious meal. We serve on average nearly 100 hot meals at breakfast and dinner every day and deliver a hot lunch to over 170 shut-ins across the Ohio Valley. Additionally we offer emergency assistance services, a bi-weekly food pantry, cleaning supplies distribution, and case management opportunities. We could not do any of this work without your support.

If you would like any additional information on programs being offered at the Catholic Charities Neighborhood Center or have ideas for future programs that we could consider, please do not hesitate to contact me at 304.232.7157. Catholic Charities Neighborhood Center is sincerely thankful for your thoughtful support and prayers!

In gratitude,

Trish Whitelatch
Program Assistant

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### Mass Intentions for the Week

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- For the repose of souls

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The Rosary is said every weekday after morning Mass at St. Michael Church. This week’s Rosary leader is Denny Wilson.

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The Sanctuary Candle beside the tabernacle burns this week in memory of Adelaide Hoose. May eternal light shine upon her.
**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

Multi-week Ministry Schedule is available on St. Mikes’ webpage.  
Weekday Mass 7:30am, Sep 23-27, 2019  
Altar Server:  
Saturday, September 28th, 4:30pm  
Sacristain: Karen Kelly  
Lectors: David Post and Brann Altmeyer  
Altar Servers: Dominic, Jimmy and John Brogan, Daniel Goodson  
EMOHCS: Karen and Jim Kelly, Lucille Otte, Charlene Kirkpatrick, Sharon Bourgo

Sunday, September 29th, 7:30am  
Sacristain: Gretchen Wilson  
Lectors: Benjamin Beckett, Jeep Naum  
Altar Servers: Liam and Sam Shinn  
EMOHCS: Gretchen Wilson, Jim Swaton, Ed and Sally Bowie, Mark Sengewalt

Sunday, September 29th,  9:00am  
Sacristain: Adriana Wolf  
Lectors: Elizabeth Wolf, Rob Krall  
Altar Servers: Adam Wolf, Laken Costanzo, Leah Rotilio, Will Medovic  
EMOHCS: Adriana Wolf, Jessica Galbraith, Isaac Smith, Jackie and Stan Kaniecki

Sunday, September 29th, 11:30am  
Sacristain: Kristy Riedel  
Lectors: Margaret Erickson, Tom Conti  
Altar Servers: Kelly and Abie Riedel, Jaelyn Vunderink, Liam White  
EMOHCS: Kristy and Madie Riedel, Jay McLaughlin, Tom Conti, John Moore

**BANNS OF MARRIAGE**  
Third Banns  
Nichole Marie Scott, of this parish, and Joshua Lester Hawkins to be married here on September 28, 2019.

**Children’s Liturgy of the Word**  
is held each Sunday during 9am Mass.  All 3 year olds through 1st graders are welcome to attend.  
The presider will call the children up to the front of the church after the opening prayer, before the First Reading.

**Office of Safe Environment:**  
To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services at 800.352.6513.  To report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact one of the Bishop’s designees at 888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880:  
Sister Ellen Dunn, ext. 264; Mr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263;  
Mr. Tim Bishop, ext. 353; Fr. Dennis Schueldens, ext. 270 or call the Office of Safe Environment at 304.230.1504.

St. Michael extends sincere condolences to the friends and family of  
**Patricia Ann McFadden**

May her soul and all the souls of the faithfully departed rest in peace.

St. Michael Parish acknowledges with gratitude a donation made to St. Michael Church from Ray and Julie Blust  
in memory of  
**Rose O’Hara**

May she rest in peace oh Lord, and may eternal light shine upon her.

**Weekend Data for Sep 14-15, 2019**

| **Attendance Data:** |  
| 4:30pm — 203 | 7:30am — 122 |
| 9:00am — 203 | 11:30am — 239 |
| **TOTAL ATTENDANCE:** 767 |

**Collection Data:**  
1st Collection: $8,722.25  
2nd Collection - Church Building Fund: $1,767.10  
Miscellaneous: $1,448.87  
Online: $686.50  
Total: $12,624.72

Second collection, September 28/29 Social Concerns  

**Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston Collection**  
Catholic University of America  
Provides funding for academic scholarships at The Catholic University of America in Washington, DC in response to the commitment made by the bishops at its foundation in 1887.  It is the only U.S. university with Pontifical faculties.  Students are enrolled from all 50 states and almost 100 countries in 12 schools.
We are pleased to have Bishop Mark Brennan join us for the Parish Feast Day Mass on Friday, September 27 at 10am.

Please mark your calendars for this special celebration!

