

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC PARISH

JANUARY 3, 2021

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ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL
CATHOLIC PARISH

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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass

Monday - Friday: 6:45 AM

Wednesday—12:10 PM downtown

WEEKEND MASS

Saturday: 8:00 AM, 4:30 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM,

10:05 AM (Auditorium)

12:00 PM, 6:00 PM



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PARISH MEMBERSHIP

The registration form is on our website under “New Members”

- Email the completed form to: dzoll@findlaystmichael.org or mail it to the Parish Office.
- Current members are asked to let the Parish Office know if you move.
- If you are a dependent in a registered Catholic household, please register individually upon turning 18.



WELCOME

To everyone who has joined us today, whether you are here on your own or with family or friends, we want you to feel at home.

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Parish Office Hours

**Monday—Thursday:
8:00 AM—8:00 PM**

**Friday
8:00 AM—4:30 PM**

**Saturday-Sunday
CLOSED**

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM

Baptism instruction is necessary when this is your first child, there are more than 3 years between children, and/or the baptismal instruction was completed at a different Parish. To arrange a baptism, contact the Parish Office.

MARRIAGE

Please contact the Parish Office six months in advance to start planning your wedding. Email: copenberg@findlaystmichael.org

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the Parish Office if you need a Priest to perform the Anointing of the Sick or Last Rites. If calling after hours, there will be a number available for you to call.

Adult Faith Formation RCIA & Discipleship

Contact Geri Leibfarth, our Religious Education Director, by calling the Parish Office.



Dear Parishioners,

This will be my last column written as your Parochial Administrator. I was just thinking of my long-time connection with Findlay St. Michael Parish. It started remotely back in the late sixties-early seventies when I would hear about what a great parish St. Michael's was from two of my ordination classmates who served as assistant/associate pastors with Fr. Larry Devine back then, Don Peterson and Charlie Ritter.

In 1986 I came to St. Michael's and served as associate pastor the last two years that Fr. Frank Kehres was your pastor. Then in 1988 I followed Fr. Frank and served as your pastor from 1988-2000, when (then) Fr., (now) Msgr. Michael Hohenbrink became your pastor. For over a half century now a unique feature of St. Michael Parish is the existence of two church sites. The original church building has become known as the Downtown Church, while the East site was first referred to as the Chapel of Ease," then the "annex," then the "East church," and with the construction of the new building in 2003, the "Main Church".

In 2012 I retired as pastor of Sandusky SS. Peter & Paul Parish and took on Senior Status ministry, helping out at a number of parishes/institutions. When St. Michael's went from three full time priests to two, Msgr Hohenbrink began to invite me to help out once a month with weekend liturgies., So from 2015 to the Covid-19 shutdown of Masses early this year, I was privileged to preside & preach with you either once a month or every other month. More recently, of course, I have been assigned as your Parochial Administrator from September 8 until your new pastor, Fr. Adam Hertzfeld officially arrives this Friday January, 8. An exciting and new chapter in the history of St. Michael Parish is about to get underway!

It is with mixed feelings that I will be moving on. Although I hate the circumstances that made my coming here necessary, it truly has been a blessing and a Grace for me to have the privilege to be able to minister with you and for you. Thank you, thank you, thank you!!! Your encouragement, support and prayers have been and are greatly appreciated. Working with and receiving such competent guidance and help from Dow Campbell, Fr. Peter and Msgr. Mike, as well as the Parish Leadership Team and Office and School Staff, and so many dedicated and generous volunteers, has truly been a joy and gift.

Some thoughts I would like to leave with you as I go forth:

We are all aware of the bitter divisions that we have within our nation in recent years, frictions that pervade both church and political arenas. I have become more and more convinced over the years that the problem isn't that we think and feel so differently on issues, but that we mistakenly think that the truth that we embrace and espouse is the whole truth, when invariably it's part of the truth, but not its entirety, and we need each other to balance and come to a more complete appreciation of the issues at hand, again whether we're talking church/religion or politics.

