

PARISH MISSION

St. Michael's Parish is a welcoming community of Catholic Christians, rich in tradition.

We are inspired by the Holy Spirit and guided by the Word of God.

We exist as a visible witness of Christ through worshiping, educating, evangelizing and serving.

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 Monday
 8:00-4:30 pm

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 Wednesday
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 Thursday
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 Friday
 8:00-3:00 pm

Wishing you a holy and Merry Christmas!

Welcome all who have come to worship our Lord in the holy sacrifice of Mass.
We are blessed to have you with us today!

January 2, 2022



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

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Church Information

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Deadline: Mondays, 1:00 pm

Clergy:

Fr. Raymond Courtright (Pastor)
Fr. Jered Grossman
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www.stmichaelschurchgf.com

Friday: 7:15am, 12:10pm

Saturday: 7:15am

Weekend: Sat, 5:00 pm;

Sun, 7:30, 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 5 pm

Reconciliation

Monday-Saturday 7:00 am. (before daily Mass) Monday —Thursday 4:45 pm; (before daily Mass) Fridays: 11:50 am to 12:05 pm (before Mass) Saturday 4:00-4:50 pm & 7:30-8:00 pm

Live Stream

https://www.stmichaelschurchgf.com/live-stream https://www.facebook.com/St.MichaelsChurchGF/ https://www.youtube.com/channel/ UCNZjxzBU6jiL9JQQsYDEIjg

Divine Mercy Chaplet

Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet with us, after our daily 7:15 a.m. Mass. Via livestream directly after the 7:15 am Mass.

Daily Rosary

Monday through Saturday 6:40 am Join us at the church or follow us via live stream. The video will be available for you to pray anytime during the day.

Tuesday Eucharistic Adoration at St. Michael's Each week on Tuesdays, 8:00 am—9:00 pm

Please check our Master Calendar, available on our website, to see if a funeral or another event has been scheduled.

https://www.stmichaelschurchgf.com/parish-calendar

If interested in signing up for a weekly commitment, please do so at the following website:

https://adorationpro.org/michaelnd - click on "Weekly Commitment" and choose a time.

Marriage Preparation

Contact a priest at least 6 months in advance of the wedding date at 772-2624.

Annulment & Marriage Validation

If you are divorced and remarried, or never married in the Catholic Church, call the Parish Office and speak to a priest to learn more about this process with the Diocesan Tribunal.

Joining the Catholic Church

If you are hoping to become Catholic, please contact Fr. Grossman. He will meet with you, discuss the process and help you get started on your journey to becoming Catholic.

Membership and Registration

Welcome! We're glad you joined us today! If you are new to the area or to St. Michael's Church, and are interested in learning more about our parish, or would like to become a registered member of our church, please fill out the registration form on our website: stmichaelschurchgf.com.

If you have questions about registration, email: jackiesimon411@gmail.com.

Address/Phone number Updates

Please help! If you are moving away, or have address or phone number updates, please email: parishoffice@stmichaelsgf.com.

Men's Club Month of Money Raffle Winners!

DEC. 27: JUNE SELSETH (#338)
DEC. 28: BEN HELLEKSON (#214)
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DEC. 31: J.C. YOUNGBERG (#034) \$500

EACH WON \$125, EXCEPT DECEMBER 31ST. CONGRATULATIONS AND THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO PURCHASED A TICKET!

One-Minute Meditations:

Laying our gifts at the feet of the King

The three Wise Men gave Jesus gifts worthy of a king. We can also present Him with our own royal gifts. While ours may not be actual gold, frankincense, and myrrh, we can still give to Him the best we have. Give God the first and the best of what you have and He will give you more than you can imagine in return.



Fall in love with God

From the moment God created you, he has been deeply in love with you. He made you deliberately so he could love you. "*Before I formed you in the womb I knew you*" (Jeremiah 1:5). He waits for you like a parent anticipates the return of a beloved child. Don't let Him wait long.

"But God, who is rich in mercy, because of the great love he had for us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, brought us to life with Christ" (Ephesians 2:4-5).

Blue Envelope Sunday

Sunday, January 2nd (the *first* Sunday of the month) is "Blue Envelope Sunday." Blue Envelopes can be found at the entrances of the church or you can use a plain white envelope and write "Blue Envelope" on the front. Thank you for your support.