Your Parish Office will be closed so that our staff can celebrate the feast day with our parish.

St. Michael Parish School of Religion (PSR) began 9/15, and we are still in need of teachers. All you need is a desire to share the Catholic faith with children, a generosity of spirit, and a commitment to instruct PSR's Sunday sessions, which are held from 10:15 to 11:15 AM at St. Michael Parish School during the school year. For more information, please contact Mark Phillips at mark.anthony.phillips@gmail.com or 412.720.1604.

Our Parish School of Religion is faith formation for students in grades Kindergarten – Eighth. (Many of us can recall the days when it was called Sunday School or CCD). This year our PSR program is coordinated by Mark and Amy Phillips. If your child attends a public or private school, PSR is established to enable and encourage students to learn about their faith. The Parish School of Religion also offers preparation for the reception of sacraments. The classes are held September – May on Sunday morning 10:15am – 11:15am. If you have questions, or to enroll your child, please contact Mark Phillips: mark.anthony.phillips@gmail.com

Kindly note that the area of the parking lot beside the church alongside of the Blessed Mother statue is marked a RESTRICTED AREA AND A NO PARKING ZONE. Thank you for your cooperation.

September 2019
21/22 - K of C Tootsie Roll Sale
27 - Feast Day Mass with Bishop Brennan

October 2019
5 - Blessing of the Animals
8 - Mental Health Prayer Vigil
11 - Angel Walk
13 - Youth Group Spaghetti Dinner
16 - Finance Town Hall Meeting
20 - Trunk or Treat
23/24 - PACE Conference for Parish Staff
31 - All Saint’s Day Vigil

November 2019
1 - Solemnity of All Saints
3 - Father Carlos in the Kitchen
7 - Evening Prayer for the Dead
11 - Veteran’s Day Service
13 - Leadership Council Meeting
16/17 - Angel Tree Project begins
20 - Pastoral Council Meeting
21 - First Reconciliation
28 - Thanksgiving Day
30 - Angel Tree Gift Returns

December 2019
1 - Angel Tree Gift Returns
4 - St. Nick @ Nite
24 - Christmas Eve Masses @ 4pm, 7pm, and 10pm
25 - Christmas Mass @ 10am
Youth Group Meetings at the Angelus Center

September 29th - High School - 6pm until 7:30pm

Youth Group Fundraiser

The St. Michael Parish Youth Group will sponsor a benefit car wash on Sunday, Sept. 22nd from 11:00am – 3:00pm in the Angelus Center parking lot. Leave your windows down and get a free bath with your car! No extra charge!

In addition to getting you and your car washed, there will also be yummy baked goods for sale!

All proceeds will benefit the Lisa Gruber family to help defray her medical costs.

TONY!! IT’S PASTA NIGHT!!

What: Youth Group Spaghetti Dinner
When: Sunday, October 13th
Where: Angelus Center
Time: 3pm until 6pm
Take-out available, call 304.242.5236

All proceeds go to our fantastic Youth Group!

The Infant of Prague Novena

The Cathedral of Saint Joseph in Wheeling, West Virginia will celebrate the annual Novena to the Infant Jesus of Prague beginning this year on Monday, September 23 at 7:00 p.m. The Novena will be prayed on nine consecutive Monday evenings concluding on November 18. Each week consists of Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, a homily given by a guest priest, music, and prayers to the Infant Jesus of Prague. The theme for this year will be “The Church on the Path of Unity”. Everyone is invited.

Contact:
Cathedral of Saint Joseph
1218 Eoff Street
Wheeling, WV 26003
(304) 233-4121
tgreenwood@dwc.org

The 2020 Edition of the Enjoy Coupon Book will be available in just a few short weeks. If you have not purchased one in the past, you are missing out! It is chock full of BOGO deals for area restaurants, entertainment, sporting events, theater, pizza and services. For example there are 50% off dry cleaning coupons each month, Pittsburgh Airport parking, the new River’s Edge Restaurant, Generations Restaurant, Figarettis, Greco’s, Denny’s, Silver Chopsticks, WLU Hilltop Players, Towngate Theatre/Oglebay Institute, the Nailers and the list goes on and on. Check out the flyer for participating establishments when it comes home with your child or is published in the Parish bulletin. You literally can save hundreds of dollars doing what you would do anyway and not even use all the coupons. The Enjoy Coupon Book is a fundraiser for the school and still is only $40. SMPS earns $10 per book sold and upon request generously offers to credit half their profit to the hot lunch account of your family (or that of a relative, friend, neighbor, or a family in need). Though not required, families may (and are encouraged) to sell books to family, co-workers, friends and neighbors, too, and earn extra hot lunch credit while supporting our school. They make great gifts, too. Don’t miss out! PRE-ORDER your copy now by contacting the school office, the Parish Office or Donna Clark (304.281.7467 leave voice message or text). Let’s make this a record-setting year!
I have been working with our Finance Council to provide you, our parishioners, with detailed information regarding the finances at St. Michael Parish and St. Michael Parish School. We are currently editing a four-page report which will provide a comprehensive analysis of our finances. That report will be published in the October 6, 2019 parish bulletin.

