

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, December 4, 2011

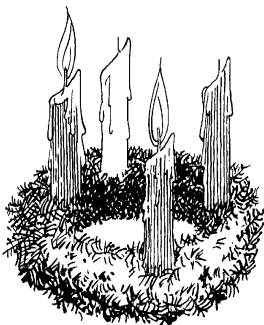
Intentions

Advent 2 Barbara, Virgin & Martyr
9:30 a.m. Holy Mass

For the Faithful of the Parish

*+Members of the Society for the Adoration of the
Most Blessed Sacrament remembered by the
Parish SAMBS*

+Balbina Anton remembered by Dorothy Nallenweg



10:30 a.m.

SOCL Classes & Coffee and Cake Fellowship

11:15 a.m.

Youth Group Meeting

11:40 a.m. PTO Meeting

Sunday, December 11, 2011 Advent 3

9:30 a.m. Holy Mass

10:30 a.m. SOCL Classes

10:30 a.m. Coffee and Cake Fellowship

11:15 a.m. Special Parish Meeting

St. Michael The Archangel

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ADVENT 2
December 4, 2011 - 9:30 a.m.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH
*Adopted and revised from The FAMILY ADVENT WREATH:
 Blessings and Prayers
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*A representative of the Society for the Adoration
 of the Most Blessed Sacrament
 will come forward and light two advent candles and say:*

Candlelighter: The glory of the Lord will be
 revealed.

**ALL: AND ALL WILL SEE THE
 SAVING POWER OF OUR GOD.**

THE WORD OF GOD – Mark 1:2-8

Reader: In Isaiah the prophet it is written: “I send my messenger before you to prepare your way: a herald’s voice in the desert, crying, ‘Make ready the way of the Lord, clear Him a straight path’ ”
 Thus it was that John the Baptizer appeared in the desert, proclaiming a baptism of repentance which led to the forgiveness of sins. All the Judean countryside and the people of Jerusalem went out to him in great numbers. They were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they confessed their sins. John was

clothed in camel's hair, and wore a leather belt around his waist. His food was grasshoppers and wild honey. The theme of his preaching was: "One more powerful than I is to come after me. I am not fit to stoop and untie His sandal straps. I have baptized you with water; He will baptize you in the Holy Spirit.

(A pause for reflection.)

PRAYERS

Leader: The Lord is the joy of the humble, the treasure of the poor. And so, we pray:

That we may embrace the Gospel with simplicity and charity, we pray to the Lord.

ALL: BLESS US WITH YOUR SPIRIT, O LORD!

Leader: That, like John the Baptizer, we may give witness to the Messiah, we pray to the Lord.

ALL: BLESS US WITH YOUR SPIRIT, O LORD!

Leader: That the Messiah, Who healed the blind and lame, will bless the sick, the suffering, and the dying, we pray to the Lord.

ALL: BLESS US WITH YOUR SPIRIT, O LORD!

Leader: Jesus taught us to call God "Father." And so, as one family, let us pray together:

ALL: OUR FATHER

Leader: Let us pray. Father, the day of the Messiah's coming draws near. Make us a people of compassion and forgiveness. May all that we do and say make ready the way of the Messiah, Jesus Christ.

ALL: AMEN.

BLESSING

Leader: Let us bless the Lord: the God of the humble and the help of the oppressed, the support of the weak and the refuge of the forsaken, the Savior of the despairing. To the Lord be eternal glory!

ALL: AMEN.

Opening Hymn: LIGHT THE ADVENT CANDLE

Light the Advent Candle two. Think of humble shepherds who filled with great wonder at the sight of the Child on Christmas night. Candle, candle, burning bright, shining in the cold winter night. Candle, candle, burning bright, fill our hearts with Christmas light.

READING I Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 85

**R. LORD, LET US SEE YOUR KINDNESS,
AND GRANT US SALVATION.**

READING II 2 Peter 3:8-14

ALLELUIA VERSE Luke 3:4,6

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. **ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA.**

V. Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight His paths:
all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

R. **ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA.**

GOSPEL Mark 1:1-8

Holy Spirit Hymn: SPIRIT, COME TO ME

Spirit, come to me. Touch my ears and let me hear,
Your word, Your truth.

Spirit, come to me. Touch my eyes and let me see,
Your word, Your truth.

Spirit come to me. Touch my heart and let me love,
Your word, Your truth.

Spirit come to me. Breathe on me and be my hope,
Your word, Your truth.

INTERCESSIONS**R. CONSOLING SPIRIT, BE WITH US.****Offertory Hymn: O COME DIVINE MESSIAH #9**

O come Divine Messiah the world in silence waits the day. When hope shall sing its triumph and sadness flee away. Sweet Savior haste, come, come to earth dispel the night and show Thy face and bid us hail the dawn of grace. O come Divine Messiah the world in silence waits the day. When hope shall sing in triumph and sadness flee away.

Shall come in peace and meekness and lowly will Thy cradle be, All veiled in human weakness, Thy majesty we'll see. Sweet Savior haste, come, come to earth dispel the night and show Thy face and bid us hail the dawn of grace. O come Divine Messiah the world in silence waits the day. When hope shall sing in triumph and sadness flee away.

