

ST. MICHAEL'S
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ST. JOSEPH'S
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HOLY TRINITY
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December 18, 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 19	8:00 am	LaCrosse	+Ludwina Schaffer
Tuesday, Dec 20	9:00 am	Liebenthal	+Dennis Schaffer
Wednesday, Dec 21	8:00 am	Timken	+George & Sue Rojewski
Thursday, Dec 22	10:00 am	Locust Grove	+Danny Petz
Friday, Dec 23	8:00 am	LaCrosse	+Alex McCormick
Saturday, Dec 24	4:00 pm	LaCrosse	+Loretta Meitl
Saturday, Dec 24	6:00 pm	Liebenthal	+Kyle Lichter
Saturday, Dec 24	8:00 pm	Timken	+Stephanie Oborny
Sunday, Dec 25	9:00 am	LaCrosse	For The Parish

LITURGY MINISTERS:

LaCrosse – Saturday, Dec 24, 2016 – 4:00 pm

COMM: Plate: Karen Schmidt

Cup: Linda Calvillo, Richard Leiker,
Frank & Marilyn Seidel

SERVERS: Johannah Baalman, Kinley Mongeau,
Abbey Oborny

LECTOR: Christie Bittel

HOSTS/GIFTS: Pat & Kelly Baalman

USHERS: Kale & Matt Mongeau

Liebenthal – Saturday, Dec 24, 2016 – 6:00 pm

COMM: Louise Dechant & Carolyn Thompson

SERVERS: Blake, Brett & Brooke Herrman, Colby Stull

LECTOR: Randy Urban

GIFTS: Norman & LouAnn Legleiter

USHERS: Dermot & Jerome Randa

Timken – Saturday, Dec 24, 2016 – 8:00 pm

COMM: Kathryn George & Mike Kaus

SERVERS: Aidan George & Jared Vondracek

LECTOR: Steve Oborny

GIFTS: Steve & Barb Oborny

USHERS: Mark Koochel & Steve Oborny

St. Joseph Collections (Dec 10, 2016)

Envelopes	\$ 720.00
Offertory	\$ 91.00
Candles	\$ 20.50
TOTAL	\$ 831.50

Roof Fund: \$1130.00

Special Thanks To 3 Donors
For This Outstanding Total!

Holy Trinity Collections (Dec 11, 2016)

Envelopes	\$ 535.00
Offertory	\$ 177.00
Childrens Off	\$ 6.02
Altar Society	\$ 20.00
Candles	\$ 29.00
TOTAL	\$ 767.02

St. Michael Collections (Dec 11, 2016)

Envelopes	\$1243.00
Offertory	\$ 198.00
Childrens Off	\$ 42.75
Timken Bills	\$ 954.39
Candles	\$ 28.25
TOTAL	\$2466.39

Thank You For Your Support!

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: Marvin Hammersmith ~ Safe Holiday Travels
Those Who Are Alone Or In The Hospital This Christmas Season ~ World Peace*

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.*

PLEASE NOTE THE CHURCH OFFICE HOURS FOR THE REST OF DECEMBER are 9:00 to 11:00 am for both Thursday, December 22nd & Thursday, December 29th. The deadline for submitting items for the bulletin is still 9:00 am each Thursday. Thank you!

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.***

THIS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18TH IS OUR TRI PARISH ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE!

Time: 4:00 pm

Where: St. Michael's

Priests: Fr. Matthew Kumi, Fr. Charles Mazouch & Fr. Warren Stecklein

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!

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING is Monday, December 19th at 7:00 pm. There will be a 4th Degree meeting immediately after the 3rd Degree meeting. K of C Christmas party will be held after meeting. All members of 3rd and 4th degree are encouraged to attend. Will serve Pulled Pork with all the trimmings free of charge.

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. 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.

CHRISTMAS DAY MINISTRY LISTS: The Knights of Columbus will be the Extraordinary Ministers, Servers, Lector, Hosts/Gifts and Ushers for the 9:00 am Christmas Day Mass at St. Michael's.

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

OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY was a really fun evening, filled with good food, music, games, and lots of laughs. Special thanks to the Altar Society Board for all their work to provide such a fun way to enjoy the holiday season. Thanks, too, to all who came and helped make it a great success. Not to mention all the help with clean up! You're just the greatest.

THE ALTAR SOCIETY SERVICE PROJECT again this year was collecting items for the two nursing homes. This week we delivered 78 items for residents at Locust Grove and Rush County Nursing home (hospital wing). We have 4 parishioners in the homes and Altar Society presented them with Christmas gifts. What would we do without the Altar Society?! They do such great work for the parish and community. We are truly grateful.

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

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.

A WARM THANK YOU to all the parishioners that took the time from their busy schedules to help decorate our beautiful church for Christmas. A special thanks to our youth who always step up to help.

THE CHRISTMAS PARTY was a huge success with festive decorations, a fabulous meal and fun and laughter throughout the evening. Our youth once again did an amazing job selecting bingo prizes. May you all have a Blessed and Merry Christmas with family and friends.

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

HOLY TRINITY COLLECTIONS FOR DECEMBER 7TH: Envelopes: \$1265.00 and Offertory: \$70.00

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:

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

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.

PASTORAL MINISTRY FORMATION SPRING 2017 COURSES:

THEO 2023 Theology of the Church 3 hour course (English) Instructor: Trish Keller; Dates: Jan. 21, 28, Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25, Mar. 4, 18, 25 on Saturday Mornings: 8:30–12:00 noon

THEO 4881 Music and Liturgy (one hour elective): The class focuses on basic precepts of celebrating the Eucharistic Liturgy within the parish including principles for liturgical preparation and music selection. Attention is given to the Liturgical Documents that guide liturgical ministries, preparation that invites participation of assembly/congregation, and spirituality for liturgical musicians and ministers. This course may be used as one of the electives to obtain the Diocesan Certification in Liturgical Ministry. Class Times: Jan. 25, Feb. 1, 8, 15 on Wednesday evenings from 6:00-9:00 pm. Location: Interactive Television Sites. Cost: 1 hr. course for credit - \$50.00. 1 hr. course for personal enrichment - \$25.00. Price quotes do not include books.

For more information please contact Coleen Stein at cstein@dcdiocese.org or at 620-227-1538.

**We'll still deck the halls,
light a few candles,
and whisper a few prayers toward the clear night sky,
but Christmas reminds us to tend
to the fires of friendship, of family, and of community.
This Christmas, let your own light shine by taking a moment
to acknowledge some special quality in those you love.**

-from A Franciscan Christmas

