

Fourth Sunday in Advent



Sunday, December 24, 2017

Year B Intentions this weekend Dec. 23/24

5:00 pm † Cheryl Fisher	-Worsley Family
9:00 am † Teddy Heffernan	-Carol & Family
11:00 am Missa Pro Populo	

Christmas Eve: *The Word is made flesh.* Sunday, Dec. 24th *The Nativity of the Lord*



5:00 pm † Deceased Members of Vari, Hilkene, De Fabinyi, & De Luca Families

8:00 pm † Kaitlyn Bates -by her Family

11:00 pm Missa Pro Populo

Christmas Day Monday, December 25

9:00 am † Noel Landry -Landry-Brooks Family

11:00 am † John Krolczyk -Anna Chryczyk

Tues. Dec. 26 **St. Stephen**
12:05 pm Souls in Purgatory -Donor

Wed. Dec. 27 **St. John, Apostle**
10:00 am Mass at Palisade Gardens
12:05 pm † Dianne Reutcky -Lise & Brian Lynas

Thurs. Dec. 28 **The Holy Innocents**
12:05 pm † Stewart & Petronella Stiles -Barbara

Fri. Dec. 29 **5th Day within the Octave of the Nativity**
12:05 pm † Catherine Hogan -Elmer & Mary Barney

Saturday, December 30
5:00 pm Missa Pro Populo
Sunday, December 31
9:00 am † Stan Zverina -Hermi
11:00 am † Catherine Hogan -Jenny & Hal Allison

Next Weekend's Readings: **Holy Family**
1st: Sirach 3.2-6, 12-14 2nd: Colossians 3.12-21
Gospel Luke 2.22-40

Please Note this is a double bulletin...keep for reference until Jan. 7, 2018.

“Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God.”

This Sunday (**Fourth Sunday of Advent**) we read the story of the angel Gabriel's announcement to Mary about the birth of Jesus. One of the challenges of faith is to recognize God's plan for us and to remain open to God's will and God's actions in our world. Filled with God's grace, Mary models for us the kind of faith that is needed to cooperate in God's plan of salvation. Like Mary, we are given the awesome opportunity to cooperate in God's saving plan. On this final Sunday of Advent, our Gospel invites us to consider how our preparations for Christmas have made us more aware of God's grace working in our lives.

Merry Christmas & Greetings to all who will join us for the celebration of Christmas later today. Whether you were raised as a Catholic or are new to the faith, whether you are a guest or a stranger, we warmly welcome you to St. Michael's Church.

☞ Summary of Your Generosity: Sunday Offertory for Dec. 17th, \$4,845. Thank you for your support. ☞

A special celebration: Monday, Dec. 25

All are invited to celebrate at Mass on Monday, December 25 at 2:00 pm—**Special Intentions of Ian Manley & Dominic Kennedy**. They will profess First Vows with the IVE Order.



2018 Offertory Envelopes

Please pick up your box of envelopes conveniently placed in the Narthex...you will need them January 1. ☺

Office Hours: During the Christmas Season, the office will be closed through to the new year and reopening Tuesday, January 2, 2018. Note, Father Gerardus will be available as needed.



FYI: St. Michael's Catholic Women's League Council Fall/Winter e-newsletter has now been posted on our Parish website—Enjoy the read. If you do not have access to a computer and wish a copy of the newsletter contact Lynda Macpherson 289-677-0107.

Prayer Life at St. Michael's

Tues. 26	7:30 am Adoration/Prayer	
Wed. 27	7:30 am Adoration/Prayer	7:00 pm Catholic's Come Home
Thurs. 28	7:30 am Adoration/Prayer	3:00-7:00 pm Adoration
Fri. 29	7:30 am Adoration/Prayer	3:00-7:00 pm Adoration
Sat. 30	7:30 am Adoration/Prayer	

All are invited to join in these Adoration and Prayer times held in St. Joseph's Chapel.

NOTE: Morning Adoration/Prayer will begin at 7:30 am. There will be **NO evening Adoration** on Thursday & Friday, Dec. 28 & 29. The Chapel will remain open for quiet prayer and reflection.