When I was here in the eighties and the nineties, St. Michael's had a very strong contingent of parishioners that favored more liberal stances and a strong contingent of parishioners who approached issues from a conservative perspective. There were definite tensions and disagreements on a number of occasions. Those differences are probably even stronger today, As then, each side/approach as a truth. When we invariably run into problems is when we think that our stand is the whole truth, and we stop listening to other perspectives. In our Church over the past 20 years or more, we have seen different camps emerge. Sometimes the different camps are referred to as St. Pope John Paul II/Pope Benedict XVI Catholics vs. St. Pope John XXIII/Pope Francis Catholics. When I hear these descriptions or even fall into using the same terminology myself, I wonder how St. Paul would be feeling, or what he would have to say to us. Remember the words that St. Paul wrote in 1st Corinthians?:

"I have been informed ... that you are quarreling among yourselves. This is what I mean: One of you will say, "I belong to Paul," another, "I belong to Apollos," still another "Cephas has my allegiance," and the fourth, "I belong to Christ." Has Christ, then, been divided into parts?..."(1 Corinthians, chapter 1)

"When someone says,, I belong to Paul, " and someone else, "I belong to Apollos," is it not clear that you are still at the human level? "After all, who is Apollos? And who is Paul? Simply ministers through whom you became believers, each of them doing only what the Lord assigned him. I planted the seed and Apollos watered it, but God made it grow. This means that neither he who plants nor he who waters is of any special account, only God who gives the growth." (1 Corinthians, chapter 3) I've mentioned before that one of my favorite monthly intentions from Pope Francis is: "That a culture of dialogue, listening and mutual respect may prevail among peoples." So often we demonize our "opponents; rather than realizing we are in this together, both sides wanting what's best,

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though differing considerable in how to achieve that. That is why dialogue is so important and why in the political arena we need healthy bipartisan efforts.

Some thoughts with regards to worship and our different approach/experience of Transcendence and Incarnation. These are both essential doctrines of our faith, and it is not easy to reconcile them within. I think that most of us lean toward one or the other in our personal beliefs and spirituality, but if we are to have a balanced and integrated spiritual life, we need to be able to navigate the tensions that come with such different approaches and emphases.

God's Transcendence reveals to us that God is totally Other, and so far above and beyond us, we are completely unable to gain access. It is perhaps captured best in the passage where Moses is instructed to take off his shoes before the burning bush, as he witnesses the Majesty of God. It fills us with Wonder, Awe, fear of the Lord (not in the sense of being terrified, but filled with Awe and Reverence at the Mystery of God's overwhelming Presence).

Most of us, in our devotional and spiritual life, identify much more with one side of this equation than the other. And we often tend to be critical and judgmental toward those who prefer to emphasize or focus on the other side of the equation. The tension becomes too great for us to successfully navigate and blend as a healthy whole. But we need both.

I find it helpful to use the image of the cross. You need both the vertical and the horizontal beams to have a complete cross. I image the vertical beam as representing the transcendent. When we gather for prayer before an altar, communicating with our God, as we offer the perfect Sacrifice through Jesus to our Heavenly Father. I image the horizontal as presenting the incarnational. So, on the other hand, when we gather for worship, we gather a family of faith, around a table, also communicating with one another as we share a Meal that empowers us to achieve that Unity that Christ calls us to as he invites us to remember Him and, in the words of St. Augustine, to become Who it is that we are receiving!

I'm reminded once more of a saying that many of you have heard me refer to numerous times over the years. Genuine Catholic Spirituality is almost always NOT Either... Or..., but rather BOTH... AND...

Why do we judge, criticize and treat so harshly those who also believe, but who view and experience things a bit differently from us? In most cases we're not talking about a cast of Right vs Wrong, but what is our personal preference in how to express and live out our belief in these two great Mysteries of our Faith.

I have long appreciated the motto that St. Pope John XXIII referred to in his very first encyclical—

“In all things certain/essential, UNITY

“In all things questionable/doubtful, FREEDOM

“In all things, CHARITY!”

A Gospel Reflection from last week's passage describing the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple for the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph found in the App FAITH ND. This Reflection was written by Barbara Martin Ryan:

“As I read and reflected on today's gospel passage, I found myself drawn to the figure of Simeon... He is guided by the Spirit ...“in all his years of waiting for the Messiah... Whatever his expectation, he puts it aside when he sees Jesus. He embraces him lovingly and praises God...And...- he is absolutely certain that he has seen the Messiah.

What accounts for such certitude? ... Through consistent prayer, openness to the Holy Spirit, and a childlike trust in God. He was able to know, not by use of his intellect and reason, but through the understanding of his heart and soul.

May we all continue to strive for an enduring faith like Simeon's, and be open to encountering Jesus in the unlikely of people and circumstances.”

