



# Saint Michael Catholic Church

6912 Chestnut Rd. Independence, OH 44131

January 2, 2022

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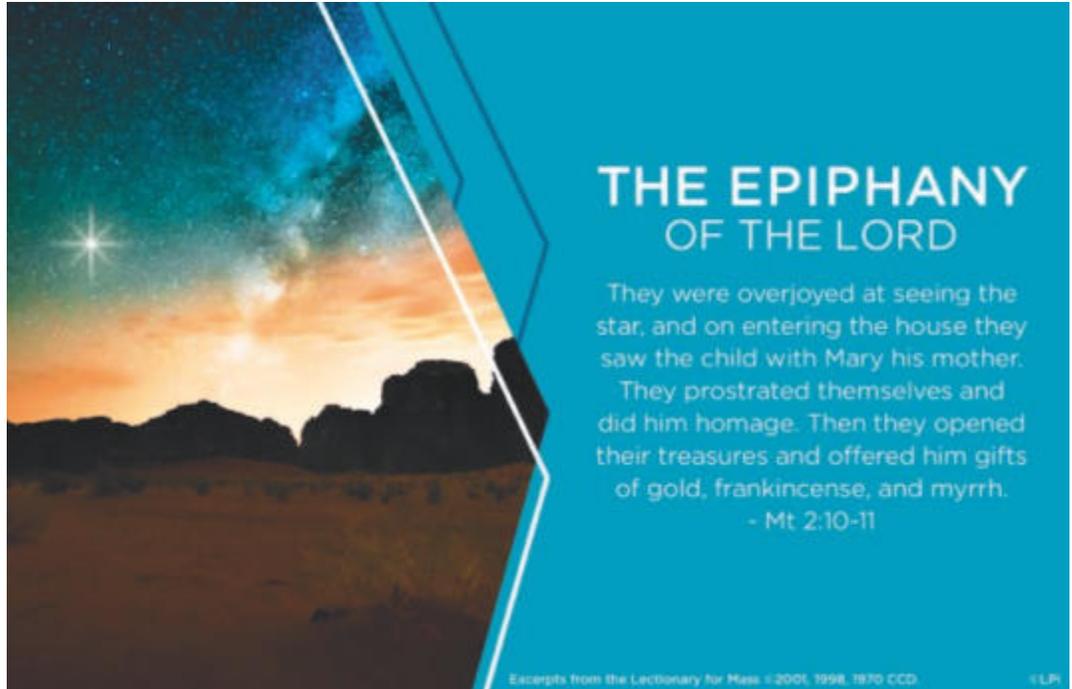
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## **Mass Schedule**

*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”**

## WE THREE KINGS

KINGS OF ORIENT



1. We three kings of O - ri - ent are; Bear - ing gifts we
2. Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, Gold I bring to
3. Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I: In - cense owns a
4. Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume Breathes a life of
5. Glo - rious now, be - hold him a - rise, King and God and



1. tra - verse a - far Field and foun - tain, Moor and moun - tain,
2. crown him a - gain; King for - ev - er, Ceas - ing nev - er
3. De - i - ty nigh; Pray'r and prais - ing Glad - ly rais - ing,
4. gath - er - ing gloom; Sor - r'wing, sigh - ing, Bleed - ing, dy - ing,
5. Sac - ri - fice; "Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!"



1. Fol - low - ing yon - der star. O star of won - der,
2. O - ver us all to reign.
3. Wor - ship him God on high.
4. Sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
5. Sounds through the earth and skies.



star of night, Star with roy - al beau - ty bright, West - ward



lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, Guide us to the per - fect light.

Text: 88 44 6 with refrain; based on Matthew 2:1-11.

Text and music: *Carols, Hymns and Songs*, 1863; John H. Hopkins Jr., 1820-1891, alt.

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 - Isaiah 60:1-6*

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you.

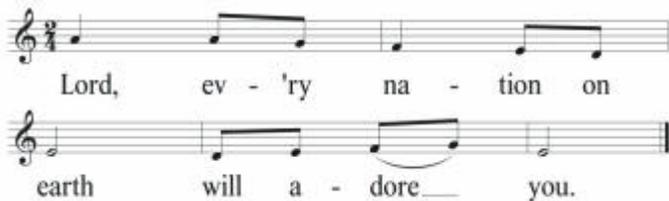
See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the LORD shines, and over you appears his glory.

Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance. Raise your eyes and look about; they all gather and come to you:

your sons come from afar, and your daughters in the arms of their nurses. Then you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow, for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you, the wealth of nations shall be brought to you. Caravans of camels shall fill you, dromedaries from Midian and Ephah; all from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the LORD.

