

**ST. MICHAEL'S**  
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**HOLY TRINITY**  
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**December 1, 2019**

**First Sunday Of Advent**

**TO USE OR RENT ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH CENTER:** Call Janel Weigel 785-623-3689

**FUNERAL DINNERS:** St. Michael: *Pat Lohrey* 785-650-4255

St. Joseph: *Monica Legleiter* 785-342-5828

Holy Trinity: *Barb Oborny* 620-797-1490

**Communion Calls:** If anyone is sick at home or hospitalized, please notify Fr. Stephen.

**For Baptism or Marriage Preparation:** Please call Fr. Stephen.

Monday, Dec 2	8:00 am	LaCrosse	+Fritzie Weichen
Tuesday, Dec 3	9:00 am	Liebenthal	+Fr. Gilbert Herrman
Wednesday, Dec 4	8:00 am	Timken	+Anita Pechanec
Thursday, Dec 5	10:00 am	Locust Grove	+John and Dotty Kober
Friday, Dec 6	8:00 am	LaCrosse	+Pat Depperschmidt
Friday, Dec 6	10:00 am	Long Term Care	+Geraldine Schafer
Saturday, Dec 7	8:30 am	LaCrosse	+Elenora Moeder
Saturday, Dec 7	4:30 pm	Liebenthal	For The People And Needs Of Our Tri Parishes
Sunday, Dec 8	8:00 am	Timken	+Jim Pivonka
Sunday, Dec 8	10:00 am	LaCrosse	+Rosie Giesick

**LITURGY MINISTERS:**

**Liebenthal: Saturday, December 7 – 4:30 pm**

**COMMUNION:** Emmett and Gerri McGinn

**SERVERS:** Blake Herrman and Colby Stull

**LECTOR:** Norman Legleiter

**GIFTS:** Perry and Ludmilla Kreutzer

**USHERS:** Dermot Randa and Mark Tryon

**Timken: Sunday, December 8 – 8:00 am**

**COMMUNION:** Lydia Flax and Louise Seltman

**SERVERS:** Sophie Elsen and Allie Seltman

**LECTOR:** Bernard Juno

**GIFTS:** Mark and Charlene Koochel

**USHERS:** Lisa Benteman and Lydia Flax

**LaCrosse: Sunday, December 8 – 10:00 am**

**COMMUNION:** *Plate:* Edmund Oborny

*Cup:* Rob and Rachel Holopirek

**SERVERS:** Youth

**LECTOR:** Youth

**HOSTS/GIFTS:** Youth

**USHERS:** Youth

*Please find a replacement if you will not be at Mass to fulfill your liturgical duty.*

**Stewardship Of Treasure**

**St. Joseph (Nov 23, 2019)**

Envelopes \$ 480.00

Offertory \$ 63.00

Candles \$ 31.14

TOTAL \$ 574.14

**Holy Trinity (Nov 24, 2019)**

Envelopes \$ 760.00

Offertory \$ 115.00

Childrens Off \$ 4.00

Poinsettias \$ 40.00

Candles \$ 17.40

TOTAL \$ 936.40

**St. Michael (Nov 24, 2019)**

Envelopes \$ 810.00

On-Line \$ 320.00

Offertory \$ 122.00

Childrens Off \$ 13.00

Candles \$ 22.50

TOTAL \$1287.50

*Thank You For Your Support!*

**CONFESSIONS:**

**Holy Trinity:**

7:00-7:30 am before Sunday Mass

**St. Joseph:**

3:30-4:00 pm before Saturday Mass

**St. Michael:**

Saturday: 8:00-8:30 am

First Wednesday Of The Month: 6:00-7:00 pm

**CHURCH SECRETARY**

*If you need to reach JoAnn,*

*Please call or text her*

*At 785-623-1917*

*Or by email at [jchiefs0308@yahoo.com](mailto:jchiefs0308@yahoo.com).*

*Thank you!*

**A WARM WELCOME to new parishioners!**

*Please introduce yourself to the Pastor. Family registration forms are located in back of the church.*

*Please fill out the form and drop in the collection basket or give to Father after Mass.*

**PRAYER CHAIN....** We pray for those among us who are ill and for their caregivers, for those experiencing a hardship or difficulty, and for those in the Armed Forces. To place someone's name on the prayer chain list, please call Ardis Viegra (222-3629).

