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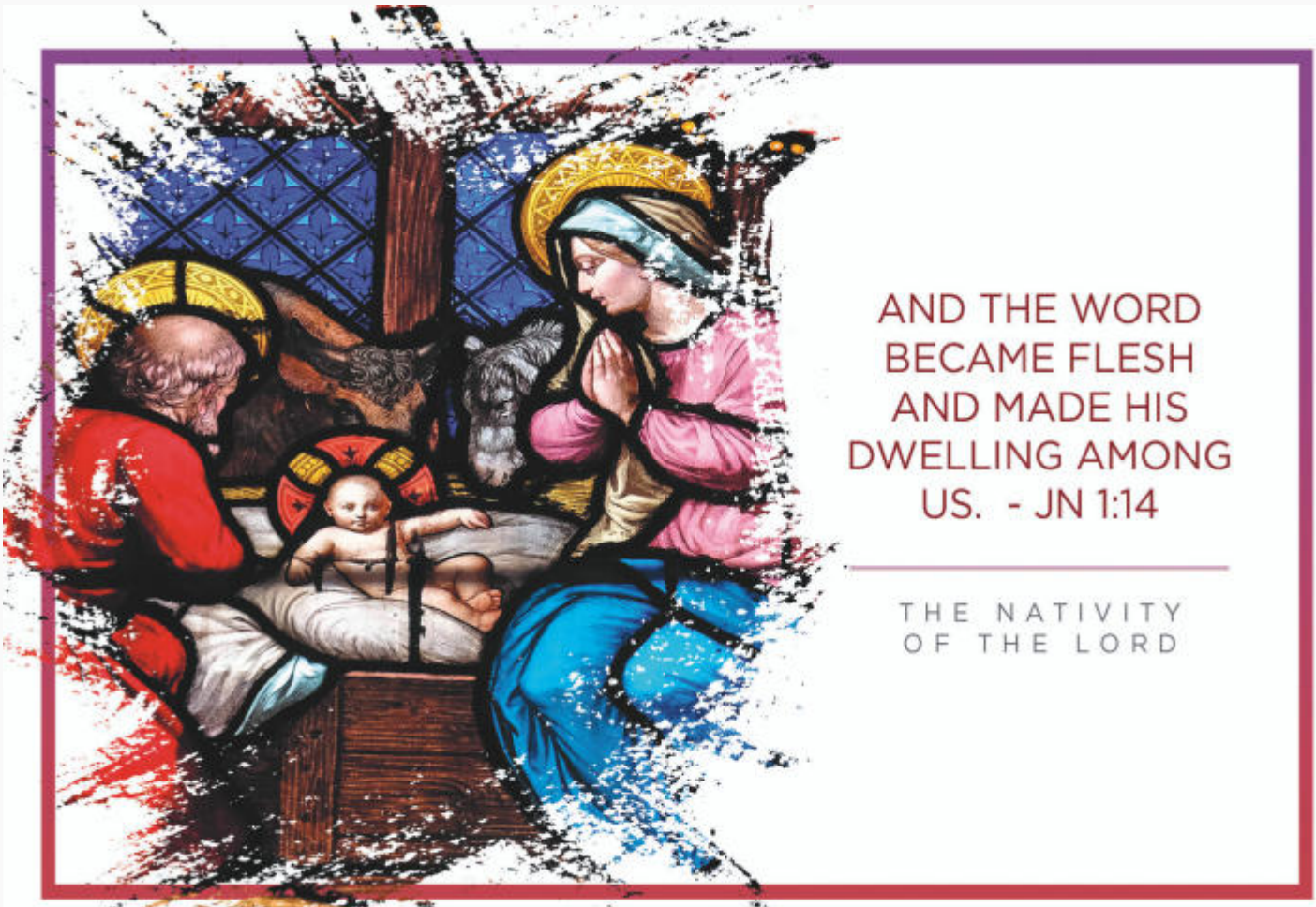
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December 26, 2021



