



# Saint Michael Catholic Church

6912 Chestnut Rd. Independence, OH 44131

November 28, 2021

## Pastoral Staff

**Fr. John J. Mullee**  
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Minister to the Sick &  
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Coordinator of Youth  
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Formation

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**School Website:**  
[stmichaelschoolinfo.com](http://stmichaelschoolinfo.com)

## **Mass Schedule**

**Saturday**—4:30pm  
**Sunday**—8:00am  
10:00am  
12:00pm  
**Mon.-Wed. & Fri.**—8:30am  
**Holy Days**—8:30am  
12:05pm  
7:00pm  
**Legal Holidays** 8:30am

## **Confessions**

**Saturday**—3:30pm  
and by appointment

## **Anointing of the Sick**

by appointment

## **Weddings & Baptisms**

please call the Rectory  
to schedule

“Meeting Christ through prayer and  
being Christ for the World”

# READY THE WAY

Curtis Stephan

Refrain

Read-y the way, read-y the way, read-y the way  
of the Lord. of the Lord.

Verse 1

1. Make straight the road, raise the val - leys, and  
1. moun-tains make low. Turn-ing from sin, let the bro-ken be whole,  
1. and read-y the way of the Lord. to Refrain

Verses 2, 3

2. As we wait for you, give us the strength to walk  
3. Let us see your face; in our hearts we pre-  
2. in your truth, so we may love more like you  
3. - pare a place. Come bring this world your mer - cy and grace  
2. and  
3. as we { read - y the way for you, Lord. to Refrain

*The Gloria is not recited during Advent.*

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**1st Reading - Jeremiah 33:14-16**

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah

The days are coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and Judah. In those days, in that time, I will raise up for David a just shoot; he shall do what is right and just in the land. In those days Judah shall be safe and Jerusalem shall dwell secure; this is what they shall call her: "The LORD our justice."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial: Psalm 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14**



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*O Lord, show your ways to me.  
Teach me your paths  
and keep me in the ways of your truth,  
for you are the God that saves me.*

*The Lord is so good, so holy;  
sinners find the way  
and in all that is right he guides the humble.  
The poor he leads in his pathways.*

*All day long I hope in your goodness.  
Remember your love,  
the love that you promised long ago,  
and the kindness that you gave from of old.*

**Second Reading - 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2**

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Thessalonians

Brothers and sisters:

May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we have for you, so as to strengthen your hearts, to be blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his holy ones. Amen.

Finally, brothers and sisters, we earnestly ask and exhort you in the Lord Jesus that, as you received from us how you should conduct yourselves to please God and as you are conducting yourselves you do so even more. For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**



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*Show us, Lord, your love; and grant us your  
salvation.*

*Gospel - Luke 21:25-28, 34-36*

The Lord be with you. **And with your Spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples:

“There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars,  
and on earth nations will be in dismay,  
perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves.  
People will die of fright

in anticipation of what is coming upon the world,  
for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.  
And then they will see the Son of Man  
coming in a cloud with power and great glory.  
But when these signs begin to happen,  
stand erect and raise your heads  
because your redemption is at hand.

“Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy  
from carousing and drunkenness  
and the anxieties of daily life,  
and that day catch you by surprise like a trap.  
For that day will assault everyone  
who lives on the face of the earth.  
Be vigilant at all times  
and pray that you have the strength  
to escape the tribulations that are imminent  
and to stand before the Son of Man.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*Nicene Creed*

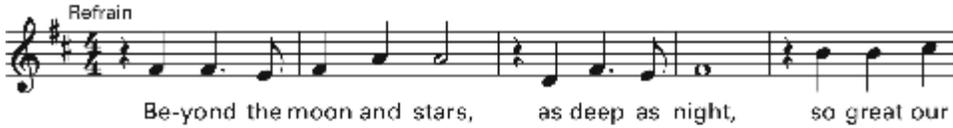
I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven (*bow*) and by *the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man*. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*Apostle's Creed*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, (*bow*) *who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary*, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen.

