

We welcome you to worship with us at  
Saint Michael The Archangel National Catholic Church

Weekly Holy Mass Schedule

Sunday 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 9:00 a.m.

**Sunday, November 27, 2011**

**Intentions**

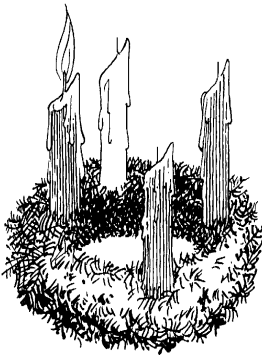
**Advent 1**

**9:30 a.m. Holy Mass**

*For the Faithful of the Parish*

*+Edwin Szalony, Sr. (1st anniversary of death)  
remembered by wife, Alice, and sons, Ed Jr. & Jim*

*+William Wysocki (7th anniversary of death)  
remembered by Fr. John & Cathy Kowalczyk  
and Family*



**10:30 a.m.** SOCL Classes & Coffee and Cake Fellowship

**Sunday, December 4, 2011 Advent 2**

**9:30 a.m.** Holy Mass

**10:30 a.m.** SOCL Classes

**10:30 a.m.** Coffee and Cake Fellowship

**11:15 a.m.** Youth Group Meeting

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**St. Michael The Archangel**

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**ADVENT 1**  
**November 27, 2011 - 9:30 a.m.**

**BLESSING OF THE CHRISTMAS WAFER**  
**(Oplatki)**

V. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

R. **Who made heaven and earth.**

V. The Lord be with you.

R. **And also with you.**

V. Beloved, throughout the history of salvation bread has symbolized both the covenant between God and man, and the source of man's salvation. The ancient priest and king of Salem, Melchizedek, offered bread as a sacrifice to God for a blessing upon Abraham. The "bread of angels", rained down from heaven, Manna, was the primary source of nourishment for the Hebrew nation in the wilderness. Our Lord multiplied a few loaves of bread in the desert and fed thousands. He then took bread, consecrated it, and made His very body for the salvation of mankind.

The Christmas Wafer, Oplatki, that will be blessed today also reminds of the covenant between God and man and the perfect expression of this covenant in Jesus Christ, our Lord. The impressions on the bread visualize the moment in time when God became man, born of a woman.

The sharing of the bread is an outward expression of the love God feels for His creation and the love of Christ shared by Christian faithful.

V. Let us pray. *(pause briefly)*

O God, by Whose Word all things are made holy, pour out Your blessing on these Christmas Wafers and grant that all who share them in accordance with Your will and law, and in the spirit of thanksgiving, may experience by Your power health of body and soul, as they invoke Your most holy Name. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**R. Amen.**

*The celebrant then sprinkles the Christmas Wafer  
with holy water and incenses them saying:*

V. May the peace and blessing of Almighty God: the Father, ✠ and the Son, and the Holy Spirit descend upon these Christmas Wafers and remain with us, now and for ever.

**R. Amen.**

## ***BLESSING AND LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH***

*Adopted and revised from*

*The FAMILY ADVENT WREATH: Blessings and Prayers*

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Leader: The people who have walked in darkness have seen a great light.

**Response: UPON THOSE WHO DWELT IN THE LAND OF GLOOM A LIGHT HAS SHONE.**

Leader: Today we begin to prepare, through prayer and works of charity, for the coming of the Lord at Christmas. Let us ask God's blessing upon this wreath that we will use to mark the days until the Lord's coming.

*(A pause for silent reflection.)*

Leader: Let us pray. Father of all creation and Lord of light, bless our wreath of evergreens and candles. Be present among us as we come together to celebrate in Scripture and prayer the coming of Christ. May our hearts and minds reflect the lights of these candles, that Christmas will find us joyfully ready to receive the Savior, Jesus Christ.

**ALL: AMEN.**

*The celebrant then sprinkles the Advent Wreath with holy water and incenses saying:*

Celebrant: May the peace and blessing of Almighty God: the Father, ✠ and the Son, and the Holy Spirit descend upon this Advent Wreath and remain with us, now and for ever.

**ALL: AMEN.**

*A representative of the Men's' Club will come forward and light the first advent candle and say:*

Candlelighter:     The night is far spent;  
                                  the day draws near.