Blessing of Homes for Epiphany

The Sunday after New Year's Day is the Feast of Epiphany. In imitation of the magi, who, according to Matthew's Gospel, came to the home of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, we ask Christ to visit our home and to bless all who dwell there.

Pick up a piece of blessed chalk to inscribe above the door: 20 † C† M † B † 22 for the year and the Latin words "Christus mansionem benedict" May Christ bless this house.



Three tips to boost your prayer

Prayer fuels our spiritual life, but praying effectively can be challenging. Even the saints had dry spells. Among these was the mystic and Carmelite reformer, St. Teresa of Avila. Try these suggestions from her to enliven your prayer:

Become aware of God's presence. It may feel as if God is distant, but He is so close. St. Teresa began by enjoying God's nearness. Know that He is with you and wants your company.

Bring a good book. St. Teresa, who struggled with dryness in prayer, kept a book with her. Scripture, *Lives of the Saints*, or a book about the Faith can help us focus and spark conversation with Him.

Be honest. It is said that St. Teresa once fell into the mud and told God bluntly, "If this is how you treat your friends, no wonder you have so few of them!" God wants to you to share all your experiences with Him – good and bad. Entrust your cares to Him and "Do whatever he tells you" (John 2:5).



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WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 2, 2022

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf.11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/

Mt 2:1-12

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-

16, 21-22 or, ls 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30

[1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 2, 2022

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord; Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory

Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

Monday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus

Tuesday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

Wednesday: St. John Neumann, Bishop

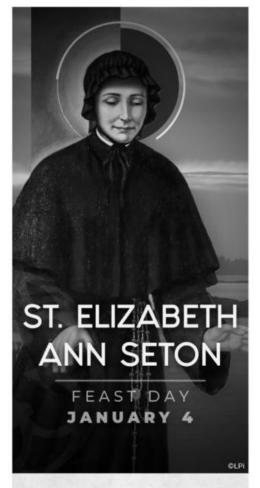
Thursday: St. André Bessette, Religious

Friday: St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest

Next Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord

LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week

Human beings easily get bored. Life's routines can become so predictable that there is often little time for excitement or freshness. Today is all about the new and the wonderful. In celebrating the beauty and simplicity of the Epiphany, we see in tangible ways God's creative, redemptive, and restorative power. This refreshment and revitalization is offered not only to a select few but to everyone throughout the world. There is nothing routine or static about God. Surprises, wonders, miracles, opportunities, healings, and joy without measure are available to those who believe. There are never any endings, just beginnings. And, when darkness, boredom, and gloom seem to be the order of the day, a bright new light now shines pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

The patron saint of Catholic schools, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (August 28, 1774 – January 4, 1821) was born in New York City to a prominent family of the Episcopal faith. When she turned 19, she married a wealthy businessman with whom she had five children. He later died of tuberculosis in 1803, leaving her a young widow. After discovering the Catholic faith in Italy, where her husband had died, she returned to New York and converted to Catholicism in 1805.

After several years struggling as a single mother, Elizabeth moved in 1809 to Emmitsburg, Maryland, where she founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph, the first community for religious women established in the United States. She also began St. Joseph's Academy and Free School, which started a chain reaction of Catholic-based education in the United States that continues today.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was canonized September 14, 1975 in St. Peter's Square by Pope Paul VI and was the first citizen born in the United States to be given the title of "saint."



FIRST READING

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you.

(Is 60:1)



PSALM

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you. (Ps 72)



SECOND READING

It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. (Eph 3:5-6)



GOSPEL

"Where is the newborn king of the Jews?

We saw his star at its rising
and have come to do him homage."

(Mt 2:2)

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WORSHIP & MEDITATION



GOSPEL MEDITATION Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

In his Apostolic Exhortation, The Joy of the Gospel, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: "Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, "Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God's love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being."

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

Check next weekend's bulletin for current financial information.

Stewardship Giving for	Dec 19, 2021	
Weekly Amount Collected	\$26,777	
Weekly Amount Needed	\$21,623	
(To Reach the Weekly Budget Goal)		
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Year-To-Date Amount Collected \$496,648 Year-To-Date Amount Needed \$540.575 (To Reach the Annual Budget Goal)

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May God's Peace be upon you and remain with you throughout the year.



