

# Saint Michael the Archangel Church

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## Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 23, 2014

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### Mass Intentions

Sun. Nov. 23rd 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, II Class † Andrew Toth - Mr. & Mrs. Gene DeAngelis <i>Pro Populo</i>
Mon. Nov. 24th 7:45 a.m.	St. John of the Cross, Conf. & Doctor, III Class Christian Keifer - Evelyn Tereshko
Tues. Nov. 25th 7:45 a.m.	St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr, III Class † Gabriel Testo - Friends
Wed. Nov. 26th 7:45 a.m.	St. Sylvester, Abbot, III Class 50th Anniv. Lawrence & Mary Fish - Mitchell Family
Thu. Nov. 27th 7:45 a.m.	Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, IV Class † Dec'd Leo & Leone Members - Frank Leo
Fri. Nov. 28th 6:00 p.m.	Votive Mass of the Holy Cross, IV Class † Mary Sandra Maroni
Sat. Nov. 29th 9:00 a.m.	Saturday of Our Lady, IV Class † Shirley F. Jones - Robert S. McHale
Sun. Nov. 30th 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	First Sunday of Advent, I Class † Irene Roach - John & Trish McGovern <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

& 9:15-10:05

### 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

# Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

## INTROIT

*Jer. 29, 11, 12, 14*

The Lord saith, I think thoughts of peace, and not of affliction; you shall call upon Me and I will hear you; and I will bring back your captivity from all places. Lord, Thou hast blessed Thy land: Thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob. *V.* Glory...

## COLLECT

Arouse, we beseech Thee, O Lord, the wills of Thy faithful, that, by more earnestly following after the fruit of the divine work, they may the more abundantly partake of Thy mercies. Through our Lord...

## LESSON

*Col. 1, 9-14*

Brethren, We cease not to pray for you, and to beg that you may be filled with the knowledge of the will of God, in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; that you may walk worthy of God, in all things pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all might according to the power of His glory, in all patience and long-suffering with joy; giving thanks to God the Father, Who hath made us worthy to be partakers of the lot of the saints in light; Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in Whom we have redemption through His blood, the remission of sins.

## GRADUAL

*Ps. 43, 8, 9*

Thou hast delivered us, O Lord, from them that afflict us: and hast put them to shame that hate us. *V.* In God we will glory all the day: and in Thy name we will give praise for ever.

## ALLELUIA

*Ps. 129, 1, 2*

Alleluia, alleluia. From the depths I have cried to Thee, Lord: Lord, hear my prayer. Alleluia.

## GOSPEL

*Matt. 24, 15-35*

At that time, Jesus said to His disciples, When you shall see the abomination of desolation, which was spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place; he that readeth, let him understand: then they that are in Judea, let them flee to the mountains; and he that is on the house-top, let him not come down to take anything out of his house; and he that is in the field, let him not go back to take his coat. And woe to them that are with child, and that give suck, in those days, But pray that your flight be not in the winter, or on the sabbath: for there shall be then great tribulation, such as has not been found from the beginning of the world until now,

neither shall be: and unless those days had been shortened, no flesh should be saved; but for the sake of the elect, those days shall be shortened. Then if any man shall say to you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; do not believe Him: for there shall arise false Christs and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders, insomuch as to deceive (if possible) even the elect. Behold I have told it to you beforehand: if they therefore shall say to you, Behold, He is in the desert, go ye not out; behold, He is in the closets, believe it not. For as lightning cometh out of the east, and appeareth even into the west, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. Wheresoever the body shall be, there shall the eagles also be gathered together. And immediately after the tribulation of those days, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of heaven shall be moved; and then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven, and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn; and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with much power and majesty: and He shall send His angels with a trumpet and a great voice and they shall gather together His elect from the four winds, from the farthest parts of the heavens to the utmost bounds of them. And from the fig-tree learn a parable: when the branch thereof is now tender, and the leaves come forth, you know that summer is nigh. So you also, when you shall see all these things, know ye that it is nigh even at the doors. Amen I say to you, that this generation shall not pass till all these things be done. Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My words shall not pass away.

## OFFERTORY

*Ps. 129, 1, 2*

From the depths I have cried out to Thee, O Lord: Lord, hear my prayer: from the depths I have cried out to Thee, O Lord.

## SECRET

Be propitious, O Lord, to our supplications, and accept the offerings and prayers of Thy people: turn all our hearts unto Thee, that, being delivered from earthly desires, we may pass on to the enjoyments of heaven. Through our Lord.

## COMMUNION

*Mark 11, 24*

Amen, I say to you, whatsoever you ask when you pray, believe that you shall receive, and it shall be done unto you.

## POSTCOMMUNION

Grant us, we beseech Thee, O Lord, that, through this sacrament which we have received, whatever is evil in our hearts may be restored by the gift of healing. Through our Lord.

## Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen, *Divine Intimacy*

The Mass for today, the last Sunday of the liturgical year, is a prayer of thanksgiving for the year that is ending, and one of propitiation for that which is about to begin; it is a reminder that the present life is fleeting, and an invitation to keep ourselves in readiness for the final step which will usher us into eternity.

In the Epistle (*Col 1,9-14*), St. Paul prays and gives thanks in the name of all Christians: “We... cease not to pray for you and to beg that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will... that you may walk worthy of God, in all things pleasing; being fruitful in every good work.

