

WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

2nd Sunday OF ADVENT

December

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2022



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Traditional Classes.....Tuesday or Wednesday 6:00-7:30 PM
Sunday Family Classes.....Once a month 9:30-11:00 AM

SATURDAY LITURGY

Vigil: 5:00 PM
DAILY LITURGY
Weekdays 7:00 AM
Saturday 8:00 AM

SUNDAY LITURGY

7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 AM
HOLY DAY LITURGY
See page 13 of the bulletin

CHAPEL HOURS:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 8:00 AM-3:00 PM
Wednesdays 8:00 AM-4:00 PM
Saturday 9:00-3:00 PM

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesdays, 1:00-4:00 PM, in the Chapel

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Sacrament of Penance...Saturday 3:30 PM-4:30 PM

Baptisms...First time parents at St. Michael must attend a Baptism Prep session before the baptism date can be scheduled. Please call Janice at 322-4505, ext. 8241 to schedule the prep session and/or baptism date.

Marriage....The bride, groom or their parents/grandparents must be active registered members of the parish for at least one year prior to reserving a date for the wedding. The diocese requires that arrangements must be made at least six months in advance of the wedding date in order for the proper personal, spiritual and liturgical preparations of the couple to be completed.

Sacrament of the Sick...Please call the office until 4:00 PM. After 4:00 PM, please call 322-6623 Monday-Friday and anytime on the weekend.

Names of the sick are placed in the bulletin for a period of four weeks after which time they are either removed or placed in the Book of Intentions in the Chapel.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Monday prior to the Sunday printing 12:00 PM (Noon).
Holidays have exceptions. Please submit potential bulletin articles by email to bulletin@stmichaelparish.life or in print form to the office or by fax to 322-4508.

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Welcome to visitors and new members. If you would like to register, please visit the website or call 322-4505, x8220. Come Join Us!

From the Pastor's Desk

Dream a Little Dream. Dreams are necessary for both our physical and psychological health. This is also true regarding our spiritual health. If we want to know what life is like without the benefit of dreams, we need not go very far. The poverty experienced by many who live in this region, not just in the struggling urban centers to the north of us but down our street as well, touches far more than the pocket book, it starves the soul too, and makes dreaming nearly impossible.

People oppressed by lack of good housing, fair employment and the healthy normalcy of a drug and alcohol free environment have little time to dream as they simply try to survive. However, the opposite of this human devastation, that is over-abundance and indulgence in clothes, cars, bigger and bigger houses and the relentless pursuit of personal amenities can leave people without dreams as well.

Perhaps, you remember that pop song “*Dream a Little Dream with Me.*” Dreaming together with others allows us to dream big, not small. Isaiah shows us the way. He gives us God’s vision of how the world is not just meant to be but how the world WILL be when God is finished. You and I are invited to dream this dream with God. In doing so, we participate in the coming of God’s mercy and justice. Everyone is asked to trust in this promise even if our experience is that of promises broken, dreams unfulfilled and visions grown cloudy.

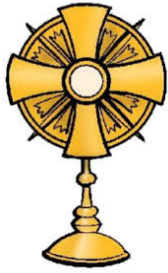
A good reflection for this Advent week is: “*What in my life — what attitudes, feelings, perceptions or actions — are holding me back from dreaming God’s dream?*” “*What am I doing or allowing others to do to me that is obstructing my vision of the world as God sees the world?*” In dealing with this question, we are led to seek a solution for the obvious second question: “*Now that I have an idea of what holds me back, what can I do to move forward into God’s bright vision?*” “*How can I allow God to work through me to bring His dream closer to reality?*”

Remember, Advent has a two-fold purpose. First and foremost, to prepare us all for the glorious coming of the risen Christ who comes to bring God’s judgment, that is, to bring God’s dream to completion. Secondly, by preparing us for this coming of Christ, we can be prepared to celebrate with humble joy, not bombastic display, the coming of God as man in Jesus.

The incarnation of God as man is the fulfillment of Isaiah’s vision and Christ’s further incarnation in His faithful people, me and you, is the means by which the dream moves towards its fulfillment. Consequently, our participation in this bright and cheerful vision is much more than gift giving, baking, decorating and reveling. It is allowing ourselves to take on Christ as He took on our flesh. It is to work with this child that was born to us to bring God’s dream to fulfillment.