Please continue to make good decisions as you strive to stay safe and help others stay safe in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic. Forgive, Forgive, Forgive Thank you, Thank you, Thank you.

Again I thank you for all of your prayers and support. I will continue to lift up Fr. Adam, Fr. Peter, Msgr. Mike, PLT, the deacons, the sisters, the parish, office and school staffs and all of you in my prayers daily. Please continue to remember me in yours.

Gratefully with Prayers & Love,
Fr. Marty



Why are we here? What's life all about?

Sometimes we can get so caught up with the demands of everyday life that we lose track of the big questions - What am I searching for? Is there even a God? Why do I need a Church? At times we need to get back to the basics to make sure our faith foundation is strong!

Join us this New Year as we enter into The Search! This exciting new seven part video-series from the Augustine Institute will light the first fire in those who have yet to discover the faith and will reignite the fire in those who may need a boost!

Sessions will begin the week of January 24.
(Dates/times dependent on group choices.)

"Our hearts are restless until they find their rest in You." - St. Augustine

FORM YOUR OWN GROUP...JOIN ONE OF THE PARISH GROUPS...VIRTUAL OR IN-PERSON

Register online (www.findlaystmichael.org) or complete form below.

(The Search - Registration Form - Due January 17 - \$5.00 Book Fee)

Name _____ Email _____

- Monday Virtual 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- Tuesday In-Person 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
- Tuesday Virtual 8:00 - 9:00 p.m.
- Thursday In-Person 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.
- Thursday Virtual 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

- Will form own group
 - Participating in a home group
- Options for payment: cash, check or via WeShare (see our website.)





HAPPY NEW YEAR!

THE LORD HAS COME!

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FAMILY HOLY HOUR ALL ARE WELCOME!

OUR GOAL, AS A PARISH, IS TO
CREATE MORE OPPORTUNITIES
FOR FAMILIES TO PRAY. YOU
ARE NEVER TOO YOUNG TO
HAVE AN ENCOUNTER WITH
GOD'S LOVE. ALL AGES ARE
WELCOME!

THIS IS HOW WE EXPERIENCE
HOLINESS IN THE EVERYDAY...
IN OUR ORDINARY LIVES. JOIN
US THE 2ND SUNDAY OF EVERY
MONTH FROM 4:30 TO 5:30PM IN
THE MAIN SANCTUARY.

Thank You to Fr. Marty Nassr

We want to take this opportunity to thank Fr. Marty Nassr for coming to our assistance these past few months. Fr. Marty agreed to act as our Parochial Administrator from September through early January. Fr. Adam Hertzfeld will arrive this coming week as pastor of St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Parish. Fr. Marty can then return to helping many parishes around the Diocese as a senior status priest.

Fr. Marty has helped see us through these difficult times in the absence of an official pastor and throughout many of the most serious months of the pandemic. On behalf of our priests, office/school staff, and the entire parish, we wish to express our appreciation and heartfelt gratitude for helping us with the numerous Masses, confessions, funerals and all the sacraments that keep our parish as vibrant and dynamic as it is.

Unfortunately, due to COVID, we cannot hold a parish-wide gathering to express our gratitude. If you would like to express your personal appreciation, please send/drop off a card or note to Fr. Marty, in care of the parish office in the coming days and we will see that he receives it.

In Christ,

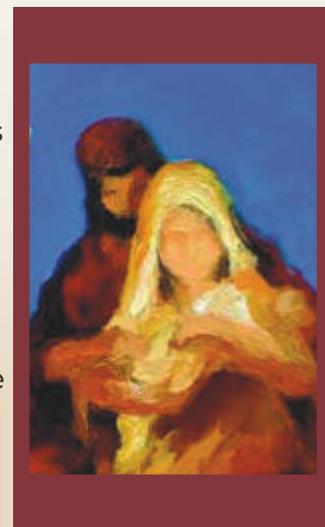
Dow Campbell



Mary, Mother of God PRAYER GROUP

JOIN US EVERY WEDNESDAY
FROM 7:00PM - 9:00PM
THE MARIAN ROOM
SE HABLA ESPAÑOL

“Where is that thing?” mumbled Bob as he searched frantically on his dimly lit desk for the current electric bill. “I know I put it right on top of these papers this morning!” Growing in frustration and bordering on anger, he flies stuff around, moves books and opines why simple tasks need to be so hard. Enter his wife, who calmly says, “Maybe it would help if you put the light on, dear.” The desk light goes on and lo and behold, there is the electric bill right where Bob left it earlier. All it took was a little light!