## BEYOND THE MOON AND STARS

Dan Schutte



- |                                       |                  |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|
| 1. Our eyes have longed to see        | your lov - ing   |
| 2. Your roads have led us, Lord,      | 'cross des - ert |
| 3. Up - on our dark-ness, Lord,       | a light has      |
| 4. With shin - ing star at night,     | and cloud by     |
| 5. When life's great jour - ney ends, | and day is       |



- |           |                               |                         |
|-----------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. face,  | to live with - in your courts | for all our days.       |
| 2. sand.  | We place our hopes and dreams | with - in your hand.    |
| 3. shone. | You chose to dwell with us    | in flesh and bone.      |
| 4. day,   | you brought us here to see    | your love's dis - play. |
| 5. done,  | then may our eyes be - hold   | your Ho - ly One.       |

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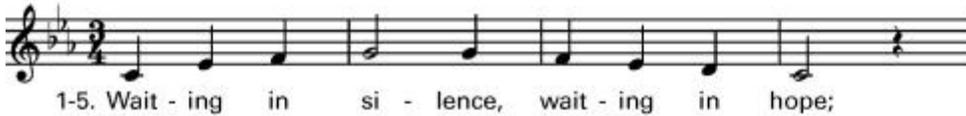
*After everyone has received communion and after the Blessed Sacrament is reserved in the Tabernacle, you may be seated or kneel for a time of quiet prayer.*

### *Prayer to St. Michael*

**Saint Michael  
the Archangel,  
defend us in battle,  
be our protection  
against the wickedness  
and snares of the devil;  
may God rebuke him,  
we humbly pray;  
and do thou,  
O Prince of the  
heavenly host,  
by the power of God,  
cast into hell  
Satan and all  
the evil spirits  
who prowl about  
the world seeking the  
ruin of souls.  
Amen.**

## WAITING IN SILENCE

Carey Landry



1. we are your peo - ple, we long for you, Lord.
2. we are your peo - ple, we trust in your love.
3. we are your peo - ple, Lord, we seek your truth.
4. we are your peo - ple, we long for new life.
5. we are your peo - ple, our hearts thirst for you.



1. God ev - er with us, Em - man - u - el,
2. O Sun of Jus - tice, true Prince of Peace,
3. Wis - dom In - car - nate, teach us your way;
4. O Key of Da - vid, o - pen our hearts.
5. Flow - er of Jes - se, bloom in our midst.



1. Come, — Lord Je - sus,
  2. Come with your jus - tice, Lord,
  3. Show us the path of life,
  4. Give us new vi - sion, Lord,
  5. Make us your gar - den, Lord,
- } Ma - ra - na - tha!

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### Parish Website

<https://stmichaelchurchindependence.org>

### Connect with us on Facebook:

search:  
St Michael Church

url:  
<https://www.facebook.com/St-Michael-Catholic-Church-116205771740072/>

### We are streaming Mass each week from the 4:30pm Saturday Liturgy

St. Michael YouTube Channel

search:  
St. Michael Church  
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url:  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC4RbRgEbRcTyZYvP7UXjTQ>

### Listen to the St. Michael Podcast

search:  
Voices of St. Michael Church  
Podcast

url:  
<https://anchor.fm/stmichaelindependence>

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## from the Pastor

Fr. John J. Mullee



*As we enter the season of Advent, we lift our prayers that God will prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of His Son. It is a time to slow down and reflect on where we as a people of faith can energize our faith by asking how God is calling us to embody a Light of Christ for others. Through Catholic Charities and all the local and global outreach ministries, we reach out to our human family in need.*

*During Advent St Michael will be offering times for Adoration and Confession (Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>), and a Mass where we will celebrate the Anointing of the Sick (weekend of December 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>.)*

