

Saint Michael the Archangel Church

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 18, 2016

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Mass Intentions

Sun. Dec. 18th	Fourth Sunday of Advent (<i>Rorate</i>), I Class
8:00 a.m.	Skuba Family
10:15 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Mon. Dec. 19th	Greater Feria of Advent, II Class
7:45 a.m.	Fr. Jose Zepeda, FSSP - <i>Maryann Czarnecki</i>
Tues. Dec. 20th	Greater Feria of Advent, II Class
7:45 a.m.	Sue Gillenkirk - <i>Anon.</i>
Wed. Dec. 21st	St. Thomas, <i>Apostle</i> , II Class
7:45 a.m.	† Marilyn Lessel - <i>Mike & Nancy Emig</i>
Thu. Dec. 22nd	Greater Feria of Advent, II Class
7:45 a.m.	Cameron Craig - <i>F.O.S.S.</i>
Fri. Dec. 23rd	Greater Feria of Advent, II Class
6:00 p.m.	Sr. Marie-Bernarde, OSB - <i>Her Parents</i>
Sat. Dec. 24th	Vigil of Christmas, I Class
9:00 a.m.	Sr. Marie-Bernarde, OSB - <i>Her Grand Parents</i>
Sun. Dec. 25th	<i>The Nativity of Our Lord</i> , I Class
Midnight	<i>Pro Populo</i>
10:00 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday

Low Mass: 8:00 am

High Mass: 10:15 am

Weekdays

Monday-Thursday: 7:45 am

Friday: 6:00 pm

Saturday: 9:00 am

CONFESSIONS

Monday-Saturday

One half hour before Mass

Sunday: 7:15-7:50 am

& 9:15-10:05 am

DEVOTIONS

Exposition-Benediction

Friday 5:00 pm

Saturdays 8:00 am

DAILY ROSARY

Monday-Thursday - After Mass

Friday-Sunday - Before Mass

OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Friday 9 am - 4 pm

THURSDAY - CLOSED

Saturday - 10 am - Noon

Fourth Sunday of Advent (*Korate*)

INTROIT

Is. 45, 8

Drop down dew, ye heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain the just; let the earth be opened and bud forth a Saviour. The heavens show forth the glory of God, and the firmament declareth the work of His Hands. *V.* Glory...

COLLECT

Bestir, O Lord, Thy might, we beseech thee, and come; and with great power come to our aid, that, by the help of Thy grace, that which is hindered by our sins may be hastened by Thy merciful forgiveness. Who livest...

EPISTLE

1 Cor. 4, 1-5

Brethren, let a man so account of us as of the ministers of Christ, and the dispensers of the mysteries of God. Here now it is required among the dispensers, that a man be found faithful. But to me it is a very small thing to be judged by you, or by man's day: but neither do I judge my own self. For I am not conscious to myself of any thing, yet am I not hereby justified: but He that judgeth me is the Lord. Therefore judge not before the time, until the Lord come; Who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise from God.

GRADUAL

Ps. 144, 18, 21

The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon Him, to all that call upon Him in truth. *V.* My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord; and let all flesh bless His holy name.

ALLELUIA

Alleluia, alleluia. *V.* Come, O Lord, and do not delay; forgive the sins of Thy people Israel. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Luke 3, 1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and Philip his brother tetrarch of Iturea and the country of Trachonitis, and Lysanias

tetrarch of Abilina, under the high priests Annas and Caiphas; the word of the Lord came to John the son of Zachary, in the desert. And he came into all the country about the Jordan, preaching the baptism of penance for the remission of sins; as it is written in the book of the sayings of Isaias the prophet: A voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight His paths. Every valley shall be filled; and every mountain and hill shall be brought low: the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways plain: and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

OFFERTORY

Luke 1, 28

Hail, Mary, full of grace; the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb.

SECRET

Look with favor, we beseech Thee, O Lord upon these offerings here before Thee, that they may profit both for our devotion and for our salvation. Through our Lord...

COMMUNION

Is. 7, 14

Behold a virgin shall conceive, and bring forth a son; and His name shall be called Emmanuel.

