



Saint Michael Catholic Church

6912 Chestnut Rd. Independence, OH 44131

December 19, 2021

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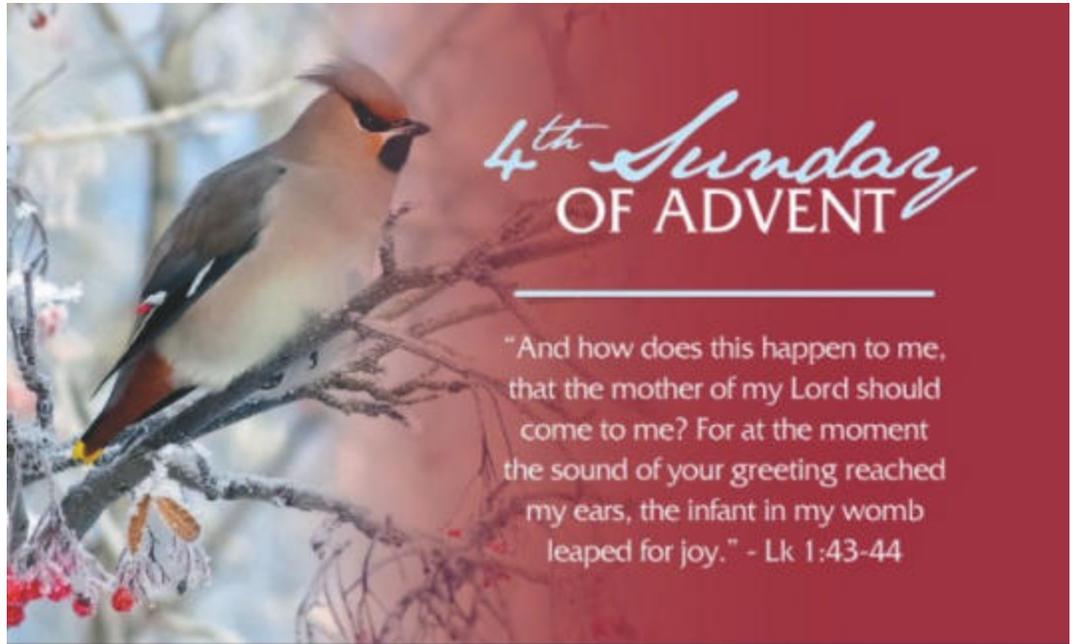
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4th Sunday
OF ADVENT

“And how does this happen to me,
that the mother of my Lord should
come to me? For at the moment
the sound of your greeting reached
my ears, the infant in my womb
leaped for joy.” - Lk 1:43-44

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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

1 of the Lord. 2 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,

to Refrain

1. and read-y the way of the Lord.

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

to Refrain

2. and } read-y the way for you, Lord.

3. as we }

The Gloria is not recited during Advent.

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1st Reading - Micah 5:1-4a

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Micah

Thus says the LORD:

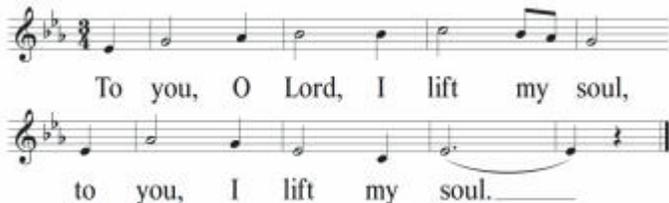
You, Bethlehem-Ephrathah
too small to be among the clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to be ruler in Israel;
whose origin is from of old,
from ancient times.

Therefore the Lord will give them up, until the time
when she who is to give birth has borne,
and the rest of his kindred shall return
to the children of Israel.

He shall stand firm and shepherd his flock
by the strength of the LORD,
in the majestic name of the LORD, his God;
and they shall remain, for now his greatness
shall reach to the ends of the earth;
he shall be peace.

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

Responsorial: Psalm 25:4-5, 8-9, 12-14



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*Lord, make me know your ways,
teach me your paths and keep me in
the way of your truth, for you are
God, my Savior.*

*For the Lord is good and righteous,
revealing the way to those who wander,
gently leading the poor and humble.*

*To the ones who seek the Lord,
who look to God's word,
who live God's love,
God will always be near,
and will show them mercy.*

Second Reading - Hebrews 10:5-10

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

Brothers and sisters:

When Christ came into the world, he said:
"Sacrifice and offering you did not desire,
but a body you prepared for me;
in holocausts and sin offerings you took no delight.
Then I said, 'As is written of me in the scroll,
behold, I come to do your will, O God.'"