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in your Ordinary Moments

The Light of the Moon

If you own a television that has been turned on at any point in the last month or so, chances are you've caught at least a scene or two of the 1946 classic film "It's a Wonderful Life."

If you're not familiar with the movie, it follows the life of George Bailey from childhood through adulthood. A dreamer by nature, George has big plans for himself that involve world exploration and adventure — but family and community obligations keep him tethered to the same spot on the map, leading an altogether ordinary life.

One of the most memorable scenes from that movie is of George dancing with his sweetheart Mary while they sing "Buffalo Gals — Won't you come out tonight/And dance by the light of the moon?"

That lyric always catches my ear. Of course, the moon doesn't have any light of its own. All the moon has is the ability to reflect the light that shines upon it.

The same holds for us, doesn't it? Our stewardship is purely a reflection of the grace granted to us by another. "Upon you the LORD shines," writes Isaiah, "and over you appears his glory." Every good action we will ever take begins in the mind of God. The fact that we have the honor of carrying it out on His behalf is a beautiful gift. It is God that makes our ordinary lives extraordinary.

In the end of the movie, George Bailey realizes that he had a far greater life because, instead of being the hero of his own story, he allowed himself to reflect goodness onto others.

Remember — the magi didn't chart their own course. They merely followed the star.

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday & Sunday, January 8 & 9

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

5:00 pm	*, May Fuka, Colleen Lunski
7:30 am	*Jim Ward, Shaaron Pringle, Lori Swinney
9:00 am	*Marina Kojic, Lindsey English, Mark Williamson
11:00 am	*Laurie Santangelo, Katie T. Graham, Steve Ternes
5:00 pm	*, Lisa Sobolik, Collin Voeller

^{*}denotes Sacristan

Proclaimer, Cantor, Accompanist

5:00 pm	Carolyn Kryzsko, Nicholette Boura, Rose Kraemer
7:30 am	Barb Lee
9:00 am	Nate Bertram, Choir, Arleen Norton
11:00 am	Michael McGinniss,,
5:00 pm	Sr. Christina Neumann, Tiffany DeMarais, Sheri Swer

Hospitality

5:00 pm	**Joe Leddige, Jerry Rolland
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7:30 am Pat Svoboda, Willie Huot, Jim Laturnus

9:00 am Darwin Kvislen, Lawrence Foerster, Marian Foerster

11:00 am Mike Foley, Lori Foley

5:00 pm Paul Sobolik

Altar Servers 5:00 pm

7:30 am	PLEASE VOLUNTEER
9:00 am	Eli McHugo, Isaak McHugo, Noah McHugo, Gabriel
	Schneibel
11:00 am	Lacey Graham, Lucie Graham, Gracie Wyman
5:00 pm	Adam Sobolik, Emma Sobolik

Maureen Dorsher, Elliott Quinn

If you have questions about the Ministry Schedule or wish to become a Liturgical Minister, please call Emily at 772-2624 or email her: liturgystmichaels@gmail.com

Stewardship Moment

"...They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh." (MATTHEW 2:11)

What gifts do you give to the Lord? Pope St. Gregory said that these three gifts represent what we should give God every day. Gold – we should reflect Christ's wisdom in all our relationships. Frankincense – represents our daily prayer and adoration to God. Myrrh – is a symbol of our daily sacrifices that we unite with Jesus for the sake of others.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 3

7:15 am †Loretta Rasmussen 5:15 pm †Margie Graber

Tuesday, January 4

7:15 am †Louie & Dorothy Kulas 9:30 am (Valley Senior Living) 5:15 pm Fr. Gerard Braun

Wednesday, January 5

7:15 am †Jeanette Stropnicky 5:15 pm Fr. Alexander Wild

Thursday, January 6

7:15 am †Ernie Mangino

5:15 pm †Leo, Carmen, Leo Jr., & Chris Segovia

Friday, January 7

7:15 am †Richard L. Derrick 5:15 pm †Kathy Strommen

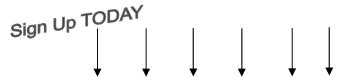
Saturday, January 8

7:15 am Denise Cariveau

5:00 pm †Elizabeth Alvarado & Bob Entze

Sunday, January 9

7:30 am †Connie Heil 9:00 am †Rita Zaharia 11:00 am †Guy Miller 5:00 pm For the People





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