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COMING EVENTS

Saturday, February 17th | 7:00pm

*“Developing a Healthy
Christian Mindset for Success
and Handling Adversity”*

with Dr. Ken Torrens

St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church

Saturday, March 24th | 8am-Noon

Lenten Retreat

with Fr. Bruce Wren &

Dr. Lisa Fortini-Campbell

St. James at Sag Bridge

10600 S. Archer Ave, Lemont

Saturday, April 21st | 7:00pm

with Dr. John R. Wood

Author of *“Ordinary Lives,*

*Extraordinary Mission: 5 Steps to
Winning the War Within”*

St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church

Saturday, May 5th | 7:00pm

*“Reflections on Pope Francis’
Evangelii Gaudium
and Stories from Haiti”*

with Fr. Michael Mitchell

St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church

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Saturday, May 5th at 7:00 PM

St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church, 306 W. 4th Street, Hinsdale, IL

Father Michael Mitchell, LC, received his BA in Theology and MA in Philosophy from the Pontifical University Regina Apostolorum, graduating summa cum laude in 2011. Having studied in Spain, Italy, and the United States, he is fluent in English, Spanish, and Italian. He is chaplain to the organization Mission Youth and is the superior of the religious Congregation of the Legionaries of Christ in Chicago. He frequently travels to Haiti and Mexico to do missionary work. He also regularly leads retreats and is a spiritual director in the Midwest.



Fr. Michael is a young priest who has spent the past several years both giving and receiving the merciful love of Christ, as he details in his book, *“I Saw His Face, Powerful Moments of Christ’s Mercy.”* Sharing his encounters with the spiritual poverty of the person coming to confession to be healed, the brokenness hidden in people all around us, and the physical poverty of the poor and sick in Haiti, he invites us to know Christ in suffering, and to understand that life anywhere, in any circumstance only makes sense in Him. It is a truth made dramatically evident through his experiences as a missionary priest.

For Fr. Michael, serving the poorest of the poor, and experiencing the loving gaze of God in their eyes has been an integral part of the missionary work he does with Mission Youth, with hundreds of missionaries, in many mission trips to both Mexico and Haiti every year. He continues to simply say *“Thank you”* to God, in prayer, in service and through the projects that Mission Youth is taking on to overcome the challenges and suffering of the people they meet on their missions.

Fr. Michael and Mission Youth have taken on a new challenge and they are inviting people around the United States to join him in serving Christ in those living in unimaginable poverty. You won’t want to miss this presentation, where he will share his stories and personal conviction, along with his keen reflections on Pope Francis’ *Evangelii Gaudium*.

“Let Christians follow the example of Christ who worked as a craftsman; let them be proud of the opportunity to carry out their earthly activity in such a way as to integrate human, domestic, professional, scientific and technical enterprises with religious values, under whose supreme direction all things are ordered to the glory of God.” - Second Vatican Council