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

*Responsorial—Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13*



Music: Owen Alstott © 1977, 1990, OCP

*O God, with your judgment endow the king,  
and with your justice, the king's son;  
He shall govern your people with justice  
and your afflicted ones with judgment.*

*Justice shall flower in his days,  
and profound peace, till the moon be no more.  
May he rule from sea to sea,  
and from the River to the ends of the earth.*

*The kings of Tarshish and the Isles shall offer gifts;  
the kings of Arabia and Seba shall bring tribute.  
All kings shall pay him homage,  
all nations shall serve him.*

*For he shall rescue the poor when he cries out,  
and the afflicted when he has no one to help him.  
He shall have pity for the lowly and the poor;  
the lives of the poor he shall save.*

*2nd Reading - Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6*

A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians

Brothers and sisters:

You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for your benefit, namely, that the mystery was made known to me by revelation. It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

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



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*We saw his star at its rising  
and have come to do him homage.*

*Gospel - Matthew 2:1-12*

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, He inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet: *And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel.*" Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage." After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

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.

## THE FIRST NOWELL

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Verses



1. The first No - well, the an - gel did say,
2. They look - ed up and saw \_\_\_ a star
3. And by the light of that \_\_\_ same star
4. This star drew nigh to the \_\_\_ north - west,
5. Then en - tered in those wise \_\_\_ men three,
6. Then let us all with one \_\_\_ ac - cord



1. Was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay;
2. Shin - ing in \_\_\_ the east, \_\_\_ be - yond \_\_\_ them far;
3. Three \_\_\_ wise \_\_\_ men came \_\_\_ from coun - try far;
4. O'er \_\_\_ Beth - le - hem \_\_\_ it took \_\_\_ its rest,
5. Full \_\_\_ rev - 'rent - ly \_\_\_ up - on \_\_\_ the knee,
6. Sing \_\_\_ prais - es to \_\_\_ our heav - 'nly Lord;

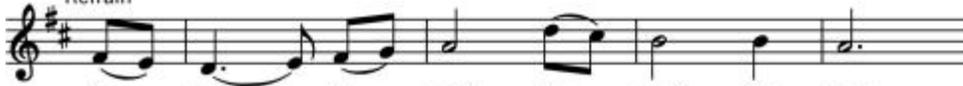


1. In fields where \_ they lay keep - ing their sheep,
2. And to the \_\_\_ earth it gave \_\_\_ great light,
3. To seek for a king was their \_\_\_ in - tent,
4. And there it \_\_\_ did both stop \_\_\_ and stay,
5. And of - fered \_\_\_ there, in his \_\_\_ pres - ence,
6. Who with the \_\_\_ Fa - ther we \_\_\_ a - dore



1. On a cold win - ter's night \_\_\_ that was \_\_\_ so deep.
2. And \_\_\_ so it con - tin - ued both day \_\_\_ and night.
3. And to fol - low the star \_\_\_ wher - ev - er it went.
4. Right \_ o - ver the place \_\_\_ where Je - sus lay.
5. Their \_ gold \_\_\_ and myrrh \_\_\_ and frank - in - cense.
6. And \_ Spir - it blest \_\_\_ for ev - er - more.

Refrain



No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,



Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

Text: Irregular with refrain; trad. English Carol, 17th cent.; verse 6, alt. Music: Trad. English Carol, 17th cent.

*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.**

## Angels, from the Realms of Glory



1. An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, Wing your flight o'er  
2. Shep - herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, Watch - ing o'er your  
3. Sag - es, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, Bright - er vi - sions  
4. Though an in - fant now we view him, He shall fill his



all the earth; You who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,  
flocks by night, God on earth is now re - sid - ing,  
beam a - far; Seek the great De - sire of na - tions,  
heav'n - ly throne, Gath - er all the na - tions to him;



Now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:  
Yon - der shines the in - fant light: Come and wor - ship,  
You have seen his morn - ing star:  
Ev - 'ry knee shall then bow down:



come and wor - ship, Wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

Text: Sts. 1-3, James Montgomery, 1771-1854; st. 4, *Christmas Box*, 1825  
Tune: REGENT SQUARE, 8 7 8 7 8 7; Henry Smart, 1813-1879

### Parish Website

<https://stmichaelchurchindependence.org>

### Connect with us on Facebook:

search:  
St Michael Church

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

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## from the Pastor

Fr. John J. Mullee



*New Year Blessings friends. Please pray on the readings and hymns this weekend and reflect on how through our Baptismal gifts we are to be a witness and share Christ's Light and Peace throughout the world.*

An "epiphany" is an appearance. In today's readings, with their rising stars, splendid lights, and mysteries revealed, the face of the child born on Christmas day appears.