First he says, "Sacrifices and offerings,
holocausts and sin offerings,
you neither desired nor delighted in."
These are offered according to the law.
Then he says, "Behold, I come to do your will."
He takes away the first to establish the second.
By this "will," we have been consecrated
through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for
all.

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



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*Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.
May it be done to me according to your word.*

Gospel - Luke 1:39-45

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Mary set out
and traveled to the hill country in haste
to a town of Judah,
where she entered the house of Zechariah
and greeted Elizabeth.
When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting,
the infant leaped in her womb,
and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit,
cried out in a loud voice and said,
"Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb.
And how does this happen to me,
that the mother of my Lord should come to me?
For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached
my ears,
the infant in my womb leaped for joy.
Blessed are you who believed
that what was spoken to you by the Lord
would be fulfilled."

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.

Jesus, Hope Of The World

Je - sus, hope of the world, _____ Je - sus,
light in our dark-ness, _____ here we a - wait you, O
Mas-ter Di - vine. Here we re-ceive you in bread and in
wine: _____ Je - sus, hope of the world. _____

The musical score is written on four staves in a 3/4 time signature with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are placed below the notes. The final measure of the fourth staff contains a fermata and a '2' above it, indicating a double bar line.

Come to us, O Son of God!
Come to us, O Son of Man!
Come, Son of God! Come, Son of Man!
Shepherd your people in love!

Come to us, O Promised King!
Come to us, O Promised Peace!
Come, Promised King! Come Promised Peace!
Come and be Lord of our hearts!

Come to us, O Rising Sun!
Come to us, O Endless Light!
Come, Rising Sun! Come, Endless Light!
Shatter the darkness of death!

Come to us, O Heart's Desire!
Come to us, O Saving Love!
Come, Heart's Desire! Come, Saving Love!
Banish our doubt and our fear!

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.**

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

VENI, VENI, EMMANUEL



1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And
2. O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, Who
3. O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who
4. O come, Thou Rod of Jes - se's stem, From
5. O come, Thou Key of Da - vid, come, And
6. O come, Thou Day - spring from on high And
7. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind In



1. ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in
2. or - d'rest all things might - i - ly; To us the
3. to thy tribes on Si - nai's height In an - cient
4. ev - 'ry foe de - liv - er them That trust thy
5. o - pen wide our heav - 'nly home; Make safe the
6. cheer us by thy draw - ing nigh; Dis - perse the
7. one the hearts of all hu - man - kind; Bid thou our



1. lone - ly ex - ile here Un - til the Son of
2. path of knowl - edge show, And teach us in her
3. times didst give the law, In cloud and maj - es -
4. might - y pow'r to save, And give them vic - t'ry
5. way that leads on high, And close the path to
6. gloom - y clouds of night, And death's dark shad - ow
7. sad di - vi - sions cease, And be thy - self our



1. God ap - pear. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u -
2. ways to go.
3. ty and awe.
4. o'er the grave.
5. mis - er - y.
6. put to flight.
7. Prince of Peace.



el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

Text: LM with refrain; Latin, 9th cent.; verses 1, 3-6, para. in *Psalteriolum Cantionum Catholicarum*, Cologne, 1710; tr. by John Mason Neale, 1818-1866; verses 2, 7 tr. fr. *The Hymnal 1940*, alt.
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Parish Website

<https://stmichaelchurchindependence.org>

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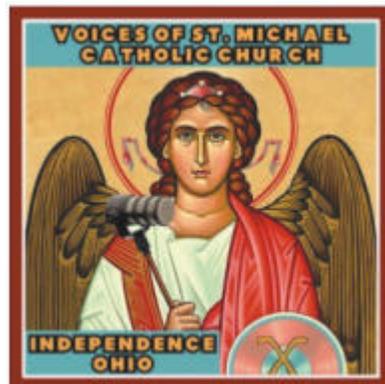
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from the Pastor

Fr. John J. Mullee



In our 4th Sunday of Advent, Sister Mary Jean Dorcy O.P. (†1988), reflects on the Graces of the Visitation:

“ The human heart can only hold just so much of joy or sorrow, and after it is full the contents spill over into the lives of those around it. We are not made stony and selfish creatures, sufficient unto ourselves and completely lacking in responsibility to our fellow beings. We are sharers in the sorrow of this life, “mourning and weeping in this valley of tears.” If we are faithful, we shall also be sharers in the happiness of the life to come. Our Lord was very clear in his statements regarding love of neighbor; it was to come first after our love for ourselves. Mary shows in the Visitation that she places her love in that relationship”

As we enter the solemn season of Christmas, we focus on the Christ Child and His Love for the World. As a community we are asked spread His Love and Light in Service to His Kingdom on Earth.

