

ST. MICHAEL'S
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ST. JOSEPH'S
 202 Main Street
 Liebenthal, KS 67553
 Pastor: **Father Matthew Kumi**
 website: <http://rushcountycatholicchurches.com/>

HOLY TRINITY
 103 South Main
 Timken, KS 67575
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December 11, 2016

TO USE OR RENT ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH CENTER: Call Janel Weigel @ 785-222-2454/3646

FUNERAL DINNERS: St. Michael's: *Pat Lohrey 785-222-3119*
 St. Joseph's: *Monica Legleiter 785-342-5828* Holy Trinity: *Barb Oborny 620-797-1490*
COMMUNION CALLS: If anyone is sick at home or hospitalized, please notify Fr. Matthew Kumi.
 For Baptism or Marriage Preparation, please call Fr. Matthew Kumi.

Monday, Dec 12	8:00 am	LaCrosse	+John Kober
Tuesday, Dec 13	9:00 am	Liebenthal	+Agnes Randa
Wednesday, Dec 14	8:00 am	Timken	+Esther Urban
Thursday, Dec 15	10:00 am	Locust Grove	+Freddie & Lydia Schuckman
Friday, Dec 16	8:00 am	LaCrosse	+Dotty Kober
Saturday, Dec 17	4:30 pm	Liebenthal	For The Parish
Sunday, Dec 18	8:00 am	Timken	+Lora Kaus
Sunday, Dec 18	10:00 am	LaCrosse	+Albert & Josephine Koriel

LITURGY MINISTERS:

Liebenthal – Saturday, Dec 17, 2016 – 4:30 pm

COMM: Norman & LouAnn Legleiter
SERVERS: Brett Herrman & Colby Stull
LECTOR: Dermot Randa
GIFTS: Perry & Ludmilla Kreutzer
USHERS: Bob & Mark Tryon

Timken – Sunday, Dec 18, 2016 – 8:00 am

COMM: Barb & Steve Oborny
SERVERS: Youth
LECTOR: Youth
GIFTS: Youth
USHERS: Youth

LaCrosse – Sunday, Dec 18, 2016 – 10:00 am

COMM: *Plate:* Rob Holopirek
Cup: Edmund Oborny & Brittany Suppes
SERVERS: Bailey Baalman, Carlos Schwindt,
 Mikey Staab
LECTOR: Karen Schmidt
HOSTS/GIFTS: Rick & Janel Weigel
USHERS: Kenneth Goetz & Bill Jacobs

<u>St. Joseph Collections (Dec 3, 2016)</u>	
Envelopes	\$ 450.00
Offertory	\$ 94.00
<u>Candles</u>	\$ 11.52
TOTAL	\$ 555.52
<i>Roof Fund: \$25.00</i>	
<u>Holy Trinity Collections (Dec 4, 2016)</u>	
Envelopes	\$ 961.00
Offertory	\$ 104.00
Childrens Off	\$ 3.25
Altar Society	\$ 100.00
<u>Candles</u>	\$ 12.00
TOTAL	\$1180.25
<u>St. Michael Collections (Dec 4, 2016)</u>	
Envelopes	\$1152.50
Offertory	\$ 0.00
Childrens Off	\$ 5.60
<u>Candles</u>	\$ 20.00
TOTAL	\$1178.10
<i>Thank You For Your Support!</i>	

CONFESSIONS:

St. Joseph: Saturday, 4:00 pm before Mass
Holy Trinity: Sunday, 7:30 am before Mass
St. Michael: First Wednesday of the month
6:30-7:30 pm

OFFICE HOURS:

Scheduled hours are Thursday's
from 5 to 6:30 pm or to schedule an
appointment, please contact JoAnn at
785-623-1917 or jchiefs0308@yahoo.com.
Thank you & God Bless!

A WARM WELCOME to new parishioners!

Please introduce yourself to the pastor. Family registration forms are located in back of the church.
Please fill out the form and drop in the collection basket or give to Father after Mass.

PRAYER CHAIN.... We pray for those among us who are ill and for their caregivers, for those experiencing a hardship or difficulty and for those in the Armed Forces. To place someone's name on the prayer chain list, please call Ardis Viegra (222-3629).

