

Holy Trinity
103 South Main
Timken, KS 67575

St. Joseph
202 Main Street
Liebenthal, KS 67553

St. Michael
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November 14, 2021

Thirty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

Please contact Father if anyone is sick as well as for Baptism or Marriage Preparation.

TO RENT ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH CENTER: Please 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

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| Monday, Nov 15 | *PRIVATE MASS* | +Donnie and Frances Holopirek |
| Tuesday, Nov 16 | 9:00 am Liebenthal | +Velma Carver |
| Wednesday, Nov 17 | 8:00 am Timken | +Albina Besperat |
| Thursday, Nov 18 | 10:00 am Locust Grove | +LaRee Reifschneider *Not Open To Public* |
| Friday, Nov 19 | 8:00 am LaCrosse | +Larry Werth |
| Saturday, Nov 20 | 8:30 am LaCrosse | +Leonard and Annette Hepp |
| Saturday, Nov 20 | 4:30 pm Liebenthal | For The People & Needs Of Our Tri Parishes |
| Sunday, Nov 21 | 8:00 am Timken | +Marguerite Schneider |
| Sunday, Nov 21 | 10:00 am LaCrosse | +Duane Jacobs |

LITURGY MINISTERS (Please find a replacement if you will not be at Mass.):

Liebenthal: Saturday, November 20 – 4:30 pm

COMMUNION: None

SERVER: Colby Stull

LECTOR: Randy Urban

GIFTS: None

USHERS: None

Timken: Sunday, November 21 – 8:00 am

COMMUNION: Plate: Mike Kaus Cup: None

SERVERS: Cordell and Wyatt Oborny

LECTOR: Preston Ross

GIFTS: Jim and Karen Pechanec

USHERS: Jim and Karen Pechanec

LaCrosse: Sunday, November 21 – 10:00 am

COMMUNION: Plate: Richard Leiker Cup: None

SERVERS: Ryland Baalman, Jackson and Lillian McGaughey

LECTOR: Christie Bittel

HOSTS/GIFTS: Rob and Rachel Holopirek Family

USHERS: Rob Holopirek and Phillip Schwindt

Stewardship Of Treasure

St. Joseph (11-7-21)

Envelopes \$ 972.10

Offertory \$ 45.00

Dillons \$ 78.35

Candles \$ 43.75

TOTAL \$1139.20

Holy Trinity (11-7-21)

Envelopes \$

Offertory \$

Candles \$

Please See Next Week's Bulletin.

St. Michael (11-6-21)

Envelopes \$ 352.00

On-Line \$1800.00

Offertory \$ 139.00

Childrens \$ 5.00

Roof/Carpet Fund \$ 500.00

All Souls \$ 22.00

All Saints \$ 116.00

Candles \$ 29.00

TOTAL \$2963.00

Thank You For Your Support!

RECONCILIATION:

St. Joseph: 3:30-4:00 pm before Saturday Mass

Holy Trinity: 7:00-7:30 am before Sunday Mass

St. Michael: 8:00-8:30 am Saturday Morning & First Wednesday Each Month 6:00-7:00 pm

By Scheduling An Appointment With Father

Church Secretary: Please call or text JoAnn at 785-623-1917 or email jtchiefs0308@yahoo.com.

A WARM WELCOME to new parishioners!

Please introduce yourself to Father. Family registration forms are in the church's entrance.

Please put your completed registration form in the collection basket or give to Father.

PRAYER CHAIN: We pray for those among us who are ill and for their caregivers, for those experiencing a hardship, and for those in the Armed Forces. To place someone on the prayer chain list, please call Ardis Viegra at 785-650-1319.

Please keep in your prayers: Dorothy Doonan ~ Mary Steitz ~ Special Intention

Safety From Storms ~ World Peace ~ Our Seminarians ~ Religious Vocations

Our deepest sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of Nancy Brady and Jim Sauer.

May God grant them Eternal Rest.

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 Thursday.**

MASS STIPENDS can be left in the collection baskets or mailed. **Please make checks to St. Michael's Stipend Fund**, specify which church, 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*****

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION will be held at St. Michael's on Wednesday, December 1 at 9:00 am. We invite you to spend time in prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament. Please sign up in the church's entrance that way we know that there will be someone present for each hour.

