



THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH
DECEMBER 26, 2021

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 25 THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
12:00 am, Troy † Christmas Mass Intention
10:00 am, Canton † Christmas Mass Intention

Sunday, December 26 THE HOLY FAMILY OF
JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH
8:00 am, Ralston † Jack & Judy Callahan (Susan Schiess)
9:30 am, Canton † Richard D. Ross (Family)
11:15 am, Troy † Robert DePalma (Jayne Cleveland)

Monday, Dec 27 SAINT JOHN, APOSTLE, EVANGELIST
7:00 am, Rectory † Carol Ann Gergel (James Gergel)

Tuesday, Dec 28 THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS
5:30 pm, Troy † Francis Rirchart

Wednesday, December 29 5TH DAY W/IN THE OCTAVE
OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
5:30 pm, Canton † Jefferey Wynne (His Estate)
6:00 pm, Holy Hour

Thursday, December 30 6TH DAY W/IN THE OCTAVE
No Mass OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Friday, December 31 7TH DAY W/IN THE OCTAVE
OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
Vigil: SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD
5:30 pm, Troy † Pro Populo

Saturday, January 1 SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE
HOLY MOTHER OF GOD
9:30 am, Canton † Kathie Lepper (Christina Fleury)

Sunday, January 2 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
8:00 am, Ralston † Pro Populo
9:30 am, Canton † William Saxe (Mike & Jean Herman)
11:15 am, Troy † Marjorie Maloney (St. Michael's A&R)

Fellowship is held in St. Michael's Church
hall following the 9:30 am Mass each Sunday.



The sanctuary lamps in all three churches burn
this week for all families, that as the domestic
Church they may pursue holiness, pass on the faith,
and persevere in love.

SAINT MICHAEL PARISH PRAYER LIST

Barby, John Adams, Peggy Adams, Jason Bellows,
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Chris Kopaczewski, Ben Kopetan, Ralph Lepper,
Lanny Lutz, Creighton MacGill, Richard Margeson,
Darlene McCurdy, Bunny Meuse, Bernadette Moore,
Cathy Ostaszewski, Pauline Pazzaglia, Mike Slocum,
Andrea Smith, Rich Stankiewicz, Frank Sullivan,
Cassie Twist, Elias Vroman, Wanda Wennerholt,
Steven Wilber, Anthony Wolf, Donna Wolf,
Johnathan Wolf, Nicholas Wolf, Barb Yanak
Contact the parish office to add a name to the prayer list.

FROM FATHER JOE'S DESK

Epiphany Sunday is January 2nd. If you would like
me to come bless your house, please contact the rectory.
The Epiphany bulletin will have instructions for how the
head of the household can do the Epiphany blessing.

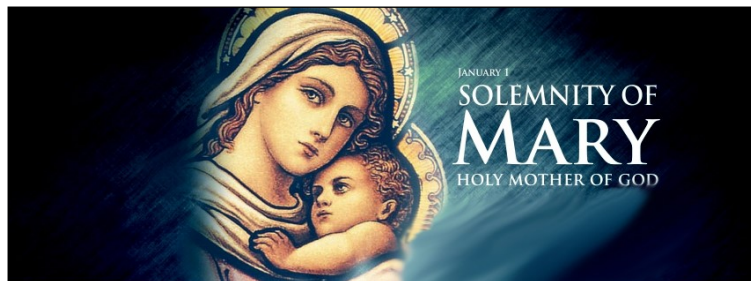
Oplatki wafers are available at the entrances of all
three churches. All we ask is a \$2.00 donation per pack-
et to defray the cost.

SAINT MICHAEL PARISH CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve, Friday, December 24th
4:00 pm, St. Michael's Church, Canton
7:00 pm, St. Aloysius Church, Ralston

Christmas Day, Saturday, December 25th
Midnight, St. John Nepomucene Church, Troy
10:00 am, St. Michael's Church, Canton

*There will not be a 4:00 pm Vigil Mass on
December 25th. December 26th will follow the
regular Sunday Mass Schedule.*



SAINT MICHAEL PARISH MASS SCHEDULE

Friday, December 31, 2021
5:30 pm Vigil Mass, St. John's Church
Saturday, January 1, 2022
9:30 am, St. Michael's Church

*There will not be a 4:00 pm Vigil Mass on
January 1st. January 2nd will follow the
regular Sunday Mass Schedule.*

SAINT MICHAEL'S PARISH OFFERINGS December 13 - 19, 2021

Weekly Offerings:	2,018.00
Electronic Offerings:	520.00
Other Parish Income:	651.50
Total Parish Income: 3,189.50	
Average weekly expenses: 3,762.36	
Difference: (572.86)	
Care & Education of Priests:	31.00
Religious Retirement Fund:	105.00



Thank you for your continued support.