We stubbornly refuse to turn on the lights! Either we are distracted, determined, disinterested, preoccupied, stubborn, apprehensive, or all of the above. Or perhaps, we fail to do the obvious. We would rather live our lives with the dimmest of lights or even in total darkness. Why are we afraid to do something so that we can actually see? It might help us to find quicker and better answers to problems, the meaning of life, relationships, happiness, and what is ultimate truth. Yet, we stumble along, moving things from one side to the other, getting angry, feeling cheated, being unsettled, resigning ourselves to the agony of defeat once again.

“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.” The light has come into the world in the person of Jesus Christ! We no longer have to fumble in the darkness. We have been gifted with the illumination we need to see our way through things and find what we really are looking for. All these years later, however, so many are still reluctant to accept Him. Perhaps they are unconvinced, disinterested, preoccupied, stubborn, apprehensive, or all of the above. Everyone has their own reason for not wanting to turn on the switch.

But there are so many answers to so many of our problems in this humble Child of Nazareth. A simple birth teaches us about God’s tender wedded relationship with humanity. It speaks to the expanse of God’s salvation across the globe, and the incarnate Divine wonders and blessings that are a part of our life moment to moment. It calls us to understand the design of world order God intended as found in the Beatitudes, the sacredness of every human life and all of creation and the meaning of things we struggle with most, like suffering and death. We have a lot of Good News to share, not just with a privileged few but with all the world. All races and creeds can receive God’s healing word. God continues to manifest Himself even now! Use the light to find what you are really looking for!

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08 DOMINICAN SISTERS OF MARY, MOTHER OF THE EUCHARIST

“Unless You Become Like a Child”: Learning from the Little Ones Sr. Mary Bethany, O.P

“The disciples approached Jesus and said, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” He called a child over, placed it in their midst, and said, “Amen, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.” (Matthew 18:1-3)

As we kneel with the Magi before the Child in the manger, Our Lord’s call to become like children resounds with particular power and poignancy. It also may puzzle us. What does it mean to become like children? Why does Christ insist that childlikeness is a requisite for entering the Kingdom?

It was not until I began teaching that I started to understand these words of Jesus. I have learned much from my little students what it means to realize, receive, and rejoice in God’s immense love.

In his novel *The Diary of a Country Priest*, the 20th-century Catholic writer George Bernanos offers this insight into the mystery of childhood: “Why does our earliest childhood always seem so soft and full of light? A kid’s got plenty of troubles, like everybody else, and he’s really so very helpless, quite unarmed against pain and illness. Childhood and old age should be the two greatest trials of mankind. But that very sense of powerlessness is the mainspring of a child’s joy. He just leaves it all to his mother, you see. Present, past, future -- his whole life is caught up in one look, and that look is a smile.”

Children are totally dependent on the love and care of others. They also are naturally filled with joy, enthusiasm, and wonder. These traits, I believe, are connected. Children believe that they will be protected and provided for by those who love them. From this trust stems a child’s joy. And it is that joyful trust which shapes the child’s relationship with God.

I have been struck on many occasions by the wise simplicity of a child’s faith. The time when I was teaching Kindergarteners about the Trinity stands out. I had explained: “Boys and girls, before God made the world, He wasn’t lonely and He wasn’t bored. There was always the Father loving the Son loving the Holy Spirit. We call this the Blessed Trinity.” The children nodded. So far, so good, I thought!

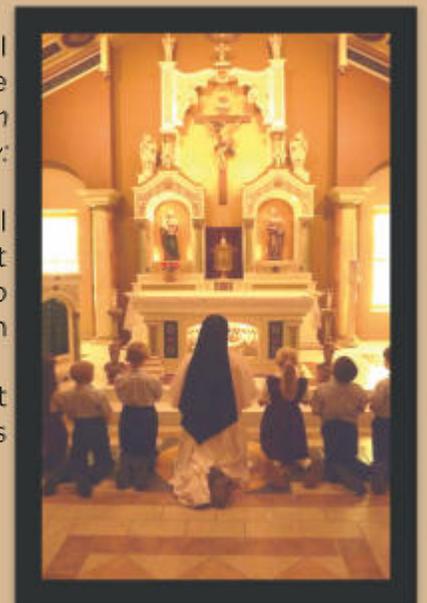
The next day, I started our God’s Lesson with a review. “Before God made the world, was He lonely?” “No!” they chorused confidently. “Was He bored?” “No!!” they repeated. Pleased at their retention, I followed up with the leading question, “So, what was God doing?” At once they responded, decisively: “Thinking about me!” “Loving me!”