AND THE WORD
BECAME FLESH
AND MADE HIS
DWELLING AMONG
US. - JN 1:14

THE NATIVITY
OF THE LORD

Pastor's Christmas Message

With deep joy and gratitude, I extend to you my prayerful best wishes for a holy and blessed Christmas Season. During this Advent Season, it has been my prayer that each of you would find opportunities to reflect on your own faith and relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ and His Church. Whatever it is that our hearts and souls desire, whether we realize it or not, our ultimate desire is Jesus Himself, for this reason, we are filled with joy and consolation at Christmas to know that all that we hoped for has been fulfilled in the person of the Christ Child. In the midst of all our current challenges and concerns, the love of God the Father is made manifest to us in the wonderful gift of His Son, Jesus. With the angels in Bethlehem, our faith moves us to sing: "Glory to God in the highest and peace to His people on earth!" We recognize that true peace on earth flows from our recognition and praise of God in our lives. I extend to all of you an open, grateful heart of welcome. Together, may we grow in strength and grace to know and celebrate together God's presence in our lives and His dominion over all things of this world. May our Lord Jesus Christ, born in Bethlehem, bless you, your families and loved ones at this blessed time of hope and grace. May Mary, the Mother of the Child Jesus and our Mother, watch over you and our beloved parishes always.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2022!

SCHEDULE OF MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY	DECEMBER 26	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
SM 8:00a		Jack Slonkosky
SPP 9:30a		Living & Dec'd Members of the Pastoral Region
SM 11:00a		Carl & Kathleen Wehrman
MONDAY	DECEMBER 27	St. John
TUESDAY	DECEMBER 28	The Holy Innocents
SPP 8:00a		Dan Lyons
SM 6:30p		Albin Eilerman, Jerry & Rosemary DeLong
WEDNESDAY	DECEMBER 29	St. Thomas Becket
SM 8:25a		Mike Gavit
THURSDAY	DECEMBER 30	Weekday
SM 8:25a		Ed Larger
FRIDAY	DECEMBER 31	St. Sylvester I
SM 8:25a		Agnes Burch
SM 5:30p		Bertha Eilerman
SATURDAY	JANUARY 1	Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God
SPP 9:30a		Richie Bruns
SM 11:00a		Paul Deagle
SUNDAY	JANUARY 2	The Epiphany of the Lord
SM 8:00a		Adeline Eilerman
SPP 9:30a		Velma Holdheide
SM 11:00a		Living & Dec'd Members of the Pastoral Region

BAPTISM ANNOUNCEMENTS

Austin Ray Fullenkamp, son of Alan & Rachel (Hicks) Fullenkamp, and Griffin Nicholas Hoying, son of Chip & Brittany (Holland) Hoying.

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT

Aaron Dyer & Hana Goubeaux of Ss. Peter & Paul.

NEW PARISHIONERS

St. Michael Parish welcomes Alan & Rachel Fullenkamp and their children, James & Austin.

**HOW TO SCHEDULE A MASS INTENTION**

Donations for mass intentions are accepted **up to one year in advance from the current month** by scheduling with your parish secretary. The stipend for a mass intention is \$5.00. The number of intentions that can be scheduled per year is limited.

Ss. Peter & Paul Parish**Weekly Financial Report - December 12, 2021**

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>Week (24)</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Total Offertory:	\$ 3,189.37	\$ 67,047.49
Total Budgeted:	2,700.00	64,800.00
Over/under Budget	\$ 489.37	\$ 2,247.49
Total Other Deposits	\$ 722.00	\$ 36,979.42
Maintenance Income	\$ 135.00	\$ 6,166.58

EXPENSES

Parish Weekly Expenses:	\$ 4,668.39	\$ 101,985.57
Capital Improvements	\$ 0.00	\$ 7,040.00

National Catholic Religious Retirement Collection: \$1,389.77

THANKS TO ALL WHO SUPPORT OUR PARISH!

