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TO GOD
IN THE
HIGHEST
AND ON
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PEACE TO
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December 25, 2022, The Nativity of Our Lord

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DAILY LITURGY
Weekdays 7:00 AM
Saturday 8:00 AM

SUNDAY LITURGY

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

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

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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.

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Monday prior to the Sunday printing 12:00 PM (Noon).
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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

Gifts that keep giving! The feast for which we have been preparing has just begun. Yet, no doubt, some Christmas trees will find their home on the curbside or back into storage in the next day or two. Americans are very good at preparing to celebrate something, whether it's Valentine's Day, Halloween or our birthday. We do well with the concept of a "one" day celebration, but feasts like Christmas or Easter are longer than one day. We are not used to living with a feast for longer than one day, so exhausted do we make ourselves preparing for the celebration.

The great events of Christmas are too important to be celebrated for just one day. Indeed, the mysteries that are celebrated in the seasons of Christmas or Easter are presented to us as a series of connected feasts. What begins in the cold darkness of Christmas Eve is a gift to you and me that keeps on giving during the several weeks that follow December 25th.

The Advent-Christmas schedule you received at the beginning of Advent purposefully goes beyond January 1st. We see in that schedule that the feast of Christmas can more accurately be called the ***Feasts of Christmas***. The deep mystery of God becoming a human being is celebrated in many different ways to help us more fully understand and appreciate how awesome this event is for us and the world.



Opening up the biggest package under the tree and leaving the smaller ones untouched is unthinkable. No! We open all the presents we are given. The same holds true when it comes to the "reason for the season." The gift of God living among us, Emmanuel, is wrapped up in several presents. We open up the first gift on Christmas Day, but unless you and I unwrap the other gifts presented to us in the days and weeks to follow, it is nearly impossible to appreciate what was given on December 25th. Advent is preparation, not for one day, but for a season of gifts that keep coming to us. Like the song says, "*On the first day of Christmas my true love gave to me....*"

Marriage Preparation It is at this time of the year and in the month ahead that many young people get engaged. If you or someone (another Catholic) is getting engaged, please remember that you need to contact the parish office no less than six months in advance. Contacting the parish office nine months in advance is best. The Deacons and I are charged with the responsibility to help couples prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage. This preparation is bolstered by other married couples in the parish and it takes time. The whole six months is needed. We want to help you have a successful and happy marriage, not just a nice wedding day.

Many Thanks! Many thanks go out to all those who have been extra generous this year with the less fortunate in our community. Those who contributed to the Good Samaritans "Trim-a-Tree," those who helped to purchase more substantial items for the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ at the Sojourner Truth House, and for the Carmelite Sisters at the Carmelite Home in East Chicago, and our Respect Life group which aids expectant and new mothers, and those who donated food and helped in its distribution. Most importantly, all your generosity will find its thanks through the prayers of the many people you have touched. God bless you.

Yours prayers are requested. I ask you to remember in the kindness of your prayers this week those Christian candidates who will be brought into full communion in the Catholic Church on the Feast of the Epiphany, Sunday, January 8th. They are already baptized in the Christian Faith and have been growing in their relationship with Christ over the past year or more. They have also been learning about what it means to be a Catholic Christian. Now they are prepared to be Confirmed and brought to the Eucharistic Table for the first time. Please pray for them this week and in the weeks after their reception into the Church.



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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.**

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CHRISTMAS CONCERT



*Sounds
of the
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*January 8th
3:00 PM in the Church*

*Come and enjoy the music
performed by the St. Michael Music Ministry*

**Night of Love
March 10th & 11th**

JOIN GEMS



We welcome all men and women 50+ to join our ministry with goals of service and entertainment. Join us for conversation, fun, and games. Gatherings are held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month in St. Patrick Hall SE room, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM.

Jan. 10th: Gathering

Jan. 24th: BINGO. Bring a White Elephant gift as a prize for Bingo.

