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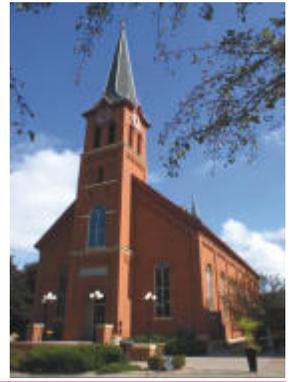


Church of St. Michael

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St. Mary's Church

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St. Croix Catholic School

www.stcroixcatholic.org School Office: 651-439-5581

After-Hour Clergy Emergency Line

651-430-1551

**Third Sunday of Advent
December 13, 2020**



“Hear and let it penetrate your heart, my dear little son: let nothing discourage you, nothing depress you. Let nothing alter your heart or your countenance. Also do not fear any illness or trouble, anxiety or pain. Am I not here who am your Mother? Are you not under my shadow and protection? Am I not your fountain of life? Are you not in the fold of my mantle, in the crossing of my arms? Do not be troubled or take thought of your uncle’s illness, for he will not die of this. He is well already. Is there anything else you need?”

~Our Lady of Guadalupe to Saint Juan Diego (December 12, 1531)

Churches of St. Mary & St. Michael

Entrance Antiphon: Philippians 4:4-5: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

Processional Hymn: 492:

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel, That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear.

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to you, O Israel.

2. O come, O Wisdom from on high, Who order all things mightily; To us the path of knowledge show, And teach us in her ways to go.

Refrain

3. O come, O come, great Lord of might, Who to your tribes on Sinai's height In ancient times once gave the Law In cloud and majesty and awe. *Refrain*

4. O come, O Rod of Jesse's stem, From ev'ry foe deliver them That trust your mighty power to save, And give them vict'ry o'er the grave.

Refrain

Kyrie: *Kyrie eleison.* Lord, have mercy. *Christe eleison.* Christ, have mercy. *Kyrie eleison.* Lord, have mercy.

First Reading: Isaiah 61:1-2A, 10-122: The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, to announce a year of favor from the LORD and a day of vindication by our God. I rejoice heartily in the LORD, in my God is the joy of my soul; for he has clothed me with a robe of salvation and wrapped me in a mantle of justice, like a bridegroom adorned with a diadem, like a bride bedecked with her jewels. As the earth brings forth its plants, and a garden makes its growth spring up, so will the Lord GOD make justice and praise spring up before all the nations.

Psalm Response: Luke 1: *Response:* My soul rejoices in my God. *Verses:* My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked upon his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed: / the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name. He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation. / He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. He has come to the help of his servant Israel for he has remembered his promise of mercy.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24: Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good. Refrain from every kind of evil. May the God of peace make you perfectly holy and may you entirely, spirit, soul, and body, be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will also accomplish it.

Gospel Acclamation: Isaiah 61:1: The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.

Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28: A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light. And this is the testimony of John. When the Jews from Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to him to ask him, "Who are you?" He admitted and did not deny it, but admitted, "I am not the Christ." So they asked him, "What are you then? Are you Elijah?" And he said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" He answered, "No." So they said to him, "Who are you, so we can give an answer to those who sent us? What do you have to say for yourself?" He said: "I am *the voice of one crying out in the desert,*

'make straight the way of the Lord,'" as Isaiah the prophet said." Some Pharisees were also sent. They asked him, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ or Elijah or the Prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." This happened in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

Sanctus: #377B: Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Domine Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis. Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.

Eucharistic Acclamation: We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your resurrection until you come again.

Amen

Agnus Dei: #384B: Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis. Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis. Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: dona nobis pacem.

Communion Antiphon: Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

Communion: Hymn 499:

Refrain: For you, O Lord, my soul in stillness waits; Truly my hope is in you.

1. O Lord of Light, our only hope of glory, Your radiance shines in all who look to you; Come, light the hearts of all in dark and shadow, *Refrain*

2. O Spring of Joy, rain down upon our spirits; Our thirsty hearts are earning for your Word; Come, make us whole, be comfort to our hearts. *Refrain*

3. O Root of Life, implant your seed within us, And in your advent, draw us all to you, Our hope reborn in dying and in rising. *Refrain*

Hymn 972:

1. The angel Gabriel from heaven came, With wings as drifted snow, with eyes as flame, "All hail," said he, "O lowly maiden Mary, Most highly favored lady." Gloria!

2. "How blest among all women you shall be, Whom ev'ry age will praise continually. Your Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold, Most highly favored lady." Gloria!