St. Michael Parish**Weekly Financial Report - December 12, 2021**

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>Week (24)</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Total Offertory:	\$ 13,342.00	\$ 251,647.98
Total Budgeted:	10,000.00	240,000.00
Over/under Budget	\$ 3,342.00	\$ 11,647.98
Total Other Deposits	\$ 8,908.05	\$ 134,389.03
Capital Improvements	\$ 2,064.00	\$ 26,394.25

EXPENSES

Parish Weekly Expenses:	\$ 13,673.18	\$ 433,192.23
Capital Improvements	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

National Catholic Religious Retirement Collection: \$5,570.00

THANKS TO ALL WHO SUPPORT OUR PARISH!

St. Michael

Tue. 12/28 6:30p
 Wed. 12/29 8:25a
 Thu. 12/30 8:25a
 Fri. 12/31 8:25a
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ALTAR SERVERS

Tanner Heckman, Braylen McCumber
 Faye & Mya Grudich
 Grace Holthaus, Hailey Meyer
 Meg Kemper, Ella Rethman
 Payton DeMange, Zac Dues, Camille Borchers
 Ty Ruhenkamp, Alyson Schmitmeyer, Ally Siegel
 Delaney Barhorst, Nicholas Barhorst, Ella Bertke
 Samantha Jacobs, Collin Lessing, Christian McGee

CANTORS

Chip & Amy Noykos
 Karen Ballas
 Frank Turner
 Mixed Choir, Chip Noykos

LECTORS

Sara Meyer
 Ted Holthaus
 Lisa Holthaus
 Steve Zimmerman
 Deb Rosengarten

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Deacon Paul, Mav Grudich, Angie Hoelscher
 Erica Gaier, Marsha Hess, Julie Hilgefert
 Rosie Fullenkamp, Judy Hilgefert, Mike Holthaus
 Deacon Paul, Emily Holdheide, Gayle & Jerrica Holthaus

GREETERS

Volunteers Needed
 Volunteers Needed
 Scott & Brenda Rodeheffer Fam., Ben & Bobbi Holthaus, Jan Stockman
 Paul & Teresa Seger, Jerry & Paulette Meyer Fam., Deb Goubeaux

USHERS

Jerome Barhorst, Elton Gaier, Myron Gaier, Roger Siegel, Jim Albers, Jake Meyer
 Lester Schmitmeyer, Bill Hoying, Mike Holthaus, Jerry Meyer, John Meyer, Ken Poepelman
 Bob Barhorst, Ed Gigandet, Urban Holthaus, Ken Subler, Ken Meyer, Jeff Ruhenkamp
 Lester Schmitmeyer, Jordan Pleiman, Derek Langenkamp, Jeff Schemmel, Mark Poepelman, Ron Poepelman

St. Michael

Fri. 12/31 5:30p
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 Sun. 1/2 8:00a
 Sun. 1/2 11:00a

MASS COORDINATORS

Mark & Diane Riethman
 Lynn Gusching
 Rosie Fullenkamp
 Teresa Seger



"We are excited to launch a new communication tool that will allow us to connect with you between Sundays and between bulletins. It is called Flocknote. Below is information on how to join. Please contact Kate Boeke at the Parish Office Center at kateb@nflregion.org or 937-295-2891, ext. 115 or with any questions or concerns you may have regarding Flocknote. We look forward to connecting with you!"

Keep in touch with us!

