

December 1, 2019

First Sunday of Advent

Matthew 24:37-44

"So too, you also must be prepared, for at the hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

Women do not carry large purses with at least one every item they or their children may possibly need because they like carrying heavy objects or exercising their biceps. They learn from experience that it is better to have something and not need it, than to need something and not have it. Large planes and space ships have redundant mechanical and electrical systems in the event one fails. This reflects the Boy Scouts' motto: "Be prepared!" Jesus understood that. He taught his followers, and us, to "Be prepared!" But for what? The simple answers are, "Just about anything" or "Whatever life brings us." Jesus did not know what specifically each of us would face, but he knew that if we loved God with our whole heart, mind, soul and strength, and loved our neighbor as ourselves we would be ready to use all of the talents, abilities and gifts God has given us, to the best of our ability, for our own benefit and the benefit of others. That is being prepared. Advent is a great time to get better prepared.

**** Please take note, parking on the grass is NOT ALLOWED
** Parents please take note, Children are NOT ALLOWED in the hall during mass or to be in the classrooms after CCD Classes.**

The classrooms have been painted. We need assistance in putting the rooms back in order. We will be doing this today 12/1/19 at 10AM. Nothing can be hung on the walls until 12/4/19 and thumbtacks are the only material authorized. NO TAPE! Thank You.

Silver Angels Christmas Party! We will meet at Betty Elders condo at 45 Abby Lynn Circle (near Exit 11) on Dec 6, 2019 at 1PM. Please bring finger foods (cheese, crackers, fruit, pizza, chips & Dips etc...). Bring a gift if you want to. Call 931-647-9416 for more information.

Next meeting of Father Gerald Calhoun Assembly is Dec 8, 2019 at 5:00 PM in Princeton KY.

Next Fellowship Bingo is Dec 21st at 10 AM. Martha's Ministry will follow at 12:30—2:30 PM.

Next meeting of Knights of Columbus Father Emil Kapaun Council is Dec 16, 2019 at 6:45 PM. This is a potluck members only Christmas party.

Next Parish Council Meeting is January 30, 2020, 2019 at 6:00 PM.

The Parish Hall Is rented on the following Saturdays in Dec: Dec 14th & 21st. There is no fellowship on those dates.

Blessed Mother Gift Shop will be closed during the months of Jan & Feb unless we are able to get some volunteers to fill in for days when permanent staff are not available.

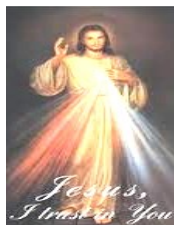
Asking for envelopes?
Please stop by the office on Sunday or Tuesday
Bridget Schuller
Anthony Nguen
Mia Masterson
Jean Clarence Zegura
Jaison Cruz
Melissa Aquon-Wofford
Marie Vega
Lisa Delaney

Applications are now available for Christmas food baskets Emma Hockaday is the P.O.C. Applications available in the vestibule of the church. The deadline for applications is November 24, 2019

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Business Card	\$150	\$280	\$540
Single Space	\$45	\$80	\$150
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Misericordia Divina Divine Mercy Spanish Prayer Group Wed. 10 am
call Sofia Craft at (931) 591-8042 or Gladys Douglas at (931) 225-8557
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Adult & Youth Faith Formation

Sundays 10-11AM Sep-May

R. C. I. A.

Rite of Christian Initiation for adults.
Wed. 7:00 PM Sep-May

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Weekend Mass Schedule :

Sat 5:00PM Sun 8:30 & 11:30AM

Weekdays

Mon, Thur., Fri 9:00 AM
Wed. 6:00 PM
Tues. No Mass

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PRAYER TO ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

St. Michael the Archangel

*defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.
Amen.*

Celebration of the Sacraments

Baptism- takes place every 3rd Sunday, during or outside of Mass. Contact Fr. Julian or Deacons Jack, Tom, or Wayne to set a meeting to prepare for the Sacrament and set a date. Baptism for older youth and adults occurs at the Easter Vigil.

Confession- Saturdays, 4:30 pm, before or after any Mass or by appointment with Fr. Julian. Communal services during Advent and Lent.

