

ST. MICHAEL'S  
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December 15, 2019

Third 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 16	8:00 am	LaCrosse	+Leonard Hepp
Tuesday, Dec 17	9:00 am	Liebenthal	+Norbert Hartman
Wednesday, Dec 18	8:00 am	Timken	+Alfred and Esther Urban
Thursday, Dec 19	10:00 am	Locust Grove	+Celestine Jacobs
Friday, Dec 20	8:00 am	LaCrosse	+Wilma Depperschmidt
Saturday, Dec 21	8:30 am	LaCrosse	+Mary Lou Wherry
Saturday, Dec 21	4:30 pm	Liebenthal	For The People And Needs Of Our Tri Parishes
Sunday, Dec 22	8:00 am	Timken	+Albert and Josephine Koriel
Sunday, Dec 22	10:00 am	LaCrosse	+Rosie Giesick

**LITURGY MINISTERS:**

Liebenthal: Saturday, December 21 – 4:30 pm

COMMUNION: Leo and Vicki Herrman

SERVERS: Brooke Herrman and Colby Stull

LECTOR: Randy Urban

GIFTS: Dermot and Suzanne Randa

USHERS: Rueben Urban and G.T. Barnes

Timken: Sunday, December 22 – 8:00 am

COMMUNION: Lydia Flax and Louise Seltman

SERVERS: Sophie Elsen and Allie Seltman

LECTOR: Audra Oborny

GIFTS: Lisa Benteman and Lydia Flax

USHERS: Tim Oborny and Craig Scheuerman

LaCrosse: Sunday, December 22 – 10:00 am

COMMUNION: *Plate:* Knights of Columbus

*Cup:* Knights of Columbus

SERVERS: Knights of Columbus

LECTOR: Knights of Columbus

HOSTS/GIFTS: Knights of Columbus

USHERS: Knights of Columbus

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

Stewardship Of Treasure

St. Joseph (Dec 7, 2019)

Envelopes	\$ 383.00
Offertory	\$ 40.00
Hall Rent	\$ 75.00
Candles	\$ 21.72

TOTAL \$ 519.72

Holy Trinity (Dec 8, 2019)

Envelopes	\$ 680.00
Offertory	\$ 129.00
Childrens Off	\$ 6.00
Poinsettias	\$ 80.00
McCracken	
Missals	\$ 129.00
Candles	\$ 7.00

TOTAL \$1031.00

St. Michael (Dec 8, 2019)

Envelopes	\$ 641.00
On-Line	\$1450.00
Offertory	\$ 135.00
Childrens Off	\$ 43.00
Lieb Bills	\$1078.14
Timken Bills	\$1596.89
Candles	\$ 38.50

TOTAL \$4982.53

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: Connie Basgall ~ Tyrel Elias ~ Stormy Rogers ~ Bill Stedman

Two Special Intentions ~ Religious Vocations ~ World Peace

Our deepest sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of Ethyl Petersilie.

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

**BULLETIN ITEMS:** Please give your announcements to Father, email to [church@gbta.net](mailto:church@gbta.net), or mail to PO Box 309, LaCrosse. **PLEASE NOTE THE BULLETIN DEADLINE UNTIL JANUARY 5, 2020, is Wednesday at 9:00 am.**

**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\*\*\*\*\***

**“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. MARY'S IN MCCRACKEN** will have Mass at 6:30 pm on Saturday, December 28. All are welcome.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** is at St. Michael on Wednesday, January 8 beginning at 9:00 am with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. We encourage parishioners from the Tri Parishes to sign up for one hour and spend that hour with Christ present in the Blessed Sacrament.

**HOLY HOUR** is Wednesday, January 8 at 6:00 pm at St. Michael. We invite you to join in prayers, Rosary, and confessions. After Holy Hour, please join us in the Parish Center for rolls, coffee, and fellowship.

**TRI PARISH ROSARY MAKERS** will meet on Wednesday, January 15 at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center. All are invited.



**THE 2020 CHURCH CALENDARS ARE NOW AVAILABLE.**

God Bless and Thank You to these wonderful sponsors from our Tri Parish family: Align Chiropractic & Wellness, LLC; Dechant and Gros, Chartered; Enslinger Lumber Co; Janousek Funeral Home; LaCrosse Abstract & Title; LaCrosse Livestock Market; Timken Seed Farms, Inc; and Two Weeks, LLC.

If you have not yet done so, please pick up your free "Rejoice O' Earth" calendar.

**REFLECTION:** Do I have the same sort of anxious and joyful anticipation for the Second Coming of the Lord as I do for celebrating His first coming (Christmas)? What can I do during these last ten days of Advent to focus not only my own attention but also the attention of others toward the reason for this season: Jesus' coming to us? *Reflections by Bob Kondrath*

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

**MEETINGS:** 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Viegara, 785 650 8236.



Calvin Dean Delimont celebrated his Baptism on December 8. We warmly welcome Calvin to our parish family, and offer our congratulations to his parents: Christopher and Traci Delimont

**2020 CHURCH ENVELOPES** can be found in the back of church. If you are not signed up for on-line giving, please pick up your box of envelopes. Thank you!

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

**BAD WEATHER:** In the event of snow, ice, sleet or any inclement weather that make sidewalks and steps slippery, Mass will automatically be cancelled. We will use "call notify" when we know by 10:00 am on Saturday and the Monday night for Tuesday Masses. The call must be placed at least six hours before scheduled Mass times. If you didn't get the message sent out last week, call Judy to get your number on the call list. 785-222-6044

**PRAY FOR SEMINARIANS AND VOCATIONS 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.

**GREAT PARTY!** Everyone had a great time, good food and a variety of drinks at the Christmas party last week. Thanks to all who came and made it more fun, and the good food you all brought. Special thanks to the Altar Society Board: Monica Legleiter, Jerilyn Stull, LouAnn Legleiter, and Judy Hoffman for taking care of all the details. We are truly blessed!

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

**HOLY TRINITY ALTAR SOCIETY:** Our meetings will return to the second Wednesday of the month. There will not be a meeting in January. We will meet again on Wednesday, February 12 at 5:30 pm. We would love to have more ladies attend.

**THANK YOU!** A big thank you to all who attended our Christmas Party. Bingo, Santa visit, and a delicious soup meal was served. Those kind ladies and gentlemen who provided soup, cookies and helped set up and clean up are the best. Also a thank you to the youth, ladies, and gentlemen who decorated the church. We appreciate your dedication to our church family.

**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 this 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. Appointments can be scheduled at <https://www.redcrossblood.org>. Walk-in'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: [kansasrosarycrusade.org](http://kansasrosarycrusade.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.