Mary Queen of the Apostles- Pray for Us!

ST. MICHAEL PRAYER CHAIN

Email your prayer requests to 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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“BLESSED ARE YOU WHO BELIEVED
THAT WHAT WAS SPOKEN TO YOU BY THE LORD
WOULD BE FULFILLED.”

—LUKE 1:45

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.

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
LT George Ponce, Navy
Lt. Col. Michael Oetjens, Air Force
Ensign Kevin Clymer, Navy

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 18

12:00 Wedding—Laura DiGeronimo &
Connor Sideri

4:30 + Ella Krogman
(Mary Fink)

Sunday, December 19

8:00 Aponte Family
(Aponte Family)

10:00 + Clara Switalski
(The Switalski Family)

12:00 Parishioners

Monday, December 20

8:30 + Palma & Vince Kacel
(Toni Muntean & Family)

Tuesday, December 21

8:30 + Erica Drap Bodrock
(Mom, Dad & Lisa)

Wednesday, December 22

8:30 + Sophie Hudak
(Hudak Family)

Friday, December 24

4:00 The Nativity of the Lord

10:00 The Nativity of the Lord

Saturday, December 25

8:00 The Nativity of the Lord

10:00 The Nativity of the Lord

Sunday, December 26

8:00 + Leonard Chipchak
(Toni Muntean)

10:00 Vairetta Family
(Family)

12:00 + Thomas P. Day
(Geoff Harvey)

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

12/5/2021

The information printed in last week's bulletin for 12/5 was incorrect. Here is the correct offertory information. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Regular Collection	\$28,927
Parish Maintenance	\$1,188
School Endowment	\$186

Thank you!

12/12 offertory information will appear in next week's bulletin.

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 Ciclone	

**Remembering all of our
beloved deceased especially
all those remembered in
the St. Michael Memorial Fund and**

Fred Wright

Geraldine Buchtinec

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.



Wedding

**Laura DiGeronimo & Connor Sideri
December 18, 2021**

Congratulations!



Adoration Chapel Meditations

Brothers in Christ Ministry of St. Michael
(www.brothersinchristcmf.org/blog)

Peace Becomes Us. (Or is it the other way around?)

Many think of the event that inspired our observation of Christmas as a beautiful myth—a symbolic way to establish peace on earth. Others believe in it as historic fact. But the realities of our world can divide us more than the myths intended to unite us. Even the original astronomers seeking the origin of this “myth” did so by using our sciences. Their mission was threatened, however, by one whose earthly power was threatened by the divine revelation these scientists received.

Thousands of years before this science-based mission, humanity tinkered with making earthly holocausts and sin offerings to a God they hoped would make peace happen. We established these practices as human law, believing they were God’s will. We didn’t REALLY know God’s will until Jesus revealed it. And he came not in response to our attempted negotiations for peace, but to BE peace.

In Sunday’s first reading ([Mi 5:1-4a](#)), Micah describes this Good Shepherd as someone who would lead future generations of peace makers. And our gospel reading ([Lk 1:39-45](#)) depicts Mary as the mother of peace makers. She knew and yielded to the will of God and, in conceiving, carrying and delivering our source of peace, she became OUR mother—because we are called to do the things her son did—and more.

That is humanity’s spiritual connection to this divine mission, but some among us who celebrate Christ’s birth call the paschal mystery of “Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again” both a brilliant and mythical lesson. The question for such believers is, how do they define mythical? Many associate the term with “unreal.” A good follow-up question, therefore, is, “Have our sciences given us license to label only seeable things as “real?”

The reason many fall away from belief in Christ or even from *anything* divine is that they believe only in what science can show them. For them, science is supreme. But in his “Summa Theologica,” Thomas Aquinas wrote, “*It may well happen that what is in itself more certain may seem to us less certain on account of the weakness of our intelligence, which is dazzled by the clearest objects of nature. ... Yet the slenderest knowledge that may be obtained of the highest things is more desirable than the most certain knowledge obtained of lesser things.*”

Indeed, Divine revelation, according to Aquinas, uses our sciences as its “handmaidens.” Guided by the higher sciences of God, how can we call anything divinely revealed as “mythical?”