*Also- a reminder that December 8<sup>th</sup> is a Holy Day of Obligation (Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary)*

“We look back on Israel’s desire and anticipation knowing that God has already made good on those promises by sending His only Son into the world. Jesus is the “just shoot,” the God and Savior for Whom Israel was waiting. Knowing that He is a God who keeps His promises lends grave urgency to the words of Jesus in today’s Gospel. Urging us to keep watch for His return in glory, He draws on Old Testament images of chaos and instability—turmoil in the heavens (see Isaiah 13:11,13; Ezekiel 32:7–8; Joel 2:10); roaring seas (see Isaiah 5:30; 17:12); distress among the nations (see Isaiah 8:22/14:25) and terrified people (see Isaiah 13:6–11). He evokes the prophet Daniel’s image of the Son of Man coming on a cloud of glory to describe His return as a “theophany,” a manifestation of God (see Daniel 7:13–14).

Many will cower and be literally scared to death. But Jesus says we should greet the end-times with heads raised high, confident that God keeps His promises, that our “redemption is at hand,” that “the kingdom of God is near” (see Luke 21:31)”  
(Dr Scott Hahn)

*Our Lady of Perpetual Help- Pray for Us*

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS! 2021-2022 Christmas/New Years Mass Schedule

(We have received updated information from the Diocese since last week, please note this updated schedule differs from the one appearing last week.)

**Friday, December 24th, 2021**  
4:00pm & 10:00pm

**Saturday, December 25th, 2021**  
8:00am & 10:00am\*

**Saturday, January 1st, 2022**  
10:00am\*

\* The Saturday Vigil (4:30pm) will not be celebrated on The Feast of the Nativity (Dec.25) Sunday Masses are celebrated as usual. The Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God (Jan.1) is not a day of obligation this year.

**Remembering all of our  
beloved deceased especially  
all those remembered in  
our Book of Life and**

**Jean DiSalvo**

Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
May the souls of all of the faithful departed  
through the mercy of God rest in peace.  
Amen.

## BULLETIN DEADLINE

### UPCOMING EARLY DEADLINE NOTICE

**Deadline for the 12/12 Bulletin is  
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3RD by 12pm**

**All announcements need to be emailed to:  
tjd@stmichaelchurchindependence.org**

# Mass Intentions

## Saturday, November 27

4:30 + Ross Mass  
(Mark & Sherry Morisky)

## Sunday, November 28

8:00 + Steven J. Polasko  
(Family)

10:00 Parishioners

12:00 + James Kolousek  
(Sister)

## Monday, November 29

8:30 + Howard Selig  
(Wife)

## Tuesday, November 30

8:30 + Deceased Members of the  
Kwarciany Family  
(Family)

## Wednesday, December 1

8:30 + Hugo Juliani  
(Barbara & Dennis)

## Friday, December 3

8:30 + Robert & Marjorie O'Connor  
(Daughter & Family)

## Saturday, December 4

4:30 + Ross Mass  
(Mark & Sherry Morisky)

## Sunday, December 5

8:00 Parishioners

10:00 + Yolanda Marotta  
(Angelo & Felicia Catalano)

12:00 + Kevin Bonko  
(Dad)

In the event the Mass Intention for the weekend is for your loved one and you would like to bring up the gifts, please see the ushers in the back of Church prior to Mass, thank you!

## OFFERTORY 11/14/2021

Regular Collection	\$7,908
Parish Maintenance	\$903
School Endowment	\$175

11/21 offertory information will appear in next week's bulletin.

**Thank you!**

## A Prayer for our Military:

*Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.*

**PFC Joshua Strenk, National Guard**  
**Capt. Zak Zubic, Marine Corps**  
**LTJG George Ponce, Navy**  
**Lt. Col. Michael Oetjens, Air Force**  
**Ensign Kevin Clymer, Navy**

## Please Remember in Your Prayers Our Sick

Father of goodness and love, hear our prayers for the sick members of our community and for all who are in need.