This is a beautiful synthesis of the task which the interior soul has endeavored to accomplish during the whole year: to adapt and conform itself to God’s holy will, to unite itself to it completely, and, being moved in all things by that divine will alone, to act in such a manner as to please Our Lord in everything. God be praised if, thanks to His help, we have succeeded in advancing some steps along that road which most surely leads to holiness. Making our own the sentiments of the Apostle, we should give thanks to “the Father who hath made us worthy to be partakers of the lot of the saints in light.” The lot, the inheritance of the saints, of those who tend toward holiness, is union of love with God—here below in faith, hereafter in glory. This heritage is ours because Jesus has merited it for us by His Blood, and because in Jesus “we have redemption, the remission of sins”; thus, cleansed from sin and clothed in grace by His infinite merits, we also can ascend to that very lofty and blessed state of union with God.

If, with God’s help, we have succeeded in making some progress, there still remains more and greater work to be done. The Church, therefore, has us ask in the Collect: “Stir up, we beseech Thee, O Lord, the wills of Thy faithful people, that by more earnestly seeking the fruit of good works, they may receive more abundantly the gifts of Thy loving kindness.” So it is: the more we correspond to grace, the greater the graces Our Lord will grant us; the more we press on toward Him, the more He will draw us to Himself, so that the result of this continuous interplay of the divine assistance and our correspondence will be

the sanctification of each one of us.

With the description of the end of the world and the coming of Christ to judge the living and the dead, the Gospel (*Mt 24,15-35*) reminds us that just as the liturgical year passes and comes to an end, so does the life of man on earth. Everything will have an end, and, at the end of all, will come the majestic epilogue: “Then shall appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven [the Cross]: and then shall all tribes of the earth mourn; and they shall see the Son of Man coming in the clouds of heaven with much power and majesty. “Jesus who once came upon earth in poverty, hiddenness and pain, to teach us the way to heaven and to redeem our souls, has every right to return glorious at the end of time, to gather the fruit of His labor and His Blood. He will be our judge, and will judge us, as He Himself has said, according to our love: “Come, ye blessed of My Father, possess the kingdom prepared for you... For I was hungry and you gave Me to eat... thirsty and you gave Me to drink... As long as you did it to one of these My least brethren, you did it to Me.” His sweet precept of love, love of God and of neighbor, will be the law by which we shall be examined. Blessed shall we be if we have loved, and loved much! The greater and deeper our love, the more effectively will it efface all the sins, miseries, and faults into which, despite our good will, we fall daily.

“For this reason it is a great thing,” says St. John of the Cross, “for the soul to exercise itself constantly in love, so that, being perfected here below, it may not stay long, either in this world or in the next, Without seeing God face to face” (*LF, 1,34*). The Saint is alluding to a soul inflamed with divine love and longing anxiously for heaven in order to see its God face to face and be able to love Him more. Only an intense exercise of love, however, can of itself lead to union with God, both here on earth and in a blessed eternity. Happy the soul who, at the end of life, after having exercised itself much in love, can be immediately admitted to the beatifying union of heaven. Then it will have nothing to fear from the judgment of Jesus, for this judgment will be its eternal joy and happiness.

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

**FSSP CHRISTMAS CARDS** are available in the vestibule. All proceeds will benefit Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary **operating expenses** in Denton, Nebraska. May God reward you.

**2015 FSSP LITURGICAL CALENDARS:** Are available in the church vestibule. A donation of \$12 is appreciated. Donations may be placed in an envelope marked 'calendar' and deposited in the collection basket.

**FIRST FRIDAY** is **December 5th**. Eucharistic Adoration begins at 5:00 p.m. and ends with Benediction at 5:40 p.m. Please don't leave Our Lord alone. God bless you.

**FIRST SATURDAY** is **December 6th**. Pray the Rosary, meditate for 15 minutes on the Mysteries, make sacramental confession and Communion in reparation for sins and blasphemies against Her Immaculate Heart.

**UPCOMING MASS:** The Rorate Mass in honor of our Blessed Mother will be on Dec. 13th at 6:00 a.m.

**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 the Midnight Mass. Practices will be on the four Sundays in Advent after the 10:15 High Mass. The first practice will be Sunday, November 30th at 12:15 pm. Each family is allowed to take one music binder with a cd to aid the children in learning the music. Please remember that the binders, sheet music and cds are the property of St. Michael's Church and should be returned to the parish in good condition after Christmas. Please see Mrs. Hanisch at the first rehearsal.

**VACATION:** Fr. Stinson is away on Vacation and will return on Tuesday December 16.

**COLLECTION:** November 16th - \$1,884.00

## *Altar Boy Schedule*

**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY**  
**AFTER PENTECOST**

**November 23rd**  
**8:00 a.m. Mass**

**ACI** Dominic Gardner  
**AC2** Jack Gardner

**TEAM B**

**MC** Anthony Mitchell  
**TH** Joshua Sica  
**AC1** Francis LaFata  
**AC2** Stephen LaFata  
**C** Timothy Sica  
**S1** John Mitchell  
**S2** Brian LaFata  
**S3** Ian McGuirk  
**S4**

**WEEK TWO**

**Monday**  
**7:45 a.m.**

**Tuesday** Joseph McWhirter  
**7:45 a.m.**

**Wednesday** John Mitchell  
**7:45 a.m.** Anthony Mitchell

**Thursday** Joshua Sica  
**7:45 a.m.** Timothy Sica

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**November 30th**  
**8:00 a.m. Mass**

**ACI** Joseph Schneider  
**AC2** Patrick Schneider

**TEAM C**

**MC** Robert Seeley  
**TH** Dominic Gardner  
**AC1**  
**AC2** Francis LaFata  
**C** Timothy Emig  
**S1** Brendan Seeley  
**S2** Michael Gardner  
**S3** Jack Gardner  
**S4** Stephen LaFata