HOLY HOUR is Wednesday, December 1 at 6:00 pm at St. Michael's Church. Please join us in prayer, song, Rosary, benediction, and confession. Rolls, coffee, and fellowship following the Holy Hour in the Parish Center.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE is Sunday, December 5 at 4:00 pm at St. Michael. Fr. Stephen, Fr. Anselm Eke, and Fr. Bernard Felix will be available to hear confessions.

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION MASS TIMES

Tuesday, December 7: 5:30 pm at St. Michael

Wednesday, December 8: 8:00 am at Holy Trinity and 5:30 pm at St. Joseph

TRI PARISH ROSARY MAKERS will meet on Wednesday, December 8 at 4:00 pm in the Parish Center. All are welcome!

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve: 4:00 pm at St. Michael and 6:00 pm at St. Joseph
Christmas Day: 8:00 am at Holy Trinity and 10:00 am at St. Michael

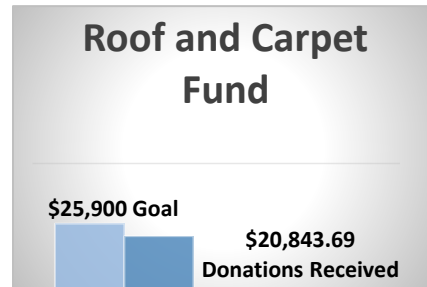
****ST. MICHAEL in LACROSSE****

MEETINGS: Knights of Columbus – Monday, November 15 at 7:00 pm
Religious Education Commission – Wednesday, November 17 at 6:00 pm
Parish Council – Wednesday, November 17 at 7:00 pm
Property Commission – Monday, December 13 at 7:00 pm

CHRISTMAS DECORATING: Everyone is welcome to help decorate our church for Christmas following the Sunday, December 5 Mass!

ST. MICHAEL'S ASSISTANCE FUND: The St. Michael's Parish has funds (from an anonymous donor) available to help St. Michael's parishioners in need to help with expenses from natural disaster (fire, flood, tornado), medical, food or 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 church's entrance or by contacting Father.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, please contact Mark Baalman at 785-222-6382, or another brother of the order. Without our members, we cannot achieve our goals and continue to support our Priests, Church, and Community.



*Thank You For Your Donations
To Help Us Reach Our Goal!*

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

ST. ANN'S ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING will be this Monday, November 15 at 6:00 pm in the school hall. All women of the parish are encouraged to attend.

IN REMEMBRANCE.... Our annual memorial service for parishioners who have passed away this past year called to mind these parishioners in prayer: Leland Schaffer, December 2; Rita Legleiter, December 8; Norbert Urban, February 9; Harold Stegman, June 18; Velma Carver, August 17. May they rest in peace.

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED after the Sunday, November 21 Mass to change out books.

HOLIDAY POINSETTIA SIGN UP SHEETS are in the lobby.

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

Movies With A Message: On Tuesday November 16, the movie, The Two Popes will be showing at the Heartland Center for Spirituality for the fall series of "Movies with a Message." *A fanciful dialogue between Pope Benedict and Cardinal Bergoglio (now Pope Francis) before Benedict resigns. Contrasting styles and emphases with a sharing of formative experiences in their lives. Superb acting by Anthony Hopkins (Benedict) and Jonathan Pryce (Bergoglio).* The movie begins at 6:15 in the Auditorium of the Motherhouse of the Dominican Sisters of Peace. The last movie in the series is The Christmas Chronicles (Friday December 3). A free will offering will be accepted to offset the cost of refreshments. Must be vaccinated to attend, masks are appreciated.

ACTS Men's Retreat will be November 18-21 at the Heartland Center for Spirituality in Great Bend. This retreat is a three day/three night Catholic lay retreat presented by fellow parishioners. Retreat activities focus on Adoration, Community, Theology, and Service, and can be powerful tools for retreatants to strengthen their faith, experience spiritual renewal, deepen their prayer life, and build friendships with others from the Dodge City Diocese community. Check out www.actsdcd.org for more information.