Herod, in today's Gospel, asks the chief priests and scribes where the Messiah is to be born. The answer Matthew puts on their lips says much more, combining two strands of Old Testament promise—one revealing the Messiah to be from the line of David (see 2 Samuel 2:5), the other predicting "a ruler of Israel" who will "shepherd his flock" and whose "greatness shall reach to the ends of the earth" (see Micah 5:1-3).

Those promises of Israel's king ruling the nations resound also in today's Psalm. The psalm celebrates David's son, Solomon. His kingdom, we sing, will stretch "to the ends of the earth," and the world's kings will pay Him homage. That's the scene too in today's First Reading, as nations stream from the East, bearing "gold and frankincense" for Israel's king.

The Magi's pilgrimage in today's Gospel marks the fulfillment of God's promises. The Magi, probably Persian astrologers, are following the star that Balaam predicted would rise along with the ruler's staff over the house of Jacob (see Numbers 24:17).

Laden with gold and spices, their journey evokes those made to Solomon by the Queen of Sheba and the "kings of the earth" (see 1 Kings 10:2, 25; 2 Chronicles 9:24). Interestingly, the only other places where frankincense and myrrh are mentioned together are in songs about Solomon (see Song of Songs 3:6, 4:6, 14).

One greater than Solomon is here (see Luke 11:31). He has come to reveal that all peoples are "co-heirs" of the royal family of Israel, as today's Epistle teaches.

His manifestation forces us to choose:

**Will we follow the signs that lead to Him as the wise Magi did? Or will we be like those priests and the scribes who let God's words of promise become dead letters on an ancient page? (Dr Scott Hahn)**

## 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](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)

*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

## 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

## Monday, January 3

8:30 SVDP

## Tuesday, January 4

8:30 + Anne Ziss  
(Family)

## Wednesday, January 5

8:30 + Carol Stegmaier  
(Kathleen Jurcago)

## Friday, January 7

8:30 + Ruth Gaab  
(Wes Gaab & Family)

## Saturday, January 8

4:30 + Patty Klonowski  
(Tom & Carrie Kurtz)

## Sunday, January 9

8:00 HNAR  
10:00 + William Dockrill  
(Don Baran)  
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 12/19/2021

Regular Collection	\$7,098
Parish Maintenance	\$1,450
School Endowment	\$125

**Thank you!**

12/26 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 Owskiak	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
	Marilyn Case

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

**Yolanda Flor  
Frances Popik  
Deborah Settimio  
Ron Gerba**

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](http://www.brothersinchristcmf.org/blog))

### Spiritual Mapping for Lost Souls

We sing of Bethlehem as that “little town” where Jesus was born. This Sunday’s first reading (**Is 60:1-6**) adds even more to its strategic importance:

*The riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you,  
the wealth of nations shall be brought to you.  
Caravans of camels shall fill you,  
dromedaries from Midian and Ephah;  
all from Sheba shall come  
bearing gold and frankincense,  
and proclaiming the praises of the LORD.*

Today that region is also known as the birthplace of religious and territorial tension between Jews and Arabs. Bethlehem is home to much poverty. But when Jesus was born in Bethlehem, his parents’ hometown of Nazareth was even lower on the respect scale. Then he entered public life, and Jesus of Nazareth became as much a slur by enemies as a cry for help among those who knew his true royalty (“*Can anything good come out of Nazareth,*” Nathaniel asked Philip (**John 1:45-46**).

The answer to that question is a continuing epiphany for our modern world. It is continuously born in the hearts of new believers. Amidst the continuing geographic and political tensions that persist in that region, our spirit is called to rise above them as we hear Paul explain the grace of God that makes such resurrection possible (**Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6**):

*The Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body,  
and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through  
the gospel.*

Yet those who continue to see the Holy Land as just that—land—share the same spirit of jealousy King Herod had when he saw that wise men were seeking a leader who would take them beyond land borders to a kingdom where love was the only passport necessary.

Sunday’s gospel reading (**Mt 2:1-12**) shows us how that desire for landlocked greatness affected the earthbound Herod. He was lost in his own backyard and had no clue where his perceived rival was hiding. Turned out, it was in plain sight.

