



St. Michael Catholic Church Mission of St. Dominic

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Baptism of The Lord January 10th, 2021

“And forthwith coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens opened, and the Spirit as a dove descending, and remaining on him. And there came a voice from heaven: Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased.”

Mk 1:10-11

Dear family:

Here we are at the beginning of another calendar year. It seems common to hear folks express new year’s greetings in a way that refers to the challenges that we have all faced in 2020. “I hope your new year is better than the last one.” Or “May your new year be safe and healthy.” Etc. These same sentiments have always been a part of our new year wishes – safety, health and prosperity.

How about if this year we wish (and pray) for our friends to be closer to God this year? Perhaps we can express it this way – “May this year be a Holy Year of grace for you and your family!” That would fit perfectly with God’s plan for all of us. This is a Year of Grace! The keys of Peter have opened the door on a Holy Year of St. Joseph.

So, let us make our parish yearly resolutions. We will call this the **Challenge of St. Joseph** that we are making as a parish and mission family:

1. **To memorize and pray daily the ancient prayer to St. Joseph that you will find in this bulletin.** When we pray we are entering into a conversation with God, the angels or the saints. St. Joseph has a special relationship with us as our spiritual father. Go to him daily with confidence.
2. **To receive God’s mercy in confession monthly** as our Lady requested at Fatima. While the ailments of our body cry out for medicine and a doctor’s care, too often we ignore the voice of our soul which cries out for God’s mercy found in the sacrament of Penance. After his baptism by John, Jesus began his ministry with the words, “Repent and believe in the Gospel!”
3. **Spend 15 minutes of unbroken prayerful silence each day in the presence of St. Joseph** (of whom no word is recorded in Sacred Scripture). The absolutely best place for this is in Adoration at St. Michael church.

Lord, wash us in the waters of your mercy! Fr. Flum

Ancient Prayer to St. Joseph

(This prayer dates to 50 AD.)

Oh, St. Joseph whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires. Oh St. Joseph do assist me by your powerful intercession and obtain for me from your divine son all spiritual blessings through Jesus Christ, our Lord; so that having engaged here below your heavenly power I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of fathers. Oh St. Joseph, I never weary contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms. I dare not approach while he reposes near your heart. Press him in my name and kiss his fine head for me and ask him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath. St. Joseph, patron of departing souls, pray for us. Amen.



He will baptize you



with the Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit!

Bring your gifts before Jesus in the Eucharist where our true Treasure lies. I urge you to consider making a weekly commitment to adoration.

These hours are not yet committed to:

Mondays: 7-8 PM

Thursdays: 5-6 PM

Fridays: 5-6 PM, 7-8 PM

Saturdays: 9-10 AM, 1-2 PM, 3-4 PM, 6-7 PM

Sundays: 6-7 PM

Please consider having one family member in the Church adoring Jesus for an hour each week. If you would like to be on our **substitute list**, call the office (240) 681-3551.

YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS – Jan. 1, 2021

St. Michael Offertory Collection \$782.00
 St. Dominic Offertory Collection \$392.00

YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS – Jan. 3, 2021

St. Michael Offertory Collection \$4928.00
 St. Dominic Offertory Collection \$1743.00

May God reward your generosity!

Please PRAY for our SICK

For those who suffer from chronic illness, especially Joe Aviles, Christopher Becker, Eddie Bond, Arlene Bloom, Arlene Bonds, Madison Brady, Keith Brown & Family, Ann Canter, Aldrin Castillo, Charlene Cardwell, Tom Cardwell, Joyce Chambers, Thomas Chambers, Greg Connick, Mary Connick, Leah Danielson, Diane DiSandro, Leo Dixon, Marysa Dixon, David Dixon, Dorothy Dunston, Angela Farmer, Kathy Fisher, Mabel Hamilton, Barbara Harding, Florence Henderson, Crystal Johnson, Bernice Kirby, Marie Knobel, Wanda Langley, Betty Lindsay, Kenny Lindsay, Adam Lumpkins, Mr. Maida, John Martone II, Rita Miller, Michael Mohun, Claire Mason, Ralph and Regina Nasatka, Fannie Newman, Yvette Parker, Carolyn Parson, Michael Proctor, Joyce Pickeral, Rev. Robert Pittman, Betty Proctor, Garland Proctor, Gary Reinhardt, Marsha Reinhardt, Shawn Reinhardt, Traci Renner, Dawn Russo, Mary Savoy, Frances N. Sewell, Blanche Simms, Dee Smith, Geraldine Stewart, Savannah Stuart, Tom & Patricia Stuart, George Thomas, Marion Walzel, Shirley Watson, Ken Wilson, Terry Wilson, Belinda Windsor, Beverly Windsor, Caroline Yashinski, Carmelita and Cheryl Young, and Lewis Young. Jesus, heal and console us!

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	01/09/21	5 PM	Pamela Leon Gonzalez Vu +
Sunday	01/10/21	8 AM	PARISHIONERS
Sunday	01/10/21	10 AM	Claude Boswell +
Sunday	01/10/21	11:30 AM	Amy Zager
Monday	01/11/21	7 AM	Veronica Stecklein
Tuesday	01/12/21	8 AM	Stuart Family
Wednesday	01/13/21	7 AM	Stephen Stecklein
Thursday	01/14/21	8 AM	Deacon John W. Somerville +
Friday	01/15/21	7 AM	Ann Proctor +
Saturday	01/16/21	8 AM	Flaim Family

The Catholic Charities Financial Stability Network

Free tax form preparation and help obtaining stimulus checks is available for families with yearly incomes of less than \$57,000. Clients may use the Catholic Charities registration page or call 202-319-6788. Parishioners who need assistance to claim these benefits are invited to email the Catholic Charities VITA program. This program will assist families to file their taxes and receive this year and last year's stimulus benefit checks. ccvirtualvita@gmail.com Bilingual staff and volunteers are available to assist parishioners.

March for Life 2021



The March for Life is still on in Washington this year! It will be held on **January 29th**. We will most likely be leaving around 10 AM and returning close to 5 PM. There is a binder at the main entrance of the church for you to sign up. Please sign

up to indicate your interest by tomorrow (Jan. 11), so we can make travel arrangements, depending on how much participation we have.

Day of Prayer

Be sure and remember that **January 22nd**, 2021 is a Day of Fasting and Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children.

“A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world. Through special initiatives and in daily prayer, may an impassioned plea rise to God, the Creator and lover of life, from every Christian community, from every group and association, from every family and from the heart of every believer.” (Saint Pope John Paul II, Evangelium vitae, #100)

The Universal Call to Holiness

After these chaotic months in our country, let us remember our call to holiness: *“You shall be holy; for I, the Lord your God, am holy.” (Lev 19:2)*

“All the faithful of Christ of whatever rank or status, are called to the fullness of the Christian life and to the perfection of charity; by this holiness as such, a more human manner of living is promoted in this earthly society. In order that the faithful may reach this perfection, they must use their strength accordingly as they have received it, as a gift from Christ. They must follow in His footsteps and conform themselves to His image seeking the will of the Father in all things. They must devote themselves with all their being to the glory of God and the service of their neighbor. In this way, the holiness of the People of God will grow into an abundant harvest of good, as is admirably shown by the life of so many saints in Church history. (Second Vatican Council Document: Lumen gentium, n. 39-42.)

Please Pray for

the Souls of the Faithful Departed

*Joan Martín (Deacon Robert Martín's wife)
 Let Perpetual Light shine upon them.*