For those at home, An Act of Spiritual Communion: My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the altar. 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.

Recessional Hymn 492:

5. O come, O Key of David, come, And open wide our heav'nly home; Make safe the way that leads on high, And close the path to misery.

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to you, O Israel.

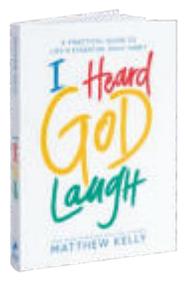
6. O come, O Dayspring from on high, And cheer us by your drawing nigh; Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, And death's dark shadows put to flight. *Refrain*

7. O come, Desire of nations, bind In one the hearts of humankind; O bid our sad divisions cease, And be for us our King of Peace. *Refrain*

Bi-Parish News & Events

Christmas Book Giveaway

Thanks to the generosity of the Men's Club, the Churches of St. Michael and St. Mary are offering two books this Christmas for you to refresh your faith life. In I Heard God Laugh, Matthew Kelly tells about developing habits of spending time with our Lord to increase our faith life and foster a relationship with Christ. The second book, Do Something Beautiful for God, The Essential Teachings of Mother Teresa is a collection of reflections by Saint Teresa of Calcutta.



This book provides a reflective teaching for each day throughout the year. Choose the book that best suits you and your family! Books will be available at both parishes during the Christmas season. We hope you enjoy this gift and share it with others. Joyous Noel!



Knight Notes

The Knights of Columbus is a global Catholic fraternal service order. Membership is composed of practicing Catholic men. In order to more fully serve the needs of our parishes, Blessed Father Solanus Casey Council 1632 sold Stillwater KC Hall Inc and transitioned to a parish-based council. We have established an operational base in the St. Mary's Educational Building. Post Covid-19 we will continue our traditional activities that directly benefit the parishes. We will also be adding more. For example, we are now providing supplemental staffing for church activities. Vivat Jesus!

Resources for Family and Friends of Those Struggling with SSA

There is much confusion concerning the Catholic Church's response to persons who experience same-sex attraction and gender dysphoria. We know our call and mission to love, to will the good of the other. What does this look like in real life, especially in these situations? This question is especially relevant for parents with children struggling with these topics. As a parent, you don't have to choose between the Church and your child. It is possible to have a loving and supportive relationship with your children or young adults while not embracing beliefs contrary to the Faith.

Please reach out to missiontolove@costm.org for resources, prayer, and support. All communication will be kept confidential.

Respect Life News

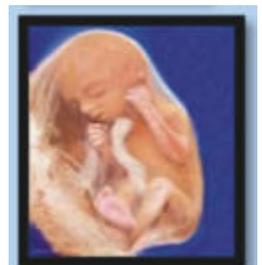
Spiritual Adoption Update

Thank you for praying for me! I am bigger and stronger now. I am about 6 inches long and I weigh 4 ounces. When mommy goes to the doctor, she can even listen to my heartbeat! I hope that one day I will run and play with friends like you.

16 Weeks - End of Month 4
"I had a dream today!"

REMs (Rapid Eye Movements) have been observed at this age – a sign of dreaming. Please keep praying so she can fulfill her dreams.

Prayer Cards for Spiritually Adopted unborn babies remain available in the Atrium.



A Snapshot from Faith Formation

11/21/20 Rake a Difference Day with Community Thread

A special thank you to all our high school volunteers who spent the morning raking yards at various homes! We had a great day of service with Community Thread!



11/21/20 Ad Jesum Per Mariam Marian Consecration on the Feast of the Presentation of Mary

Ad Jesum Per Mariam: This is a group for high school women to grow as a community of disciples by following the example of Mary, Mother of God. Meetings usually consist of attending 5:30 p.m. Mass on 1st and 3rd Mondays followed by fellowship. For more information, please contact Ellie Ostrom at ostromego@gmail.com.

Angelus Reflection from Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI (December 11, 2011)

The liturgy of this Sunday, known as “*Gaudete*” Sunday, is a special invitation to us to joyfulness, to a vigilance that is not sad but happy. “*Gaudete in Domino semper*”, St Paul wrote: “Rejoice in the Lord always” (Phil 4:4). True joy is not a fruit of “*divertirsi*” [having a good time] understood in the etymological sense of the word *di-vertere* (di-ersion), that is, shirking the commitments of life and one’s responsibilities.