Please keep in your prayers: Victims From The Pearl Harbor Attack ~ Our Elected Officials ~ World Peace

Our deepest sympathy & prayers to the family & friends of Timothy J. "Tim" Legleiter.
 Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon him.

BULLETIN ITEMS: Please give your announcements to Father, email to church@gbta.net or mail to PO Box 309, LaCrosse. *All bulletin items are due by 9:00 am Thursday.*

MASS STIPENDS can be placed in the collection baskets or mailed. *Please make checks to St. Michael's Stipend Fund*, specify what church you want the Mass and indicate if you want the Mass on a certain date. If you have a preferred date, please submit your request at least two weeks in advance. **Each Mass is \$10.00.**

MONTHLY PRAYER HOUR FOR OUR COUNTRY is this Wednesday, December 14th at 1:00 pm in St. Joseph's Church. During this holy season of advent, plan to join us as we continue to lift our country and all it's needs to Our Lord's mercy and care.

TRI PARISH ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE is at 4:00 pm on Sunday, December 18th at St. Michael's Fr. Matthew Kumi, Fr. Charles Mazouch & Fr. Warren Stecklein will be available to hear confessions.

COLLEGE ANDREW DINNER: Males in college are cordially invited to attend the College Andrew Dinner with Bishop John Brungardt, the Vocations Director and your Parish Priests. This social, evening prayer and dinner will be held at the Bishop's residence on Tuesday, December 20th from 6:00-8:00 pm. The attire is dress shirt & slacks. *Please RSVP to Fr. Matthew by Monday, December 12th if you can attend this special gathering.*

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve: 4:00 pm at St. Michael's	Christmas Eve: 6:00 pm at St. Joseph's
Christmas Eve: 8:00 pm at Holy Trinity	Christmas Day: 9:00 am at St. Michael's

ST. MARY'S IN MCCRACKEN will have Mass on Saturday, December 31st at 6:00 pm. All are welcome!

REFRESHER COURSE: Father's sermon on the significance of the candles in the Advent wreath: 1st week (purple): prophecy - hope; 2nd week: (purple): Bethlehem - preparation; 3rd week (pink): Shepherd - Joy; 4th week: (purple): angel - love. Christmas Day: (white): spotless Lamb. Share with your children as you light this week's candles....

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

PROPERTY COMMISSION will meet on Thursday, December 15th at 7:00 pm.

LAST WEEK to sign up for **Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University!!!**

What: Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University is a personal finance course teaching what the Bible has to say about money. Financial Peace University has helped over **4.5 million people** and it can help you!!!

When: 6:00 pm every Wednesday night from January 4th-March 1st

Where: St. Michael's Parish School Building

Cost: \$93 (Remember the average family pays off \$5,300 in debt and saves \$2,700!!!)

Sign up by December 16th at <http://fpu.com/1030140>

For any question feel free to contact Lyle Hammerschmidt (785) 222 6279.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING is Monday, December 19th at 7:00 pm.

ST. MICHAEL'S PSR CHRISTMAS PROGRAM: The St. Michael's PSR Christmas Program and K of C Christmas Party will be held on Wednesday, December 21st at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center due to Fr. Matthew not being able to be here on December 14th. The Knights will serve refreshments and Santa will probably make an appearance that evening too. (Pray for good weather.) Come and experience the youth as they present their version of the Christmas Story.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS: If you would like to purchase or donate a poinsettia for a loved one, please do so or contact Joan Dreher at 222-2829.

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

CHRISTMAS PARTY TONIGHT (Saturday) after the 4:30 pm Mass, in the parish hall. Hope to see you all there for a fun time.

HELP US CLEAN AND DECORATE THE CHURCH this Wednesday, December 14th, from 6:00-9:00 pm. What a beautiful sight it will be as Christmas will soon be here!

DONATIONS FOR POINSETTIAS - contact Lucy if you'd like to help pay for the beautiful Christmas flowers when we decorate the church. 222-3396.

ROOF FUND UPDATE: Goal: \$56,204. Current total raised: \$46,947. Remainder: \$9,257. We are almost there, thanks to so many generous people!

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

CHRISTMAS PARTY: Everyone is welcome to attend our Christmas Party this Sunday, December 11th. Festivities begin at 4:00 pm with bingo, a visit from Santa and a delicious meal. You are welcome to bring some of your special Christmas cookies or dessert to round out the meal.