TEXT _____ NFLR _____ TO 84576

OR CONNECT WITH US ONLINE AT:
newportfortloramierregion.flocknote.com



Ss. Peter and Paul

Tues. 12/28 8:00a
 Sat. 1/1 9:30a
 Sun. 1/2 9:30a

ALTAR SERVERS

Adult Servers
 Elijah & Luke Beaver
 Malina & Tucker Chappie

Ss. Peter and Paul

Sat. 1/1 9:30a
 Sun. 1/2 9:30a

CANTORS

Julia Wolfe
 Jerri Barlage

Ss. Peter and Paul

Sat. 1/1 9:30a
 Sun. 1/2 9:30a

LECTORS

Becky Beaver
 Jeff Replogle

Ss. Peter and Paul

Sat. 1/1 9:30a
 Sun. 1/2 9:30a

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Kristi Schulze
 Cindy Replogle

Ss. Peter and Paul

Sat. 1/1 9:30a
 Sun. 1/2 9:30a

GREETERS

Cindy Replogle
 Anne Barhorst & Johnathan

Ss. Peter and Paul

Sat. 1/1 9:30a
 Sun. 1/2 9:30a

USHERS

Tim Tebbe
 Vernon Ahrns, Nick Dues

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SUN 26 8:00a Mass—St. Michael Church
9:30a Mass—Ss. Peter & Paul Church
11:00a Mass—St. Michael Church

MON 27 **All Parish Offices Closed Today**

TUE 28 8:00a Mass—Ss. Peter & Paul Church
5:00p (until 5:30p) Confessions—Ss. Peter & Paul
6:30p Mass—St. Michael Church
Jr. High Bowling Night—Community Lanes

WED 29 8:25a Mass—St. Michael Church
9:00a (until 9:00p) Adoration—St. Michael Church
9:00a Senior Citizen Exercises—St. Michael Hall

THU 30 **All Parish Offices Closed Today**
8:25a Mass—St. Michael Church
9:00a Senior Citizen Chair Volleyball—SM Hall
7:00p Soul Core—St. Mike’s Place

FRI 31 **All Parish Offices Closed Today**
8:05a Morning Prayer—St. Michael Church
8:25a Mass—St. Michael Church
9:15a Communion to the Homebound
5:30p New Year’s Eve Mass—St. Michael Church

SAT 1 9:30a New Year’s Day Mass—Ss. Peter & Paul Ch.
11:00a New Year’s Day Mass—St. Michael Church
No 5:00 pm Vigil Mass Tonight

SUN 2 8:00a Mass with Children’s Liturgy—St. Michael Ch.
9:30a Mass—Ss. Peter & Paul Church
11:00a Mass—St. Michael Church

**MASSES AT ST. MICHAEL CHURCH ARE
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**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD
IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**

All in the Family

At first glance, we can often find the image of the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph and the Christ Child intimidating — who are we to aspire to that level of discipleship? How could we ever hope to conform ourselves to that mold? Sometimes, it can even be painful — perhaps we hail from a broken family or struggle with a broken relationship within our family, or perhaps we long to be a mother or a father ourselves and that state in life has eluded us.

But the image of the Holy Family is, in reality, a beautiful invitation to us all, no matter our vocation or our state in life, and the example of Mary, Joseph and Jesus is rich with the symbolism of stewardship.

You need not be a biological mother who has carried a child in her womb to be a mother in spirit. Who in your world needs you to love them with the heart of a mother?

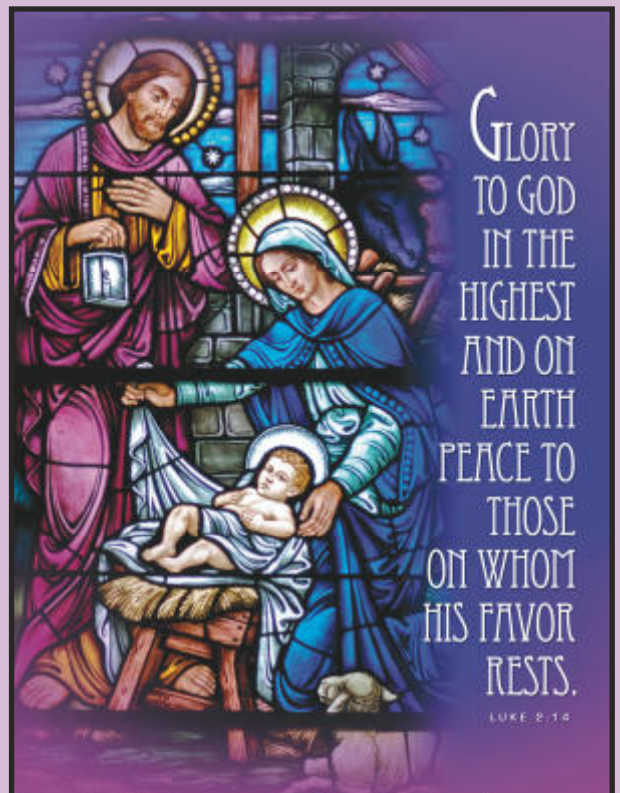
The same goes for fatherhood. The Church and the world are crying out for the courageous witness of Christian men like St. Joseph. Who can you love with the steadfast, selfless protection of a father?