First Reconciliation- is celebrated during Advent.

First Eucharist- is celebrated during May each year with children in the second grade or older.

Confirmation- for youth is conferred by the Bishop. Adults receive the Sacrament at the Easter Vigil or before Marriage by Fr. Julian.

Holy Orders- Contact Fr. Julian or Deacons Jack or Tom if you are interested in the vocations of Priesthood, Diaconate or Religious.

Marriage- Contact Fr. Julian or Deacons Jack or Tom for any Marriage and Annulment need.

Anointing of the Sick- Anyone who is seriously ill or going to surgery should request anointing by contacting Fr. Julian.

Opportunities for Life Hotline

Call (800) 822-5824 for help for those experiencing an untimely pregnancy.

Nationwide Mass Times

Automated Church Lookup:
1(858) 207-6277 or log on to www.masstimes.org

SINCERE WELCOME TO ALL FRIENDS VISITING US TODAY

To register with the parish, please stop at the Office after Mass to fill out the form.

Mass Intentions \$5
Sanctuary Candle \$10

Please put your donation in an envelope and indicate († if deceased). Please give your name and phone number and the date wanted in the collection basket. If the exact time and date you requested is not available, the closest available Mass time and date will be assigned. Envelopes for Mass Intentions are in the foyer on the table.

****Bulletin Deadline - Wednesday**
Email Bob Whelan at r_a_whelan@hotmail.com

WEBSITE

St. Michael's new Website is now available at www.stmichaelsgrove.church Please check it out for more information. Web page POC is Jessica Carroll. She can be reached at fisherj21@yahoo.com or text to 701-371-4690 for web page input

Blessed Mother Bookstore
Open: Sunday 9:30 - 11:30 am

Come by and check us out.

Readings for this week 12/02-12/08

Monday:	IS	4:2-6
	PS	122:1-9
	MT	8:5-11
Tuesday:	IS	11:1-10
	PS	72:1-2, 12-13, 17
	LK	10:21-24
Wednesday:	IS	25:6-10A
	PS	23:1-6
	MT	15:29-37
Thursday:	IS	26:1-6
	PS	118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27
	MT	7:21, 24-27
Friday:	IS	29:17-24
	PS	27:1, 4, 13-14
	MT	9:27-31
Saturday:	IS	30:19-21, 23-26
	PS	147:1-6
	MT	9:35-10:1, 5A, 6-8:5-11
Sunday:	IS	11:1-10
	PS	72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17
	MT	3:1-12

First Sunday Of Advent YRA

Advent Season: A Time Of Reflection



Advent, the beginning of the Liturgical Year in the Catholic Church, is a time of preparation for the coming of Christ at Christmas. It was historically known as "Little Lent", because like Lent it is a time of repentance with prayer, fasting, confession, and good works.

The word Advent comes from the Latin word advenio "to come to", and thus refers to the coming of Christ. This refers, first of all, to our celebration of Christ's birth at Christmas. Secondly it refers to the coming of Christ in our lives through grace and the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Third, and finally, it refers to the second coming of Christ at the end of time.

Advent begins four Sundays before Christmas and therefore varies between twenty-two days and twenty-eight days in length.

Traditionally, all great feasts have been preceded by a time of fasting which makes the feast itself more joyful. Sadly, Advent today has been supplanted by "the Christmas shopping season" so that, by Christmas day, many people no longer enjoy the feast.

The Symbols Of Advent

In it's symbolism, the church continues to stress the penitential and preparatory nature of Advent. As during Lent, priests wear purple vestments and the Gloria ("Glory to God") is omitted during Mass. The only exception is on the third Sunday of Advent, known as Gaudete Sunday, when priests can wear rose colored vestments. As on Laetare Sunday during Lent, this exception is designed to encourage us to continue our prayer and fasting because we can see that Advent is more than halfway over.

Celebrating Advent: Advent, the season of preparation for the coming of Christ at Christmas, should be a time for families to come together in prayer and devotion. In our hectic modern world however, it is easy to get distracted, the Christmas music on the radio and the lights and decorations in the stores tend to increase our anxiety. No wonder so many people are tired of Christmas by the time Christmas Day finally arrives.

