



Saint Michael Catholic Church

6912 Chestnut Rd. Independence, OH 44131

December 26, 2021

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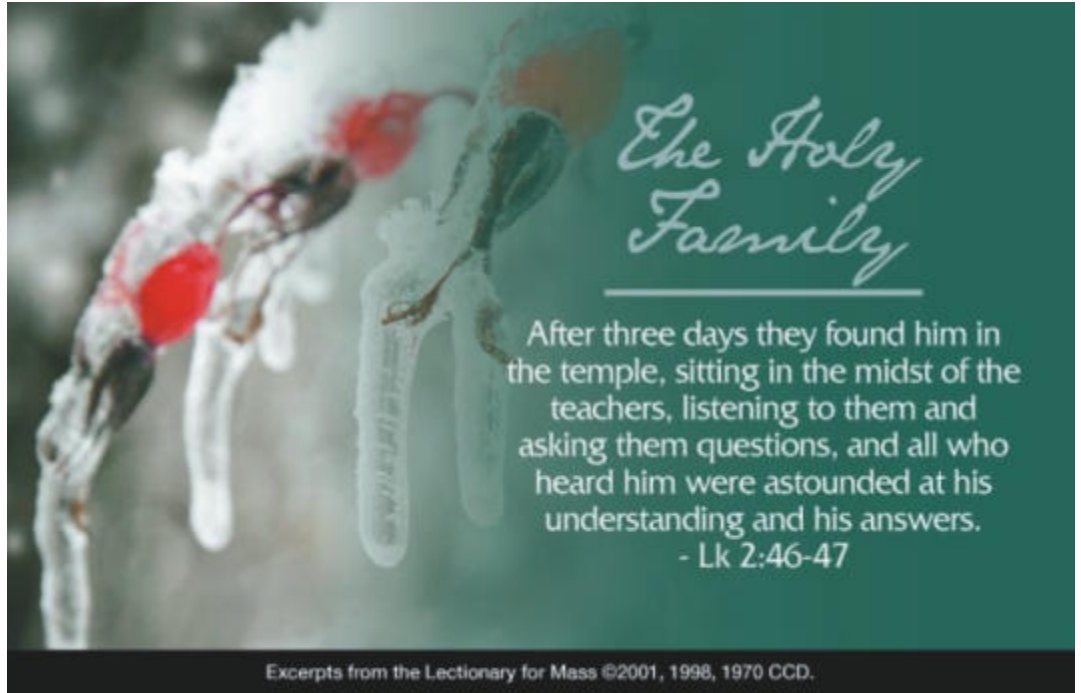
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Mass Schedule

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”

HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING

MENDELSSOHN



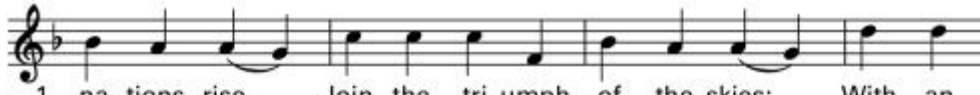
1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing: "Glo - ry to the
2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er -
3. Hail the heav'n - born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of



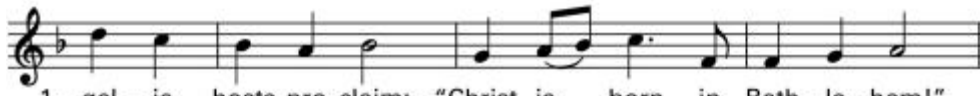
1. new - born King; Peace on earth, and mer - cy mild,
2. last - ing Lord; Late in time, be - hold him come,
3. Righ - teous - ness! Light and life to all he brings,



1. God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!" Joy - ful, all ye
2. Off - spring of a vir - gin's womb. Veiled in flesh the
3. Ris'n with heal - ing in his wings. Mild he lays his



1. na - tions, rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies; With an -
2. God - head see! Hail th'in - car - nate De - i - ty! Pleased as
3. glo - ry by, Born that we no more may die, Born to



1. gel - ic hosts pro - claim: "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
2. man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
3. raise us from the earth, Born to give us sec - ond birth.



Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King."

Text: 77 77 D with refrain; Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt. Music: Felix Mendelssohn, 1809–1847; adapt. by William H. Cummings, 1831–1915.

Glory to God in the highest,
And on earth peace to
people of goodwill.

We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks
for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ,
Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father,
you take away the sins
of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins
of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right
hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

For you alone are
the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most
High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of
God the Father,
Amen.

1st Reading - 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28

A Reading from the first Book of Samuel

In those days Hannah conceived, and at the end of her term bore a son whom she called Samuel, since she had asked the LORD for him. The next time her husband Elkanah was going up with the rest of his household to offer the customary sacrifice to the LORD and to fulfill his vows, Hannah did not go, explaining to her husband, "Once the child is weaned, I will take him to appear before the LORD and to remain there forever; I will offer him as a perpetual nazirite." Once Samuel was weaned, Hannah brought him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine, and presented him at the temple of the LORD in Shiloh. After the boy's father had sacrificed the young bull, Hannah, his mother, approached Eli and said: "Pardon, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who stood near you here, praying to the LORD. I prayed for this child, and the LORD granted my request. Now I, in turn, give him to the LORD; as long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the LORD." Hannah left Samuel there.

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

Responsorial: Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4

All the ends of the earth have seen sal - va -
tion. All the ends of the earth have
seen the sav - ing pow - er of God, the sav - ing
pow - er of God.

Music: Bob Hurd. (C) 1988, Bob Hurd.

*Let us sing a new song
for the wondrous deed of our God,
whose holy arm has prevailed,
bringing salvation and vict'ry.*

*All the ends of the earth
have seen the power of God.
Ring out your joy, break into song;
all you lands sing praise.*

*Sing the praises of God;
with the harp and song give praise.
O trumpets sound! Joyfully sing;
sing to the ruler of all.*

Second Reading - 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24

A reading from the first letter of Saint John

Beloved:

See what love the Father has bestowed on us
that we may be called the children of God.
And so we are.

The reason the world does not know us
is that it did not know him.

Beloved, we are God's children now;
what we shall be has not yet been revealed.
We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like
him,
for we shall see him as he is.

Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us,
we have confidence in God and receive from him what-
ever we ask,
because we keep his commandments and do what
pleases him.

And his commandment is this:
we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ,
and love one another just as he commanded us.
Those who keep his commandments remain in him, and
he in them,
and the way we know that he remains in us
is from the Spirit he gave us.

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

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Music Owen Alstott, © 1977, 1990, OCP.

*Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.*

Gospel - Luke 2:41-52

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Each year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, and when he was twelve years old, they went up according to festival custom. After they had completed its days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Thinking that he was in the caravan, they journeyed for a day and looked for him among their relatives and acquaintances, but not finding him, they returned to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety." And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and 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.

GOD REST YOU MERRY, GENTLEMEN

GOD REST YOU MERRY



1. God rest you mer - ry, gen - tle - men, Let noth - ing you dis - may;
2. From God our heav'n - ly Fa - ther A bless - ed an - gel came,
3. "Fear not, then," said the an - gel, "Let noth - ing you af - fright;
4. Now to the Lord sing prais - es, All you with - in this place,



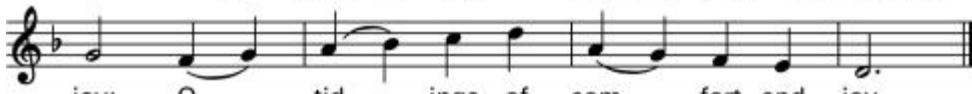
1. Re - mem - ber Christ our Sav - ior Was born on Christ - mas Day
2. And un - to cer - tain shep - herds Brought tid - ings of the same,
3. This day is born a Sav - ior Of Vir - gin pure and bright,
4. And with true love and char - i - ty Each oth - er now em - brace;



1. To save us all from Sa - tan's pow'r When we were gone a - stray.
2. How that in Beth - le - hem was born The Son of God by name.
3. To free all those who trust in him From Sa - tan's pow'r and might."
4. This ho - ly tide of Christ - mas Is filled with heav'n - ly grace.