Who in your life needs you to love them with the faithful, unconditional love of a son? Who needs your gentle and constant love as a daughter?

We are the Body of Christ, friends. Those of us rejoicing in heaven, those of us suffering in purgatory, and those of us struggling here on earth. We are the great family. Let us love each other well.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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TAXES**2021 Contribution Report Request Form**

If you wish the parish office to send you a report on your contributions for 2021 please fill out this form and return in the collection or mail to the office. Thank you!

Parish (circle): Ss. Peter & Paul St. Michael

Name: _____

Envelope No: _____ or

Address: _____

Pastoral Region

BAPTISM CLASS will be held Monday, January 10 at 7:00 pm at St. Mike's Place. All first-time parents are required to take this class before the baptism of their child. Please contact Diane or Betty Ann at the POC to register. The next class will be held in April.

FREE "LIFE IS MESSY" BOOKS will be available for pick up after masses until the supply runs out. We thank the generous parishioner who provided 150 copies for us.

SHELBY COUNTY UNITED WAY now has a crisis hotline available in Shelby County. 2-1-1 is a free, confidential, and local information and referral hotline available to everyone 24/7/365. One call will provide access to all of the resources available in your community and someone is always available to talk, no matter the circumstance.

Ss. Peter & Paul

"**THE FAMILY OF RAY DELOYE** shares our sincere gratitude for your prayers, sympathies, correspondence and support. Special thanks to Fr. Steve, Deacon Paul and those who helped with the funeral mass and luncheon. Thank you for all you've done for us."

SPP CCD NEWS: There will be no classes on December 29 or January 5; classes will resume on January 12.



Christmas is the season of giving gifts, thereby, showing love towards one another. This does not mean that the gifts are the sole expression of your love. No gift is costlier or more valuable than something that comes straight from the



heart even if the gift in question is inconsequential. The tradition of gifts during Christmas originated from the kind gestures of the three Wise Men who brought expensive presents for the Infant Jesus to welcome him into this world. Since then, people have made gifts a mandate for Christmas. But, this must be remembered, as the legend of Christmas Rose will show you, that the gesture counts more than the gift. Perhaps, this legend originated just to teach people that, no matter what you gift, it must be from the heart and soul - even if the gift in question is just a flower. It is owing to this legend that the Christmas rose, the flower which only blooms during the chill of winter, has become an important part of Yuletide celebrations.

On a cold December night, everybody was coming to see their new Savior and brought Him all kinds of gifts and presents. The three Wise Men came in with their valuable gifts of myrrh, frankincense and gold and offered them to Baby Jesus. At that point, a shepherdess, Madelon, who had seen the wise men passing through, reached the door of the stable, to see the Child. However, being very poor and having brought nothing to offer to the child, she felt helpless and started weeping quietly at the sight of all the wonderful gifts that the Three Wise Men had got for the child. Earlier, she had searched, in vain, for flowers all over the countryside but there was not even a single bloom to be found in the bitter winter.