Throughout humanity’s time on earth, worldwide peace has never been seen. Does that make peace on earth a myth? Not if each of us become peace. That transformation process is the art and science of God.

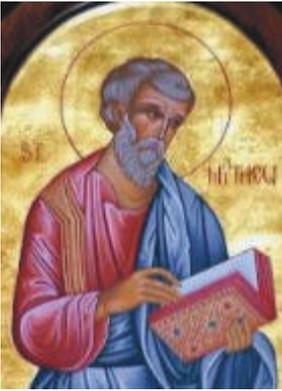


*Have you ever thought about becoming Catholic?
Have you been attending Mass with your spouse, a friend, or family member and would like to learn more about joining the faith and sharing in the full sacramental life of the Church?*

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.'

In Shadow as Well as Light **An Advent Prayer**

Loving and gracious God,
When the days grow longer,
Casting long, cold shadows
Allowing fear and despair into our lives,
Let my light shine brighter.
When the task grows more wearisome
Filling valleys and flattening mountains
Building highways in the desert
Be the strength in my bones.
When I wait on you
And they shake their heads
Saying, "Have you not heard the news?"
Keep in my heart the great good news that makes
even the child in the womb leap with joy:
That you are coming into the world.
May I praise you in shadow as well as light.
May I praise you in winter as well as spring.
May I praise you in silence as well as song.
May I praise you in solitude as well as companionship.
May I praise you in illness as well as health.
And when the last, glowing beam disappears over the horizon
And darkness shrouds the land,
Give me the grace to say to all,
Despair not.
Morning is coming.
Come, Lord Jesus, come.





For a Synodal Church:
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**CONVERSATION STARTERS FOR
HOLIDAY FAMILY GATHERINGS**

Pope Francis has invited us to listen to one another, share our experiences, and dream about the future of the Church as part of the upcoming Synod of Bishops. It's for everyone – not just practicing Catholics.

Are you being called to give a voice to someone who might not otherwise participate in this process? During the holidays, you may encounter a friend or family member willing to have a conversation with you about their faith journey and experiences in the Church. We hope you will consider taking this opportunity to listen to their stories with an open mind and heart.

Before your conversation, ask the Holy Spirit to help you to know when and how to begin, to guide your words, to help you see with His eyes and love with His heart. Say the prayer below or speak from your heart.

Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy.
Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy.
Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, that I love but what is holy.
Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy.
Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit, that I always may be holy.

—Holy Spirit Prayer of Saint Augustine

Think about your own perceptions and assumptions before you begin the conversation. Simply listen with an open heart. Be non-judgmental in your words, actions, and posture. Try to imagine yourself in the other person's shoes.

You may want to begin like this: *"Pope Francis has asked everyone in the Church to spend time listening to one another and sharing our experiences of Church. Would you be open to a conversation? The goal is listen to one another, learn from our experiences, and identify ways that we can move forward together as Church."*

Here are some questions to get you started:

- *What is one of your favorite memories of the Catholic Church? How can we share in that joy more often?*
- *Describe a moment when you felt unwelcome by the Church. What can we do better?*
- *What are some practical steps that the Church can take to walk with you on your life's journey?*

At the end of the conversation, repeat back what understood was being expressed. For those who have been hurt by the Church, take this opportunity to apologize and to share words of care and encouragement.

Scan the QR code to complete the online form to share your thoughts with the larger Church. Thank you for being a listening ear for our Church!



O Come, Let Us Adore Him



ELPI

St. Michael Church Christmas & New Year's Day Mass Schedule

Friday, December 24th, 2021—Christmas Eve

4:00pm & 10:00pm

(The 4:00pm Liturgy will be live-streamed on our YouTube channel)

Saturday, December 25th, 2021—Christmas Day

8:00am & 10:00am

Sunday, December 26th, 2021—The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

8:00am, 10:00am & 12:00pm

Saturday, January 1, 2022—Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

10:00am

There is no 4:30pm vigil on December 25th. The Sunday Masses are celebrated as usual for December 26th. January 1st is not a day of obligation this year; weekend Masses including the 4:30 Saturday Vigil will be celebrated as usual.

PSR Classes this week!

Tuesday, December 21st

2nd Grade
In-person in the Church
6:15-7:30pm

4th Grade
In-person in the St. Francis Center
6:15-7:30pm

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

All other grades are home study this week.