*[Herod] was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, He inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, “In Bethlehem of*

*Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet:  
And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means  
least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall  
come a ruler,  
who is to shepherd my people Israel.”*

We are of that vast flock. It knows no bounds, but we’re not lost sheep. Still, the earthbound spirit of King Herod continues to live in the hearts of world’s unshepherded sheep—those of us still unable to conceive that divinity could reveal itself in such a humble way. We are called to be a never-ending epiphany of God’s grace for lost souls such as those.



**Sunday Grief Support Groups**  
3rd Sunday of each month  
3 pm In-Office  
5 pm Virtual Meeting

Please join us for an hour of sharing, listening, learning,  
and healing along your grief journey.

Your RSVP is greatly appreciated. Please RSVP to [rabrams@cleccem.org](mailto:rabrams@cleccem.org) or 216-930-4866.

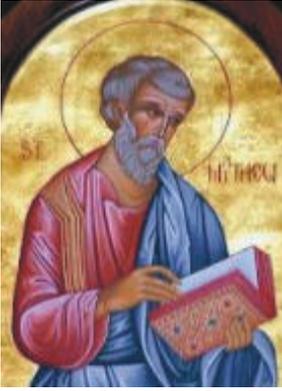
**2022 Meeting Dates**

January 16	July 17
February 20	August 21
March 20	September 18
April 24	October 16
May 15	November 20
June 26	December 18

**Locations**  
(Cemetery Offices)  
St. Joseph Cemetery, Avon  
Holy Cross Cemetery, Akron  
Holy Cross Cemetery, Brook Park  
Calvary Cemetery, Cleveland  
All Saints Cemetery, Northfield  
All Souls Cemetery, Chardon

The CCA follows guidance set by the CDC, the State of Ohio, and the Diocese of Cleveland regarding COVID-19 protocols.

**CATHOLIC CEMETERIES ASSOCIATION  
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*Faith, Hope, and Remembrance*



## 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.'*



*Catholic Charities serves nearly 400,000 people annually.*

*Catholic Charities provides help and inspires hope for individuals with disabilities, people who are hungry and homeless, children and families at risk, and the elderly and chronically ill.*

*Catholic Charities has over 150 services at 60 locations throughout the eight-county Diocese of Cleveland.*

*Catholic Charities served 1,393 families through Fatima Family Center.*

*Catholic Charities served 3,734,183 meals and provided 69,818 nights of shelter in 2017, in partnership with the Catholic Hunger and Shelter Network, our parishes and community-based programs.*

*Catholic Charities served 1,300 families through St. Philip Neri Family Center.*

*Catholic Charities provides Emergency Services to over 120,000 individuals annually.*

*Catholic Charities Head Start Program enrolls 722 students, from 674 families, served by 448 volunteers*

*Catholic Charities has resettled 197 refugees and served 1,137 individuals by our Immigration Legal Services.*

*Catholic Charities has provided 870 education sessions through the Office of Human Life.*

*Catholic Charities has served over 35,000 young people through Youth & Young Adult Ministries and CYO programs throughout the Diocese of Cleveland.*

*Catholic Charities employs nearly 1,500 men and women at their Catholic Charities, St. Augustine Health Ministries and Rose-Mary Center locations.*

*Catholic Charities serves men, women and children in Cuyahoga, Ashland, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, Medina, Summit, and Wayne Counties.*

*In 2020, Catholic Charities served a total of 4,289 individuals who were seeking help from their Behavioral Health programs and services.*



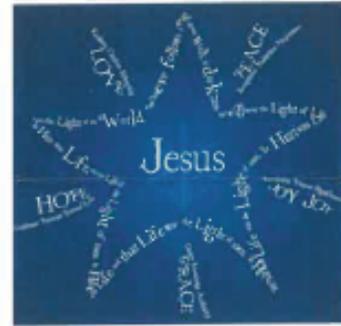
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and a Happy New Year!*

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SATURDAY 2022 JANUARY 29<sup>th</sup>



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8:00 am Check-in and continental breakfast  
9:00 am Welcome and keynote address  
5:00 pm Event concluding Mass



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### 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.*

## ST. MICHAEL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION NEWS

### 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:

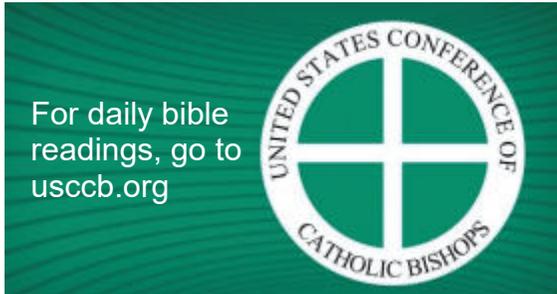
Sunday Dec 19<sup>th</sup>, 1-6pm  
Sunday Jan 9<sup>th</sup>, 1-5pm  
Saturday Jan 15<sup>th</sup>, 10am-5pm  
Saturday Jan 22<sup>nd</sup>, 10am-2pm  
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Saturday Feb 5<sup>th</sup>, 10am-2pm  
Sunday Feb 6<sup>th</sup>, 1-5pm