Joyce R.	Charlenea Fabrizo
Michael Herasimuk	John Patrick Gallagher
Tom Matia	Diane Bernaciak
Betty Schwab	RaeAnn DiBaggio
Rick Schreiber	Thomas Gannon
Laura Kelley	Lisa Bielawski
Christopher	Danny Goins
Mary Stanley	Lorenzo Gramuglia
Gina Childress	Connie Fossa
Gayle Telford	Fred Wright
Phyllis Owsiak	Gaylene Bielawski
Gaetano Rini	Judy T.
Gayle Rini	Posy Grzincic
Daisy Santocildes	Ron Krzynowek
Ron Gerba	Dorothy K.
Jerry Wright	Christine Banaszak
Judy Fiore	Terrie Goodrich
Mark L.	Linda Szymanski
Jen LeBlanc	Ken Stephan
Cecilia M.	Alexis Cerio
Joe Denk	Tony Kucia
Barbara P.	Rosanne Cifani
Ashley Skuhrovec	Mafalda Fiorentino
Sylvia Priebe	Donald Keller
Rita Matthis	Patrick Baker
Maryann Cohara	Mary Jane Blue
Michelle Murach	Levi
David Pichert	Sue Synek
Sal Loparo	Judy Scouloukas
Vincenzino Cicone	



## Wedding Banns

**I Laura DiGeronimo & Connor Sideri**

## **CATHOLIC CEMETARIES GRIEF SUPPORT**

Please visit <https://www.clecem.org/> for the most updated schedule of events.

### **CCA Grief Support December 19<sup>th</sup> “In-Office” at 3:00pm and “Virtual” at 5:00pm:**

Catholic Cemeteries Association provides free monthly grief support groups in two formats: In-Office (3pm) at six Cemetery offices and Virtually (5pm) via Zoom. We meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month; 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday if the third Sunday falls on a holiday. Meetings are open discussion, surrounding a monthly topic or whatever is on your heart. The December 19<sup>th</sup> topic is “The Gift of God’s Presence: You Never Walk Alone”. We offer a comfortable, private, and safe environment where you are free to explore your grief. Come and be in the presence of those who understand.

**3:00 pm In-Office Grief Support groups** meet in the main office building at each of the following 6 cemetery locations:

All Saints, Northfield | 480 W. Highland Road  
All Souls, Chardon | 10366 Chardon Road  
Calvary Cleveland | 10000 Miles Avenue  
Holy Cross, Akron | 100 E Waterloo Road  
Holy Cross, Brook Park | 14609 Brook Park Road  
St. Joseph, Avon | 32789 Detroit Road

*Catholic Cemeteries Association follows the guidelines set by the CDC, the State of Ohio, and the Diocese of Cleveland regarding COVID-19 protocols.*

**5:00 pm Virtual Grief Support group** meets for an hour via Zoom and follows the same monthly topic discussion as the in-office groups.

Sign-up at <http://bit.ly/ccavirtualgriefsupportgroup> to receive login information and to download the handout materials. You can join virtually from any Wi-Fi enabled area via computer, laptop, smartphone, or even without Wi-Fi (via audio only) from your analog phone. If you do not have Wi-Fi or email, please contact Rhonda at 216-930-4866.

## **“A Closer Walk With Thee” – CCA Monthly Grief Support E-Newsletter:**

Our monthly grief support e-newsletter, “A Closer Walk with Thee” provides much of the same helpful grief support information that is presented at the monthly meetings but can be enjoyed from the comfort of your home and from any device where you can access your email. This e-newsletter is emailed the first Tuesday of each month to any family/individual who has expressed an interest in our bereavement programs. To subscribe to this valued grief support resource, go to the signup form at <https://bit.ly/ccabereavementbulletin> or contact Rhonda at [rabrams@clecem.org](mailto:rabrams@clecem.org) or 216-930-4866.