As a follow-up to the finance report, we have scheduled a Finance Town Hall meeting. On Wednesday, October 16, 6:30pm you are invited to join me in the church for a discussion of our finances. I have asked our Finance Council and Pat Felton, our contracted accountant, to attend the meeting. It is my hope that we can have an open discussion and answer any questions you may have regarding our finances.

After you review the report, if you have a specific question, you are welcome to submit it prior to the meeting. You can email your question to me, cmelocoton@dwc.org or Wendy Hinerman at whinerman@stmikesparish.org.

As we continue to move forward, please do not halt your financial support of our church. St. Michael Catholic Church depends upon your financial support to continue to support our parish school and to perpetuate our mission. Our Parish Mission statement is published in the bulletin every week: In the tradition of St. Michael the Archangel, Guardian of all, we are a Roman Catholic community called to bear witness to Christ through sacrament, stewardship, worship, and proclamation of the Gospel.

I understand that many of you are unhappy with the financial revelations regarding our former Bishop. I have heard your voices and worked with the Finance Council to provide an avenue for you to continue your giving and to be assured that 100% of your gift will be kept for our parish. We provided a detailed explanation of the strategy in the August 18, 2019 bulletin.

To summarize the explanation, if you write CSA in your check memo, the money will be “non-assessable” which means that no money will be retained by the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. Our money counters are carefully checking every check which comes through the Sunday collection basket.

Talking about money and finances is not easy, but it is necessary. As we meet at the Finance Town Hall, we can look at the statistics and numbers which reflect our financial status, explain the financial struggles we face as a church and school and explore our future needs.

—Father Carlos

St. Michael Parish and NAMI Wheeling to Host Interfaith Prayer Service on Mental Illness

St. Michael Parish will again join NAMI Wheeling in hosting an interfaith service to pray for families struggling with mental illness at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 8th. The event, which will take place at St. Michael Church at 1225 National Road in Wheeling, has been held every year for more than a decade as part of National Mental Illness Awareness Week.

The prayer service which will be led by Father Smay, is part of St. Michael Parish’s stewardship activities and Social Concerns ministry.

This year’s speaker will be attorney Sandy William, who became passionately engaged in suicide prevention and awareness activities after she lost her father to suicide in 2011. Since that time, she has been avidly committed to removing the stigma that surrounds mental health issues to allow honest conversations about suicide; educating the community on suicide and suicide prevention; and assisting other suicide survivors to cope with the unique pain and grief that accompanies a suicide loss.
DO YOU WANT TO BE A MUSTANG MENTOR?
If your answer is yes and you are a veteran parent at SMPS please contact Mrs. Nodurft for more information. 304-242-3966 ext. 4

EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS
Submitted by Shandi Nodurft

Winner, Winner, Chicken Dinner

Our annual Winner, Winner Chicken Dinner was a great success even if the Steelers played at 1 pm! Thanks to all of our parishioners and school families for joining us. It was a great time had by all! Over 300 chicken dinners were sold, helping us to raise $2500.00, an increase of $400.00 from last year. Let’s try to keep that trend going!

Introducing Ms. Diona Rodgers
5th Grade Teacher

Ms. Diona Rodgers joins us as our new 5th grade teacher. She teaches 5th-8th grade science. She moved to Wheeling this summer from Florida. She has a BS degree in Biology from The Ohio State University. She has 2 years of teaching experience at Haile, MS as well as in Bradenton FL. She has family in the area and we are happy she has chosen to be a part of our school family. Her teaching philosophy is to Teach-Love-Inspire.

Miss Delaney Denniston
7th Grade Teacher

My name is Delaney Denniston. I graduated from Waynesburg University in May of 2019 with a Bachelor's Degree in Middle Level Education, and a concentration in Science and Social Studies. I am the 7th Grade Homeroom teacher and will be teaching the Middle School Language Arts classes. I am an Our Lady of Peace Alumna and a Wheeling Central graduate. I am also coaching volleyball at Wheeling Central. I am very excited to begin working with the students at St. Michael's and plan to have a spectacular school year!