Spirituality and Worship Commission



**Eucharistic
Adoration
December 7th
1:00-4:00 PM
in the Chapel**

**COMMUNAL
PENANCE
SERVICE
DECEMBER 5TH
10:30 AM**

**The Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
Patronal Feast Day of
the United States of America
and a Holyday of Obligation**

Thursday, December 8th

Mass Times

Dec 7th: 7:00 PM

Dec. 8th: 7:00 AM, 8:55 AM & 7:00 PM

Parish Advent Activity

In the Gathering Space, there are yellow pieces of paper with items needed for Sojourner Truth House, Respect Life, the Carmelite Home and the Good Samaritans. Please

take a link or two home and purchase the item(s). Bring the gift(s) with the yellow link(s) and place in the baskets provided. At Christmas, we will join the links and decorate the Gathering Space.



Commission Members: Director of Liturgy, Art & Environment, Eucharistic Ministers, Hospitality, Lectors, Music, Sacristan, Altar Servers, Cross Bearers, Prayer Ministry, RCIA, Ministers of Care, Deer Creek/Clarendale Ministers



**The Feast of
Our Lady of Guadalupe
December 12th
7:00 PM Mass
in the Church**

In honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe, there will be a celebratory Mass with Mariachi and folk dancing afterwards in St. Patrick Hall. Refreshments and pastries will be available. If you have any questions, please contact John Madrigal at 322-9792.



**Dec. 5th and Dec. 19th
7:00 PM in the Chapel
Fellowship in St. Patrick
Hall After Service**

**Christmas Setup=Decorating the
Church for Christmas**

December 14th at 6:00 PM

December 23rd at 6:00 PM

Please come out and help the Art & Environment Ministry decorate the church with artificial trees and set up the manger on December 14th at 6:00 PM. Then on December 23rd, we will display the fresh plants and hang garland and the Advent links in the Gathering Space and complete miscellaneous tasks to make our church the best decorated. Please call Tina at 865-8663 if you have any questions.

Submitted by Tina Kempf

Education and Formation Commission

Commission Members: Director of Religious Education, School Principal, Sport/School Advisory Board/HSA Representatives, Marriage Prep, Baptismal Prep, Adult Catholic Education, RADIATE Youth Ministry, Bible Study

All High Schoolers are Invited to Radiate

We have a lot of fun things ahead and ALL high school teens are invited to join us!

It is never too late to journey with us as we encounter Christ, make friends and have a great time.

Dec. 4th: Topic of the evening is “How to Balance Relationships with Others and God,” 6:00-8:00 PM in St. Patrick Hall

Dec. 9th: SERVICE PROJECT: Caroling at 6:00 PM. We will be caroling with the Respect Life Ministry at Dyer Nursing Home.

Dec. 18th: Christmas Party Fun! 6:00-8:00 PM in St. Patrick Hall

Annual OPLATKI Fundraiser coming this Advent!

We will be in the back of the church after all Masses the weekends of Dec 10th/11th & Dec 17th/18th.

Keep updated: join our Radiate texts by sending text to 81010 and then text message @Radiate

Any questions, feel free to call/text Jeannine Quigley (219)775-5356 OR Marisa Richardson (219)730-4735.



Our Radiate teens had a great Diocesan Retreat at Christ Alive! a few weeks ago. Discovering our Gifts as well as finding “Christ in Me” was the theme along with Activities, Adoration, Reconciliation, Games, Friends and awesome Food!

Submitted by Jeannine Quigley



Faith Formation News
Kimberley Hoogeveen, DRE

DECEMBER CALENDAR

6th/7th: Traditional Classes 6:00-7:30 PM

11th: Family Session 9:30-11:00 AM

“Do This in Memory of Me” Mass 11:30 AM

13th/14th: Traditional Classes 6:00-7:30 PM

20th/21st: Traditional Classes 6:00-7:30 PM

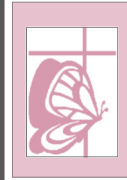
27th/28th: No Classes-Christmas Break

Peace & Social Justice Commission

Commission Members: Ministry of Consolation and Hope, Good Samaritans, Pastoral Care, Respect Life, Parish Nurse Ministry, Rebuilding Hope Mission Team, Wheelchair Ramp Ministry, Labors of Love, Emotions Anonymous

Welcome the Newly Baptized

Collins Marie Enright
Brooks Thomas Enright
Charlotte Marie Peppin



For Those Who Have Died...