O tid - ings of com - fort and joy, Com - fort and



joy; O tid - ings of com - fort and joy.

Text: 86 86 86 with refrain; Trad. English Carol, 18th cent.
Music: Trad. English Carol; melody fr. *Little Book of Christmas Carols*, ca. 1846.

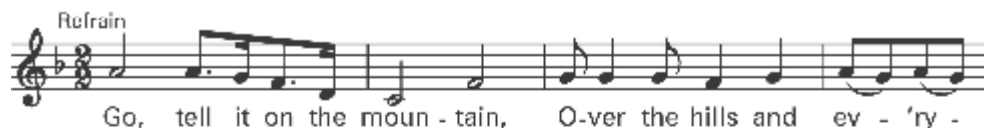
After everyone has received communion and after the Blessed Sacrament is reserved in the Tabernacle, you may be seated or kneel for a time of quiet prayer.

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.**

GO, TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

GO TELL IT



1. While shep-herds kept their watch-ing O'er si - lent flocks by night,
2. The shep-herds feared and trem-bled When high a - bove the earth
3. And lo, when they had heard it, They all bowed down and prayed;
4. Down in a low - ly man - ger The hum - ble Christ was born,



1. Be - hold, through-out the heav-ens There shone a ho - ly light.
2. Rang out the an - gel cho - rus That hailed our Sav - ior's birth.
3. They trav - eled on to - geth - er To where the Babe was laid.
4. And God sent us sal - va - tion That bless - ed Christ - mas morn.

Text: 76 76 with refrain; fr. *American Negro Songs and Spirituals*, 1940; [John W. Work, Jr., 1872–1925, alt.
Music: Spiritual.

Parish Website

<https://stmichaelchurchindependence.org>

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from the Pastor

Fr. John J. Mullee



*The Holy Family
The union of man and woman that establishes family life is a sacred reality at the very foundation of the social order. Bonded in love and in obedience to the Lord of life, the family reflects the holiness of the Holy Family, centered on Jesus. By the grace of union with Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, family life- with its challenges and its joys - becomes a path to holiness. "The Christian family is a communion of persons, a sign and image of the communion of the Father and the Son in the Holy Spirit. In the procreation and education of children it reflects the Father's work of creation. It is called to partake of the prayer and sacrifice of Christ. Daily prayer and the reading of the Word of God strengthen it in charity" (CCC 2205)*

Blessings on your families this Holy Season of Christmas.

As a people centered on Christ, we have much to be thankful for, as we are gifted and Blessed through the Sacramental Life of the Church.

Merry Christmas

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**

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.

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

*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.

Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 26

- 8:00 + Leonard Chipchak
(Toni Muntean)
10:00 Vairetta Family
(Family)
12:00 + Thomas P. Day
(Geoff Harvey)

Monday, December 27

- 8:30 + George Kanzig
(Wife)

Tuesday, December 28

- 8:30 + John Christopher Heindel
(Margo Torowski)

Wednesday, December 29

- 8:30 + Bill Gartland
(Mickey O'Brien)

Friday, December 31

- 8:30 + Steven Polasko
(Mom & Dad)

Saturday, January 1

- 10:00 Solemnity of Mary,
The Holy Mother of God
4:30 + Carol Stegmaier
(Tom & Carrie Kurtz)

Sunday, January 2

- 8:00 + Jerry Piezer
(Evelyn Vincenti)
10:00 + Deceased Members of the
Bontempo Family
(Brian & Nancy)
12:00 Parishioners

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 12/12/2021

Regular Collection	\$9,477
Parish Maintenance	\$490
School Endowment	\$290
Immaculate Conception	\$1,470

Thank you!

