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November 29, 2026
First Sunday of Advent

LITURGICAL SCHEDULES AND INTENTIONS:

Saturday, December 5th, 4:00 p.m. – For the Parish

Sunday, December 6th, 9:00 a.m.- Pat & Bud Glauber

STEWARDSHIP FROM LAST WEEK:

Envelopes $1,162.50; Loose $768; Candles $52; CCHD $10; – Thank You

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEK:

	Saturday, December 5th, 4:00 p.m.	**Sunday, December 6th, 9:00 a.m.**
Lector:	Pat Vogel	Sandi Gerdes
Minister: Body of Christ	Barb Jany & Pat Tinoco	Jennifer Neff & Mary Anne Hopper
Minister: Blood of Christ	Joan Killebrew & Susan Halt	Vic Klein & Brittney Schoenherr
Servers:		Emma Knake & Clara Neff
Crossbearer:		Keegan Hauck

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

This First Sunday of Advent opens with a selection from the Book of Isaiah. More specifically, within these verses, we hear the plea of community members shortly after their return from exile. The rousing words of an earlier prophet who had proclaimed incredible words of hope must have seemed like false promises to the Jews whose homeland was far from what they had envisioned it would be.
This reading is a portion of a longer lament that shows pain, doubt, and expectation. The suffering community turns to God and pleads for God to respond, to make things right. While the implication is that God is responsible for the current state of affairs, this people who claim God as Father and redeemer firmly believe that God can change their situation.
The brief selection from Mark reminds us that we are indeed in the season of Advent. We are told to be watchful and alert while we await the coming of Christ. Although Mark's message was first addressed to Christians of the first century, we too are invited to actively await the kingdom of God.

2026 QUILT RAFFLE

Our winner of the January quilt was Mary Muskopf, February – Pat Ramsey, March – Carolyn Sabo, April – Julie Glauber, May – Juleene Weilbacher, June – Mary Anne Hopper, July – Pat Tinoco, August – Mary Poetker; September – Chuck Mueller, October – Judy Mueth. If you haven't turned in your tickets for the 2026 Quilt Raffle, please turn them in so that you will be entered in the remaining 2 drawings.

St. Michael's Prayer Chain – To request that someone be added to the Prayer Chain contact Karen Mueller at 473-3401. The person will be on the "prayer chain" for one (1) month, unless the person that requested the prayers asks for longer.

PRAYING FOR SEMINARIANS

Please pray for our Diocesan Seminarians. Each week, we will feature one of our 11 seminarians. Please consider dropping them a note of support. At the very least, a simple prayer would be helpful. This week: Terry Marmion, Mundelein Seminary, 1000 E. Maple Ave, Mundelein, IL 60060.

NATIVITY SETS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Open House: Sunday, December 6th from 1-6 pm, Monday-Wednesday, December 7, 8, 9 from 9 am – 5 pm. Hincke Residence for Priest, 2620 Lebanon Ave., Belleville. In honor of Jubilee Year of St. Francis and Missions of Blessed Fulton Sheen.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Adult Faith Formation Praying with One Another December 1-2, 6:00 – 7:30 pm. The evening will begin with Mass at 5:30 in the South Nave of the Cathedral, followed by fellowship, dinner and the presentation in the Undercroft from 6:00 – 7:30 pm.

NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS

St. Nicholas - A Visit from St. Nicholas on Sunday, December 6th from 6 – 8 pm at the Shrine Visitors Center
Quilt Raffle – Our much-anticipated Annual Quilt Raffle is back! Drop by the Gift Shop to get your tickets and enter for a chance to win our beautiful, handcrafted masterpiece.
Way of Lights 5K Run – Join us for our 5k or 1.5-mile Fun Walk on January 1, 2027. For more information call 618-397-6700
Way of Lights - Looking for a special way to share the holiday spirit? Volunteer for a shift or two during the Way of Lights, greeting visitors to the Christmas tree display in the Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows' Visitors Center from November 20 through December 31.

CCW NEWS

CCW Christmas Party will be at St. Michael's Parish Hall next Monday, December 7th, Doors open at 5 pm, eat at 6 pm. A sign-up sheet is in the entrance of church. Remember to bring can goods or personal hygiene donations for the food pantry.

MEN'S CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY

St. Michael's Men's Club Christmas Dinner will be on Tuesday, December 15th at 6:30 in the Parish Hall. All men, 18 and older are invited. You do not have to be a member of the Men's Club to attend. A sign-up sheet is in the entrance of church. If you have any questions, please contact Frank Hart at 618-719-6827 or Pugsley53@gmail.com.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

A tradition at St. Michael is the *Book of Remembrance & Candles.* From this Sunday until Sunday, December 20th the book will be placed in the entrance of the church. Anyone who wishes to have a 7-day vigil candle lit in memory of a departed loved one or family on Christmas Eve may list their name/names. Also, if you wish to have a candle lit for someone who can't be with you/your family this Christmas, for example serving our country in some distant place, or just unable to make it home, and you would like a candle lit for him/her please list the name. Candles will be prepared with the individual/family name and will be placed in the windowsills of the church on Christmas Eve. If you wish to take the candle home after Christmas Eve Mass you may do so, or it may be left in church. The suggested donation is $3.

ADOPTED CHRISTMAS FAMILIES

As a Parish we have adopted 2 local families for Christmas this year. Please consider taking one or two ornaments off the "Giving Tree" and purchasing a gift for a family. All gifts will need to be returned to church **UNWRAPPED** by Sunday, December 13th. If you have any questions, please contact Sue Walsh.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

The 2027 Offering envelopes are in the entrance of church. If you give online, you will not have a box of envelopes.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS

There will be NO Mass at St. Michael's on Immaculate Conception, December 8th but please visit one of our neighboring parishes.
St. James, Millstadt – 8:20 a.m., 12:10 p.m., 7:00 p.m.
St. John's, Smithton – 8:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.
St. Augustine of Canterbury, Hecker – 8:00 a.m.

PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council elections will be held on December 12th and 13th. Rich Kreher, Diane Ruhmann, Pat Tinoco, and Dave Holdener have agreed to run for a 2-year term.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Diane Ruhmann and Jim Elbe for making and hanging 2 Acoustic Panels in the Parish Hall.

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will be closed December 2 – 9. If you are in need of a priest call Fr. Evarestus at 618-476-3513.

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

CATHOLIC URBAN PROGRAM: St. Michael's December collection; Mittens, Gloves, Winter Hats and Scarves, Boots - Thank you!