True joy is linked to something deeper. Of course, in the all too often frenetic pace of daily life it is important to find time for rest and relaxation, but true joy is linked to our relationship with God. Those who have encountered Christ in their own lives feel a serenity and joy in their hearts that no one and no situation can take from them. St Augustine understood this very well; in his quest for truth, peace and joy, after seeking them in vain in many things he concluded with his famous words: “and our heart is restless until it rests in God” (cf. *Confessions*, I, 1, 1).

True joy is not merely a passing state of mind or something that can be achieved with the person’s own effort; rather it is a gift, born from the encounter with the living Person of Jesus and, making room within ourselves, from welcoming the Holy Spirit who guides our lives. It is the invitation of the Apostle Paul who says: “May the God of peace himself sanctify you wholly; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ (1 Thess 5:23).

In this Season of Advent let us reinforce our conviction that the Lord has come among us and ceaselessly renews his comforting, loving and joyful presence. We should trust in him; as St Augustine says further, in the light of his own experience: the Lord is closer to us than we are to ourselves: “*interior intimo meo et superior summo meo*” (“higher than my highest and more inward than my innermost self”) (*Confessions* III, 6, 11).

Let us entrust our journey to the Immaculate Virgin whose spirit is exulted in God our Saviour. May she guide our hearts in joyful expectation of the coming of Jesus, an expectation full of prayer and good works.

Churches of St. Mary & St. Michael

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Fr. Austin Barnes, Parochial Vicar
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St. Mary's Church
December Parish Office Hours:
Monday - Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
651-439-1270
fharris@costm.org
Parish Council Chair, Mary Wicker
(651-430-3223)

Mass Times
Monday - Saturday 7:30 a.m.
Sunday 8:00 a.m.; 10:30 a.m.; 6:00 p.m.

Church of St. Michael
December Parish Office Hours:
Monday - Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
651-439-4400
info@costm.org
Parish Council Chair, Dennis Symalla
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Mass Times
Monday - Friday 5:30 p.m.
Saturday (Anticipatory) 4:30 p.m.
Sunday 7:30 a.m.; 9:15 a.m.; 11:00 a.m.

Online Mass
Follow us on Facebook and join us live online every day for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass:
Monday - Saturday 7:30 a.m. (Facebook)
Sunday 9:15 a.m. (Facebook & YouTube)

***Updated (10/18):** Our 9:15 Sunday Mass will be broadcast on Channel 18 (Valley Access) on:
Wednesdays (5 p.m. and 11 p.m.)
Thursdays (5 a.m. and 11 a.m.)
Saturdays (9 p.m.)
Sundays (Live at 9:15 a.m.)

Sacrament of Reconciliation
St. Michael's (Northwest Corner of Church)
Monday - Friday 5:00—5:25 p.m.
Saturday 3:00—4:15 p.m.

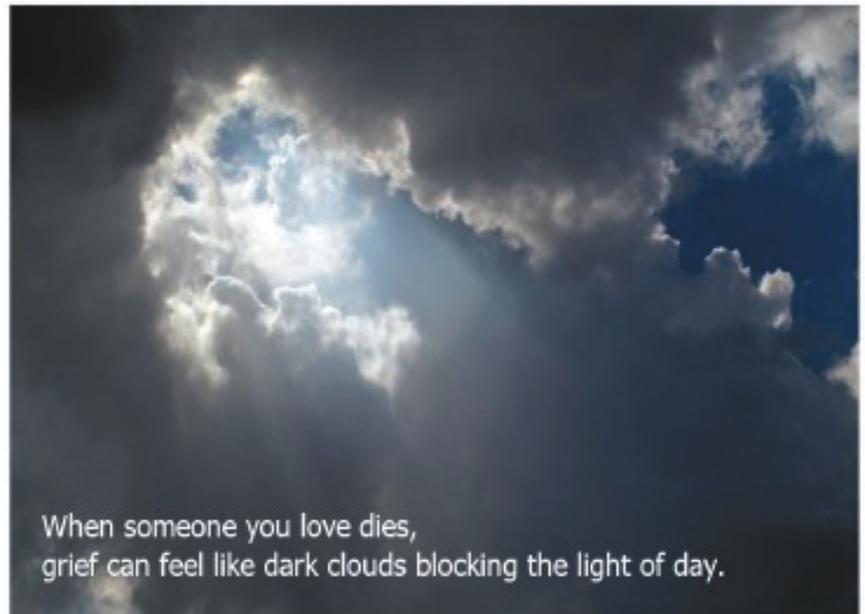
St. Mary's (Confessional, Behind Screen)
Saturday 8:00—8:30 a.m.