An angel outside the door was watching over her and knew about her fruitless search. He took pity on her and, when he saw her head drooped down in sorrow, decided to help her with a little miracle. He gently brushed aside the snow at her feet and where her tears had fallen, sprang a beautiful cluster of waxen white winter roses with pink tipped petals. Then he softly whispered into the shepherdess's ear that these Christmas roses are far more valuable than any myrrh, frankincense or gold, for they are pure and made of love. The maiden was pleasantly surprised when she heard those words and joyfully gathered the flowers and offered them to the Holy Infant, who, seeing that the gift was reared with tears of love, smiled at her with gratitude and satisfaction. Thus, the Christmas rose came to symbolize hope, love and all that is wonderful in this season.



BY DEACON JOHN HOMOELLE

THE SYNOD ON SYNODALITY'S GOAL & PURPOSE

In last month's *Catholic Telegraph*, Father Earl Fernandes wrote about synodality as it pertains to Beacons of Light. Synodality means walking together as a community on the pilgrim journey that we live on earth. By virtue of our baptism, we are all called to the prophetic mission of spreading the gospel message. This responsibility does not lie strictly with the clergy, but with all the People of God guided by the Holy Spirit. By walking together, synodally, we can all contribute to realizing the Mission of the Church which is to evangelize all so that the salvation of souls is achieved through our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Synods are meetings called by the Pope to seek input on a specific issue. This synod's goal is to discern how we can become a Church where all members walk together to achieve her Mission. The synod's official title reflects this: "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission."

WHAT WILL HAPPEN IN THIS ARCHDIOCESE?

Preparing for a synod takes time, and this synod is no exception – it will be held in 2023. The Holy Father asked that before that time every diocese in the world gather together the People of God to discuss and discern how we can be a more synodal Church.

In our archdiocese, two coordinators from each deanery will seek out, gather and consolidate thoughts and concerns from everyone, including the elderly, the young, the poor, disabled, the migrant and immigrant whether they are lay faithful, clergy, members of religious orders, those who have lost their faith – all the People of God!

The coordinators will facilitate town hall meetings in each deanery during January and February, invoking the guidance of the Holy Spirit, so that we journey together to discern God's will. Once meetings conclude, coordinators will provide discussion summaries to Deacon John Homoelle, this archdiocese's point person. He will distill all the deaneries' input into one document and the archbishop will review it. It will be sent to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) at the beginning of April 2022, and they will send a consolidated report of all the U.S. diocesan learnings to Rome.

THEMES THAT WILL BE DISCUSSED

The Holy Father seeks input on the following themes:

1. **Listening** – How is God speaking to us through voices we sometimes ignore?
2. **Speaking out** – What enables or hinders speaking up courageously, candidly and responsibly in our local Church and society?
3. **Celebration** – How do prayer and liturgical celebrations inspire and guide our common life and mission in our community?
4. **Sharing Responsibility** – How is every baptized person called to participate in the Mission of the Church?
5. **Dialogue** – To what extent do diverse peoples in our community come together for dialogue?
6. **Ecumenism** – What relationship does our Church community have with members of other Christian traditions?
7. **Authority** – How does our Church community identify the goals to be pursued?
8. **Discerning** – What methods and processes do we use in the Church in decision making?
9. **Forming Ourselves** – How does our Church community form people to be more capable of "walking together"?

Want to be involved? Please join our local Sidney Deanery Synod meeting which will be held at St. Michael Hall in Fort Loramie on January 6, 2022. Visit <https://catholicaoc.org/synod> to sign up on-line or fill out the form below.!

Don't Have a Computer? No Problem! Just cut off the bottom of this page and place in the collection basket

I wish to participate in the Synod meeting on January 6, 2022 at St. Michael Hall, Fort Loramie beginning at 6:00 pm.

Name: _____ Parish: _____

Phone number: _____ E-mail: _____

NFL Pastoral Region invites you to join us in Shining "New Life" into our Parish Family with Mary and Jesus, January 18-20th.

The Pilgrimage Statue of Mary will arrive and be present in St. Michael Church through Thursday.