**As of December 13, we have reached \$12,615 in
pledges and donations, which is 105% of our
Diocesan Annual Appeal Goal of \$12,000!**



POPE QUOTE: "The Christmas tree is a symbol of rebirth, God's gift by which He is united forever to humanity. He gives us His life. The lights on the fir tree recall the light of Jesus, the light of love that continues to shine in the world's nights."

POPE FRANCIS'S PRAYER INTENTION: DECEMBER - CATECHISTS : Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

DECEMBER 20 - 26, 2021 READINGS

Mon - Is 7:10-14 Ps 24:1-4b, 5-6 Lk 1:26-38

Tues - Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a

Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 Lk 1:39-45

Wed - 1 Sm 1:24-28 (Ps) 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8d Lk 1:46-56

Thurs - Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 Ps 25:4-5b, 8-10, 14

Lk 1:57-66

Fri - 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29

Lk 1:67-79

VIGIL: THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Is 62:1-5 Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 Acts 13:16-17, 22-25
Mt 1:1-25

SATURDAY: THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Night: Is 9:1-6 Ps 96:1-3, 11-13 Ti 2:11-14 Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12 Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12 Ti 3:4-7

Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10 Ps 98:1-6 Heb 1:1-6 Jn 1:1-18

Sun - Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 Ps 128:1-5 Col 3:12-21

Lk 2:41-52

ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

"As members of the parish community of Saint Michael, Saint John and Saint Aloysius, we are rooted in a relationship with Jesus Christ passed on to our Holy Father and in communion with our Bishop. We joyfully proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ and his real presence in the Eucharist. We serve the Lord through acts of faith, hope and charity by the graces given through the Sacraments. It is our intention to carry out this mission so that we may be the face of Jesus Christ in the world."

Anointing of the Sick

Through this sacrament the believer is strengthened by Christ's grace through the anointing of Holy Oils. All who are seriously ill, hospitalized, or having surgery can receive this sacrament. Please contact the parish office if you wish to receive this sacrament.

Baptism

The sacrament of Baptism is celebrated by appointment. All parents must attend a baptismal preparation meeting prior to the Baptism. Please call the office to schedule dates.

Confessions

Sat: 3:15 - 3:45 pm St. Michael
(also available by appointment)

Matrimony

A meeting with the parish priest should precede all other wedding plans. Couples contemplating matrimony should contact the parish office six months to a year before the celebration of the sacrament.

Eucharistic Adoration

Wed: 6:00 pm, St. Michael's Church following 5:30 pm Mass, Benediction at 7:00 pm
First Friday: Adoration after 7 am Mass until 7 pm, St. Michael's Church

First Fridays

To all elderly and homebound, if you would like a visit from Father Joe on First Friday, please contact the Parish Office and let us know the month before.

C.C.D. (2021/22)

(Religious education classes held during the school year)
Sun: 8:15 am St. Michael hall
10:00 am St. John Nepomucene hall

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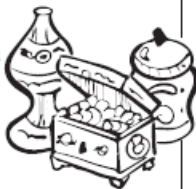
January 2022

St. Michael Parish

One Minute Meditations

Laying our gifts at the feet of the King

The three Wise Men gave Jesus gifts worthy of a king. We can also present Him with our own royal gifts. While ours may not be actual gold, frankincense, and myrrh, we can still give to Him the best we have. Give God the first and the best of what you have and He will give you more than you can imagine in return.



Fall in love with God

From the moment God created you, he has been deeply in love with you. He made you deliberately so he could love you. *"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you"* (Jeremiah 1:5). He waits for you like a parent anticipates the return of a beloved child. Don't let Him wait long.

"But God, who is rich in mercy, because of the great love he had for us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, brought us to life with Christ" (Ephesians 2:4-5).



Who needs Jesus?

Many today say that they don't have a need for Jesus. They go to work, have homes, put food on their tables, raise families without His help. In fact, daily activities go on but the world can't really make sense without Him.

Truth. The truth is in Christ, *"in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge"* (Colossians 2:3). We cannot understand the truth without Him. To make sense of the world, we need Jesus to lead us.