**ALL:           THE LIGHT OF THE LORD HAS  
                  DAWNED,   SHATTERING   THE  
                  DARKNESS.**

### **THE WORD OF GOD – John 1:1-5, 14, 16**

Reader:     In the beginning was the Word; the Word was in God's presence, and the Word was God. He was present to God in the beginning. Through Him all things came into being, and apart from Him nothing came to be. Whatever came to be in Him, found life, life for the light of men and women. The light shines on in darkness, a darkness that did not overcome it. The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us, and we have seen His glory: The glory of an only Son coming from the Father, filled with enduring love. Of His fullness we have all had a share – love following upon love.

(A pause for reflection.)

### **PRAYERS**

Leader:     As we await the coming of Jesus, the Light and Word of God, let us join our hearts in prayer:  
  
                  That prayers and works of charity will be the center of our Christmas preparations, we pray to the Lord.

**ALL: COME, LORD JESUS!**

Leader: That all our Christmas preparations will proclaim the joy of the Savior, we pray to the Lord.

**ALL: COME, LORD JESUS!**

Leader: That this season will be the beginning of an everlasting season of peace among all people, we pray to the Lord.

**ALL: COME, LORD JESUS!**

Leader: As one family, let us now pray to our heavenly Father in the words that Jesus taught us:

**ALL: OUR FATHER ....**

Leader: Let us pray. Father, we await the dawning of Your Light, Jesus Christ. May His coming dispel the darkness of selfishness and greed and show us the way to Your peace. We ask this in the name of Jesus, Your Light to the world.

**ALL: AMEN.**

### **BLESSING**

Leader: Come, Lord Jesus!  
The grace of the Lord be with you all.  
(Revelation 22:20-21)

**ALL: AMEN.**

## **THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS**

**Opening Hymn: LIGHT THE ADVENT CANDLE**

Light the Advent Candle one Now the waiting has begun. We have started on our way. Time to think of Christmas Day. Candle, Candle burning bright Shining in the cold winter night. Candle, Candle burning bright Fill our hearts with Christmas Light.

**INTRODUCTORY RITE**

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**READING I**

**Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**Psalm 80**

**R. LORD, MAKE US TURN TO YOU;**

**LET US SEE YOUR FACE AND WE SHALL BE SAVED.**

**READING II**

**1 Corinthians 1:3-9**

**ALLELUIA**

**Psalm 85:8**

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA.

V. Show us, Lord, Your love; and grant us Your salvation.

R. ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA.

**GOSPEL**

**Mark 13:33-37**

**Holy Spirit Hymn: BREATHE ON ME,  
BREATH OF GOD.**

Breathe on me, Breath of God, Fill me with life a new,  
That I may love what Thou dost love, And do what Thou  
wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, Till I am wholly Thine,  
Until this earthly part of me, Glows with Thy fire divine.

**INTERCESSIONS**      **R: SAVING GOD, HELP US.**

**Offertory Hymn:      MARANATHA (Come Lord Jesus)**  
 Choir = Verse    All = Chorus

**COME LORD, COME LORD JESUS  
 GIVE YOUR PEOPLE HOPE.  
 COME LORD, COME LORD JESUS  
 AND LEAD YOUR PEOPLE HOME.**

**SANCTUS**                      **Advent Melody**

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**COMMUNION RITE**

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**Peace Hymn:      THE PEACE OF THE LORD vs. 1**

The peace of the Lord is given to you, receive it in your heart. The joy of the Lord is with you too, receive it in your heart. Make it grow in you and me, make it glow for all to see. Show His love to all the world, it is in your heart.

**Communion Hymn:      TAKE OUR BREAD**

**Take our bread, we ask You:**

**take our hearts, we love You.**

**Take our lives, oh Father;**

**we are Yours, we are Yours.**

Yours as we stand at the table You set; Yours as we eat the bread our hearts can't forget. We are the sign of Your life with us yet, we are Yours, we are Yours.

**Take our bread ...**

Your holy people standing washed in Your blood, Spirit filled yet hungry we await Your food. We are poor, but we've

brought ourselves the best we could; we are Yours, we are yours.

**Take our bread ...**

**Post Communion Hymn:      PROCLAIM THE  
JOYFUL MESSAGE  
(Advent)**

Proclaim the joyful message that our God is coming to earth. Let the valleys be filled and the mountains made low, preparing for His holy birth.