Tuesday

6:00p Rosary & Procession Parish Grounds

6:30p Mass

7:00-9:00p The Movie "Unplanned" shown
in SM Hall w/Popcorn & Drinks

Wednesday

8:25a Morning Mass

9:00a 24 Hour Adoration Begins

6:30-9:00p Family Friendly Adoration
Praise & Worship led by Laura Potter

Thursday

8:00a Adoration Ends

8:25a Morning Mass

6:00p Lighted Procession

6:30p Mass

7:10p Rosary and Prayer Service
to end Abortion. This concludes our
time with Mary.



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January 2022

Newport - Fort Loramie Pastoral Region

St. Michael and Ss. Peter & Paul Parishes

Who needs Jesus?

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).



Many today say that they don't have a need for Jesus. They go to work, have homes, put food on their tables, raise families without His help. In fact, daily activities go on but the world can't really make sense without Him.

Truth. The truth is in Christ, "in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge" (Colossians 2:3). We cannot understand the truth without Him. To make sense of the world, we need Jesus to lead us.

Life. The life we have will eventually end. To keep living, we need Jesus. "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father,

but by me" (John 14:6). Eternal life comes through Him.

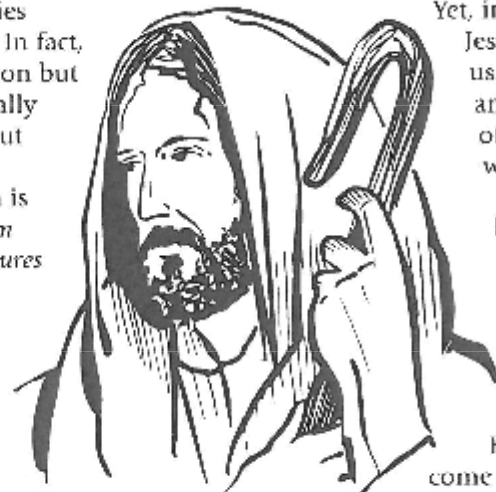
Death. None of us escapes death. Yet, in the Resurrection,

Jesus defeated death for us. It didn't hold Him and He offers the gift of life to each of us if we live in Him.

Sin. Even the holiest of us sins. Without Jesus, what becomes of us? He "gave himself as a ransom for all" (1 Timothy 2:6). If we don't accept

His price, our sins come back to us for eternity.

Suffering. Modern science can alleviate but not eliminate some of the world's suffering. Jesus provides comfort and healing to those who trust Him and surrender to Him.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics pray to Mary?

Catholics don't pray to Mary, but instead ask her to pray for us. For example, the Hail Mary prayer asks the Mother of God to stay close to us in prayer. While we don't

worship Mary, we honor her as Jesus' mother. On the Cross, Jesus gave her to us as our own mother (John 19:27). We can approach her with our needs and concerns and ask her to present them to Her Son. Mary always leads us to Him.

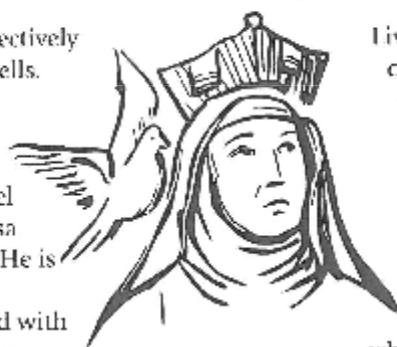


Three tips to boost your prayer

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 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).

from Scripture

Luke 4:21-30, God's will is unexpected

In this Gospel, Jesus returns to Nazareth after launching His public ministry. He announced He is the Messiah of Isaiah's prophecy. But then comes a twist: Jesus recounts a time when great prophets were sent to call Israel to repentance and were ignored and persecuted.

The response of faith God was looking for in His Chosen People was found elsewhere, in the Gentiles. Jesus' listeners doubted that He was really the Messiah and were deeply insulted at being reminded that "foreigners" had received God's favor instead of them. In anger, they threw Jesus out of the synagogue and tried to

cast Him off a cliff. He passed unharmed through their midst.