12/19 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.	Vincenzino Ciclone
Michael Herasimuk	Charlenea Fabrizo
Tom Matia	John Patrick Gallagher
Betty Schwab	Diane Bernaciak
Rick Schreiber	RaeAnn DiBaggio
Laura Kelley	Thomas Gannon
Christopher	Lisa Bielawski
Mary Stanley	Danny Goins
Gina Childress	Lorenzo Gramuglia
Gayle Telford	Connie Fossa
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

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

Kathy Bellino Alesci

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.

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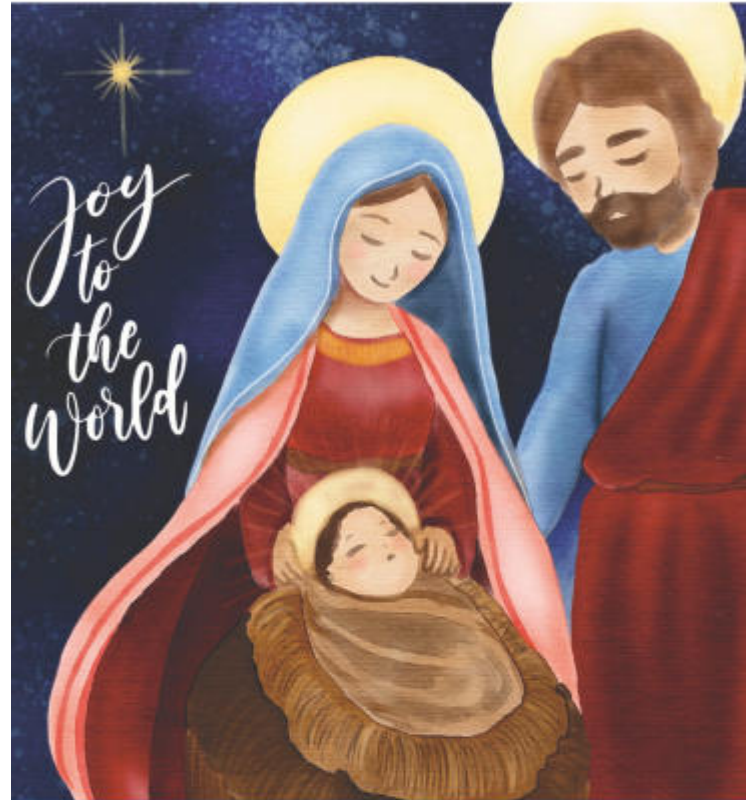


Adoration Chapel Meditations

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

Our Most Comfortable Hand-Me-Downs

The readings for this Feast of the Holy Family help us realize that love for our own families is like a garment one grows into with the help of wisdom. Children learn formative lessons from their parents and eventually embrace them as they start their own families. In this way, children become their parents just as all humans are called to become Christ for each other. But the love of Christ is a love even Jesus had to grow into. The love of a Holy Family is a garment designed to envelop every soul in warmth. It has the moral fiber to strengthen its embrace of every member. In Sunday's second reading (**Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17**), Paul gives the Colossians the secret to luxuriating in it. *Put on heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another. ... And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.* In many books of the Old Testament, Family is the greatest blessing one can achieve. Sunday's reading from the Book of Sirach (**Sir 3:2-6, 12-14**) is a good, necessary and concise reminder for us distracted children of the 21st Century: *Whoever honors his father is gladdened by children, and, when he prays, is heard. Whoever reveres his father will live a long life; he who obeys his father brings comfort to his mother.* That's not to say Sirach's advice is easy to take. The gospel reading from Luke (**Lk 2:41-52**) introduces us to Jesus at a point when his maturity was like ours—still inflicting growing pains. Here we join Mary and Joseph on a frantic search for their little boy, who thoughtlessly left their company to satisfy his heart's desire for the wisdom of God. That gift comes to him via a gentle parental rebuke. *"Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety."* Little Jesus answers back, *"Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?"* Luke's account concludes, *"They did not understand what he said to them."* Nevertheless, Jesus went back to Nazareth with Mom and Dad and *"was obedient to them."* But these parents DID grow in wisdom that day and Mary *"kept all these things in her heart."* As for Jesus, he *"advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man."* All families have such moments of drama from which each member grows older but wiser. This drama makes life worth living, and drives the evolution for which God put us here. Why are we here in the midst of such a diverse holy family? Think of it as an extra-large coat of many colors we're called to spend our lives growing into.