Life. The life we have will eventually end. To keep living, we need Jesus. *"I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father,*

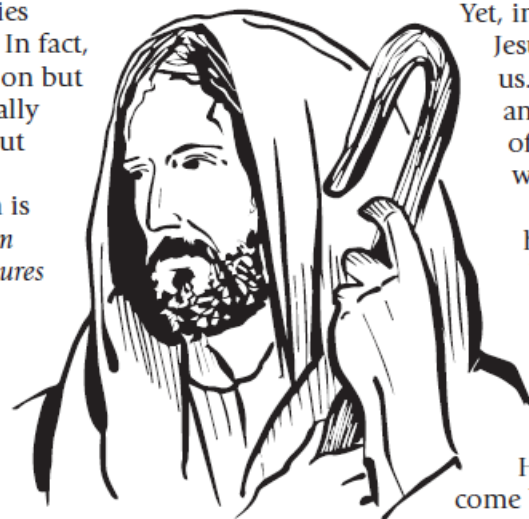
but by me" (John 14:6). Eternal life comes through Him.

Death. None of us escapes death. Yet, in the Resurrection, Jesus defeated death for us. It didn't hold Him and He offers the gift of life to each of us if we live in Him.

Sin. Even the holiest of us sins. Without Jesus, what becomes of us? He *"gave himself as a ransom for all"* (1 Timothy 2:6). If we don't accept

His price, our sins come back to us for eternity.

Suffering. Modern science can alleviate but not eliminate some of the world's suffering. Jesus provides comfort and healing to those who trust Him and surrender to Him.



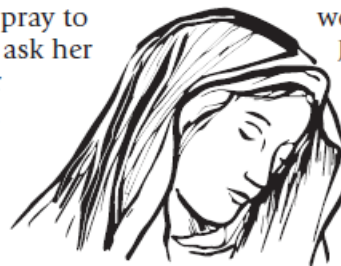
Why Do Catholics Do That?

Catholics don't pray to Mary, but instead ask her to pray for us. For example, the Hail Mary prayer asks the Mother of God to stay close to us in prayer.

While we don't

Why do Catholics pray to Mary?

worship Mary, we honor her as Jesus' mother. On the Cross, Jesus gave her to us as our own mother (John 19:27). We can approach her with our needs and concerns and ask her to present them to Her Son. Mary always leads us to Him.

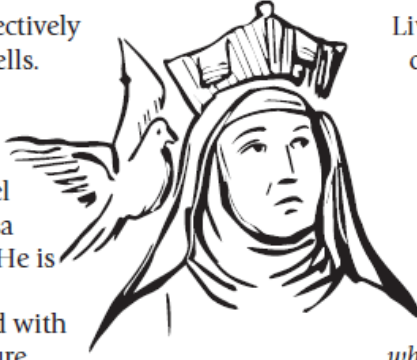


Three tips to boost your prayer

Prayer fuels our spiritual life, but praying effectively can be challenging. Even the saints had dry spells. Among these was the mystic and Carmelite reformer, St. Teresa of Avila. Try these suggestions from her to enliven your prayer:

Become aware of God's presence. It may feel as if God is distant, but He is so close. St. Teresa began by enjoying God's nearness. Know that He is with you and wants your company.

Bring a good book. St. Teresa, who struggled with dryness in prayer, kept a book with her. Scripture,



Lives of the Saints, or a book about the Faith can help us focus and spark conversation with Him.

Be honest. It is said that St. Teresa once fell into the mud and told God bluntly, "If this is how you treat your friends, no wonder you have so few of them!" God wants you to share all your experiences with Him – good and bad. Entrust your cares to Him and "Do whatever he tells you" (John 2:5).

from Scripture

Luke 4:21-30, God's will is unexpected

In this Gospel, Jesus returns to Nazareth after launching His public ministry. He announced He is the Messiah of Isaiah's prophecy. But then comes a twist: Jesus recounts a time when great prophets were sent to call Israel to repentance and were ignored and persecuted.

The response of faith God was looking for in His Chosen People was found elsewhere, in the Gentiles. Jesus' listeners doubted that He was really the Messiah and were deeply insulted at being reminded that "foreigners" had received God's favor instead of them. In anger, they threw Jesus out of the synagogue and tried to

cast Him off a cliff. He passed unharmed through their midst.

God's will can surprise us. For example, He willed that the Messiah-King be a local carpenter. God's favor extended beyond the Chosen People to include Gentiles, who were considered outsiders. Sometimes, we assume we know how God works, and lose faith when He does something that seems illogical. We can pray for the faith to see Jesus as He really is and trust Him, even if He does the unexpected.



Feasts & Celebrations

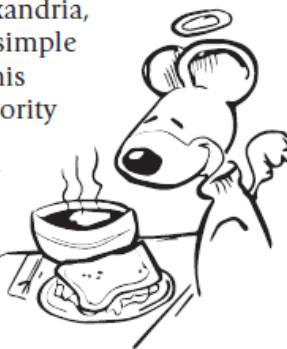
Jan. 1 – Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. When we celebrate this feast, we honor Mary, and also Jesus, as true God and true Man.