God's will can surprise us. For example, He willed that the Messiah-King be a local carpenter. God's favor extended beyond the Chosen People to include Gentiles, who were considered outsiders. Sometimes, we assume we know how God works, and lose faith when He does something that seems illogical. We can pray for the faith to see Jesus as He really is and trust Him, even if He does the unexpected.



Q & A Can you suggest a New Year's resolution to grow in Holiness?

All Christians are called to holiness. "Be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect" (Matthew 5:48). There are three tools on which every Catholic can rely to attain greater holiness.



Daily prayer. God meets us in a very real and present way when we come to him in prayer. Start in the morning and pray throughout the day.

Weekly Mass. The Mass is a sacrifice and a meal. We receive Jesus' body and blood as real food for our souls. He said, "For my flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him" (John 6:55-56). That's why we call it, "Communion."

Monthly Confession. Jesus created the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation (Confession) because he knew we would stray. He also knew we would want to come back. Frequent participation in this Sacrament sharpens our sense of sin, holds us accountable for our errors, and gives us the grace to keep trying for holiness.

Feasts & Celebrations

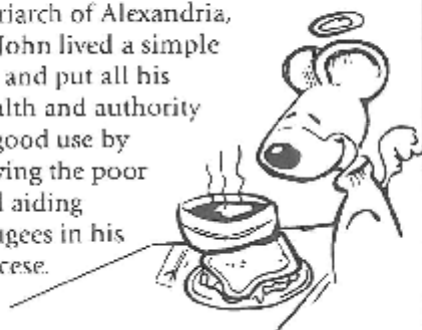
Jan. 1 – Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. When we celebrate this feast, we honor Mary, and also Jesus, as true God and true Man.

Jan. 9 – Baptism of the Lord. Jesus began his public ministry by getting baptized by St. John the Baptist. The Heavens opened up and God the Father spoke, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased" (Matthew 3:17).

Jan. 14 – St. Macrina the Elder (340). St. Macrina was related to St. Basil the Elder and St. Macrina the

Younger. She and her husband were forced to flee during the Diocletian persecutions and endured many hardships. After her return, she helped raise her grandchildren Saints Gregory of Nyssa and Basil the Great.

Jan. 23 – St. John the Almsgiver (616). Despite being a noble and the Patriarch of Alexandria, St. John lived a simple life and put all his wealth and authority to good use by serving the poor and aiding refugees in his diocese.



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Sacrament of Baptism (infants)

First time parents are to attend a pre-baptismal program that is offered quarterly throughout the year. Baptisms may be celebrated during any weekend mass. Outside of mass, baptisms are celebrated at St Michael on the 2nd & 4th Sundays at 12:00p. At Ss. Peter & Paul, baptisms are celebrated on the 3rd Sunday at 10:30a. Schedule with the Parish Office at least two weeks in advance at 937-295-2891.

Sacrament of Holy Matrimony

Make an appointment with the pastor or deacon at least six months in advance of the anticipated wedding date. The church building is not reserved before this meeting. The preparation program consists of meetings with the pastor, FOCCUS and a Pre-Cana workshop. If either party has previously been married, that marriage must be annulled before setting a date. Call Fr. Steve or Deacon Paul at the Parish Office at 937-295-2891.

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

Please notify the Parish Office of hospitalizations or home illnesses. The pastor will visit as soon as possible. In the case of an emergency, call both the Parish Office Center and the Parish House (rectory). Call Fr. Steve at (office) 937-295-2891 or 937-295-3001 (rectory).

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)

Every Tuesday: 5:00-5:30p at Ss. Peter and Paul Church
Every Saturday: 4:00-4:30p at St. Michael Church
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Join us for seasonal penance services. By appointment with the pastor is available by calling Fr. Steve at 937-295-2891.

RCIA: Becoming a Member of the Catholic Church

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Place form in the collection or mail to your parish.

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