Elizabeth (Jean) Sanchez

Life has changed, not ended

LIFE IS PRECIOUS; HANDLE WITH PRAYER

Special Prayers
For Those In Need



Mary Ellen Scheive, Linda Svihra, Ashley Floit, Ray Pacholski, Jerry Caravana, Marisa Kuethe, Dorothy Bartoczi, ***Matthew "Sonny" Goldasic, Jennifer Mance***, Dave Morehouse, Angela Koutsis, Linda Iwan, ***Kay Parker, Tim and Helen Hazard***, Katelyn Rodgers, ***John Kish***, Sue Webb, Joe Olivotto, Zbigniew Sohacki, Beth Ann Brown, ***Tina Serna***, Barb Krivakas, ***Don Borem, Kenny Kollasch, Pat Christenson, Sherry Lazzaro, Kathy Wachter, Blaine Parker, Kathleen Dinges*** and all those in need of the healing touch of God.

Please call 219-322-4505, ext. 8220 to place a loved one on the Prayer List. In praying for a sick person, we show our solidarity with that person and we remind ourselves to do all that is within our power to help in the healing done through our Lord, Jesus Christ. **Names of the sick are placed in the bulletin for a period of four weeks after which time they are removed and then placed in the Book of Intentions in the Chapel.**

St. Michael's parishioners are in bold, italic print.

EMOTIONS ANONYMOUS 12 STEP PROGRAM

**FREE EMOTIONAL SUPPORT GROUP FOR THOSE
15 YEARS AND UP
EVERY MONDAY (EXCEPT HOLIDAYS)
6:00-7:30 PM IN ST. PATRICK HALL
USE EAST DOORS/SOUTHWEST MEETING ROOM**

CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR SALE

The Respect Life Ministry will be selling Feast of the Holy Family Mass cards after all Masses this weekend and will continue until December 11th. We will have two tables in the Gathering Space, one at each end until December 10th and on December 11th we will be in St Patrick Hall where we will have Breakfast with St Nicholas and Baby Jesus after all Masses. Individual cards are \$2 or cards in packs of 10 are \$15. Although the main focus of having these cards is being able to send a beautiful card to your family and friends it also means having their names entered into our Book of Intentions and prayed for at Mass for the Feast of the Holy Family, December 30th, and all throughout the year. Forms will be available to enter the names of those you are sending cards to and they can be dropped off in the Gathering Space during the month of December. Exact change will be greatly appreciated or your personal check made out to St. Michael's Respect Life. Proceeds from the sale help us support the many organizations that need our help.

As always, thank you for your support and God Bless You.

Submitted by Cathy Bartczak

Peace & Social Justice Commission



**MEETING
DECEMBER 6TH
ST. PATRICK
HALL**

Blood Pressure, Glucose and Oxygen Level Screenings



Screenings will take place
December 17th & 18th in
the east cloak room after
the 5:00 PM, 7:30 AM
and 9:30 AM Masses by
the parish nurses.

THE GOOD SAMARITANS NEWS

By Sue Cohen



OFFERING HELP TO THOSE IN NEED

We are offering a limited number of our annual Christmas dinner baskets to **parishioners** in need of assistance. Please contact our voice mail at 219-322-4505, extension 8250 and leave a message with your name and contact number **by December 12th**. A ministry member will return your call to explain distribution details. We are here to assist our St. Michael Parish Family.

We are here to assist anyone with temporary help. If you know someone from the Tri-town area who could use help with their NIPSCO bill, rent or groceries, **please have that person in need (due to privacy act)** call 219-322-4505, ext. 8250 and leave a message.

PLEASE HELP US DECORATE OUR TREE



*Help trim our tree, help trim our tree
How lovely are thy branches."*

***"May the Holy Family bless you in a deep abiding way,
with special joy and gladness of that first bright Christmas
Day."***

In that spirit, your cards help decorate our trees and your donations will allow our ministry to continue to do the work that is asked of us.

We wish you and those you love Christmas peace and God's blessings for good health.

The Good Samaritans thank you for your generous hearts.

JOIN GEMS FOR THE LAST MEETING OF THE YEAR



We welcome anyone 50+ to join us on Tuesday, Dec. 13th, at 10:00 AM in St. Patrick Hall SE classroom for conversation, fun and games.

