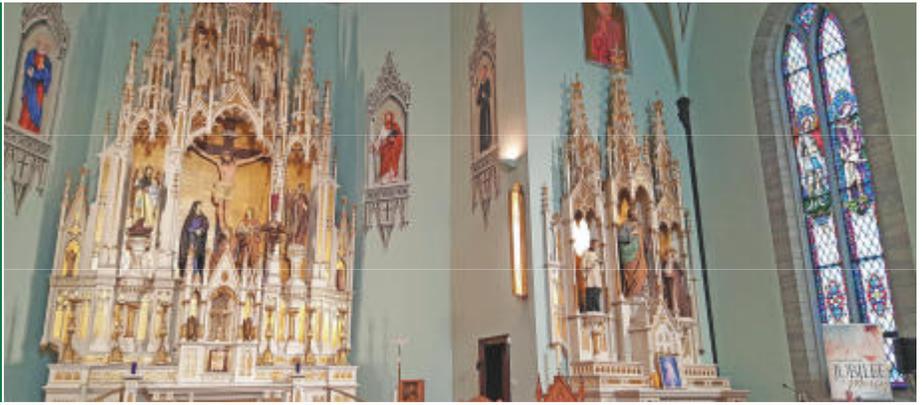


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JANUARY 24, 2021 • THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## Sunday of the Word of God

Pope Francis established 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time as the Sunday of 'The Word of God.' In His Apostolic Letter, *Motu proprio "Aperuit illis,"* published on 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2020 He established that "The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God."

The timing of the document is significant: 30 September is the Feast of Saint Jerome, the man who translated most of the Bible into Latin, and who famously said: "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ." It also marked 1600 years since his death. The title of the document, "*Aperuit illis,*" is equally important. They are its opening words, taken from St Luke's Gospel, where the Evangelist describes how the Risen Jesus appeared to His disciples, and how "He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures."

## Month of the Holy Name of Jesus

The month of January is traditionally dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus. After the Blessed Virgin Mary conceived by the Holy Spirit, the angle Gabriel appeared to St. Joseph and told him that the Child's name should be called Jesus, meaning "God Saves." According to Jewish law, on the 8<sup>th</sup> day after his birth a male child was to be circumcised, receive his name, and become a full member of God's covenant people.

According to the old Roman liturgical calendar, the Feast of the Circumcision of Jesus was celebrated on January 1<sup>st</sup>, eight days after Christmas, the same day that He was given His sacred name. Currently we celebrate the Solemnity of the Mother of God in January 1<sup>st</sup> and honor the Holy Name of Jesus on January 3<sup>rd</sup>. For us Catholics, Jesus' name is the object of a special devotion symbolized by the monogram "IHS" (sometimes called a Christogram), which is the first three letters of the Greek spelling of His name.

## Help needed to sanitize the church after Masses

Thank you to all who have been so very kind and dedicated to keeping St. Michael Church clean, safe,

and open. In an effort to grow the cleaning crew and make the work lighter for all who volunteer, we ask that anyone who is interested in helping keep the church clean, please contact the office with your name, phone number and email address. If you already know what days or times you can help, you may leave that information as well. Though cleaning has become much more efficient since purchasing our sprayer, with just a few extra people to help after each Mass for an average of 7-12 minutes, the workload is even more greatly reduced. While two people spray the pews, we still have need of help disinfecting door handles, sanitizer bottles, bathrooms and other high-touch areas.

Thank you in advance for any time and effort you are able to give. This is great work to offer up during prayer for Holy Souls in Purgatory and to do as your own penance, in that, through the kindness of cleaning, you are helping to keep God's House open and safe for all—that they may come to spend time with and more fully encounter the Lord Our God.

Have a blessed week!

Stay safe

Fr. Kishore Babu Battu SAC



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## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

### Give Until It Hurts

One of the characteristics of Everyday Stewardship is to be committed — to persevere daily in a way of life acknowledging that everything belongs to God.

