

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 18, 2011**

**Intentions**

**Advent 4** Rufus & Zosimus, Martyrs

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

*For the Faithful of the Parish*

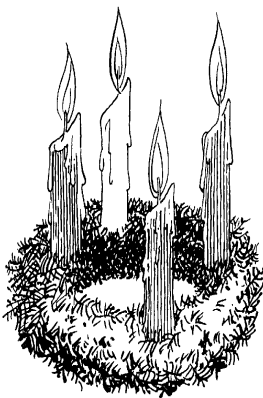
*For the sick, homebound, and those in nursing homes*

*From our Family, Friends, and Parish*

*+Dominick Slupski remembered by*

*Friends of the Parish*

*+Edwin Szalony, Sr. remembered by Mary Steck*



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

**11:15 a.m.** PTO Christmas Party **1:00 p.m.** Decorating of the Church

**Sunday, December 25, 2011**

**Solemnity - Nativity of our Lord**

**12:00 a.m.** Pasterka/Shepherd's Mass

**9:30 a.m.** Holy Mass of Christmas Day

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**St. Michael The Archangel**

**Church/Hall Address:**

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**Parish Office/Hall:** 219-374-7626

**Parish Website:** [www.stmichaelpncc.org](http://www.stmichaelpncc.org) **General Church Website:** [www.pncc.org](http://www.pncc.org)

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**ADVENT 4**  
**December 18, 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 Parish Committee  
will come forward and light four advent candles and say:*

Candlelighter: Like the sun in the morning sky,  
the Savior will dawn.

**ALL: LIKE RAIN ON THE  
MEADOWS, HE WILL  
DESCEND TO BE BORN OF  
MARY.**

**THE WORD OF GOD – Luke 1:26-38**

Reader: In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. Upon arriving, the angel said to her: "Rejoice, O highly favored daughter! The Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women." She was deeply troubled by his words, and wondered what his greeting meant. The angel went on to say to her: "Do not fear, Mary. You have found favor with God. You shall conceive and bear a son and give

Him the name of Jesus. Great will be His dignity and He will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give Him the throne of David, His father. He will rule over the house of Jacob forever and His reign will be without end.”

Mary said to the angel, “How can this be since I do not know man?” The angel answered her: “The Holy Spirit will come upon you and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; hence, the Holy Offspring to be born will be called Son of God. Know Elizabeth your kinswoman has conceived a son in her old age; she who was thought to be sterile is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible with God.”

Mary said: “I am the servant of the Lord. Let it be done to me as you say.” With that the angel left her.

(A pause for reflection.)

## **PRAYERS**

Leader: As we await the Miracle of Bethlehem, let us offer our prayers in hope to the Lord Who comes:

That we may accept the Father’s invitation to live in Christ just as Mary accepted God’s call to be the mother of the Messiah, we pray to the Lord.

**ALL: HEAR OUR PRAYER, O LORD.**

Leader: That we may respond in loving concern to those in need as did Mary in her care for Elizabeth, we pray to the Lord.

**ALL: HEAR OUR PRAYER, O LORD.**

Leader: That our joy may be to serve the Lord by serving one another, we pray to the Lord.

**ALL: HEAR OUR PRAYER, O LORD.**

Leader: Jesus, the Messiah, revealed to us by the love of the Father. And so we pray:

**ALL: OUR FATHER ...**

Leader: Let us pray. Father of Light, You have fulfilled Your promise of old: The virgin has given birth to Your Son, Emmanuel. As He shared our life in this world, may we share His life in Your kingdom to come. We make this prayer in the name of Jesus, Emmanuel.

**ALL: AMEN.**

### **BLESSING**

Leader: May the Lord of peace Himself give us peace in all time and every way! May the Lord be with us all!

**ALL: AMEN.**

**Opening Hymn: LIGHT THE ADVENT CANDLE**

Light the Advent Candle four. Think of joy forevermore. Christ-Child in the stable born. Gift of love that Christmas morn. Candle, candle, burning bright, shining in the cold winter night. Candle, candle, burning bright, fill our hearts with Christmas light.

**INTRODUCTORY RITE****Page 63****READING I****2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16****RESPONSORIAL PSALM****Psalm 89**

**R. FOR EVER I WILL SING**  
**THE GOODNESS OF THE LORD.**

**READING II****Romans 16:25-27****ALLELUIA****Luke 1:38**

V. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

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

V Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.