*Please keep in your prayers:* Twila Herrman ~ Mary Ann Petrik ~ Religious Vocations ~ World Peace

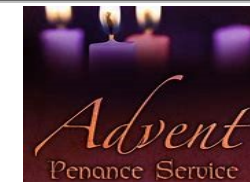
Our deepest sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of Terra Davis, Ernest Pfeifer, and Dominic "Doc" Schuckman.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon them.

**BULLETIN ITEMS:** Please give your announcements to Father, email to [church@gbta.net](mailto:church@gbta.net), or mail to PO Box 309, LaCrosse. **Bulletin items are due by 9:00 am on Thursday.**

**MASS STIPENDS** can be left in the collection baskets or mailed. **Please make checks to St. Michael's Stipend Fund**, specify what church you want the Mass said, and indicate if you want the Mass said on a certain date. If you have a preferred date, please submit your request **at least one month** in advance. **Each Mass is \$10.00.**

**\*\*\*\*\*TRI PARISH NEWS\*\*\*\*\***



**TRI PARISH ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE** is this Sunday, December 1 at 4:00 pm at St. Michael's. Fr. Stephen, Fr. Anselm Eke, and Fr. Bernard Felix will be hearing confessions.

**#iGiveCatholic on #GivingTuesday:** On Tuesday, December 3 from 12:00 am to 11:59 pm CST, parishes and schools throughout the Diocese of Dodge City are participating in Giving Tuesday. To see which parishes, schools, and organizations are signed up as well as to make your donation, please visit <https://dodgecity.igivecatholic.org/>. Your gift is tax deductible; and your donation goes directly to the parish, school, or organization's checking account. Please consider your local parish on this GivingTuesday. We also thank you for sharing this message to people outside of Rush County. As always, your support is very much appreciated!

**NOTE DATE CHANGE TO TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3-EUCHARISTIC ADORATION** beginning at 9:00 am at St. Michael's Church. Please sign up your hour that you would like to spend in time of prayer.

**HOLY HOUR - TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3 AT 6:00 PM:** Join us in prayers, Rosary, and confessions. Come over to the Parish Center after Holy Hour and join in with fellowship, rolls, and coffee.

**TRI PARISH ROSARY MAKERS** meet on **Wednesday, December 4** at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center. All are invited. **PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE!**

**MOVIE AND GAME DAY:** On Sunday, December 8 after Mass, St. Michael's Social Commission will be hosting a Movie and Game day for our Tri Parish Family from 11:00 am-4:00 pm at St. Michael's Parish Center. Parents are welcome to join or can drop their kids off-go get your Christmas shopping done! We will have an age appropriate movie playing from a projector, several games, and lunch will be hot dogs and Mac n Cheese. We will also have snacks. Kids are welcome to bring a blanket to relax with while watching the movie! We do ask that only kids ages 3 and up be without a parent. Kids under 3 are welcome with a parent. We have a signup in the back of church, please put your name and number of children attending. This will help to give us an idea of how much help we will need.

**REFLECTION:** On this first Sunday of Advent, may you have the strength and energy to live adventurously during the new year. Today we celebrate the beginning of a new year. Many people make resolutions around December 31 and January 1 of each year. They strive to be better persons and live more resolute lives. Yet for the church, we begin our new year today. We look forward with great expectation and hope as we realize we are about to celebrate the "coming" (adventus) of the Lord Jesus. *Reflections by Bob Kondrath*

**\*\*\*\*\*ST. MICHAEL in LACROSSE\*\*\*\*\***

**MEETINGS:** Property Commission-Monday, December 9 at 7:00 pm  
Knights of Columbus-Monday, December 16 at 7:00 pm (Christmas Party)  
Parish Council-NO MEETING in December

**CHRISTMAS DECORATING** of our church will take place after this Sunday, December 1 Mass. All helping hands are most appreciated!