Giving Tree of St. Michael's and St. Mary's

Gift request tags have gone quickly this year, but cash and gift card donations are still most welcome for families in need. Please return all cards, gifts, and donations to the parish offices no later than Sunday, December 13. Thank you for your generous support of our Giving Tree Programs!



Parish Nurse News

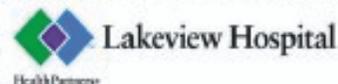


Weathering Life's Losses Adult Grief Group Thursdays - 6:30pm

The goal of the Weathering Life's Losses Adult Grief Group is to provide an atmosphere that encourages the sharing of feelings, questions, and struggles. We are here to promote mutual support with educational presentations that will encourage the use of your own resources to discover and develop coping skills as you journey through grief.

Find us on FaceBook @St.CroixChaplaincy to get notificaitons for our weekly Zoom meetings. Meetings are free and require no registration.

For information contact: Monique Dosedall, Grief Group Coordinator at 651-239-8441 or send an email to StCroixChaplaincyAssoc@gmail.com.



Stewardship

End-of-Year Giving: Stock, IRA's, and QCD's

Gifts of stock are always appreciated, and there are significant tax benefits available to those who give appreciated stock held longer than a year. Those who choose to donate stock are generally entitled to a tax deduction based on the full fair market value of the stock at the time the gift is made, not just the original cost. Additionally, donors do not incur any capital gains tax when stock is given away rather than sold. Please consider a stock gift when donating to the Church of St. Michael, St. Mary's Church, or St. Croix Catholic School.



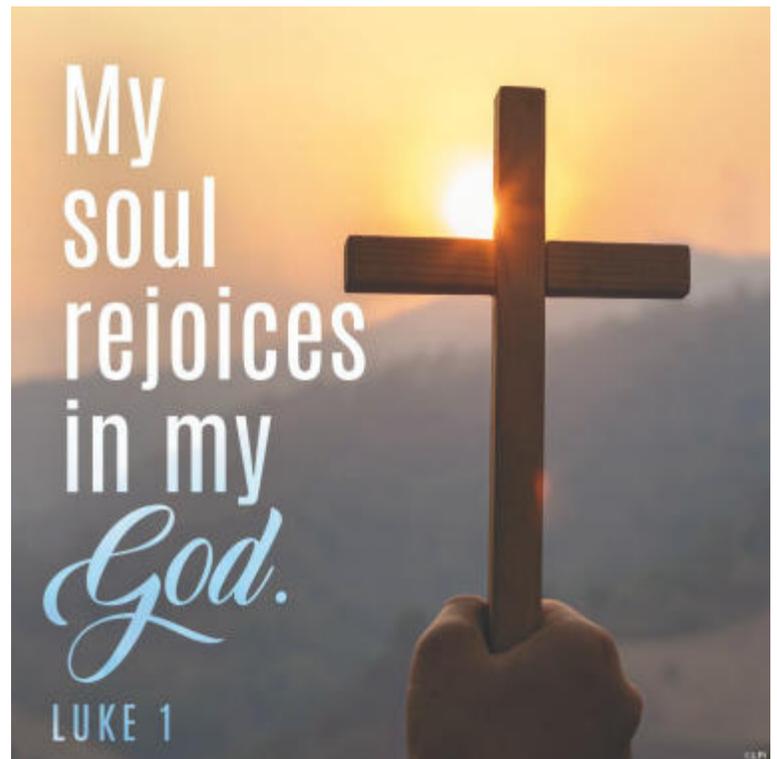
If you are considering or planning a gift of stock for 2020, please begin the process by December 10, if possible.

Most transactions take only a few days to process, but some can take a few weeks to pass through the process. Please contact Paul Kiolbasa of Wealth Management Group at 651-351-0900 for the necessary stock gift account numbers.

The IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) is another popular, tax-favored option for making donations. If you are 70 ½ or older, you may direct distributions from your IRA to qualified charities without including them in your taxable income. **To make a charitable rollover and qualify for tax relief:**

- The distribution must be made from a traditional IRA. Contact your IRA custodian to begin the process.
- The IRA owner must be 70 ½ or older.
- The distribution must be paid directly from the IRA custodian to the church or school. Please request that the distribution includes your name and the purpose of the gift (Sunday Giving, Legacy of Faith, etc.)
- The total charitable distributions cannot exceed \$100,000 per year, per donor.