May it be done to me according to Your word.

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

**GOSPEL****Luke 1:26-38****Holy Spirit Hymn: COME HOLY GHOST vs. 1 & 3**

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest, And in our hearts take up Thy rest; Come with Thy grace and heav'nly aid To fill the hearts which Thou hast made, To fill the hearts which Thou hast made.

Praise be to Thee, Father and Son, and Holy Spirit, three in One; And may the Son on us bestow The gifts that from the Spirit flow, The gifts that from the Spirit flow.

## **INTERCESSIONS**

### **R. GOD OF MERCY, FILL US WITH HOPE!**

**Offertory Hymn: WE AWAIT YOU**  
– **Choir Selection**

<b>SANCTUS</b>	<b>Advent Melody</b>	
<b>EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER V</b>		<b>Page 92</b>
<b>COMMUNION RITE</b>		<b>Page 95</b>

**Peace Hymn: MY PEACE I GIVE UNTO YOU**

My peace I give unto you, It's a peace that the world cannot give. It's a peace that the world cannot understand. Peace to know, peace to live, My peace I give unto you.

**Communion Hymn: DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE**  
**OF ME vs. 1, 4, & 5**

Lord, we gather 'round Your table, first to hear Your holy Word; Then partake, with one another, of the Eucharistic Food. Do this in remembrance of Me. Do this in remembrance of Me.

Drink this Cup of your salvation, of My Blood poured out for you. Do for men of every nation what Your Lord has done for you. Do this in remembrance of Me. Do this in remembrance of Me.

At this Table I will give you Food that none could give before. Take of this and I can promise you will live forever more. Do this in remembrance of Me. Do this in remembrance of Me.

**Recessional Hymn:        PROCLAIM THE  
                                      JOYFUL MESSAGE  
                                      Advent vs. 1**

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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## **Welcome to Our Parish**

We take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to our Guests and 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.

## **Annual Christmas Concert**

Everyone is cordially invited to attend the annual Christmas Concert presented by the Chicago Circle Choir today, **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!

## **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¢!

### **Happenings...**

The **PTO Christmas Party** for the youth of our Parish will be held today, **December 18**, following the 9:30 a.m. Mass.

We will be preparing the Church for the Christmas Season, after the PTO Christmas Party. Please make plans to help us clean and decorate the Church and vestibule areas.

### **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.

**The virgin is with Child and shall bear a Son,  
and she will call Him Emmanuel.** Isaiah 7:14

### **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 very soon for the mannequins and texts.

### **Pasterka/Shepherd's Mass**

For your information and scheduling, you are cordially invited along with your family and friends to attend the Pasterka or Shepherd's Mass that will be celebrated at the traditional hour of Midnight. On **December 24**, we will have Kolendy (Christmas Carols) starting at 11:30 p.m. This will be followed by the Procession to the Manger with the Figurines, Blessing of the Manger, and Holy Mass at Midnight. We hope that you and your family will join your Parish Family to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, at this traditional time.

### **Oplątek - Christmas Wafer**

The blessed oplątek will be available after Mass, until December 24. If you are in need of oplątek, 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 Parish Christmas Dinner**

On Sunday, **January 8**, the Annual Christmas Dinner will be held following Mass. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. As a reminder the SOCL Students receive a complimentary ticket. Please purchase your tickets from Mary Steck or Cathy Kowalczyk by December 27. **A limited number of tickets will be sold at the door.**

## **2012 Offering Envelopes**

The 2012 Offering Envelopes are ready for distribution today, December 18. Please remember to pick up your envelopes and start to use them on January 1, 2012.

## **Annual Parish Meeting**

The **Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Sunday, January 29, at 11:15 a.m.** Please note: All Parish Committee Reports, Society Reports, and Special Committee Reports must be turned into the Pastor no later than January 15. This will allow time for a booklet to be prepared and distributed one week prior to the meeting. This will also allow time for our parishioners to review the material in advance. Thank you for your cooperation.

## **Are You Called?**

Would you like to convey the Word of God to the faithful during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and special services? Please contact Father John for instruction information.

Would you like to be an usher for Mass on Sunday? Please contact Bill Burket.

Would you like more information about the Diocesan Diaconate Program? Please contact Father John.

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