I know, I know. Easier said than done.

Just ask Zebedee. It's quite an image we get from the Gospel, after all. "So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him."

There was Zebedee, about his business, mending nets with his two sons, who were undoubtedly his best workers — they had to have been more dedicated than the hired men, who worked for wages rather than for family. And in an instant off they go, following this strange man.

I don't know about you, but if my kids left me on a hot summer day to finish the lawn by myself, I wouldn't be too happy.

But Zebedee must have been someone quite special. Perhaps he realized that his sons didn't belong to him — not really. They belonged to God, and from the beginning of time, it had been appointed that they would be among the first disciples of Christ. He passed, he called, they followed, and Zebedee obliged. He simply went back to mending his nets, I imagine.

Zebedee already understood what St. Teresa of Calcutta would say millennia later: "Give until it hurts."

"You're wasting my time." "I've done so much for her; she owes me this." How often do we think things, and even people and relationships, belong to us? The truth is none of them do. We must be ready, as Zebedee was, to surrender them to God when He comes walking past.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS  
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## CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

### WHY DO WE DO THAT?

**Do Catholics always need to receive communion in wafer form, or can it be different kinds of bread?**



In the Roman Rite of the Catholic Church, the most common form for the eucharistic bread is the small white communion "wafer" that is a ubiquitous part of the Catholic Mass. The instructions of the Church have been very specific regarding the make-up of the bread used in the Mass: "The bread used in the celebration of the Most Holy Eucharistic Sacrifice must be unleavened, purely of wheat, and recently made ... it follows therefore that bread made from another substance, even if it is grain, or if it is mixed with another

substance different from wheat to such an extent that it would not commonly be considered wheat bread, does not constitute valid

matter for confecting the Sacrifice and the Eucharistic Sacrament" (see *Redemptionis Sacramentum* by the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, no. 48).



The Church's tradition of using a wheat-based bread is based on the bread that Jesus would have used at the Last Supper and is considered to be an essential part of the "matter" of the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

As we consider the question of whether a "wafer" — which is properly called a "host" — should be used, we also must keep in mind that in the Eastern Rites of the Catholic Church, leavened (i.e. "raised") bread is more often used. And so, while the thin, white "wafer" is most commonly used in the Roman Rite of the Church, the full expression of the Catholic tradition does allow for a more substantial form of bread to be used, but the tradition of using a simple wheat bread with no other additions or additives is considered essential.

# REST IN PEACE



In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of **Pascal J. Flameygh**, 85, survived by sister, Lucienne VanMassenhove-Flameygh; two nephews, one niece, and many cousins.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.



*In your charity*, please pray for the repose of the soul of **Marcia A. Greening**, 72, survived by daughters, Nickole "Kolee" (Edward) Jude, Kara Greening, and Rebecca Greening; sister, Katie (Jerry) Cobb; brother, Samuel (Jennifer) Voigt Jr.; eight grandchildren, and friend, former husband, John Greening.

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.



## Monroe Council # 1266 Knights of Columbus

Our Councils "Goodfellows Club" just completed the 106<sup>th</sup> consecutive Christmas food program for the needy of Monroe County. 2020 was definitely a year of need due to the pandemic and the many people out of work.

The Goodfellows food program started in 1914 functioning through the world wars and even during our country's great depression. In fact, in 1933 the Christmas food program fed over 500 families.

We are coupled with the Salvation Army, area churches, and federal low income housing authorities to find those in need.

Money for this program comes to us from the Goodfellows Paper sale, member donations, and local donations.