He will come in the Spirit of wisdom to bring the world justice and right. The poor and the lowly will know Him, for the Lord will be their light.

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**Recessional Hymn:      O COME, O COME,  
EMMANUEL      vs. 1 & 3**

O come, O come, Em-man--u-el, And ransom captive Is--ra-el, That mourns in lone-ly ex---ile here. Until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Em-man--u-el shall come to thee, O Is--ra-el.

O come, Thou Day-Spring come and cheer, Our spirits by Thine ad-vent here; Disperse the gloomy clouds of night And death's dark shadows put to flight. Rejoice! Rejoice! Em-man--u-el shall come to thee, O Is--ra-el.

## **Welcome to Our Parish**

We take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to our Guests, Friends. We thank you for choosing our Parish as your place of worship.

If you have any questions, please contact one of our ushers at the entrance of the church.

## **CPR Class**

Mr. Dale Holsti, a Crown Point and Cedar Lake Paramedic, is willing to conduct a certified CPR Class for our parishioners during the month of January 2012. Please contact Dale Holsti after Sunday Mass or at [dholsti@gmail.com](mailto:dholsti@gmail.com) if you are interested. The cost for the class will be very minimal. However, arrangements need to be made by mid-December for the mannequins and texts.

## **Special Parish Meeting**

There will be a Special Parish Meeting on Sunday, December 7, at 11:00 a.m. The agenda for this meeting will be the election of the 2012 Parish Committee and the other elected positions of the parish. All parishioners are asked to make plans to attend Holy Mass and to stay for the meeting.

**Building the Body of Christ  
within our community.**

### **Come To The Stable**

The Silverwood Trio is very pleased to announce the 4th annual **Come to the Stable** Christmas Concert on Thursday, December 15, 2011 and Friday, December 16, 2011 at Faith Church in Dyer, IN. Ticket prices are \$15.50, if you order them in advance on our website. Children under 12 are free. You may purchase tickets online at [www.silverwoodtriomusic.com](http://www.silverwoodtriomusic.com) or by contacting Ann-Nicole Sitter at [nicole@silverwoodtriomusic.com](mailto:nicole@silverwoodtriomusic.com) or 219-614-4539. Ticket purchased at the door are \$18.00.

Mr. Steve Gouwens, who played the violin at our dedication is a member of the Silverwood Trio.

### **Coffee and Cake Fellowship**

Following Mass, we invite all of our parishioners and guests for Coffee and Cake Fellowship. *Please give the Coffee and Cake Crew 5 -10 minutes to set up following Mass.*

This week our Coffee and Cake Fellowship is sponsored by the PTO.

### **Bible Study - Open to all**

A free on-line Advent Bible Study will be held on **Tuesday, November 29 December 6 and 13 at 7 p.m. (central time)**. The theme for the Bible Study is "Watch, Wait and Do Not Be Afraid." If you have not already registered, please contact Father John as soon as possible. You will need a internet connection and it is preferred to have a microphone and headset for full participation.

**The Bible Study is open to all family and friends  
of St. Michael's Parish.**

### **Weekday Mass Schedule**

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>November 29</b>
<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>No Mass will be celebrated today</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>November 30</b> Feast - Andrew, Apostle
<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Mass of the Feast Day</b>
	<i>For all bishops, priests and deacons of the Polish National Catholic Church</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>December 1</b> Eligius of Noyon, Bishop
<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Mass for Health</b>

### **Weekday Event Schedule**

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>November 30</b>
<b>4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Weekly Bake Sale @ GOB</b>
<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Saint Cecilia Choir Rehearsal</b>
<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Set-up and Kitchen Prep for Fish Fry</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>December 2</b>
<b>4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Fish and Shrimp Fry</b>
	<i>(Weekly Special - Ham, Scalloped Potato, Country Style Green Beans, Sweet Potato and Cornbread)</i>

### **Christmas Angels Project**

Please remember that your donation for the PNU District 6 Christmas Angel Project is due by December 1. A form for your donation and additional information can be found on page 14 of the November/December 2011 edition of The Archangel's Voice.

**“What I say to you, I say to all: 'Watch!' ”**