POSTCOMMUNION

Having received Thy gifts, O Lord, we pray that the saving effect of the mystery may increase as we frequent it. Through our Lord...



Conclusion of This First Purification

Part I, Chapter 21

Having made this resolution, wait attentively, and open the ears of your heart, that you may in spirit hear the absolution which the Lord of your soul, sitting on the throne of His Mercy, will speak in Heaven before the Saints and Angels when His Priest absolves you here below in His Name. Be sure that all that company of blessed ones rejoice in your joy, and sing a song of untold gladness, embracing you and accepting you as cleansed and sanctified. Of a truth, my child, this is a marvellous deed, and a most blessed bargain for you, inasmuch as giving yourself to His Divine Majesty, you gain Him, and save yourself for eternal life. No more remains to do, save to take the pen and heartily sign your protest, and then hasten to the Altar, where God on His side will sign and seal your absolution, and

His promise of Paradise, giving Himself to you in His Sacrament, as a sacred seal placed upon your renewed heart. And thus, dear child, your soul will be cleansed from sin, and from all its affections. But forasmuch as these affections are easily rekindled, thanks to our infirmity and concupiscence (which maybe mortified, but which can never be altogether extinguished while we live), I will give you certain counsels by the practice of which you may henceforth avoid mortal sin, and the affections pertaining thereto. And as these counsels will also help you to attain a yet more perfect purification, before giving them, I would say somewhat concerning that absolute perfection to which I seek to lead you.

St. Francis de Sales

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL PARISH extends a warm welcome to all visitors and new parishioners in the parish.

ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE: Our Parish Goal is \$10,000. As of today, we have reached **50** percent of our pledged goal. Envelopes can be found in the church vestibule. Please mark your donation to the appeal with our parish code 060.

IN PREPARATION FOR CHRISTMAS:

During Advent it is good for us to reflect and to spiritually prepare for the great feast of Christmas. Pray and take every opportunity to attend Mass, daily if possible. May God reward you.

CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS CHOIR: All children ages 5-16 years old are invited to sing in the Children’s Christmas Choir which will perform with the Adult Choir before Christmas Midnight Mass. Today is the final practice after the 10:15 High Mass. If you have any questions please see Mrs. Eileen Hanisch.

CHRISTMAS PARTY: Our annual Christmas Party is scheduled for Sunday, **January 8th, after the High Mass.** We are asking parishioners to contribute a potluck main dish for at least 10 people and a dessert. Everyone is welcome!

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT is scheduled for Sunday, January 8th. Some children of the parish will be performing a Christmas Pageant during the party. We hope you all come and enjoy the food and festivities!

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE:

Carols 11:00 pm

Midnight Mass

(SPECIAL CREW will serve the Mass)

Christmas Day

High Mass 10:00 a.m.

(SPECIAL CREW will serve the Mass)

ALTAR BOY PRACTICE: We will not have Altar Boy practice in January.

FIRST FRIDAY is January 6th. Eucharistic Adoration begins at 5:00 p.m. and ends with Benediction at 5:40 p.m. May God reward you.

FIRST SATURDAY is January 7th. It is really important in these times to pray the Rosary, meditate for 15 minutes on the Mysteries, and make sacramental confession and Communion in reparation for sins and blasphemies against Mary’s Immaculate Heart.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**December 18th
8:00 a.m. Mass**

ACI Francis LaFata
AC2 Stephen LaFata

TEAM D

MC Andrew Pheasant
TH Joshua Sica
AC1 Matthew Gillenkirk
AC2 Jack Gardner
C Michael Gardner
S1 Timothy Sica
S2 Peter Sica

WEEK ONE

Monday Patrick Schneider
7:45 a.m.

Tuesday
7:45 a.m.

Wednesday Andrew Pheasant
7:45 a.m.

Thursday Joseph Skuba
7:45 a.m.

OCTAVE DAY OF CHRISTMAS

**January 1st
8:00 a.m. Mass**

ACI Joshua Sica
AC2 Timothy Sica

TEAM A

MC Matthew Gillenkirk
TH Patrick Seeley
AC1 Andrew Pheasant
AC2 Joseph Seeley
C Brendan Seeley
S1 Sean Michelin
S2 Mathias Morris