Save the date: January 24th. BINGO. Bring a White

Elephant gift as a prize for Bingo.

More details to follow at a later date.

Submitted by Carol Rusich

Commission Members: Welcoming Ministry, Holy Name Society, Knights of Columbus, Festival Committee, Comforting Chefs, Senior GEMS, Boy Scouts of America

New Member Registration

The Welcoming Ministry will be taking parish registration on **December 18th** after the 7:30 & 9:30 AM Masses in St. Patrick Hall. We ask that you have the dates and places of Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation and Marriage for all members of the family. You may also register at the parish office Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM-3:30 PM or register online. If you have any questions, contact the parish office 322-4505, ext. 8220 or stmichaelparish.life.

Blood Emergency Give Now!

Blood products are currently being distributed to hospitals faster than donations are coming in. Your donation is crucial in helping support patients' ongoing needs as well as unforeseen trauma situations. Give now and help overcome a blood emergency!

BLOOD DRIVE

St. Michael the Archangel

St. Patrick Hall

December 8th

11:00-5:00 PM



Sign up by scanning the QR code with your phone's camera or visit redcrossblood.org with the sponsor keyword: smap.

Download the Blood Donor App |
RedCrossBlood.org | 1-800-733-2787

Breakfast with St. Nicholas and Baby Jesus

December 11th After All Masses in St. Patrick Hall

Have your child's picture taken with Baby Jesus and St. Nicholas. As part of Coffee and Donuts Sunday, you will have the opportunity to take a picture with Baby Jesus and St. Nicholas. You can either take your own picture for a Good Will Offering or for \$5, we can take the picture for you that will include a festive picture frame.

It will also be your last opportunity to purchase Feast of the Holy Family Mass cards being sold for \$2 a piece or 10 for \$15.

submitted by Cathy Bartczak

Hope To See You There!



THANK YOU RECEPTION

For all St. Michael Parish and School
Staff and Volunteers

Wednesday, December 28th
6:30-9:30 PM

**VOLUNTEERS
MAKE A
DIFFERENCE**

RSVP by Dec. 23rd at noon
322-4505, ext. 8220



MEN'S FAITH SHARING GROUP

**DECEMBER 10TH AT 9:00 AM
ST. AMAND ROOM**

**For more info, please contact
garywwolfe@hotmail.com**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori of the Knights of Columbus:

DECEMBER 2022 SUPREME CHAPLAIN'S MONTHLY CHALLENGE

“For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.” *(Gospel for Dec. 18, Mt 1:20-21)*

Does the Advent season sometimes seem to be about things other than Christ? Amid breathless advertisements, urgent warnings about the waning number of shopping days and the hassle of making holiday plans, there's a danger that Jesus' birth will be neglected or forgotten. Let's make it a priority to remember what Christmas is about: The Son of God became man in order to die for our sins and rise again, so that we could be freed from our slavery to sin and also rise to new life.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori: This month, I challenge you to keep your attention on the true meaning of Christmas by setting up a Nativity scene in a prominent place in your home and spending some time in prayer before it each day..... Second, I challenge you to assist your council in the Faith in Action Keep Christ in Christmas program. *(Program run by Knights of Columbus Councils)*

Questions for Reflection: How do you “Keep Christ in Christmas” in your own life? Do you practice any Christmas traditions that help you do this? Could you establish any new traditions that will remind you what Christmas is all about?

Submitted by James Prasopoulos-Knights of Columbus-Indiana State Council-Faith Director



Knights of Columbus #12177

**with The First Catholic Slovak
Ladies Association**



Pancakes and Waffles Breakfast

Sunday, December 4

St. Michael Church
1 W. Wilhelm
Schererville, IN
8 AM - 1 PM

Adults: \$8.00
Children (6-12): \$5.00
5 & Under: Free



INCLUDES:
Sausage Links
Eggs Strata
Country Potatoes
Juice, Milk, Coffee
&
**All-You-Can-Eat
Pancakes and
Waffles**



Get a peek at our
handiwork.
Items are free.
Donations are
welcomed.