Contact:  
Joe DiGeronimo  
Athletic Director  
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**Unless otherwise noted, deadlines are Mondays  
by 12pm for the upcoming weekend.  
All announcements need to be emailed to:  
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ANTIPHONS FOR THIS WEEK'S MASSES	SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK
<p><b>Monday 1/3</b></p> <p><b>ENTRANCE</b>—A holy day has dawned upon us: Come, you nations, and adore the Lord, for a great light has come down upon the earth.  <b>COMMUNION</b> John 1:14—We have seen his glory, the glory of an only Son coming from the Father, filled with grace and truth.</p> <p><b><u>The Most Holy Name of Jesus</u></b>  <b>ENTRANCE</b> Philippians 2:10-11—At the name of Jesus, every knee should bend, of those in heaven and earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.  <b>COMMUNION</b> Psalm 8:2—O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name through all the earth!</p>	<p>1/3 1 John 3:22-4:6  Ps.2:7bc-8,10-12a  <b>I will give you all the nations for an inheritance.</b>  Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25</p> <p><i>The Most Holy Name of Jesus</i>  Philippians 2:1-11  Ps.8:4-5,6-7,8-9  <b>O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!</b>  Luke 2:21-24</p>
<p><b>Tuesday 1/4</b></p> <p><b><u>Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious</u></b>  <b>ENTRANCE</b> cf. Proverbs 14:1-2—Behold a wise woman who has built her house. She feared the Lord and walked in the right path.  <b>COMMUNION</b> John 6:51—I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord. Whoever eats this bread will live for ever; the bread I shall give is my flesh for the life of the world.</p>	<p>1/4 <i>St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious</i>  1 John 4:7-10  Ps.72:1-2,3-4,7-8  <b>Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.</b>  Mark 6:34-44</p>
<p><b>Wednesday 1/5</b></p> <p><b><u>Saint John Neumann, Bishop</u></b>  <b>ENTRANCE</b> Psalm 16:5-6—O Lord, my allotted portion and my cup, you it is who hold fast my lot. For me the measuring lines have fallen on pleasant sites; fair to me indeed is my inheritance.  <b>COMMUNION</b> Matthew 19:29—Everyone who has given up home, brothers, or sisters, father or mother, wife or children or property for my sake will receive many times as much and inherit everlasting life.</p>	<p>1/5 <i>St. John Neumann, Bishop</i>  1 John 4:11-18  Ps.72:1-2,10,12-13  <b>Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.</b>  Mark 6:45-52</p>
<p><b>Friday 1/7</b></p> <p><b>ENTRANCE</b> cf. Psalm 112—A light has risen in the darkness for the upright of heart; the Lord is generous, merciful and just.  <b>COMMUNION</b> 1 John 1:2—by this the love of God was revealed to us: God sent his Only Begotten Son into the world, so that we might have life through him.</p> <p><b><u>Saint Raymond of Peñafort, Priest</u></b>  <b>ENTRANCE</b> cf. Psalm 132:9—Your priests, O Lord, shall be clothed with justice; your holy ones shall ring out their joy.  <b>COMMUNION</b> 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>	<p><i>St. André Bessette, Religious</i>  <i>(any readings from the Common of Holy Men and Women: For Religious may be used.)</i>  Ps.34:2-3,4-5,6-7,8-9,10-11  <b>I will bless the Lord at all times.</b></p> <p>1/7 1 John 5:5-13  Ps.147:12-13,14-15,19-20  <b>Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.</b>  Luke 5:12-16</p> <p><i>St. Raymond of Peñafort, Priest</i>  2 Corinthians 5:14-20  Ps.103:1bc-2,3-4,8-9,13-14,17-18  <b>O bless the Lord, my soul!</b>  Luke 12:35-40</p>
	<p>1/8 1 John 5:14-21  Ps.149:1-2,3-4,5-6a&amp;9b  <b>The Lord takes delight in his people.</b>  John 3:22-30</p> <p>1/9 <i>Baptism of the Lord</i>  Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11  Ps.104:1b-2,3-4,24-25,27-28,29-30  <b>O bless the Lord, my soul.</b>  Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7  Luke 3:15-16, 21-22</p>





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