12 DAYS OF HOLIDAY CASH: Holy Trinity Youth are doing a 12 Days of Holiday Cash give-away, \$20 donation per ticket, Chance to win \$100 each day, December 12-22 and a chance to win \$500 on December 23. Daily drawing at 11:00 am. Tickets available from Laken Vondracek, Jared Vondracek, Gabriel Oddo and Lydia Flax. Limited to 300 tickets and **last day to buy a ticket is December 11th**. Proceeds are for NCYC 2017 and the Holy Trinity Youth. Tickets will be available before and after Mass at Holy Trinity. Questions? Call Lydia Flax at 620-923-6116. THANK YOU!!!

CHRISTMAS DECORATING: We will decorate for Christmas after Mass on Sunday, December 18th. All help is encouraged and appreciated.

BIDS for church cleaning, church grounds maintenance and cemetery maintenance are available in the church's entrance. Sealed bids are due by Sunday, December 18th and can be given to any of the Finance Commission members: Don Erb, Bernard Juno, Michele Moran or Karen Pechanec.

POINSETTIA SIGN UP SHEETS are in the rear of the church. Please sign up ASAP so the correct number of flowers can be ordered.

PLEASE NOTE the cost for a big votive candle is now \$3.50.

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

ADVENT MISSION: Everyone is welcome to attend an Advent Mission presented by Fr. Richard Gielow, C.M. on Saturday, Dec. 17th - Wednesday, Dec. 21st. Fr. Gielow's Mission will be the celebration of Eucharist with a special homily by him. Times will be:

Saturday, Dec. 17th at the 5:00 pm Mass in Hoisington

Sunday, Dec. 18th at the 10:30 am Mass in Olmitz

Monday, Dec. 19th at 7:00 pm in Olmitz

Tuesday, Dec. 20th at 7:00 pm in Olmitz

Wednesday, Dec. 21st at 7:00 pm in Hoisington

FOOD BANK FUNDRAISER for Christmas Food Baskets along with Vendor Fair is Saturday, December 17th from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm at the Rush Center Township Hall. Sloppy joes, chips and cookies will be served for a free will donation. If anyone would like to donate hamburger, buns, cookies or chips, please call Kelly at 785-279-0134. There will also be a food donation table. Items needed: canned goods, crackers, peanut butter and toilet paper. We appreciate any donations! Thank You!

MOVIES WITH A MESSAGE: On Tuesday December 20th, the movie, *The Young Messiah*, will be showing at the Heartland Center for Spirituality for the fall series of "Movies with a Message." Inspired by Scripture and rooted in history, this story imagines a year in the boyhood of Jesus. Remaining true to the character of Jesus revealed in the Bible, *The Young Messiah* is an inspirational story about the childhood of the Savior for the whole family. When the mystery of Jesus' divinity begins to unfold in His early years, He turns to His parents for answers. But Mary and Joseph, in an effort to protect their child, are afraid to reveal all they know. How do you explain the ways of the world to its Creator? How do you teach the Teacher? How do you help the Savior who came to save you? Follow the young Messiah as He and His family take the extraordinary journey from Egypt to Nazareth and on to Jerusalem – where His true identity and profound destiny are revealed. *The movie begins at 6:15 pm in the Auditorium of the Motherhouse of the Dominican Sisters of Peace.* Movies for the Winter Spring Series include: Selma – Tuesday January 17, The Letters – Friday February 17, The Real Face of Jesus from the Shroud of Turin – Tuesday March 21, Risen – Tuesday April 18, and Pay it Forward – Tuesday May 16.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES: Job loss. Domestic Violence. Medical emergencies. An unplanned pregnancy. A tornado. When life events leave individuals and families in a poor and vulnerable position, Catholic Charities of Southwest Kansas is there to provide hope and help. But we need your help! Please give to the 2016 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal at <http://catholiccharitiesswks.org/2016-annual-appeal>

365 DAYS WITH MARY: This Sunday Visitor app is available to download to your smartphone. The app includes Prayers of the Rosary, Daily Marian Reflections, Marian Book Excerpt, All About Mary, Mary, Undoer of Knots novena, The Works of Mercy & Catholic Prayers.