Stewardship & Parish Administration Commission

Commission Members: Finance Council, Gardener Ministry, Education Foundation, Cemetery Committee, Campus Facilities Coordinator, Stewardship



Christmas Flower
Envelopes are due in the office
no later than December 12th if
you would like your name and
intentions printed in the
Christmas Day bulletin.

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY DECEMBER 4

Blessing of 2023 Calendars at All Masses
K of C Pancake Breakfast 8:00 AM-1:00 PM
RCIA 9:30 AM
Christmas Card Sales After All Masses
Radiate 6:00 PM

MONDAY DECEMBER 5

Penance Service 10:30 AM
Emotions Anonymous 6:00 PM
Advent Evening Prayer 7:00 PM

TUESDAY DECEMBER 6

Labors of Love 10:00 AM
Faith Formation Traditional Classes 6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 7

Eucharistic Adoration 1:00-4:00 PM
Faith Formation Traditional Classes 6:00 PM
Baptismal Prep 6:00 PM
Holy Day of Obligation Vigil Mass 7:00 PM

THURSDAY DECEMBER 8

Holy Day of Obligation Masses 7:00 AM, 8:55 AM & 7:00 PM
K of C Blood Drive 11:00 AM

FRIDAY DECEMBER 9

Respect Life Meeting 11:30 AM

SATURDAY DECEMBER 10

Confessions 3:30-4:30 PM
Blessing of Baby Jesus Figurines at Vigil Mass
Christmas Card Sales After Vigil Mass
Radiate Oplatki Sale After Vigil Mass

SUNDAY DECEMBER 11

Blessing of Baby Jesus Figurines at All Masses
RCIA 9:30 AM
Family Session 9:30 AM
Breakfast with Baby Jesus & St. Nick After All Masses
Christmas Card Sales After All Masses
Radiate Oplatki Sale After All Masses
"Do This in Memory of Me" Mass 11:30 AM

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE



October 23, 2022

Adult	\$13,525.00
Children	90.00
EFTs*	\$7,567.50
Loose	\$605.00

Total Weekly Offering
\$21,787.50

**Electronic Funds Transfer*

Thank you for your generosity!



Stewardship committee members surprised sisters with chairs in a bag as an act of kindness. Pictured are Debbie Dahlkamp, Sr. Deanna Therese, Jack Velasquez, Sr. Alice and Lynn Schmitt

*EVENTS AT LINDENWOOD RETREAT & CONFERENCE CENTER

Silent Directed Retreat with Sr. Joetta Huelsmann, **December 11th at 4:00 PM EST- December 15th**
An opportunity to give yourself to the Holy Spirit pondering the presence of Christ in your life. Meet with spiritual director, Sr. Joetta, daily for direction on where God might be leading you on this Advent Journey.
Cost: For 3 days, arrive Sunday, leave Wednesday: \$345 includes, meals, room, direction. For 4 days, arrive Sunday, leave Thursday: \$445

An Advent Day of Rest and Healing, **December 12th, 10:00 AM-4:00 PM.**

This mostly unstructured day offers you the solitude and stillness to ponder the beauty of waiting and noticing the presence of Christ in your life.
Cost: \$40 includes lunch, \$50 for your own room also includes lunch.

Taize Prayer Opportunities: Join us in person the first and third Wednesdays of every month at 7:00 PM at the Ancilla Domini Chapel, or live streamed: [Livestream \(poorhandmaids.org\)](https://www.poorhandmaids.org)

Lindenwood Retreat and Conference Center is located at 9601 Union Rd., Plymouth, IN.

EVENTS AT ST. FRANCIS WOODS

ADVENT SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

Sr. Marilyn Renninger will host Advent Scripture Reflections at 10:30 AM on Thursdays both in-person at the Motherhouse of the Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart (in the Assisi Center) and on Zoom. To begin receiving Zoom links for this, go to Upcoming Events on our home page at [fssh.net](https://www.fssh.net).

A FRANCISCAN CHRISTMAS



Enjoy a holiday gathering with the Christmas story told through the eyes of St. Francis, carols, and the sharing of Christmas traditions, **December 18th, 3:00-5:00 PM.** Hot beverages and sweet n' salty snacks provided. Bring a picture of your favorite Christmas ornament. RSVP to the Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart at [fssh.net](https://www.fssh.net) by Dec. 10th. Please meet in the chapel at St. Francis Woods.

St. Francis Woods is located at 9201 W. St. Francis Rd., Frankfort, IL.

