Sunday, November 14, 2021

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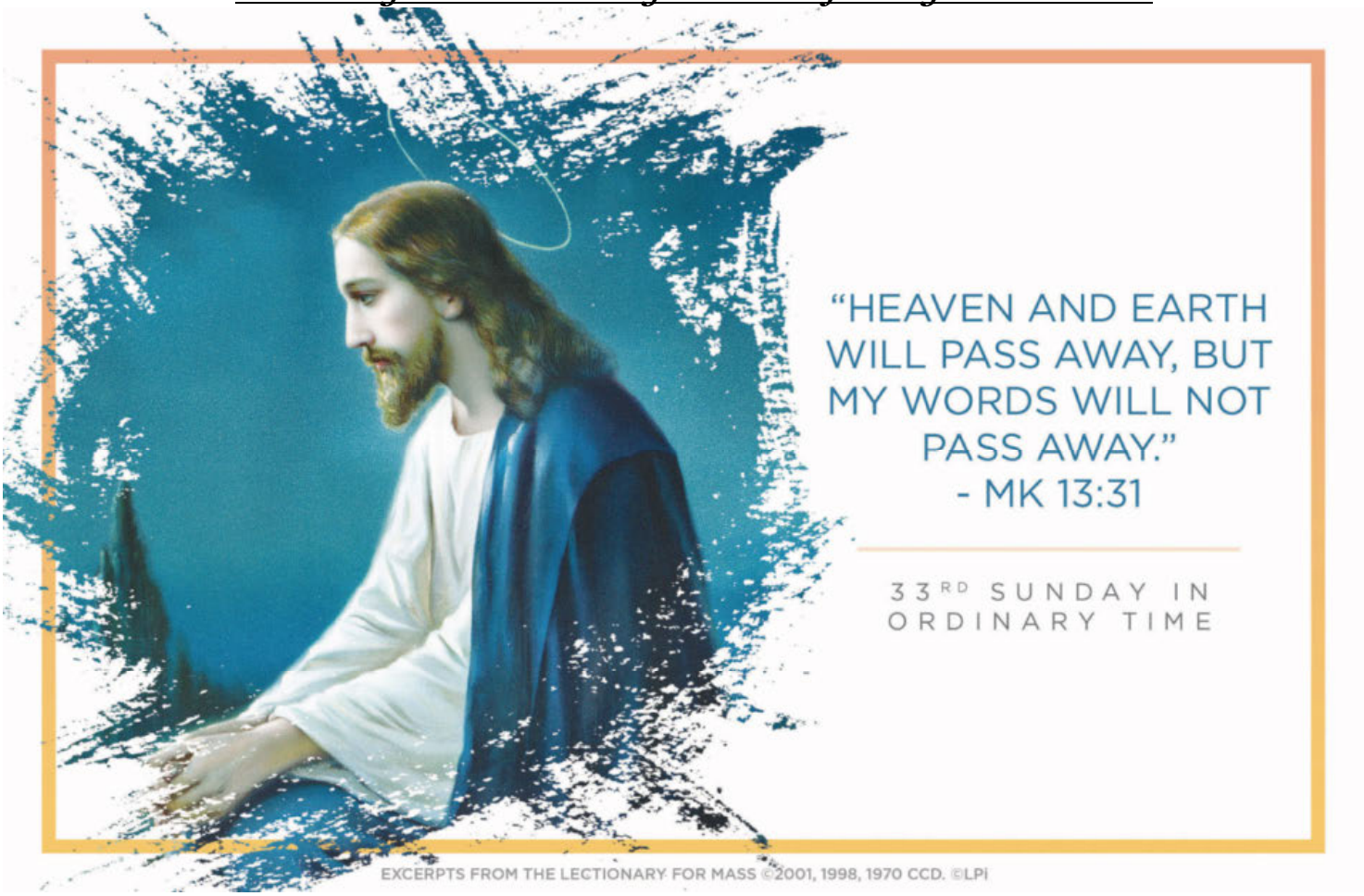

St. Michael's Church - Duluth

Mass Times

Saturday Vigil……..…5:00 PM

Sunday……....10:30 AM

Tuesday…….....5:00 PM

Wednesday and Thursday…..8:00 AM

Reconciliation

Saturday……..……4:00-4:40PM

or by appointment

St. Joseph's Church – Gnesen

6110 Church Rd. Duluth, MN 55803

Mass Time

Sunday……..……8:30AM

Reconciliation

Sunday……..……8:00AM

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Wedding: contact parish office at least 6 months before the wedding

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Office Hours

Monday-Thursday…....9:00AM-4:00PM

Friday……..…...9:00AM-1:00PM

St Michael & St Joseph Parish News

We welcome Colette Pillsbury as a member of the Catholic Church. Colette's baptism is today, Sunday, November 14th at St. Michael's. Congratulations to her parents & blessings on Colette!