### **MINISTRY TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND**

For visits to Parishioners in Hospitals, Nursing facilities or homebound, please let us know if you or someone you know is receiving some medical care and would like a pastoral visit. We want to be with you during these challenging times.

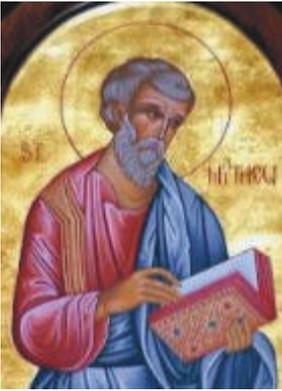
Please call the rectory and leave a message for Sr. Betty.

*Have you ever thought about becoming Catholic?  
Have you been attending Mass with your spouse, a friend, or family member and would like to learn more about joining the faith and sharing in the full sacramental life of the Church?*

*R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is the process by which non-Catholics journey towards sacramental initiation within the Catholic Church.*

*RCIA is a learning and loving process in which one walks with members of our faith community towards a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and His Body, the Church.*

*Contact Fr. John in the Parish Office for more information.*



## Matthew 25

*Then they will answer and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to your needs?' He will answer them, 'Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.'*

When everything around us screams "Christmas is upon us!" something in our hearts whispers, "No, not yet. I have work to do, and God will not be fooled."

But who among us would intentionally delay God coming into the world, to dwell as one of us as an overwhelming symbol of his abiding love? And yet, the Church sets apart this season: of preparation, of reflection, of making ready.

I once puzzled over the cry of the Baptist to fill every valley, and make all mountains low, itself an echo from the prophet Isaiah who first foretold the Christmas miracle. Yes, I thought, we do want to work to prepare, but it seems such a symbolic effort and a show of busy-ness, to turn over every shovelful of earth. But to what end?

And then I realized. Through much of the Old Testament God was understood to dwell on the mountain. Down in the valley was where humanity dwelled, longing for their creator. Over 500 times, the Scripture speaks of mountains — where the prophets ascended toward the Heavens to seek the voice of God. And this is certainly reflected in many ancient cultures.

So when Scripture speaks of flattening mountains and filling valleys, it seems what it's calling us to do is to make all this world a fitting place for God to dwell.

Catholic Relief Services works to do just that on behalf of the Catholics of the United States. In over 100 countries, this agency works to protect human life and dignity as the official international Catholic relief and development agency of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. It's incredible to say, but with the support and solidarity of compassion of Catholics everywhere, mountains have fallen, valleys have been filled. Through your prayers and support, the Kingdom of God is revealed.

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# PUT FAITH *in the* FUTURE

Join St. Michael School on our big day of giving!

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**WHEN IS IT?** Tuesday, November 30, 2021

**WHERE DO I GIVE?** [www.WeGiveCatholic.org/StMichaelSchool](http://www.WeGiveCatholic.org/StMichaelSchool)

**HOW DOES IT WORK?** Click the "Donate" button on our secure fundraising web page and follow the steps to donate with a credit card. You can also donate with a check or cash prior to Nov. 30. Call or text Linda at 440-390-9900 to arrange your cash/check donation.

**WHY SHOULD I GIVE?** Your generosity will help us to renovate and redesign our library into a new **Innovation Hub** for our students. Funds will also be used to purchase STEM-based activities and equipment for our youngest minds at the St. Basil campus.



**YOUR DONATION WILL MAKE THE DIFFERENCE!**

**#weGIVECATHOLIC**  
with the Catholic Community Foundation | on #GIVINGTUESDAY  
Northeast Ohio's Online Day of Catholic Giving



**Dear St. Michael Parishioners:**

As you write your gift list and check it twice, I hope you will consider making a year-end gift to our parish – a gift of gratitude for all the blessings you have received in life.

