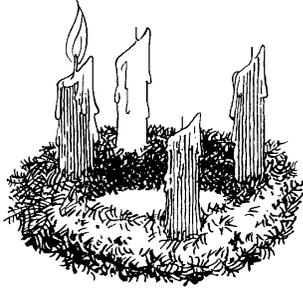




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 November 28, 2021  
 First Sunday of Advent

**LITURGICAL SCHEDULES AND INTENTIONS:**

Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 p.m. – For the Parish Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m. – Betty Beckerle

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** 20 minutes before Mass  
**STEWARDSHIP FROM LAST WEEK:**

Envelopes \$905.25; Loose \$169.21; Candles \$30; Cemetery \$15; Mtce. \$100; CCHD \$490 - Thank you

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEK:**

**Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 p.m.**

**Lector:** Teresa Braunseis

**Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m.**

Morgan Gauch



**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**Jeremiah 33:14-16** – As Advent commences, we hear from Jeremiah. In an extended discourse, he speaks hopefully of the long anticipated new Davidic dynasty that has yet to be realized. This hoped-for Messiah will be the salvation of Israel. **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2** – Pauls’ powerful letter to the community at Thessalonica concludes with prayer and gratitude. His hope for the followers of Jesus is that they grow in love and persevere in right conduct as they continue to follow the Lord. Paul notes that he speaks not from his own authority; his instructions to them come “through the Lord Jesus.” **Gospel: Luke 21:25-36** – Jesus speaks to his disciples about the cosmic occurrences at the time of the coming of the Son of Man. While others might be crushed with fear by the devastating reality of the end of the world, the followers of Jesus can stand with their heads held high, anticipating redemption. To be prepared for such a moment requires vigilance, however. They are called to watch and to pray, a foreshadowing of the instructions Jesus will give them in the Garden of Gethsemane as he faces the chaos and suffering of the death on the Cross.

**Fulfilling the Promise**

This is the thrust of Advent. We know Jesus came once; we believe, because of that, he comes again to bring the Reign and Kingdom of God to completion. We, now, are in between those two comings. How are we to live? Not dismayed or anxious. No, we are to be vigilant and strong, ever hopeful, full of right action, justice, and mercy. We stand erect because God does not abandon us.

- What dismays me about life today?
- What will I do to please God, trusting I am and we are not abandoned?
- What right actions, what works of justice and mercy will I do?

**A prayer for the 1<sup>st</sup> Week of Advent:** “In hope, I wait for the fullness of Your presence, Lord. Come, Lord Jesus”.

**QUILT OF THE MONTH RAFFLE 2021**

Raffle winners are: January: Barbara Olack, February: Frank Norkus, March: Diana Bievenue, April: Ria Dake, May: Louis Wessel, June: Ron Joshu, July: Katie Yarber, August: Ed & Paula Farley, September: Lou & Nancy Dori; October: Sheila Campe. You have 2 more chances to win!



**St. Michael’s Prayer Chain** – To request that someone be added to the Prayer Chain contact Karen Mueller at 473-3401. The person will be on the “prayer chain” for one (1) month, unless the person that requested the prayers asks for longer.

**ADOPTED CHRISTMAS FAMILY**

As a parish we have once again adopted a local family for Christmas. Our family consist of Aunt, Uncle and 2 boys. Please consider taking one or two ornaments off the “Giving Tree” and purchasing a gift for the family. All gifts will need to be returned to church **UNWRAPPED** by Sunday, December 12, 2021. If you have any questions please contact Sue Walsh.



**The 2021 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal**

**Whoever believes in me will do the works that I do...- John 14:12**  
 On behalf of the ministries and programs funded by The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal and those they serve, we thank you for your prayers and continued generosity to the 2021 campaign. May you and your families feel the warmth of God’s love and the comfort of His peace at Thanksgiving and always.



**ST. MICHAEL’S NEWS**

St. Michael’s has decided to do a Quilt of the Month Raffle again next year if we can get enough quilts donated or enough money donated to buy quilts. Quilts and money need to be dropped off by Sunday, November 28<sup>th</sup>. If you have questions or would like to donate a quilt, please see Sue Walsh. To date we have had 3 quilts donated and collected \$1,835.00 to purchase quilts. We have purchased 6 quilts so we are in need of 3 more quilts to have the raffle.  
 On January 1, 2022 Cemetery Plots will increase from \$300 to \$400. Please call Sue Walsh if you would like to purchase one before the price increase.

**NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS**

The Christmas Stories in Matthew and Luke – Two – Part Series Tuesdays, December 7 & 14, 10 a.m. – Noon Cost \$20 for series. For more information call 618-394-6281.  
 Way of Lights November 19 – December 31 – Drive through the lights from 5-9 each evening.

**BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE**

A tradition at St. Michael is the *Book of Remembrance & Candles*. From this Sunday until Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup> the book will be placed in the entrance of church. Anyone who wishes to have a 7-day vigil candle lit in memory of a departed loved one or family on Christmas Eve may list their name/names. Also, if you wish to have a candle lit for someone who can’t be with you/your family this Christmas, example serving our country in some distant place, or just unable to make it home, and you would like a candle lit for him/her please list the name. Candles will be prepared with the individual/family and will be placed in the window-sills of the church on Christmas Eve. If you wish to take the candle home after the Christmas Eve Mass you may do so, or it may be left in church. The suggested donation is \$2.

**PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS**

Due to COVID-19 and low mass attendance, the annual Parish Council Nominations and Election are postponed until February 2022. A nomination postcard will be mailed to parishioners with their year-end 2021 Contribution Statement in order to save on the postage. The postcard should be completed anonymously and returned to the Parish Office. Depending upon mass attendance in February, an election postcard will be distributed at the weekend masses or mailed to parishioners to complete anonymously and return to the Parish Office. Please contact Teresa Braunsies at 473-2703 if you have any questions. We appreciate your understanding during these extraordinary times.

**St. Vincent DePaul Needs Your Help**

With the ever-increasing number of people coming for assistance, St. Vincent DePaul **NEEDS YOUR HELP** once again in providing essentials to the poor they serve and supplies utilized in their ministry: Oatmeal (family & Individual size), coffee, breakfast bars, bathroom cleaner, Playtex gloves, laundry detergent (pods), paper towels/toilet tissue, and ballpoint pens (inexpensive)

**OFFERING ENVELOPES**

Please pick up your 2022 Offering envelopes that are in the entrance of church.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS!**

**CATHOLIC URBAN PROGRAM:** St. Michael’s December collection; Mittens, Gloves, Winter Hats, Scarves and Boots – Thank you!