SANCTUS Advent Melody**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER V****Page 92****COMMUNION RITE****Page 95****Peace Hymn: PEACE PRAYER vs. 1**

Lord make me a means of Your peace. Where there's hatred grown, let me sow Your love. Where there's injury Lord, let forgiveness be my sword. Lord make me a means of Your peace.

Communion Hymn: TAKE OUR BREAD
– Choir Selection

Post Communion Hymn: ON JORDAN'S BANK

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry Announces that the Lord is nigh; Awake and harken, for he brings Glad tidings of the King of kings.

Then cleansed be ev'ry breast from sin; Make straight the way of God within, And let each heart prepare a home Where such a mighty Guest may come.

For Thou art our salvation, Lord, Our refuge, and our great reward; Without Thy grace we waste away Like flowers that wither and decay.

To heal the sick stretch out Thine hand, And bid the fallen sinner stand; Shine forth, and let Thy light restore Earth own true loveliness once more.

All praise, Eternal Son, to Thee, Whose advent doth Thy people free; Whom with the Father we adore And Holy Ghost for evermore. Amen.

Closing Hymn: FROM HEAVEN A VOICE

From heaven a voice comes down to earth A star foretells the Savior's birth; It shines through darkness, sin and grief And brings to mankind's soul relief.

Come and rejoice, ye Saints above Receive the promise of His love. Hear now ye men who dwell in fear The Savior of the world is near.

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.

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 or by contacting Ann-Nicole Sitter at 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.

Happenings...

The regular monthly meeting of the Parish Committee to be held on Wednesday, December 14, will be rescheduled. Please consult your e-mail during this week for an exact date and time. All current Parish Committee members and all newly elected members are asked to attend this very important meeting.

The **St. Cecilia Choir** will hold rehearsals for the Christmas holiday Wednesday, **December 7 and 14 at 6:30 p.m.** All choir members are asked to please attend the rehearsals.

The **PTO Christmas Party** for the youth of our Parish will be held on Sunday, **December 18**, following the 9:30 a.m. Mass. If you will be attending the party, please sign the registration sheet in the fellowship area, contact Marcia Bielat 219-322-6547, no later than December 11.

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 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.

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

Bible Study - Open to all

A free on-line Advent Bible Study will be held on **Tuesday, 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.

Christmas Angels Project

Please remember that your donation for the PNU District 6 Christmas Angel Project is due no later than today, by December 4. 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.

Christmas Card Box

If you would like to send a Christmas Card to fellow Parishioners and save 44¢ a card in postage, please make use of the Card Box located in the fellowship/vestibule area. Every Sunday, after Mass, the cards will be sorted and distributed to those in attendance during our Coffee and Cake Fellowship. This will be the eleventh year for our Christmas Card Box.

Here is a little bit of trivia, when we started the Christmas Card Box at St. Michael's, first class postage was only 37¢!

Oplatek - Christmas Wafer

The blessed oplatek will be available after Mass, until December 24. If you are in need of oplatek, please contact Father John or Dr. James Rajchel after Mass. If you would like to pick up your Christmas Wafer during the week, please contact the Rectory at 219-374-8341 or the Pastor's Office at 219-374-7621 (374-SMA1).

Annual Christmas Concert

Everyone is cordially invited to attend the annual Christmas Concert presented by the Chicago Circle Choir on Sunday, **December 18** at 4:00 p.m. The concert will take place at All Saints Cathedral Parish located at 9201 W. Higgins Road in Chicago, Illinois. Come join us as we celebrate the holiday season!

Engraved Brick Project

The Engraved Brick Project is another option available to our supporters at this time. The bricks measure 4" x 8" or 8" x 8" and also may be engraved in a similar fashion as the Tree of Life. The plan is to use these bricks around our bell tower in the front circle of our new church complex. There is no limit as to the number of bricks that we will be able to use. The cost of a 4" x 8" brick is \$75.00 and a 8" x 8" brick is \$125.00. Please contact Diane Anton or Karen Long for an order form and further information.

Please make your checks payable to:

St. Michael The Archangel Parish.

Weekday Mass Schedule

- Tuesday** **December 6** Nicholas of Myra, Bishop
9:00 a.m. **Mass of the Day**
- Wednesday** **December 7** Ambrose of Milan, Bp & Dr
9:00 a.m. **Mass for Health**
- Thursday** **December 8**
Solemnity - Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Feast of Divine Love
9:00 a.m. **Mass of the Solemnity**

Weekday Event Schedule

- Tuesday** **December 6**
7:00 p.m. **On-line Bible Study**
- Wednesday** **December 7**
4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. **Weekly Bake Sale @ GOB**
6:30 p.m. **Saint Cecilia Choir Rehearsal**
6:30 p.m. **Set-up and Kitchen Prep for Fish Fry**
- Friday** **December 9**
4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. **Fish and Shrimp Fry**
*(Weekly Special - Baked Chicken, Baked Potato
and Vegetable)*

Christmas Flower Envelopes

The Christmas Flower Envelopes are available in the vestibule of the church. We kindly remind our parishioners and friends that the minimum amount for a flower donation is \$20.00. We thank everyone in advance for their support and understanding in this matter.