Please know that St. Michael Parish gratefully accepts gifts of cash and appreciated assets such as stocks or bonds. With 2021 coming to a close, I want to make you aware of a few items that could impact your end of the year gift to the parish:

- *Even if you don't itemize your taxes, because of the stimulus package passed by Congress, qualified charitable donations up to \$300 for individuals and \$600 for married couples filing jointly may be tax deductible.*
- **If you do itemize your taxes, the CARES Act legislation also temporarily suspended the limitation on qualified charitable contributions of cash, allowing for a current year deduction up to 100% of AGI.**
- **If you are 70 ½ or older, you may be able to make a gift of a Qualified Charitable Distribution from your IRA that will help us in our ministry and reduce your taxable income. Talk to your advisors and IRA administrator for more information and to be sure that your IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution gift is made directly from an IRA to a qualified charity such as our parish.**

**Your gift to our parish can make a difference to us and help you, as well.**

You are invited to contact Christine Dockrill at 216-524-1394 x11 or [cmd@stmichaelchurchindependence.org](mailto:cmd@stmichaelchurchindependence.org) for more information. Thank you for all that you do for St. Michael Parish and for considering our parish in your end-of-year giving. May God bless you and provide safety to you and those you love.

Sincerely,

Fr. John



### **ADVENT TREE**

This year due to Covid our Advent Tree will be collecting gift cards for those in need. If you can't come to church to take a tag please send a gift card to the rectory. We will be collecting gift cards for Metro Catholic and 8 St. Michael Families in need. We will also be collecting gifts for Koinonia. All gift cards and gifts need to be received by Monday, December 13th. These can be dropped off under the Advent Tree or dropped off in the church rectory.



Thank you for your generosity and kindness.

St. Michael  
Parish School of Religion (PSR)

St.  
Michael PSR

**PSR Classes this week!**

**Tuesday, November 30th**

**1st Grade 6:15pm-7:30pm  
in the St. Francis Center**

**5th Grade 6:15pm-7:30pm  
in the St. Francis Center**

**3rd Grade Virtual  
6:30-7:00pm**

**6th Grade Virtual  
6:30-7:30pm**

All other grades are home study this week.

**Contact the PSR office:  
216-524-4212**

**[tjd@stmichaelchurchindependence.org](mailto:tjd@stmichaelchurchindependence.org)**

**"THIS  
YEAR,  
WE ARE  
SO VERY  
THANKFUL  
FOR YOU"**



ST. MICHAEL  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

*Happy Thanksgiving!*

love the faculty, staff & students of  
ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL



**Prayer before meals:**

*Loving Father,*

*As we gather at our table to give thanks  
and honor to You, We remember Your grace  
and open our hearts to Your compassion.*

*We are in a pandemic and our hearts are restless.  
The future which lies ahead is uncertain and anxiety  
producing. We place ourselves in Your care,  
entrusting our lives to You. Bless our family,  
our parish, our nation, and our world.*

*Give us comfort and strength.*

*Help us to see beyond this challenge  
and find comfort in Your guidance.*

*Jesus, we place our trust in You.*

*St Michael the Archangel- Pray for us!*

*Amen.*



**Donations Needed  
Christmas Cookie Drive**

To benefit our homebound parishioners  
Please donate 3 dozen of the same Christmas Cookie.  
Donations can be dropped off at the rectory on  
Friday, December 10<sup>th</sup> from 9-4  
and Saturday December 11<sup>th</sup> from 12:00-2:00.

Thank you for your support.

Please contact Christine in the rectory  
With any questions 216-524-1394 x11.

**ST. MICHAEL PRAYER CHAIN**

Email your prayer requests to [stmprays@gmail.com](mailto:stmprays@gmail.com).  
If you don't have access to email, call the rectory office  
and we can get your prayer requests submitted to the  
chain. Prayer requests can be submitted anytime.  
A list of prayer requests will go out to the prayer chain via  
email. You can also request just to be part of the prayer  
chain. Just email us at [stmprays@gmail.com](mailto:stmprays@gmail.com)

**St. Michael Church Advent Services**

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The weekend of December 18th & 19th  
we will celebrate a special Mass  
with the Anointing of the Sick  
(more details coming soon.)