Advent Retreat: On Saturday December 4 from 9:00 am-Noon (on-site or Zoom). Presenters are Sr. Renee Dreiling and Marcia Berchek. Cost is \$35. Overnight and Meal options available. The theme for this year will be the *O Antiphons*, which are ancient prayers used December 17 – 23 to honor the coming of the Messiah. There will be times for prayer, teaching, quiet reflection and sharing. We are requesting those attending in person be fully vaccinated, masks are appreciated. To sign up call Ann at 620-792-1232 or online [Advent Retreat - Heartland Center for Spirituality \(heartlandspirituality.org\)](http://AdventRetreat-HeartlandCenterforSpirituality(heartlandspirituality.org)).



Catholic Answers Live is a daily LIVE call-in program designed to offer Catholics and non-Catholics alike an opportunity to hear from and talk with some of the leading apologists and theologians in the Church today. This show is hosted by Cy Kellett. Tune in from 5:00-7:00 pm on weekdays. The call-in number is 888-318-7884.

Dominican Sisters Of Peace Bazaar Items For Sale: Due to COVID, we were unable to host our Mission Bazaar again this year. We still have tea towels and scrubbies available for sale. If you would like to purchase any items, please contact Sister Carol Gerke at 620-792-1232.

Let Your Faith Be Bigger Than Your Fear.

25 year History Of the LaCrosse Knights of Columbus Council #2970

75 years ago, several local Catholic men started the La Crosse Knights of Columbus Council #2970. Throughout the years we have supported the Catholic Church, priests, the youth, and community. I would like to share with you what we have done in the last 25 years as we celebrate our 75th anniversary.

In the last 25 years Council #2970 has been extremely active by supporting the church, priests, youth, unborn, and community. Throughout these last 25 years we have supported our youth by having poster contests, hosting the Knights of Columbus free throw contest, sponsoring youth to attend church camps, and also having our annual christmas party for the PSR program. We have also raised approximately \$20,000 through the State Knights of Columbus religious Ed raffle program. these funds are distributed to RCIA programs and PSR programs all over the state.

We have also supported the intellectually disabled through our yearly Tootsie Roll program. In the last 25 years we as a council have raised over \$30,000 for this cause. We have provided ministers for church every month for the last several years. In our continued support for Catholic Priests, we have donated approximately \$10,000 to the Adopt a seminarian program for the seminarians in our diocese. We have also hosted several breakfast/luncheons raising money for the Seminarians of our Diocese.

In 2013, we were set with a task to move the deceased children that were buried at the Cordia cemetery in the North West part of Rush County to their final resting spot in the St. Joseph's cemetery in Liebenthal. This project was completed with the purchase of a memorial stone that has all of the childrens names engraved on it. Then Bishop Brungardt blessed the memorial and said a memorial mass for the children. We documented the event and turned it into a Church activities scrap book and sent it into the state council for their Church Service Competition where we won first place. Since we won 1st at the State level the scrap book was sent off to the Supreme convention where we took 3rd place in Church Service Activities in the order.

In the past years we have also supported the unborn. We purchased, and constructed the ProLife memorial that stands in front of St. Michael's church and we have also donated over \$2,000 to the State Council for the purchase of 3D sonogram machines to be placed around the state. We have also maintained the Pro-Life Sign that sits along the highway north of town. This past October, The Silver rose, which travels from Canada, through the United States, and down to Mexico made a stop here at St. Michael's Church. The silver rose signifies the unity of the Knights of Columbus in Mexico, The United States, and Canada, and promotes the dignity of Life. Our council held a prayer service, rosary, and Mass in honor of it coming here.

We have also supported the growth of our own 4th degree assembly. We donated start up funds of approximately \$1400 so We could start the Blessed Pope Paul the 6th assembly and last year we changed the name to the Virgil C. Dechant assembly in honor of Past Supreme Knight Virgil C. Dechant who was a member of our council and Assembly.

In 2009, we started our annual 30 guns of Christmas raffle. Through this we have been able to give back to Church's, and community. Some of these include donating almost \$18,000 to St. Michael's church for roof funds, flooring funds, concrete replacement, a new refrigerator in the Parish Center, new guttering on the parish school building, internet equipment for the parish center and school building. We also donated funds to St. Joseph's church in Liebenthal for their painting fund and also their roof fund.

For the community we gave approximately \$3200 to teachers in LaCrosse and Otis Bison School Districts to purchase classroom supplies. We built and installed new horseshoe pits at the grass park, installed the frisbee golf course at the grass park, donated \$5000 to the city of LaCrosse for a new slide at the city pool, donated \$1000 to the LaCrosse Country club for help with the repairs of their AC unit on their club house. We also purchased new solar lights to replace the non functioning lights in the cross at the LaCrosse Cemetery.