Although they didn’t mention the Trinity as I had intended, I didn’t correct their answer because it is absolutely true. Before He created the world, God *was thinking lovingly about each of us!* In grasping this, those little ones had grasped the essence of the Trinity: *God, who is self-giving Love.*

We have much to learn from the child’s attitude of joyful trust. As adopted children of God through Baptism, should we not have the greatest confidence in the providential love of our Father who promises us that “even the hairs of your head have been counted” (Luke 12:7)?

May the Baby Jesus give us the grace this Christmas to entrust ourselves to His powerful protection and to rejoice that “a little child is born for us today.” God is with us! What have we to fear?

One of the Sisters makes a chapel visit with her class back at our Spiritus Sanctus Academy in Plymouth, MI.



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Kindergarten & Kindergarten Readiness had a fun 'Polar Express Day' before break. They wore their pj's to school, watched the Polar Express movie and had Rice Krispie treats with cocoa & marshmallows. The preschool classes had a birthday party for Jesus!



Shopping For Dollars

Don't forget to place your Shopping For Dollars gift card orders online.

This is the only fundraiser that directly benefits the entire school.



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7. Enter your bank account information or credit card
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9. Enter these amounts in your PrestoPay registration to verify your account.



10 MASS READINGS AND INTENTIONS

MASS INTENTIONS:

Monday, January 4

6:45 AM ()

Rosie DeFrench
Mary Jo Urschaltz

Tuesday, January 5

6:45 AM ()

Walt Householder
Teresia Gerten

Wednesday, January 6

6:45 AM ()

Jay Liebriecht
Kate Gray
Doug Kerr

12:10 PM (downtown)

Thursday, January 7

6:45 AM ()

Rita Pauline Arnhot
Grant Mickens
Doris Carnes
Jenelle Hohman
Eric Thieme

8:35 AM

Friday, January 8

6:45 AM ()

8:35 AM ()

Ryan Lee
Our Guardian Angels
Joe Steyer

Saturday, January 9

8:00 AM ()

Linda Bowman
Bill & Kate Meyer
50th wedding anniversary
Karl Edelbrock
Bud Schroeder
Steve Schroeder

4:30 PM ()

Sunday, January 10

8:00 AM ()

Rebecca Specht
Desiree Gerrick
Daniel Kaple
Alec & Barbara Puskas
Mary Klear
David Inman
Merle Hohman
Terry Heater
Dick Hucke
For The People of the Parish
Lee Bixby

10:00 AM ()

10:05 AM ()

12:00 PM ()

6:00 PM ()

Readings for the week of January 3, 2021

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a [8ab]/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 [cf. 11]/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11 or Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3]/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11



Saint Michael the Archangel Catholic Church is a praying Parish and has an active and continuous prayer ministry. We will be happy to pray for you, and you can rest assured that your requests will be handled confidentially. Please send your

SAINT STORIES



St. Basil, one of the most distinguished Doctors of the Church and Bishop of Caesarea, was likely born in 329 and died on January 1, 379.

He ranks after Athanasius as a defender of the Oriental Church against the heresies of the fourth century,

especially Arianism, which denied the divine nature of Jesus Christ. He was a strong supporter of the Nicene Creed. With his friend Gregory of Nazianzus and his brother Gregory of Nyssa, he is part of the trio known as "The Three Cappadocians," of which he was the most important in practical genius and theological writings.

Basil resisted the pressure from Emperor Valens, an Arian himself, who wanted to keep him in silence and admit the heretics to communion. No wonder, when the great St. Athanasius died, the responsibility of being the defender of the faith against Arianism fell upon Basil.

Seventy-two years after his death, the Council of Chalcedon described him as "the great Basil, minister of grace who has expounded the truth to the whole earth."

COUPLES CORNER

If you are looking for a new way to grow in your faith and strengthen your marriage as we begin 2021, consider participating in The Search, a video/discussion series that will begin at the end of January. The Search will guide its participants back to the fundamentals of what it means to be a Christian. Who is God? What is my purpose in life? What does it mean to be happy? In-person and online sessions will be available.