Jan. 9 – Baptism of the Lord. Jesus began his public ministry by getting baptized by St. John the Baptist. The Heavens opened up and God the Father spoke, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased" (Matthew 3:17).

Jan. 14 – St. Macrina the Elder (340). St. Macrina was related to St. Basil the Elder and St. Macrina the

Younger. She and her husband were forced to flee during the Diocletian persecutions and endured many hardships. After her return, she helped raise her grandchildren Saints Gregory of Nyssa and Basil the Great.

Jan. 23 – St. John the Almsgiver (616). Despite being a noble and the Patriarch of Alexandria, St. John lived a simple life and put all his wealth and authority to good use by serving the poor and aiding refugees in his diocese.



Q & A

Can you suggest a New Year's resolution to grow in Holiness?

All Christians are called to holiness. "Be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect" (Matthew 5:48). There are three tools on which every Catholic can rely to attain greater holiness.

Daily prayer. God meets us in a very real and present way when we come to him in prayer. Start in the morning and pray throughout the day.

Weekly Mass. The Mass is a sacrifice and a meal. We receive Jesus' body and blood as real food for our souls. He said, "For my flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him" (John 6:55-56). That's why we call it, "Communion."

Monthly Confession. Jesus created the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation (Confession) because he knew we would stray. He also knew we would want to come back. Frequent participation in this Sacrament sharpens our sense of sin, holds us accountable for our errors, and gives us the grace to keep trying for holiness.

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2021 Christmas Mass Intentions

††† Bill & Carol Asbury, George & Peaches Schram, Clark & Grace Cochrane, George & Lucy Asbury, Tony & Rose Zaleski, Roger Cochrane, Alan Cochrane and Claire Schram and by the Asbury Family.

††† Mr. & Mrs. Joe Szczech, Mr. & Mrs. Wallace Bell, Mr. Patricia Bell and Ms. Amy Peck by Mr. & Mrs. Timothy Bell.

††† In memory of members of The William Brann Family, the William Madigan Family and Patricia Madigan-Pessoni by Atty. & Mrs. Gerald Brann.

††† The Brenchley Family by Mr. & Mrs. John Brenchley.

††† Deceased members of the Brozowski, Kendra and Vineski families by Mr. & Mrs. Michael Brozowski.

††† Bill & Millie Colton, Nick & Sam Colton and members of the Route Family by Mr. & Mrs. James Colton.

††† A Special Intention by Patricia Deeghan.

††† The Fitzwater Family and the Acresti Family by Mrs. Alden Fitzwater.

††† The Fleury Family, the Mathenia Family and the Brukiewer Family by Patricia Fleury.

††† Carol Ann Gergel and our grandparents by Thomas & Nanette Gergel.

††† John Zwerka, Peter & Sam Hamburger, Josie Hamburger and Violet Davis by Dr. Paul Hamburger.

††† Private intention by Mr. Will Hawrylo.

††† The Taverniti Family by Mrs. Diane Hedrick.

††† Gene & Mary McMahon and Frank & Joey Herman by Mr. & Mrs. Michael Herman.

††† Hal Hopkins and Mary & Joe Dolobach by Mrs. Harold Hopkins.

††† The Kingsley Families and the Rittell Families by Mr. & Mrs. George Kingsley.

††† The Koval Family, the Deeghan Family and the Lenze Family by Walburga Koval.

††† Ginette Kozak, Annastazia Kozak, Michael Kozak, and Mary Rivera by Joseph Kozak.

††† The Maloney Family and the Wilcox Family by Mr. & Mrs. James Maloney.

††† Private intention by Patrick & Marcia McConnell.

††† Deceased members of the Mulno & Chagnon Families by Mr. & Mrs. John Mulno.

††† Mr. & Mrs. William F. O’Gara and Mr. & Mrs. Wilber P. O’Gara by Thomas & Celeste O’Gara.

††† The Pepper & Snell ancestors and the Holy Souls in Purgatory by Mrs. Rancy Pepper.

††† The Pierechorowicz Family and Rita & Juan Martinez by David E. Pierchorowicz.

††† Richard D. Ross and John & Isabell Loftus by Mr. & Mrs. Richard Ross.

††† End abortion, Holy Souls in Purgatory and all Religious by Susan Schiess.

††† Stanley & Kathryn Staszewski, Rev. Joseph Staszewski, Stan & Joann Markowski and Marie Vasallo by Mrs. Kathryn Skipper.