**POINSETTIAS:** If you would like to donate a Poinsettia plant to St. Michael's Church in memory of a loved one, you may drop off the plant at the church anytime by Sunday, December 22. Or if you prefer to donate money to have a plant purchased, please put your donation in the Sunday collection basket in an envelope labeled "Christmas Flowers". If you have any questions, please contact Benny Viegro, 785 650 8236.

**ST. MICHAEL'S ASSISTANCE FUND:** St. Michael's Parish has funds (from an anonymous donor) available to St. Michael's parishioners in need to help with expenses from natural disaster (fire, flood, tornado), medical, food and clothing, or miscellaneous (rent, utilities, etc.). If you know someone in the parish in need of help, you can apply for them. The forms are available in the back of church or by contacting Fr. Stephen.

**\*\*\*\*\*ST. JOSEPH in LIEBENTHAL\*\*\*\*\***

**PLEASE HELP** decorate the church for Christmas this Saturday, December 7 starting at 9:30 am. We need all the help we can get! Thank you.

**CHRISTMAS PARTY!** The annual Christmas Party is this Saturday, December 7 following the 4:30 pm Mass. **Members of the Tri Parishes are welcome to join us.** The Altar society will provide roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, and the drinks. You are asked to bring a salad, vegetable, or dessert to round out the feast. There will be games and gift exchange. If you wish to do the gift exchange, bring a gift valued at \$10 marked lady or man to the party. We hope you all can come!

**REMEMBER LOVED ONES** with beautiful poinsettias in their memory to decorate the church for Christmas. Call Lucy at 222-3396, or put your donation in an envelope, list the names you want remembered then place in the collection basket.

**HELLO OUT THERE!** Is there anyone who will remove snow from sidewalks and/or parking areas this winter? Call Judy at 222-6044. Will pay for your service.

**CALL NOTIFY** hasn't gotten up and running, but hope to before the holidays. In the meantime, if we get a good snow, know Mass is automatically cancelled.

**\*\*\*\*\*HOLY TRINITY in TIMKEN\*\*\*\*\***

**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS:** Please sign up if you would like to purchase a poinsettia in memory of your loved ones.

**HOLY TRINITY ALTAR SOCIETY** will now hold their meetings on the first Wednesday of each month at 5:30 pm. We will meet Wednesday, December 4. There will not be a meeting in January.

**DECORATIONS** for Christmas will be put up after Mass on Sunday, December 8. We welcome your help.

**OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY** will begin at 5:00 pm on Sunday, December 8. Please join us!

**THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO INQUIRE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH**

*please contact Fr. Stephen at 785-222-2561.*

**Advent Retreat "Bridges of Welcoming Jesus"** presented by Francine Schwanzenberger, OP will be held on Saturday, December 7 from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm at the Heartland Center for Spirituality. We pause in this time of preparation to notice how God comes to us each day, to commit ourselves to awareness and gratitude. Fees: Retreat day \$50 includes lunch; 20 minute Spiritual Direction session \$15; 30 minute massage \$25. Sunday schedule includes 9:00 am Brunch; 10:00 am Sung Morning Prayer, and 10:30 am Mass. If you would like to extend your retreat, please feel free to stay overnight on Friday or Saturday. (Get in the mood on Friday night and join us for the showing of Millions at 6:15 pm.) Please contact Ann Axman, Heartland Center for Spirituality Co-Director at 620-792-1232 ext 116 if any questions.

**Proximo Travel:** Tony Frasco is the Proximo Travel Pilgrimage Coordinator for Kansas. He is married with seven children and loves the Catholic faith. He has helped with over 65 pilgrimages and looks forward to helping you. Tony recently helped Fr. Reggie Urban with a pilgrimage. You choose the dates and length of pilgrimage that is best for you and your pilgrims. Please view this short Proximo Video: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=JigSixXpH84&t=15s](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JigSixXpH84&t=15s) for more information. Please let Tony know if you are interested, any questions you may have, and how he can help! After contacting Tony, please also let Fr. Stephen know.



**Christmas Eve: 4:00 pm at St. Joseph and 6:00 pm at St. Michael**  
**Christmas Day: 10:00 am at Holy Trinity**