Submitted by Carol Rusich

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**Meeting
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Back in the middle of November, members of the Labors of Love Ministry visited an apartment complex called "Safe Haven" for homeless veterans. Seventy-five blessing bags which contained a handmade blanket or afghan plus other useful tuck ins were donated to the veterans over the past year. Even though the veterans were hesitant, they were very appreciative for what they received.

Submitted by Sharon P.



CONSECRECRATION TO THE HOLY FAMILY



How to Prepare

In preparation for a Consecration to the Holy Family, your family should not only decide to dedicate themselves to the Holy Family's intercession but also acknowledge that the family is sacred.

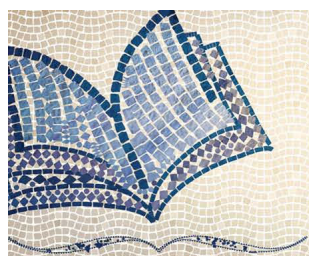
The decision to consecrate your family needs to be intentional and a process which you completely surrender to God through the Holy Family. You are accepting the truth that salvation history was changed forever by a family and that through your domestic church, you are called to love their example.

Four suggested steps before praying the Consecration to the Holy Family:

1. Discuss the importance of this consecration as a family and why you are doing it.
2. Each member of your family is strongly encouraged to go to the sacrament of Reconciliation.
3. As a family, intentionally choose something to fast from. The fast should be for at least a week. As our physical bodies are drawn to things of the world. It is strongly encouraged that you fast from something that you would normally consume or do. Fasting helps to discipline our minds and hearts to refrain from secular activities and be more focused on God.
4. Prepare for the commitment you are making. Consecration to the Holy Family is not a single event. You have chosen a way of life for your family. You and your family are consciously choosing to be a beacon of light of God's love through His church.

The Holy Family Feast Day is December 30th.

Submitted by James Prasopoulos



Altar Server Refresher Training

Saturday, January 14, 2023
8:30 – 10:00 am in church

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Any questions please contact
Deacon Ron

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY DECEMBER 25 THE NATIVITY

Christmas Masses: 12:00 AM, 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM

MONDAY DECEMBER 26

Parish Office Closed

No School-Christmas Break

TUESDAY DECEMBER 27

No School-Christmas Break

No Faith Formation Traditional Classes-Christmas Break

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 28

No School-Christmas Break

Eucharistic Adoration 1:00-4:00 PM

No Faith Formation Traditional Classes-Christmas Break

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THURSDAY DECEMBER 29

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Mass Intentions

SATURDAY DECEMBER 24

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SUNDAY DECEMBER 25 THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

12:00 AM All Souls

7:30 AM All Souls

9:30 AM All Souls

11:30 AM All Souls

MONDAY DECEMBER 26

7:00 AM †Margaret Buttice

TUESDAY DECEMBER 27

7:00 AM †R.C. Shelby

†Walter Makarowski-13th Anniversary

†Pamela Weber

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 28

7:00 AM †Rev. Patrick Connolly-20th Anniversary

THURSDAY DECEMBER 29

7:00 AM †Richard Kalembo

FRIDAY DECEMBER 30

7:00 AM †Intention of Respect Life Christmas Cards

SATURDAY DECEMBER 31

8:00 AM †George & Alys Helfen

5:00 PM †Margaret Kulig-Sink

SUNDAY JANUARY 1 THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY

7:30 AM For an End to Abortion on Demand and for a Conversion of Heart for those who Provide Abortions

9:30 AM LeRoy Hansen

†Michael O'Donnell

11:30 AM St. Michael Parish

†indicates deceased



reflections...

THE WORD

(Readings for January 1, 2023, the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God)

I. *Numbers 6:22-27*

“The Lord bless you and keep you! The Lord let His face shine upon you and be gracious to you! The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace!”

II. *Galatians 4:4-7*

When the time had come, God sent the beloved Son born of a woman, so that we might become adopted children. We are no longer slaves but heirs of God whom we call “Abba, Father!”

III. *Luke 2:16-21*

On the eighth day, Mary’s child was circumcised and was given the name Jesus, that is “God saves.” Mary “kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart.”

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