

ST. MICHAEL'S
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HOLY TRINITY
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December 8, 2019

Second 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 9	8:00 am	LaCrosse	+Annette Hepp
Tuesday, Dec 10	9:00 am	Liebenthal	+Viola Depperschmidt
Wednesday, Dec 11	8:00 am	Timken	+Mildred Sauer
Thursday, Dec 12	10:00 am	Locust Grove	+Everett "Ed" Stegman
Friday, Dec 13	8:00 am	LaCrosse	+Pia Staab
Saturday, Dec 14	8:30 am	LaCrosse	+All Deceased Of Rush County
Saturday, Dec 14	4:30 pm	Liebenthal	Special Intention For Health
Sunday, Dec 15	8:00 am	Timken	+JW & Gertrude Skolaut
Sunday, Dec 15	10:00 am	LaCrosse	For The People And Needs Of Our Tri Parishes

LITURGY MINISTERS:

Liebenthal: Saturday, December 14 – 4:30 pm

COMMUNION: Darryl and Sherri Herrman

SERVERS: Blake and Brooke Herrman

LECTOR: Dermot Randa

GIFTS: Norman and LouAnn Legleiter

USHERS: Al and Randy Urban

Timken: Sunday, December 15 – 8:00 am

COMMUNION: Mike Kaus and Carol Scheuerman

SERVERS: Wyatt Oborny and Travis Ross

LECTOR: Allie Seltman

GIFTS: Joe and Darlene Torrez

USHERS: Donnie Erb and Julie Huber

LaCrosse: Sunday, December 15 – 10:00 am

COMMUNION: Plate: Bill Baalman

Cup: Ruth Baalman and Sandra Gros

SERVERS: Lee and Zach Holopirek, Mikey Staab

LECTOR: Carol Oborny

HOSTS/GIFTS: Jon and Ruth Schroter

USHERS: Rob and Rollie Holopirek

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

Stewardship Of Treasure

St. Joseph (Nov 30, 2019)

Envelopes \$ 315.00

Offertory \$ 51.00

Candles \$ 3.50

TOTAL \$ 369.50

Steeple Fund: \$150.00

Holy Trinity (Dec 1, 2019)

Envelopes \$ 953.00

Offertory \$ 122.00

Childrens Off \$ 3.00

Poinsettias \$ 100.00

Candles \$ 71.10

TOTAL \$1249.10

St. Michael (Dec 1, 2019)

Envelopes \$1092.00

On-Line \$ 205.00

Offertory \$ 151.00

Childrens Off \$ 13.00

Candles \$ 21.00

TOTAL \$1482.00

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.

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: Butch Donovan ~ Donna Schmidt ~ Two Special Intentions
Religious Vocations ~ World Peace

Our deepest sympathy and prayers to the family and friends
of Mary Ann Petrik, Chris Seidl, and Ivan Stroot.
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, 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*******

REFLECTION: When I think about the Coming of the Lord Jesus, how prepared am I? Am I "always" prepared? Do I keep my mind on the fact that I must be ready at all times? What discipline(s) must I practice in order to be "Always Prepared" for the Lord Jesus' coming? What practical things can I do to work for the peace, justice, and unity of the Reign of the One Who has come and is coming again?
Reflections by Bob Kondrath

MOVIE AND GAME DAY: This 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.

“LIVE OUTDOOR NATIVITY” PRESENTATION: On Sunday, December 22 from 5:30-8:30 pm, St. Michael's PSR is doing a presentation of the Christmas Story with live animals. It will be located on the grounds surrounding the parish school building. There will be a walking path to follow where you will see five different stations depicting five different scenes of the story about the Birth of Our Lord. The five minute narrative will be played multiple times at intervals, so visitors can come and go at their leisure and can take their time as they follow the path and enjoy the presentation. The LaCrosse Knights of Columbus and St. Michael's Social Commission will be serving hot chocolate and cookies in the Parish Center for visitors after they've walked through the presentation. This will take place of the usual PSR presentation and K of C Christmas Party scheduled for Wednesday, December 18. We will have a walk through practice on that Wednesday with the students. **We invite everyone** to come and enjoy the PSR re-creation of the Story of the Birth of Jesus. This will be open to the public.

*******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

THE LACROSSE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will be having a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd degree before its monthly meeting on Monday, December 16. This program was just released by the Supreme Council and should last approximately 30 minutes. I encourage all current members to come and observe the new program. If you would like to go through the ceremony and become a member of the Knights Of Columbus, please be at the St. Michael's Parish Center at 6:40 pm. Immediately following the program, we will have our monthly meeting and then our Christmas Party. If you have any questions, please contact Grand Knight Mark Baalman at 785-222-6382.

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 Viegra, 785 650 8236.

WATER FOUNTAIN ISSUE: Attention parents of St. Michael's PSR students: the water fountain in the school is not working properly. Over the many years of use, it is finally on its last leg. You're welcome to send a water bottle with your children to classes if you like. There is a wide range of options being checked into for its replacement.

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

THERE'S STILL TIME to donate for poinsettias for Christmas decorating. Call Lucy: 222-3396 or drop the donation and request in the collection basket.

PRAY FOR SEMINARIANS EVERY DAY for a week or two in a very special way. The prayer kit sign up sheet is on a table in the church entrance. The kit consists of a small chalice, two candles, and prayer cards. Place in a prominent place in your home and make a commitment to pray for seminarians and vocations every day while you have the prayer kit. Return to the church when your time is up for another person or family to take home and keep the prayer chain going.

CALL NOTIFY is up and running. We did a test run on Wednesday to see if I got it right. Your phone will show "Holy Trinity", but it's my voice with a message I record. If you didn't get the notification, we didn't have your number to put in the program. Call me if you want me to add it. Hopefully I'll get the message out more clearly as I practice. We will use call notify to let you know Mass is cancelled or there's been a death of a parishioner. Thank you for your patience. Judy Hoffman 222-6044

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

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

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

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

HOLY TRINITY ALTAR SOCIETY: No meeting in January.

HOLY TRINITY OCTOBER 27 TOTALS: Envelopes: \$385.00; Offertory: \$123.00;
Children's Offertory: \$6.00; Votive: \$14.00

HOLY TRINITY HOLY DAY TOTALS: Envelopes: \$250.00; Offertory: \$100

THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO INQUIRE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH
please contact Fr. Stephen at 785-222-2561.



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

Potato Bar: Walnut Valley Senior Center in Rush Center will have their Potato Bar on Sunday, December 15 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Enjoy a large salad bar, homemade dessert, coffee or iced tea, along with your baked potato with many toppings.

The American Red Cross Blood Drive will be held on Friday, December 20 from noon to 6:00 pm at the LaCrosse City Auditorium. Your appointment can be scheduled at <https://www.redcrossblood.org>. Walkin's are also always welcome.

Kansas Rosary Crusade: There is power in the Rosary! Kansans fought to enter the Union as a Free State. We must fight again to protect life in the womb by amending the State Constitution. Join the State-Wide Rosary Crusade. The plan is simple: On Thursdays, all across Kansas, parishes, families, individuals, or other groups will pray a Rosary for the passage of a State Constitutional amendment rejecting abortion as a Constitutional right. Time and place are up to those praying. The Five Luminous Mysteries are traditionally prayed on Thursdays, but those praying are free to experiment, as long as the intention is kept in mind. Please go to: kansarosarycrusade.org for a five-decade Rosary specific to this Crusade. You can also check the page for a word from Bishop John Brungardt on this effort and to enroll your parish, your family, your organization or yourself in the State-Wide Rosary Crusade.