Register on the parish website or fill out the form in this week's bulletin and return it by January 17th.

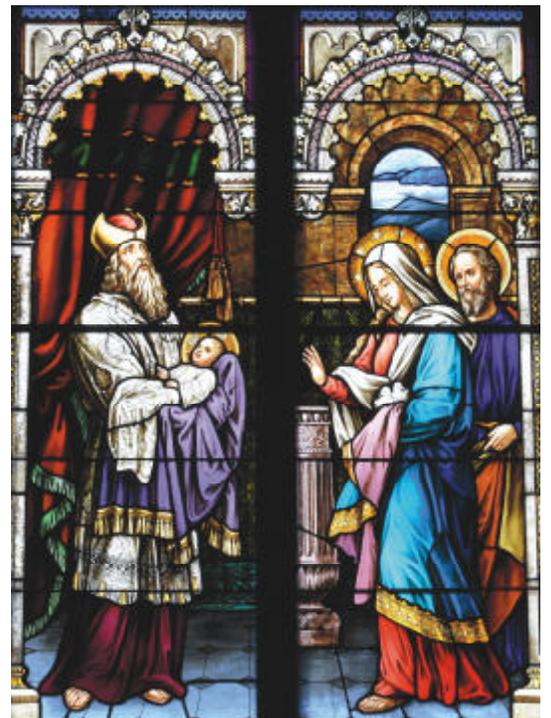


Dynamic Catholic The Ambassador's Club



New Year....New Opportunity to share your Faith Far and Wide!

The Ambassador's Club is a group of passionate people who are doing something *big and bold to re-energize the Catholic Church in America*. They are teenagers and parents, doctors and technicians, teachers and priests. They are people like you. And they each give at least \$10 a month to make everything we do possible. We invite you to join them. <https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/give/the-ambassadors-club.html>



12 AROUND THE COMMUNITY

Volunteer Opportunities



Children's Mentoring Connection's success depends on the life-changing relationships built

through the involvement of our volunteers. Volunteers work closely with a case manager to provide mentoring resources necessary to help guide a child, 6-14 years old, toward becoming a competent, caring and confident individual.

It's easy. As simple as a walk in the park, watching a movie, taking a bike ride, baking cookies, talking on the phone, helping with homework, sledding, hiking, and sometimes just talking over life's issues.

To volunteer today, please go to:
<https://cmchancock.org/volunteer-form/>

City Mission

City Mission, 510 W. Main Cross St., is in need of kitchen volunteers, especially Saturday and Sunday dinner shifts. They are also encouraging groups to consider signing up for a dinner shift together once a month. Health and safety protocols are in place! For additional information go to: findlaymission.org

Tiffin Ecumenical March for Life

When: Sunday, January 17, 2021, at 2:00 PM
Route: Begins at St. Joseph Church in Tiffin. We will walk to the Courthouse Square and end at St. Marys Church.

- Dress warmly. If the weather is bad, the event will be held at St. Josephs. If a Level 3 is declared, the event will be cancelled.
- COVID guidelines will apply.

Please defend these little ones with you public witness! All are welcome!



Join us for the St. Francis Community ...
Mardi Gras Virtual Reverse Raffle
7pm on Friday, February 12, 2021.

Cost: \$35 Includes Reverse Raffle entry and 1 entry to win \$500. You can also support local restaurants who are partnering with us by purchasing a \$50 ticket! As an added incentive, you will also be entered into a special drawing to win a Taste of Tiffin gift card tree to various restaurants. Includes Reverse Raffle entry, 1 entry to win \$500, 1 entry to win a Taste of Tiffin gift card tree and a \$15 gift card to your choice of Clover Club, Madison Street Tavern or The Empire at 138.

Over \$5,000 in Prizes:

- Last Ticket: \$2,000,
- 2nd to Last: \$1,000,
- 3rd to Last: \$550,
- 4th to Last: \$350,
- 5th to Last: \$150.
- Lots of "Lucky Loser" prizes including \$200 for the 1st ticket out!

For tickets: www.tiffinfranciscans.org or call 419.447.0435. Deadline for all participant forms and payments must be to us no later than Wednesday, February 10th, by noon to participate.

Harry Routson donated to the Christmas Flower Fund in memory of his wife Charlene.



We salute all frontline workers!

Thank you for your service
and sacrifice during this
difficult time.

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2020 Year End Appeal Update

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