WE WISH YOU A MERRY *christmas*

Dear St. Michael Family,

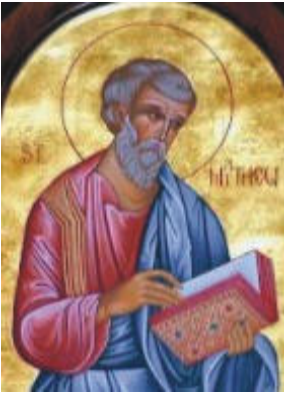
Christmas is many things to many people, but the real meaning of Christmas lies deep within each of us where Jesus is waiting to be born again. The world today needs to hear His message of love. Jesus is not here to speak it Himself as He once was, and so He asks us to speak for Him. We come together this Christmas, celebrating His love for us. May the message of the Christ child be reborn in us this holy season. May we become more loving people who know peace within ourselves and may we be the Good News to those whose lives we touch. On behalf of our faculty, staff, and myself, we wish a very Merry Christmas to you and your families.

God bless,

Yvonne V. Saunders
Principal, St Michael School



MAY GOD BLESS YOU
THROUGH THIS ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SEASON!
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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.'

Reflect on the impact of the migration and refugee crisis on 80 million people who have been forcibly displaced worldwide.

Lord God, thank you for allowing us to spend this time with you and in solidarity with our sisters and brothers on the move around the world. Please open our minds that we may better understand the plight of those who have been forced to migrate or flee their homes. Open our hearts that we may be moved to compassion and action to support those in search of safety and opportunity.

Lord, you understand what it feels like to be a foreigner, to be unwelcomed, to be scorned. Help us welcome into our hearts and communities all who are displaced from their homes, that we may encounter you in them. We pray for all migrants and refugees, that they find safety, belonging and love in their new homes, and the strength and opportunity to begin again.

Amen

Catholic Relief Services carries out the commitment of the Bishops of the United States to assist the poor and vulnerable overseas.



Many, many thanks to all those who volunteered their time and talent to bake cookies and those that packaged them for delivery to the homebound. We collected 30 different varieties!



Additional thanks to the volunteers who give their time to our Sandwich Saturday program.

Finally, because of all of you, we were able to collect 250 gift cards for this year's Advent Tree. Your generosity is so wonderful and you have brought a joyful Christmas to so many in need. THANK YOU!!!

ST. MICHAEL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION NEWS

Hello Blue Angels –

We hope your Christmas Season has been blessed so far & this message finds you full of holiday cheer. We are sending this message to alert you that our CYO Basketball Program is in need of a Site Director to help to host games this season. Below you can find a summary of the description of this position's duties. Please consider taking on this position yourself for any upcoming dates listed below, even if just a portion of, or share within your network to help us find a person who can fill this position.

We are also in need of volunteer to staff our game concessions which provides revenue to help keep our program fees as low as we can; Sign-up Link for Concessions can be found here:

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/8050e4cada92cabf58-cyobasketball>

Our families enjoy playing home games, but are only able to do so if we are able to adequately provide willing & able staff. Please let me know if you have any other questions about the position or are interested in getting more involved with St Michael's Athletics. Thank you for your consideration & have a Blessed Christmas Season & Happy New Year!