Contact the PSR office:
216-524-4212
tjd@stmichaelchurchindependence.org

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.*

Knights of Columbus

Lafayette Council 3970

The Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic Men's Fraternity. Founded on the principles of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity the Knights work to strengthen their faith and become better husbands, fathers, and Catholics. Since 1955, Council 3970 has served St. Michaels with programs such as Donut Sunday, Ash Wednesday Dinner, and a Free Throw Competition.

Call S.K. Matt Mayher, GK
with any questions 216-469-4319
www.kofc3970.org
To join, contact:
council3970@gmail.com



The Son of God
became man to
enable men to become
sons of God.

C.S. LEWIS

BULLETIN DEADLINE

UPCOMING EARLY DEADLINE NOTICE

**Deadline for the 1/2/22 Bulletin is
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21 by 12pm.**

All announcements need to be emailed to:
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ANTIPHONS FOR THIS WEEK'S MASSES	SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK
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Monday 12/20	
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<p>ENTRANCE cf. Isaiah 11:1 40:5; Luke 3:6— A branch shall sprout from the root of Jesse, and the glory of the Lord will fill the whole earth, and all flesh will see the salvation of God.</p> <p>COMMUNION Luke 1:31—The Angel said to Mary: Behold, you will conceive and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus.</p>	
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Tuesday 12/21	
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<p>ENTRANCE cf. Isaiah 7:14; 8:10—The Lord and Ruler will be coming soon, and his name will be called Emmanuel, because he will be God-with-us.</p> <p>COMMUNION Luke 1:31—Blessed are you who have believed, that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled.</p> <p><u>Saint John of Kanty, Priest</u></p> <p>ENTRANCE cf. Psalm 132:9—Your priests, O Lord, shall be clothed with justice; your holy ones shall ring out their joy.</p> <p>COMMUNION cf. Matthew 24:46-47—Blessed is the servant whom the Lord finds watching when he comes. Amen, I say to you: He will put that servant in charge of all his property.</p>	
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Wednesday 12/22	
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<p>ENTRANCE Psalm 24:7— O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory!</p> <p>COMMUNION Luke 1:46, 49—My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, for the Almighty has done great things for me.</p>	
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(Scriptures, continued)

12/26 *The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph*
 Micah 5:1-4a
 Ps.80:2-3,15-16,18-19
Lord, make us to turn you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.
 Hebrews 10:5-10
 Luke 1:39-45



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12/20	<p>Isaiah 7:10-14 Ps.24:1-2,3-4ab,5-6 Let the Lord enter; he is the king of glory. Luke 1:26-38</p>	
12/21	<p>Song of Songs 2:8-14 Ps.33:2-3,11-12,20-21 Exult, you just, in the Lord! Sing to him a new song. Luke 14:25-33</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>St. Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor of the Church</i> 2 Timothy 4:1-5 Ps.40:2&4,7-8a,8b-9,10,11 Here I am Lord; I come to do your will. Matthew 5:13-19</p>	
12/22	<p>1 Samuel 1:24-28 1 Samuel 2:1,4-5,6-7,8abcd My heart exults in the Lord, my Savior. Luke 1:46-56</p>	
12/23	<p>Malachi 3:1-4,23-24 Ps.25:4-5ab,8-9,10&14 Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand. Luke 1:57-66</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>St. John of Kanty, Priest</i> James 2:14-17 Ps.112:1bc-2,3-4,5-6,7-8,9 Blessed the man who fears the Lord. Luke 6:27-38</p>	
12/24	<p><i>The Nativity of the Lord</i> <i>The Vigil Mass</i> Isaiah 62:1-5 Ps.89:4-5,16-17,27,29 Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord Acts 13:16-17, 22-25 Matthew 1:1-25 or 1:18-25</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Mass at Night</i> Isaiah 9:1-6 Ps.96:1-2,2-3,11-12,13 Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord. Titus 2:11-14 Luke 2:1-14</p>	
12/25	<p><i>The Nativity of the Lord</i> <i>The Mass at Dawn</i> Isaiah 62:11-12 Ps.97:1,6,11-12 A light will shine on us this day: the Lord is born for us. Titus 3:4-7 Luke 2:15-20</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Mass during the Day</i> Isaiah 52:7-10 Ps.98:1,2-3,3-4,5-6 All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God. Hebrews 1:1-6 John 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14</p>	

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