We welcome Ms. Rodgers and Miss Denniston to our faculty!
ALL ARE WELCOME!

Our Ninth Annual Angel Walk will be held on **Friday, Oct. 11th** at the Wheeling University Track. Please consider joining us! Strollers, walkers, and wheelchairs are all welcome!

Once again we would like to thank Wheeling University for hosting our special event!

Students and Parents:

Angel Walk packets went home on 9/5.

All families are asked to participate. Forms were due on Friday, September 13th. If you haven’t turned them in please do so.

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2019-2020 Faculty & Staff Wish List

**PK:** Amazon gift cards, white pillowcases (standard size), three ring hole puncher, large bulletin board

**TK:** Amazon gift cards, teacherspayteachers.com gift certificates, desk-size paper cutter, washable ink pads, index cards, construction paper, washable tempera paint, pocket charts, 2 Chromebook screen protectors, 2 Chromebook keyboard covers, 2 Ipad screen protectors, clipboards

**K:** Amazon gift cards, large ink pads (for handprint projects), Oriental Trading Fun and Faith gift cards

**1st:** Stickers, art supplies, *student privacy dividers*, dry erase markers, large ink pads (for hands), baby wipes, Teachers Pay Teachers gift certificates

**2nd:** Age-appropriate Accelerated Reading books, (interest level ANYTHING, Book Level 2-4) Amazon gift cards to order books

**3rd:** 1 year subscription to www.generationgenius.com

Amazon gift cards; teacherspayteachers.com gift cards

**4th:** Dry erase markers and spray, teacherspayteacher.com gift cards

**5th:** Age-appropriate Accelerated Reading books, (interest level MG, Book Level 4-7), loose-leaf paper, Amazon gift cards for the purchase of books for the classroom library, 2 electric pencil sharpeners, folders to serve as test dividers, a timer

**6th:** Dry erase markers, Dry-erase spray, loose-leaf paper, Scholastic dollars for class sets of novels, folders, electric sharpener, chair mat for under the chair

**7th:** Dry erase markers, Dry-erase spray, loose-leaf paper, graph paper

**8th:** Age-appropriate Accelerated Reading books, (interest level UG, Book Level 6-10), loose-leaf paper, teacherspayteachers.com gift cards, dry erase markers, electric pencil sharpener

**Art:** Paper towels, Clorox wipes, Sharpies multi-color, aluminum foil, glitter any color

**Music:** JBL flip wireless speaker, dry erase markers and erasers, Amazon gift cards, black square fabric storage containers

**Physical Education:** gym floor tape, 9 ft. jump ropes, needles for pump

**Science Lab:** Playdough, food coloring, magic erasers, styrofoam cups

**Hot lunch:** New pantry shelves, new or gently used pots, thick pot holders

**Expanded Day:** Baby wipes, plastic cups no bigger than 8oz, tissues, paper towels, white card stock paper, and pencil sharpener

**Extended Care:** Pretzels, animal crackers, baked snack cracker, games: Stomp Rocket Launcher and board games

**Barton/Math Room:** place value chart for a bulletin board, tag board, card stock paper, electric pencil sharpener, AR leveled books for grades 3 and 4, student privacy dividers, Amazon gift cards to buy math supplies

**Janitorial:** Black medium push-broom made by Quickie, 2 ft. wide
Have you experienced divorce and would like to know more about the annulment process? Are you divorced and remarried outside the Catholic Church? Would you like to know how to make your marriage valid in the Church so you can receive the Sacraments again? Please contact Fr. Smay: 304-242-1560, x5 or msmay@stmikesparish.org about the annulment process. Unfortunately, a lot of people have erroneous ideas about the process. It is doable and Father Smay will help you throughout the process.

Please pray for these men and women serving and those who have served our country in the military, and for their families:

- Petty Officer First Class Eric J Auber, US Navy
- Staff Sergeant Robert Michael Baker, US Marine Corps
- Sergeant Anthony DiBias, US Army
- Technical Sergeant Andrew G. Futey, US Air Force
- Specialist Matthew Graney, US Army
- Lieutenant Andrew Klug, US Navy
- Captain Zach Lehman, US Marine Corps
- Capt. Michael Neuman, US Army
- Major Christopher Nodurft, US Marine Corps
- Seaman First Class Cody Patterson, US Navy
- Specialist Seth Sleime, US Army
- Warrant Officer 1 (W01) Christopher Snyder
- Sergeant Major Stephen Spohn, US Army
- Sergeant First Class Wendy Spohn, US Army
- Lieutenant Colonel Aaron P Tillman, US Air Force
- Airman First Class Taylor Wilkinson, US Air Force
- Airman First Class Sierra E. McKenna, US Air Force
- PVT Jacob Ulevich, US Army

God Bless Our Military!