*STM CAREER NETWORKING GROUP

80% of jobs are unadvertised

82% of jobs are found through networking

15% found want ads|4% create their jobs|2% blind resumes

DECEMBER 14TH

7:00-8:30 PM

Topic: IT NEVER HURTS TO A.S.K.

Job hunters should be proficient in asking good questions.

Participants will learn how to

A.S.K.-Acknowledge, Seek & Know

A technique to help job hunters put themselves in the best position possible for finding their next job.

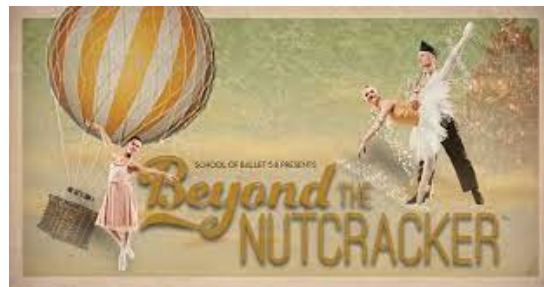
Guest Speaker: Rick Riddering

Director of Leadership Development for Faith Church
Before joining Faith Church, Rick's work experience included nearly 19 years in higher education and 15+ years in corporate America.

Where: Weis Center-8635 Calumet Ave., Munster

Email: STMCareerGroup@gmail.com

Meetings are Free! Open to All!



A classic holiday tradition with a Ballet 5:8 twist. Join Emma and Uncle Abrahms as they embark on a miraculous journey through time and discover what Christmas is all about. Shows are **December 17th, 2:00 & 7:00 PM** and **December 18th, 3:00 PM** at Lincoln-Way East High School, 201 Colorado Ave., Frankfort, IL. Tickets are \$25/adult and \$15/children 12 and under.

VOLUNTEER MEAL DELIVERY

DRIVER/PACKERS/STAMPERS NEEDED

Meals on Wheels is looking for a Volunteer Meal Delivery Driver this fall to deliver nutrition to those in need in local communities. Pickup time for meals by the volunteers is at lunchtime. Bag packers and stampers are also needed. Various two hour daytime shifts are available. To sign up for a volunteer training session or for further information, please contact Charlie Misovye, Volunteer Manager, at 219-756-3663 or charlie@mownwi.org.

We Remember . . . We Prepare . . .



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY DECEMBER 3		THURSDAY DECEMBER 8 THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION	
5:00 PM	✠Tom Kudzia	7:00 AM	✠Joseph Zaborske
SUNDAY DECEMBER 4 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT		8:55 AM	✠Charles Marsh
7:30 AM	St. Michael Parish	7:00 PM	✠John (Bob) Dobrzynski
9:30 AM	✠Bill Adams	FRIDAY DECEMBER 9	
11:30 AM	✠Chuck Cary	7:00 AM	✠Kiet Quec Nguyen
MONDAY DECEMBER 5		SATURDAY DECEMBER 10	
7:00 AM	✠Departed Souls in the Congregation of Mother of Carmel	8:00 AM	✠Robert & Leone Zaborske
TUESDAY DECEMBER 6 ST. NICHOLAS		5:00 PM	✠Tom Lyons
7:00 AM	✠Philip Bruno	SUNDAY DECEMBER 11 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT	
WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 7		7:30 AM	✠Otis Cochran
7:00 AM	✠John Finley	9:30 AM	✠Kyle N. Arnold
7:00 PM	Victoria & Eli Graza-Birthdays	For an End to Abortion on Demand and for a Conversion of Heart for those who Provide Abortions	
		11:30 AM	✠Michael Norman St. Michael Parish
		✠indicates deceased	



THE WORD

(Readings for December 11, 2022, Third Sunday of Advent)

I. *Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10*

The deserts exult and burst into flower. The hills ring with joyful song. The feeble grow strong; the frightened take courage. The Lord comes to save us.

II. *James 5:7-10*

“Be patient until the coming of the Lord,” said the author of the letter of James. “The Judge is standing before the gates.” Take the prophets as your models in facing hardship. They spoke in the Lord’s name.

III. *Matthew 11:2-11*

John sent his disciples to ask Jesus, “Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?” Jesus answered them affirmatively, pointing to the blind who see, the lame who walk, the lepers who are cured and the poor who hear from him the good news of hope.

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