The world may move too fast, but we can slow down. Activities and devotions can aid us in celebrating Advent as it is meant to be celebrated. Then, when Christmas does arrive, we can greet Christ with joy.

Friends in Christ, in line with Pauline prayer, "May the God of peace make you perfect and holy, and may you all be safe and blameless in spirit, soul, and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. God has called you and He will not fail you." (1 Thessalonians 4:23-24) Amen!

Father Julian Ibemere
Pastor

****We will purge our sick list at the end of March. Please let us know who needs to be on it by placing the name in the collection basket.**



Dear Lord, please wrap your arms around those who are hurting today, and let them feel how much You love them.

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| Al Acuna | Angie Kawell | Sue Montoya |
| Jean Banasiak | Isabel Gonzalez | George & IL O'Connor |
| Hans Braun | Na Hutcheson | Peter Robbins |
| Judy Brown | Pat Jurisin | Edward Robbins |
| Shirley Brown | Steve Kiser | Debbie Robbins |
| Ann & Ken Carroll | Walter Klinecwich | Isaac Philips |
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| Margret Eck | Alex B. Lucas Jr. | John & Mae Raymond |
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| Ron & Janis Gill | Ruby Macias | Rudy Sheriff |
| Billy Hancock | David McCuiston | Kim Weimer |
| John Jackson | Mac & Sue McElroy | Marie Welter |

Please Pray for our Sick:

Gifts for God

Regular Collection:	\$1714.82
Mass Intentions	\$20.00
Votive Candle	\$20.00
Sanctuary Candle	\$30.00
Campaign for Human Development	\$594.00
Help the Poor Ministry	\$
Belks Charity Youth	\$
Parish Maintenance	\$
Candles	\$10.00
Hall Rental	\$300.00
Total	\$2693.82

Faith Formation Registration:

Registration Fee: \$20 per child
Register Grades Pre-K thru 12th
Class Time: 10:00 am to 11:00 am
Contact: Deacon Wayne, Bernadette Crisostomo, or Lisa Reed.
*Students must be picked up by 11:00 am by a parent/guardian

Bulletin Board

Have you stopped and checked out all that is going on here at St. Michael the Archangel! It is updated weekly by Lori Snodgrass. If you need anything added she can be reached at 931-919-2794.

Attendance 23-24 November - 376
Second Collection
Dec 01 Parish Maintenance

If you are moving please take a moment to stop by the office to let us know or put a note with your name and forwarding address in the collection plate. Please don't leave without a copy of your sacramental documents.

Every First Friday of the Month is

Anointing of the Sick and Adoration

3rd Saturday of the Month Activities

5 Cent Bingo
10:00am-Noon

Martha's Ministry (after Bingo)
12:30PM until 2:30pm

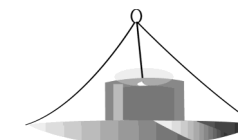
****Clothing Ministry****

We are now accepting winter clothing. Clothing may be left in the Fellowship Hall Atrium. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry. This is another program through Martha's Ministry.

Need a place to hold an event or a family gathering with friends, then why not rent the Parish Hall by contacting Dave Tilley at 931-237-5013

Sanctuary Candle Intention
November 17, 2019

Tyeldo Phero



Intentions this Week:

Sunday, 12/01	
MASS	8:30AM
Mass Intention:	Mike Kozar†
MASS	11:30AM
Mass Intention:	Elvira Schultze†
Monday, 12/02	
MASS	9:00AM
Mass Intention:	Parishioners of St Michaels
Tuesday, 12/03	NO MASS
Wednesday, 12/04	
MASS	6:00PM
Mass Intention:	Leo & Adele Banasiak
RCIA	7:00PM
Choir Practice	7:00PM
Thursday, 12/05	
MASS	9:00AM
Mass Intention:	Parishioners of St Michaels
Friday, 12/06	
MASS	9:00AM
Mass Intention:	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Saturday, 12/07	
Confessions	4:30PM
Mass	5:00PM
Mass Intention:	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Sunday, 12/08	
MASS	8:30AM
Mass Intention:	Karl Brence†
MASS	11:30AM
Mass Intention:	Maria Ortiz†