††† Joseph & Josephine Szczech, Bill & Beverly Ayers, Donald Wilber, Eugene Fletcher, William Curtiss, Lillian Packard, Minie Kulgo and Babs Morris, by Barbara Szczech.

††† The Walker Family and the Ward Family by Mrs. Loretta Walker.

††† Donald Wilber, Joseph Szczech and Josephine Szczech by Mrs. Louise Wilber.

††† Private intention by Mr. & Mrs. Jerome Wynne.

††† Jefferey Wynne by Mr. Joseph Wynne II.



Saint Michael Parish

2021 Christmas Flower Intentions

††† Diane Hedrick by Laurie Bagley. ††† Private Intention by Mr. David Beahm. ††† Mr. & Mrs. Joe Szczech, Mr. & Mrs. Wallace Bell, Mrs. Patricia Bell, Mrs. Laurie Weidlich and Mr. Eugene Fletcher by Mr. & Mrs. Timothy Bell. ††† The Blaszczyk and Weiss Families by Mrs. Richard Blaszczyk. ††† Patti Pessoni by Atty. & Mrs. Gerald Brann. ††† The Brenchley Family by Mr. & Mrs. John Brenchley. ††† Margaret Kendra Vineski, Robert H. Paige Vineski, Theodore Vineski, Steven Kendra and Irene Brozowski by Mr. & Mrs. Michael Brozowski. ††† The Clark & Mansuy Families Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Clark. ††† Nicholas, Florence, Nicky & Robert DePalma; Anna, Charles Capalsi, Mary & Pasquale DePalma; and the DePalma, Capaldi & Cleveland Families by Mrs. Burton Cleveland. ††† Bill & Millie Colton and Sam & Nick Colton by Mr. & Mrs. James Colton. ††† Patricia Rynone, Amy Delores Debach, Charlie Debach, Ruth Coumbe and Dawn Debach by Mr. & Mrs. Charles Debach Jr. ††† Private intention by Patricia Deeghan. ††† Mr. & Mrs. Leon English, Mr. & Mrs. William Brass, Markin L. Horn, Kenny Brass and Sandra McCoy by Mr. Leon English, Jr. ††† Bonnie Spencer, Kermit Fitzwater, Ted & Norma J. Schmelzle and Phillip Fitzwater by Mr. & Mrs. Alden Fitzwater. ††† Carol Ann Gergel and our Grandparents by Thomas & Nanette Gergel. ††† Robert W. Grantier, deceased members of the Ripley and Grantier Families, Bab Morris and Richard Carlonas by Mrs. Robert Grantier. ††† Joseph Hamburger, Albert Davis, Violet Davis, Josephine Hamburger and Paul & Danette Hamburger by Dr. Paul Hamburger. ††† Private intention by Mr. Will Hawrylo. ††† Private intention by Mrs. Diane Hedrick. ††† Mary & Gene McMahon, Joey & Frank Herman and Ken Riordan by Mr. & Mrs. Michael Herman. ††† Alan Kelley and deceased members of the Shon Family by Mrs. Terri Kelley. ††† Mark Kingsley and Paul Kingsley by Mr. & Mrs. George Kingsley. ††† Private intention by Walburga Koval. ††† Genette Kozak, Annastazia Kozak, Michael Kozak, and Mary Rivera by Joseph Kozak. ††† Private intention by Mr. & Mrs. Lester Kulp. ††† Private intention by Mr. & Mrs. James Maloney. ††† Private intention by Patrick & Marcia McConnell. ††† Eddie Mulno by Mr. & Mrs. John Mulno. ††† Private intention by Carole Parker. ††† Joy & Douglas Snell, June & Rancy Pepper and Joanne & Bob Strozzyk by Mrs. Rancy Pepper. ††† The Pierchorowicz Family and Robert Dwyer by David E. Pierchorowicz. ††† Private intentions by Susan Schiess. ††† Robert Grantier by Mr. & Mrs. David Scholtz. ††† Joseph & Josephine Szczech, Bill & Beverly Ayers, Babs Morris, Eugene Fletcher and Donald Wilber by Barbara Szczech. ††† Lucille Terry, Nancy Brooks and Bonnie Murphy by Mrs. Loretta Walker. ††† Private intention by Sarah Watson. ††† Donald Wilber by Mrs. Louise Wilber. ††† Private intention by Mr. & Mrs. Jerome Wynne. ††† Deceased members of the Wynne Family, deceased members of the Midkiff Family and deceased members of the Franklin Family by Mr. Joseph Wynne II.



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