MEN’S RETREAT:
The Laymen’s Retreat League would like to invite all Catholic Men of the area to a Day of Reflection with Rev. Brian Crenwelge on Saturday, September 28th, 2019, beginning at 8am with a continental breakfast (registration at 8:30am) and ending with Mass (around 5pm). This Day of Reflection will be held at Saint Vincent de Paul’s Marist Center in Wheeling. Cost is $30, which includes breakfast and lunch (assistance is available). The theme for this day of reflection is: “What St. Joseph Can Teach Us About what it means to be a Catholic Man in Today’s Age” For more info, call Don Klamut at 304-280-4626 or visit the website at: http://www.laymensretreatleague.org/

The CCHS Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony will be held at Wheeling Park's White Palace on Saturday, September 28th beginning at 9:30am. Tickets are $25 per person. Call 304-905-6228 or stop by CCHS to get yours!

Everyone Welcome!
You are invited to join Alex Nagem and Deacon Doug Breiding for a four week series by the Augustine Institute on The Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist, which will be held Tuesday evenings at 6pm at St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Elm Grove. These presentations will be held from September 17th through October 8th. Each session will last about 90 minutes. To help defray the cost, a $5 cost is being requested for the workbook. Please call 304-242-0406 to reserve your seat!

FORMED.ORG
Our parish renewed its subscription to FORMED.ORG. Our Parish Code is 4WPV3E
Registration is easy and free to all parishioners (and your friends). Simply type in the parish code and you will have access to a variety of Catholic resources to keep you close to our faith.
Come and See!

An Invitation to Learn about the Catholic Faith through the Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) Program

Are You . . .

- An unbaptized adult wishing to learn about the Catholic Faith?
- A baptized Christian of another denomination interested in learning about the Catholic Faith?
- A baptized Catholic who has never been confirmed?
- A Catholic wanting to more deeply investigate and participate in the faith?

Please come to our information and first session after the 9 a.m. mass (around 10 o’clock) on Sunday, September 22 in the Angelus Center. **You are welcome to attend with no obligation to pursue the program. Invite a friend to come with you!**

For further information contact Fr. Martin Smay at 304-242-1560 extension #5, in the Parish Office.

Have you read “A Letter to a Suffering Church”? Are you interested in having a small group discussion regarding the book? The ACT Committee will be hosting (2) small facilitated group discussions from which you can choose!

The purpose of this discussion is:
* To reflect on and understand Bishop Barron’s book on this difficult and sensitive topic. * To openly discuss the scandal and try to find a way forward personally. * To remember the dignity and worth in Christ of all those gathered. Refrain from judging others, and speak with loving respect to all as brothers and sisters in Christ.

If you are interested in joining us on Monday, Sept. 30th at 6:00pm OR Sunday, Oct. 6th at 10:00am, please RSVP to Kathleen Dieffenbaugher at 304-242-1560 ext. 9 OR kathleen@stmikesparish.org. The sessions are limited to 15 persons per group, so please let us know that you are coming ASAP!
'Unplanned' was birthed by faithful prayer, says 40 Days for Life founder

"The story of Abby Johnson, a former Planned Parenthood clinic director turned pro-life advocate, is powerfully portrayed in the upcoming film ‘Unplanned,’ a story birthed by thousands of hours of fervent prayer..."

"...Shawn Carney is the man behind many of those prayers. He heads the 40 Days for Life campaign that began in Texas in the fall of 2004. The organization holds continuous, round-the-clock 40-day prayer campaigns every fall and during Lent. As intercessors, they peacefully pray outside abortion clinics, petitioning God to intervene and save the lives of the unborn children and their mothers...”

"...When Johnson exited the abortion industry a decade ago, it was Carney and his wife who helped her find new employment and guided her through the process of leaving the cause she once passionately believed in...”

"...There's this new wave of a barbaric norm... And the reality that America is facing right now is that the same arguments that you can use to justify abortion you can also use to justify infanticide. It's just that nobody does it. And now we have politicians in our country doing it. It's a sobering time in our nation and it has certainly brought waves of people into 40 Days for Life and waves of enthusiasm...”

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MOVIE SHOWING OF “UNPLANNED”
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WHERE: ST. MICHAEL CHURCH
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