ANTIPHONS FOR THIS WEEK'S MASSES	SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK
<p><b>Monday 11/29</b></p> <p><b>ENTRANCE</b> cf. Jeremiah 31:10; Isaiah 35:4—<b>Here the word of the Lord, O nations; declare it to the distant lands: Behold, our Savior will come; you need no longer fear.</b></p> <p><b>COMMUNION</b> cf. Psalm 106:4-5; Isaiah 38:3—<b>Come, O Lord, visit us in peace, that we may rejoice before you with a blameless heart.</b></p>	<p><b>11/29</b> Isaiah 2:1-5 Ps.122:1-2,3-4b,4cd-5,6-7,8-9 <b>Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.</b> Matthew 8:5-11</p>
<p><b>Tuesday 11/30</b></p> <p><u><b>Saint Andrew, Apostle</b></u> <b>ENTRANCE</b> cf. Matthew 4:18-19—<b>Beside the Sea of Galilee, the Lord saw two brothers, Peter and Andrew, and he said to them: Come after me and I will make you fishers of men.</b></p> <p><b>COMMUNION</b> cf. John 1:41-42—<b>Andrew told his brother Simon: We have found the Messiah, the Christ, and he brought him to Jesus.</b></p>	<p><b>11/30</b> <u><i>St. Andrew, Apostle</i></u> Romans 10:9-18 Ps.19:8,9,10,11 <b>The judgments of the Lord are true, and all of them are just.</b> Matthew 4:18-22</p>
<p><b>Wednesday 12/1</b></p> <p><b>ENTRANCE</b> cf. Habakkuk 2:3; 1 Corinthians 4:5—<b>The Lord will come and he will not delay. He will illumine what is hidden in darkness and reveal himself to all the nations.</b></p> <p><b>COMMUNION</b> cf. Isaiah 40:10; 35:5—<b>Behold, our Lord will come with power and will enlighten the eyes of his servants.</b></p>	<p><b>12/1</b> Isaiah 25:6-10a Ps.23:1-3a,3b-4,5,6 <b>I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.</b> Matthew 15:29-37</p>
<p><b>Friday 12/3</b></p> <p><u><b>Saint Francis Xavier, Priest</b></u> <b>ENTRANCE</b> Psalm 18:50; 22:23—I will praise you, Lord, among the nations; I will tell of your name to my kin.</p> <p><b>COMMUNION</b> cf. John 1:41-42—<b>What I say to you in the darkness speak in the light, says the Lord, what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops.</b></p>	<p><b>12/2</b> Isaiah 26:1-6 Ps.118:1&amp;8-9,19-21,25-27a <b>Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.</b> Matthew 7:21, 24-27</p>

<p><b>12/3</b></p>	<p><u><i>St. Francis Xavier, Priest</i></u> Isaiah 29:17-24 Ps.27:1,4,13-14 <b>The Lord is my light and my salvation.</b> Matthew 9:27-31 or 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23 Ps.117:1bc, 2 <b>Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.</b> Mark 16:15-20</p>
<p><b>12/4</b></p>	<p>Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26 Ps.147:1-2,3-4,5-6 <b>Blessed are all who wait for the Lord.</b> Matthew 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8</p> <p><u><i>St. John Damascene, Priest</i></u> 2 Timothy 1:13-14; 2:1-3 Ps.19:8,9,10,11 <b>The judgments of the Lord are true, and all of them are just.</b> Matthew 25:14-30 or 25:14-23</p>
<p><b>12/5</b></p>	<p><u><i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i></u> Baruch 5:1-9 Ps.126:1-2,2-3,4-5,6 <b>The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.</b> Philippians 1:4-6,8-11 Luke 3:1-6</p>



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