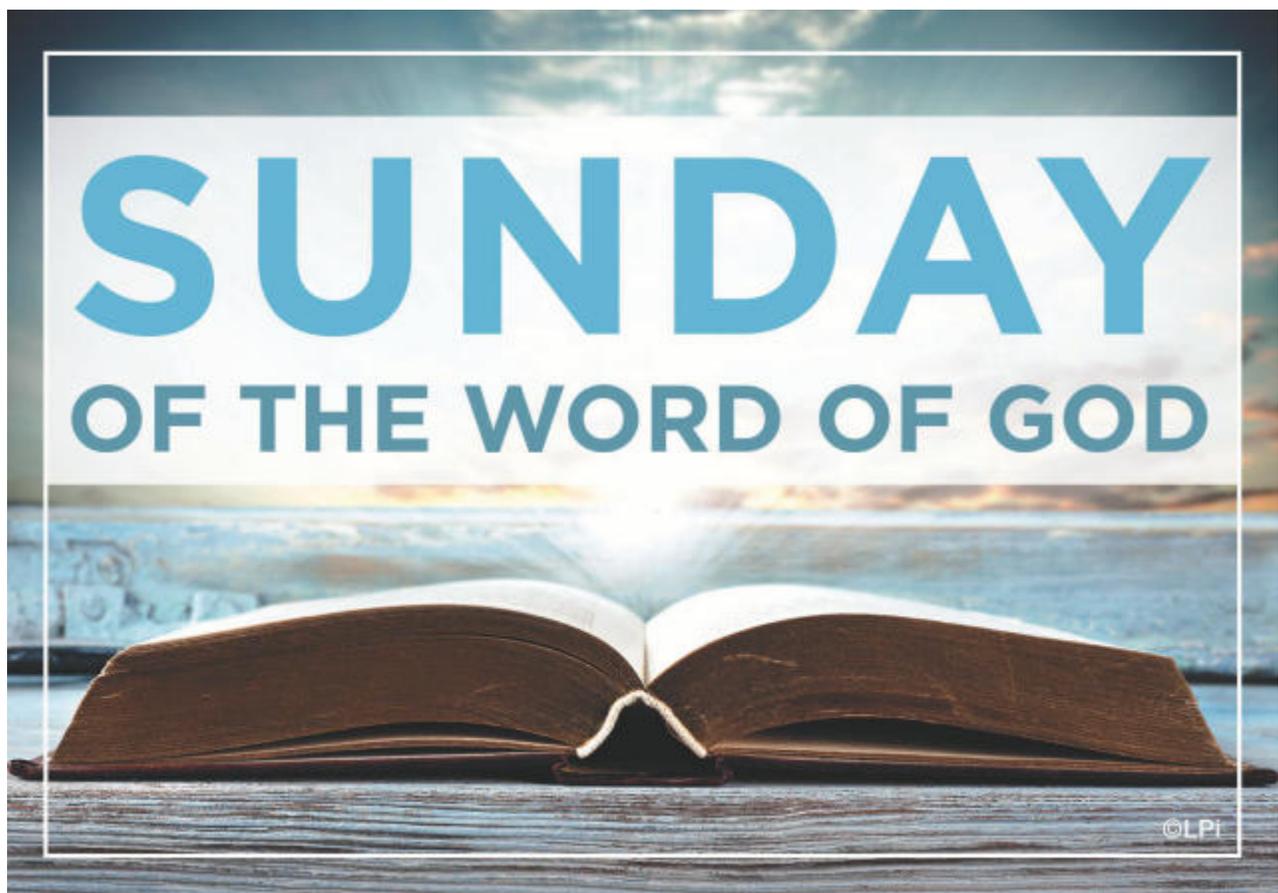
If you bought a paper, **THANK YOU!** Any and all donations help to make this program the success it has been throughout the years.

We would also like to thank the SMCC Brother Brad Flint Mission Club and other students that manned multiple sites to help sell Goodfellow Papers.