Coats for Kids Program

Our parish council of the Knights of Columbus would like to thank everyone who donated. With the state & national Knights' two-for-one special this year, we were able to supply 96 winter coats for youngsters from early-elementary size to upper teens. About half of the coats went to families at the Steve O'Neil Apartments, which is managed by CHUM. The other half of the supply of coats went to families through the Damiano Center's "free-store" event. Due to your generosity, we have a bit to hold over in the bank, which will help us to order more coats next year, through the 2022 Coats for Kids program. Thanks and blessings to you for helping nearly one hundred of the youth in our city be able to stay warmer this winter!

St. Michael's K-5 Faith Formation Classes
Wednesday's 5:45-6:45 pm
Nov. 17. December 1, 15.

St. Joseph's K-5 Faith Formation Classes
Sunday's 9:30 –10:30 am
Nov. 14, 21. December 5,12.

Proclaiming the Gospel in Word, Sacrament and Service.

Dear St. Michael's Parish Community,

I wanted to take this chance to let you know that I have resigned my position as director of music at St. Michael's Church, effective January 2nd. I have accepted a job offer to be the primary organist and pianist at the Cathedral in Duluth.
We have prayed and made music together for a bit more than seven years and I want to sincerely thank you for being my parish home. I will carry you in my heart as I move on, remembering fondly all of the wonderful things we have accomplished together.
Many blessings, - Brian

St. Michael's Christmas Tree & Wreath Sales

Sales start on Friday, November 26th and end when all trees and wreaths are sold. The tree sale is an important fundraiser and all profits from the sale go to St. Michaels. We would encourage you to buy a tree and/or wreath from the sale. If you are not in a position to do so, let your family and friends know the sale is on!

Volunteers needed:

We will also have several shifts for volunteers to sell trees beginning on Nov. 26th. Weeknight shifts are from 4:30 to 7pm. On Saturday, there are shifts from 9:30 to 1:00 and 1:00 to 5:00 pm. Sunday shifts are 10:30 to 2:00 and 2:00 to 5:00 pm. Volunteering is fun and it's a great way to give of your time to support raising funds for St. Michaels! Volunteers help to maintain the tree selling area, assist customers tree selection and take payment for the trees. No previous sales experience is needed and the trees we sell are high quality, making sales easy. Your help would be greatly appreciated!
Please contact Mark Wilhelmson at 218-355-0706, George Schaenzer at 218-343-1587 or Denise at the church office at 525-1902 if you are interested in volunteering or have any questions about the process. Thanks for your consideration, Mark Wilhelmson

We invite everyone to St Michael's for the Thanksgiving Mass, celebrated on Thursday, November 25th at 9:00 AM (no 8:00 am Mass). Next year the Mass will be held at St. Joseph's Church in Gnesen.

Church Bells

The parish is looking into once again using the three church bells. These bells are of very good quality but require a major revamp to work properly. The cost to make the bells ring is $39,500. There will be no fundraiser or second collection!
If you would like to contribute towards this special project or make a memorial donation, please contact us at the office. Thank you!

To our fellow parishioner, Carol Barnstorf on the death of her grandson, Tyler Walsh. May he and all the faithful departed rest in God's peace.

From the desk of Sonya Morris

As we approach the end of the Church year, our Gospel invites us to consider Jesus' predictions and teaching about the end of the world. Jesus does not want us to be fearful about the fact that the world will one day come to an end but to beware of the signs that the time is coming.

Many things in our world may change or have changed. Yet all of us find security in our relationships with others and our values. We can confidently accept change because we know that we will continue to be loved by our family and by God. We also help impart this sense of trust and confidence in our children with our daily assurances to them that nothing can change our love for them.

Our younger children are learning to accept change in their lives, as our older children prepare for changes in their lives. As we find security in God in our lives amidst change, they also find feel security in the people whose love for them will not change. It is our job as parents to be there and support them in understanding that no matter what changes or difficulties may occur in life, Jesus' love for us is unchanging and eternal.

We don't know when the things that Jesus talks about will happen, but we know that they will happen. Even though we don't know when the end of time will come, we do know that Jesus does not want us to be frightened by these signs. Nor does he want us to be fearful about the fact that the world will one day come to an end. Rather, these readings are offered to prepare us for the changes we will experience during our lifetimes.

Our consolation and hope is found in the lasting nature of Jesus' words and God's never-ending love for us. Many things in the world may change, but Jesus' words to us and God's love for us will never change.

God Bless,
Sonya

Faith Formation continues this Wednesday, November 17th ,K-5 students meet from 5:45-6:45 PM at their home parish. We welcome all our second-grade students for their third class for First Reconciliation at that time as well.

Middle school students meet in the Cathedral social hall and high school students meet in the school gym at 7 PM, all students can be picked up at 8:30 PM at the Cathedral.

Catholic Schools Matching Grant Opportunity!