Joe DiGeronimo
Athletic Director
St Michael Blue Angels
216-276-2836

CYO Site Director

Paid Position, \$15/game

Acts as Onsite Coordinator & Ambassador for all CYO Games at location.

Coordinate Opening/Closing with Athletic Association Leadership, is present at least a half hour before games begin and after games conclude. Welcomes Teams, Referees, Scorekeepers, & Fans directs them to their intended location. Coordinates payments to scorekeepers & acknowledges referee sign-in for their payment from CYO. Ushers teams & in/out in orderly fashion to facilitate games moving along as scheduled. Shares final scores for input into CYO; collects game final scoresheets & prepares for collection by CYO staff. Organizes teams for Pre & Post Game Prayers & other announcements.

Acts as Liason to Athletics Association for Concession Stand Volunteers & updates throughout the day as needed & from time to time diffuse overly enthusiastic competitiveness from all involved by reminding them we are all people of Faith & the Gospel teaches us to Love Thy Neighbor

Our games are currently scheduled the following days & times:

Sunday Dec 19th, 1-6pm
Sunday Jan 9th, 1-5pm
Saturday Jan 15th, 10am-5pm
Saturday Jan 22nd, 10am-2pm
Sunday Jan 23rd, 1-6pm
Saturday Jan 29th, 10am-1pm
Saturday Feb 5th, 10am-2pm
Sunday Feb 6th, 1-5pm

St. Michael
Parish School of Religion (PSR)



**No PSR Classes this week!
Merry Christmas &
New Year!**

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

Prayer before meals:

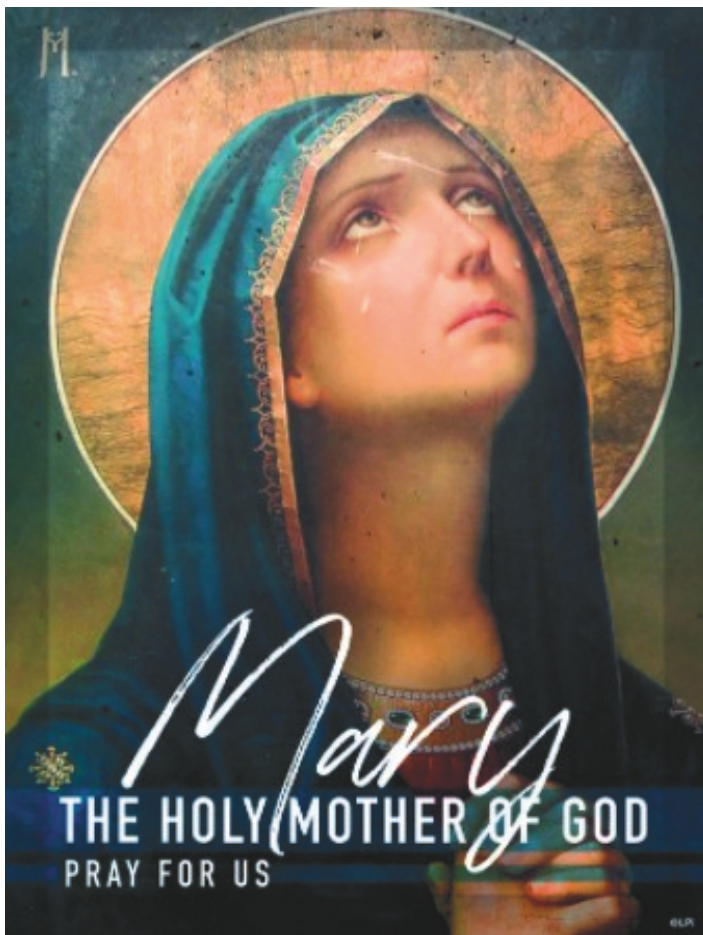
*Loving Father,
As we gather at our table to give thanks
and honor to You, We remember Your grace
and open our hearts to Your compassion.
We are in a pandemic and our hearts are restless.
The future which lies ahead is uncertain and anxiety
producing. We place ourselves in Your care,
entrusting our lives 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!
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ANTIPHONS FOR THIS WEEK'S MASSES	SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK
<p>Monday 12/27</p> <p><u>Saint John, Apostle & Evangelist</u> ENTRANCE—This is John, who reclined on the Lord's breast at supper, the blessed Apostle, to whom celestial secrets were revealed and who spread the words of life through all the world. COMMUNION John 1:14, 16—The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and from his fullness we have all received.</p>	<p>12/27 <i>St. John, Apostle & Evangelist</i> 1 John 1:1-4 Ps.97:1-2,5-6,11-12 Rejoice in the Lord, you just! John 20:1a & 2-8</p>
<p>Tuesday 12/28</p> <p><u>The Holy Innocents, Martyrs</u> ENTRANCE—The innocents were slaughtered as infants for Christ; spotless, they follow the Lamb and sing for ever: Glory to you, O Lord. COMMUNION cf. Revelation 14:4—Behold those redeemed as the first fruits of the human race for God and the Lamb, and who follow the Lamb wherever he goes.</p>	<p>12/28 <i>The Holy Innocents, Martyrs</i> 1 John 1:5-2:2 Ps.124:2-3,4-5,7cd-8 Our soul has been rescued like a bird from the fowler's snare. Matthew 2:13-18</p>
<p>Wednesday 12/29</p> <p>ENTRANCE John 3:16—God so loved the world that he gave his Only Begotten Son, so that all who believe in him may not perish, but may have eternal life. COMMUNION Luke 1:78—Through the tender mercy of God, the Dawn from on high will visit us.</p> <p><u>Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr</u> ENTRANCE—This holy man fought to the death for the law of his God and did not fear the words of the godless, for he was built on solid rock. COMMUNION cf. Matthew 16:24—Whoever wishes to come after me, must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me, says the Lord.</p>	<p>12/29 1 John 2:3-11 Ps.96:1-2a,2b-3,5b-6 Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice! Luke 2:22-35</p> <p><i>St. Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr</i> 2 Timothy 2:8-13; 3:10-12 Ps.34:2-3,4-5,6-7,8-9 The Lord delivered me from all my fears. Matthew 16:24-27</p>
<p>Friday 12/31</p> <p><u>Saint Sylvester I, Pope</u> ENTRANCE—The Lord chose him for himself as high priest, and, opening his treasure house, made him rich in all good things. COMMUNION cf. John 10:11—The Good Shepherd has laid down his life for his sheep.</p> <p>ENTRANCE cf. Psalm 119:151-152—A child is born for us, and a son is given to us. his scepter of power rests upon his shoulder, and his name will be called Messenger of great counsel. COMMUNION 1 John 4:9—God sent his Only Begotten Son into the world, so that we might have life through him.</p>	<p>12/30 1 John 2:12-17 Ps.96:7-8a,8b-9,10 Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice! Luke 2:36-40</p> <p>12/31 1 John 2:18-21 Ps.96:1-2,11-12,13 Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice! John 1:1-18</p> <p><i>St. Sylvester, Pope</i> Ezekiel 34:11-16 Ps.23:1-3a,4,5,6 The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Matthew 16:13-19</p>
	<p>1/1 <i>Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God</i> Numbers 6:22-27 Ps.67:2-3,5,6,8 May God bless us in his mercy. Galatians 4:4-7 Luke 2:16-21</p> <p>1/2 <i>Epiphany</i> Isaiah 60:1-6 Ps.72:1-2,7-8,10-11,12-13 Lord, every nation on earth will adore you. Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 Matthew 2:1-12</p>





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