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# GROWING

WITH THE **Gospel** CYCLE B

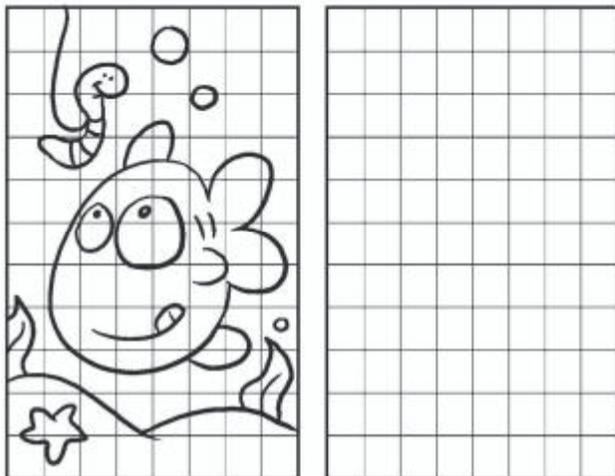
## COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



## PUZZLE

Copy the picture square by square.



## GOSPEL

There's a colorful envelope addressed to you on the kitchen table. You see it's from your friend. You open it and find a party invitation inside. You parents say you can go! When Jesus invited Peter, Andrew, James and John to come along with him, they were just as excited to go. Jesus was the Savior and a good friend. They couldn't wait!

## PRAYER

Jesus, I thank you for inviting me to spend time with you.

## SOMETHING TO DRAW

Draw a picture of Jesus smiling and waving to you.

## MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Jesus wants you to come to his home in heaven. Make a party invitation from Jesus to you. Use this invitation as a bookmark in your Bible.

## St. Michael Campus Renovation Underway!

Long before the COVID-19 Pandemic, the St. Michael the Archangel Parish Leadership Team was working on the Missionary Strategic Plan for the parish and realized there were several great needs at St. Michael Parish and specifically in the school building: more preschool classroom space, a more appropriately located office for Mrs. Reynolds, our Director of Early Childhood Education who oversees our childcare center, more storage space, and an updated kitchen that would benefit both the school and parish.

St. Michael Parish is blessed to have the Luella Amolsch Trust, which has directly supported our school for many years. The trust serves our families by providing scholarships and funding. A portion of this trust can be utilized every few years to complete capital projects within the context of the school.

Though the COVID-19 Pandemic has created challenges, the project is in the best interest of MCES because it will allow us to grow and utilize the St. Michael Campus to its fullest potential.

### The project consists of two main parts, and is well underway!

**Part 1:** The Stage, Gym Office and Early Childhood Education Office will be demolished and converted to one large, State of Michigan licensed preschool classroom. Windows will be added to the front of the building, a sink will be installed and all electrical will be updated. Several updates will be made in the gym to allow for better audio/visual presentations.

**Part 2:** The kitchen and adjacent, unused restrooms will be demolished and converted into a larger kitchen and storage room for tables, chairs, and PE equipment. The kitchen will have up-to-date appliances, equipment, plumbing and electrical. A portion of the current kitchen storage will be converted to office space for the Director of Early Childhood Education, relocating her office to a location adjacent to the Daycare Center Entrance.

The full cost of this project will be funded by the Amolsch Trust. We are grateful for Ms. Amolsch's support of Catholic education and our parish! My goal today is to just let you know about this exciting project and the great things we have on the horizon at St. Michael campus.

The project will be completed by Mid-American Group of Newport and their sub-contractors. There should be little disruption to the school and childcare operations and should be completed within 150 days. We will post updates as this exciting project progresses.

### Here are some photo updates!





Pray for:

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| Theresa Balk       | Jeffrey Eagle      | Leigh Ann Parrack |
| Javier Barrios     | Veronica           | Donna Perez       |
| James Barron       | Greenawalt         | Zayden Perry      |
| Monica Beeson      | Marion Hass        | Mary Ray          |
| Carolyn Bellino    | Kate Herr-Maletich | Parker Reau       |
| Florence Bialy     | Tricia Hummel      | Sharon Robinson   |
| Lynda Billock      | Rose Kavanagh      | Mary Ann Soleau   |
| Philip Bloom       | Edna Kinsey        | Betty Steffes     |
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| Marlene Campbell   | Donna Leask        | Donna Torres      |
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|                    | June Neph          | Cody Wood         |
|                    | Pat Orr            | Mary Zubkoff      |

- PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY:**
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|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
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| Brett Bennett               | Staff Sgt. Angelo Marino     |
| Tracy (Scobel) Bennett      | Staff Sgt. Emily Marino      |
| Pvt. Adrien Boudreault      | Airman 2 Drew McLaughlin     |
| Major Zachery Briscoe       | Sgt. William McGowan         |
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| Spc. Skylar Cooper          | M/Sgt. Marian Olmsted Smith  |
| SMS. Wayne Fetty            | Spc. Travis Weber            |
| Cpl. Jacob Luthy            | Cpt. Brian Worley, USMC      |
|                             | LCPL Justin Zukowski         |

**Readings for the Week of January 24, 2021**  
 Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20  
 Monday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Mk 16:15-18  
 Tuesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10 [3]/Mk 3:31-35  
 Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 4:1-20  
 Thursday: Heb 10:19-25/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Mk 4:21-25  
 Friday: Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40 [39a]/Mk 4:26-34  
 Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 [cf. 68]/Mk 4:35-41  
 Next Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 [8]/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

**WEEK AT A GLANCE JANUARY 25 - 31**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 25**

*The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle*  
 Mass 8:15 am - church  
 Holy Hour 9 am - church  
 Boy Scout Meeting 7:30 pm

**TUESDAY, JANUARY**

*Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops*  
 Michael's Men Meeting 7 pm - SMCC chapel

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY**

*St. Angela Merici, Virgin*

**THURSDAY, JANUARY**

*St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church*

**FRIDAY, JANUARY**

Mass 8:15 am - Church

**SATURDAY, JANUARY**

*BVM*  
 Confessions 3:30 pm - church  
 Mass 5 pm - church

**SUNDAY, JANUARY**

*Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time, Catholic Schools Week*  
 Mass 8:00 am - church  
 Mass 10:30 am - church

**CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS will be mailed by January 31, 2021, to all who donated more than \$250 to St. Michael the Archangel Parish during the 2020 calendar year.** (Statements for CSA donations over \$250 will come directly from the Archdiocese of Detroit.)

**If you have any questions, please contact the parish office at parishoffice@stmichaelmonroe.com or 734-241-8645.**

**LITURGY SCHEDULE JANUARY 25 - 31**

DAY & TIME	INTENTIONS
<b>Monday 8:15 am</b>	† Marge Tierney † Maria Vitale
<b>Friday 8:15 am</b>	† Tom Westovr † Pietro Vitale
<b>Saturday 3:30 pm 5:00 pm</b>	<b>Confessions</b> † Angela Furnari Vitale † Joe Perna
<b>Sunday 8:00 am 10:30 am</b>	† Tom Westover † Gloria Collingsworth † The People of St Michael

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



LIVE THE LITURGY

“Repent, and believe in the gospel.” Some type of honest and sincere repentance is necessary for any type of authentic growth and maturity. We have to come to the realization, unless we are happy wallowing in immaturity and superficiality, that the way we have been doing things is not the best or the healthiest.

There isn't a human being alive who hasn't acted foolishly or erratically at the cost of almost losing a treasured relationship. “Why did I act that way?” is a question we often ponder after some reflection and enlightenment.

Faith works the same way. Stumbling through life and bumping up against meaninglessness, a person can begin to see that something significant is missing. They see that there is merit to a relationship with God and an embrace of faith. Before these can take root, sincere sorrow for past wrong doing, missed opportunities, errors in judgment, and short sightedness is necessary. Repentance is necessary. Then having realized that we were walking in darkness, we can rejoice that by God's grace we now see the light.

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time:

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus says: “Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.” As disciples, we are called to continue God's work on earth. Taking care of God's poor is indeed living gospel values.

This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist families, providing food, and helping with utility, rent and other bills.

May God Bless You!



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