We **always** recommend that you seek professional advice in these matters. However, if you have any questions for **either parish**, please contact Katie Rolf in our Finance Department at St. Michael's office at 651-379-1267.



Operating Funds: (Weekly collection, EFT payments and gifts used only for operating expenses for Fiscal Year July 1, 2020—June 30, 2021). Please contact your Parish Office if you previously received envelopes and no longer need them since switching to online giving! Thank you for your timely response.

7/1 - 12/06/2020	St. Mary's	St. Michael's
Budgeted Collections	\$173,635	\$656,197
Actual Weekly Collections	\$184,806	\$623,519
Amount Over / (Short)	\$11,171	(\$32,678)

Bambinelli Sunday

The Blessing of the Bambinelli was first instituted by St. John Paul II. On the Third Sunday of Advent, the children of Rome are encouraged to bring the baby Jesus (Bambinelli) from each of their Nativity sets to St. Peter's Square. Following the Sunday Angelus address, the Pope blesses the figurines.

Now celebrated in other churches around the world, this Advent tradition is a way for children to connect their Nativity scene at home to the celebration of Christmas at their church. At the Basilica, it is observed on the Fourth Sunday of Advent. As Pope Benedict XVI prayed during the 2008 Blessing:



God, our Father you so loved humankind that you sent us your only Son Jesus, born of the Virgin Mary, to save us and lead us back to you. We pray that with your Blessing these images of Jesus, who is about to come among us, may be a sign of your presence and love in our homes. Good Father, give your Blessing to us too, to our parents, to our families and to our friends.

Open our hearts, so that we may be able to receive Jesus in joy, always do what he asks and see him in all those who are in need of our love. We ask you this in the name of Jesus, your beloved Son who comes to give the world peace. He lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

(From "The Tradition of the Blessing of the Bambinelli, Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, December 20, 2019)

St. Michael's Parish News

Congratulations to Newly Baptized!

We welcome to our parish community the newest members of our Christian family through the Sacrament of Baptism: Gianna Marie Fuith (daughter of Michael and Angela) and Felix Yohannes Novara (son of Paul and Mihiret).

In Sympathy

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Matthew Hammerschmidt and Margaret Bieber (mother of Jean Aggerbeck) and for all loved ones who mourn their loss. *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

St. Mary's Parish News

Early Christmas Stop-In at St. Mary's

Stop by St. Mary's to pick up your calendar, envelopes, and Christmas Book giveaway on Saturday, December 19 from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. noon! Members of the Pastoral Council, Finance Council, and Trustees will be staffing the table. This will also be an opportunity to make your end-of-year financial gift to the parish. In addition, Father Izen and Father Barnes will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation from 8:00 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. We hope to see you on the 19th!

Worship and Liturgy

Mass Intentions for the Week of December 14 - 20

St. Mary's Church

- Mon. 7:30 a.m. † Richard Bailey
- Tues. 7:30 a.m. Lloyd & Jeanne McDonald
- Weds. 7:30 a.m. † Bruce Beedle
- Thurs. 7:30 a.m. † Richard Bailey
- Fri. 7:30 a.m. † Mary Emanuelson
- Sat. 7:30 a.m. St. Anne's Society
- Sun. 8:00 a.m. Adrianna Christ
- 10:30 a.m. † Dick Bailey
- 6:00 p.m. The People of St. Mary's

Church of St. Michael

- Mon. 5:30 p.m. † Al Slaby
- Tues. 5:30 p.m. † Ernesto Argiro
- Weds. 5:30 p.m. † Tal Norlin
- Thurs. 5:30 p.m. † Rosa Perucho
- Fri. 5:30 p.m. Conversion of Souls
- Sat. 4:30 p.m. The People of St. Michael's
- Sun. 7:30 a.m. † Vance & Mary Ledgerwood
- 9:15 a.m. † Scott Johnson
- 11:00 a.m. † Gordon Moosbrugger



Request A Mass Intention

To have a Mass said for someone, please contact your Parish Office.

24/7 Eucharistic Adoration at St. Michael's

There is urgent need for Adorers to pray in our Adoration Chapel - Please prayerfully consider spending an hour with Our Lord!

"Jesus wants you to do more than to go to Mass on Sunday. Our communal worship at Mass must go together with our personal worship of Jesus in Eucharistic adoration in order that our love may be complete." (from *Redemptor Hominis*, by St. John Paul II)

Sign-Up to Pray

Please continue using WeAdoreHim.com to schedule your Holy Hours, find subs, and make or renew your commitment. Contact Sam with any questions.