The Diocese has been offered a grant opportunity by the Schulze Foundation. Individual schools have been offered matching grants which would provide $400,000! The Office of Catholic Schools has been offered an additional "Challenge Matching Grant" of $50,000. which will support our Catholic schools by: providing principals professional development, enhancing educational excellence through innovation and technology, and increasing enrollment. This means the $50,000 raised will actually become $100,000. Combined this opportunity will yield $500,000 of new donations for Catholic schools in the Diocese! The deadline for this matching grant is December 31,2021. Please consider helping us reach our goal with a gift to this amazing challenge grant. To make a donation please go to www.dioceseduluth.org and locate the donate tab and select Catholic Schools Advancement or use the following QR code and simply open camera and it will lead you directly to the donate page. Thank you!

CHUM's Fall Assembly -- Nov. 16th
First United Methodist Church–Coppertop
6:30-7:00 pm Gathering
Fellowship 7:00-8:00 pm
Full Assembly

Advent Retreat: Christian Hope

Saturday, December 11
8 am—2:30 pm
8am registration, 8:30am Mass
Join the Deacons of St. Benedict's and Fr. Seth for a day of prayer and meditations onChristian Hope: The Dawn from on High Will Break Upon Us
This Advent, prepare for the coming of our Hope and the New Dawn in Jesus Christ!
With the struggles we have all faced recently, a day meditating on the reason for our hope is certainly needed.

Ministries

St Joseph's Ministry Schedule

DATE	READER	E.M.
11/14	Mary Jo Lapcinski	Jeanne Peterson
11/21	Mary Bjorklund	Mary Jo Lapinski
11/28	Kathy Halverson	Mary Bjorklund

St. Michael's Ministry Schedule

DATE	LECTOR	E.M.	SERVER	CANTOR
11/13	Kim C.	Cathy L.	Frank B.	Linda B.
11/14	Joanne B.	Marie-Laure	Athena L.	Linda B.
11/20	Andrew B	Therese C.	Anne M.	Brian K.
11/21	Linda B.	Kim C.	Ron K.	Bill V.
11/27	Don L.	Andrew B.	Aurora B.	Karen N.
11/28	Paul S.	Bob N.	Anne M.	Karen N.

St Joseph's Stewardship

Total Offertory **this includes Holy Days*……..$84,000.
Envelope & Plate Weekly Goal….....$1,615.

Collection on November 7.....$1,202.
Electronic Giving …….....$535.

Fiscal year offertory needed……..$30,685.
Fiscal year offertory collected……..$31,219.

UCA Goal……..$18,084.
UCA Giving……..$13,075.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

St Michael's Stewardship

Total Offertory **this includes Holy Days*……...$268,200.
Envelope & Plate Weekly Goal….....$5,158.

Collection on November 7……$4,818.
Electronic Giving……..$1,576.

Fiscal year offertory needed……..$98,002.
Fiscal year offertory collected……..$95,158.

Maintenance Fund YTD…….....$3,635.
UCA Goal……..$55,830.
UCA Giving……..$30,929.

Please consider adding St. Michael's Parish to your will.
Thank you for your continued support!

Sunday Online Mass at 10:30 AM

Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 13
5:00 PM Mass +Don Thomas
Sunday, November 14
8:30 AM Mass (Gn) +James & Emily Leyes
10:30 AM Mass +Ludmila Stachowicz
Saturday, November 20
5:00 PM Mass +Parishioners
Sunday, November 21
8:30 AM Mass (Gn) +Deacon Roger Birklind
10:30 AM Mass +Mary Grimm

Calendar

Mon., Nov. 15 thru Tues., Nov 23
No daily Mass.

Monday, Nov. 22 Parish office closed
Thursday, Nov. 25 Thanksgiving Mass at 9:00 am at St Michael's
Friday, Nov 26th Christmas tree sales begin

Sin on the Soul

Question: Why do some sacraments leave a character or mark on the soul? Don't all sacraments affect the soul?

Answer: All sacraments mediate grace and connect us to Christ and to the Church. Some sustain us in our faith journey, while others help us heal from the effects of sin. Each one offers a share in God's life, giving us what we need to be faithful followers of Jesus. But some sacraments change us in ways that are irreversible. The three sacraments that leave a character are Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Orders. We are literally different people because of the effect of the grace of those sacraments. We are changed at the core of our being in such a fundamental way that we can not go back to what we once were.

In Baptism, we are freed from original sin, initiated into the Body of Christ as adopted sons and daughters. In Confirmation, we are given the fullness of God's Spirit, sealed in his grace and gifted with what we need to live a Christian life. In Holy Orders, a priest is marked as an 'alter Christus,' another Christ, and is once and forever a priest who offers sacrifice, forgives sin, and acts in the person of Christ. In these three sacraments, we are conformed more closely to Christ, reflecting his love and truth.

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