We spent over \$12,000 to construct the new ball field at the Rush County fair grounds. We also purchased 2 new scoreboards for the existing ball fields and donated \$2,000 to help with the installation of new field lights.

Just recently we donated \$5,000 to the Locust Grove Village for the next stage in their remodeling campaign. All together through the proceeds from the raffle we have been able to donate over \$37,000 to church's, and over \$30,000 to community projects. This does not include the countless man hours that our members have donated for some of these projects.

Some other events that were held or supported by our council were a number of local golf tournaments. In 2019, our council hosted the State Knights of Columbus State golf tournament in Dodge City and we just recently won the bid to host it again in 2022. We have had horseshoe tournaments, a corn hole tournament, we supported the community triathlon event, and supported the St. Michael's day celebration. For the past several years we have also sponsored a fair ride supplying workers during the Rush County Fair.

A couple of other projects we supported were the installation of the the sprinkler system and new grass on the grounds of St. Michael's. We also supplied several man hours in the constructing the new addition on the parish center. By supplying the man hours in this project, we helped save St. Michael's over \$22,000. This project was also documented with a scrap book and sent to the State level. It won 1st place for church service.

In 2014, It was voted on and approved to have Liebenthal council #2340 merged with the LaCrosse Council. As a council we were honored for this to happen.

At our December 2019 meeting, our council was given the opportunity to run the pilot program of the 3rd degree Fraternalism Installation to see how it would be received by candidates and members. We were the first council in all of the order of the Knights of Columbus to run this program. I spoke with State Deputy Jamey Roth just the other day, who was present during this event. He told me that after the event he had contacted Past Supreme Knight Virgil Dechant and reported to him that the program was a success. State Deputy Roth stated at Virgil's funeral, Supreme Secretary Michael O' Conner told him Virgil contacted him and told him that our event was successful and will be received well throughout the order.

In February 2020, we lost an exemplary member of our council and order, Past Supreme Knight Virgil C. Dechant. It was our council's honor to assist the family in setting up and preparing for his funeral, organizing the honor guard and also providing paul bearers to take him to his final resting place here at the LaCrosse Cemetery.

Our council members have been active in the state and supreme levels of the Knights of Columbus carrying on the tradition from the first 50 years such as State deputies Virgil C. Dechant, Alvin Legleiter, and Tom Dechant. Virgil was later elected as Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus in 1977 and held that office for 23 years and stepped down in 2000. If you would like to learn more on what Virgil did for our order, John Dechant, Virgil's Grandson wrote with his grandpa the book, "The Fraternalist, The remarkable life of Virgil C. Dechant the 12th supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus", which tells the history of how much Virgil meant to the Knights of Columbus and what kind of effect he had around the world. It can still be purchased and if your are interested let us know.

In the Last 25 years, Bill Baalman was elected as state deputy and then appointed as Vice Supreme Master of the Jaun Padilla province which includes the states of Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska, and Kansas. Tom Dechant also served in this capacity. Another member of our council, Benny Viegra served as Program and Membership development at the Supreme level.

Our council has also supplied several district deputies. In the last 25 years these members include, Alexander Herrman, Kevin Baalman, James Suppes, and currently myself. This position carries a 4 year term. Alex and Kevin served their full 4 years, James served 2 years before moving out of the district and taking the role of district deputy in another district, and I am currently on my second year so our council has supplied District deputies to the state 12 out of the last 25 years. It truly does say something about our council to have such amazing leadership at the state and Supreme levels come from here.

As of today our council has 171 active members and all of our achievements and goals cannot be done with out our members support and especially without the support of our wives and Families. I would like to thank the members and their families for their time and talents that have been donated to the council. As Past Supreme Knight Virgil C. Dechant said, "family is

the future" and without our families we cannot succeed. Thank you and I look forward to seeing what this council can do in the next 25 years.

On behalf of Knights of Columbus Council #2970, I would like to thank everyone in our triparish who has supported us in the past 75 years. Thank you!

Mark Baalman
Grand Knight/District Deputy #46
LaCrosse Knights of Columbus