Chapel Coordinator

Samantha Bertrand
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612-615-4393

Daily Readings

Mon., December 14 - St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church:
Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [4]/Mt 21:23-27

Tues., December 15: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23 [7a]/Mt 21:28-32

Wed., December 16: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 45:8]/Lk 7:18b-23

Thurs., December 17: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17

Fri., December 18: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25

Sat., December 19: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25

Sun., December 20 - 4th Sunday of Advent: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [2a]/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

The mystery of the Eucharist gives us the joy of having Christmas every day...



Your humble visit to Jesus today in the Blessed Sacrament brings Him so much joy that it will be retold for all eternity and bring the world closer to His promise of peace on earth.

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Inside the Classroom: K-5

To provide parishioners an inside peek into St. Croix Catholic School, we will be providing an overview of each of our levels: Preschool, Grades K-5, Grades 6-8. This week, we step into our K-5 program, where we focus on building a strong foundation of basic skills and knowledge upon which all subsequent learning builds.



“Ever since I first set my heart on teaching, I knew I wanted to teach little ones. I love that we have the opportunity to see substantial growth in our students as the world begins to unfold before them, as their reading improves and computational skills are strengthened.”

-Mrs. Madeleine Hermann, First Grade Teacher

- Focus on the building blocks of education: Reading and Math
- Commitment to hands-on learning
- Differentiated instruction
- Resource Support team
- Interactive classroom technology
- Full Option Science System (FOSS), Grades K-5
- Institute for Excellence in Writing, Grades 2-5
- Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Grades K-5
- Art, Music, Computers, Physical Education, Grades K-5
- Virtues in Practice, Grades K-5
- Band and Orchestra, Grades 3-5
- Catholic Athletic Association, Grade 5
- Children’s Choir (parish program)
- Emphasis on community service

Now Accepting 2021-2022 Admissions Applications

Initial Admissions Application Window Now Open through January 13*, 2021 for Preschool - Grade 8.

Admissions Applications may be found on the school website, StCroixCatholic.org > Admissions. You may also contact Admissions Coordinator Denise Faust for more information or to schedule a tour. Email dfaust@stccs.com or call 651-439-5581 (Ext. 232).

Admissions letters and Tuition Assistance awards will be mailed to new families in February 2021.

Re-enrollment for current SCCS families (Preschool - Grade 7) will take place **January 6-13, 2021.**

*After January 13, Admissions applications will continue to be received by SCCS. Considerations for acceptance of these applications will be made after acceptance decisions are made for initial applications.



Faith Formation

Serving the parishes of St. Mary and St. Michael | Faith Formation Office: 651-351-3175

3 Ways to Advent Joy: A Message from Our Faith Formation Team!



Dear Parish Families,

Greetings to you during this blessed season of Advent! Our Domestic Churches are busy places of preparation for Christmas these next few weeks. Are we also making time to prepare our hearts for Christ's coming?

The Church invites us to enter Advent as a penitential season of preparation before Christmas. Would you consider partnering with the Faith Formation Team in prayer, fasting, and almsgiving as we prepare for the joyful, holy days of Christmas?

***Pray:** Intercede for our Faith Formation staff, volunteers, and students as we strive to make Jesus known and loved. Offer a decade of the Rosary, a Holy Hour, a Holy Mass intention, or any prayer for the intentions of Faith Formation.

***Fast:** Offer up an afternoon snack, a favorite dessert, or an hour of screen time. Pray for those preparing to receive the sacraments, for our RCIA candidates, for holy and zealous catechists, and for our young people to know and love Jesus Christ and His Church.

***Give Alms:** Help us continue our mission of forming disciples through a financial gift. Your donation will support:

- Distance Learning: Books, Online Portal, Staff Assistance
- Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): Books, Technology, Staff Assistance
- Youth Ministry: Events, Hospitality, Support Staff
- Catechesis of the Good Shepherd: Figurines and Liturgical Calendars
- Unexpected COVID-19 Expenses

Faith Formation donations can be made online at www.skgiving.com/app/giving/st218145 (designating "Faith Formation Donation" as your fund.) Checks can be made payable to St. Michael's Catholic Church with "FF Fundraising" on the memo line.

Thank you for helping prepare our students to be who God created them to be! Our Faith Formation Team is praying for you and for your family during this Advent season. May the Lord find us ready when He comes!

In Christ,

Corey Manning, Director of Faith Formation

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