

ST. MICHAEL'S
 918 Lincoln Box 309
 LaCrosse, KS 67548
 Rectory: (785) 222-2561
 Office: (785) 222-3292

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
 e-mail: church@gbta.net

December 4, 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 5	8:00 am	LaCrosse	+Catherine Baker
Tuesday, Dec 6	9:00 am	Liebenthal	+Freddie Schuckman
Wednesday, Dec 7	5:30 pm	Timken	Special Intention (S) **NOTE TIME**
Thursday, Dec 8	10:00 am	Locust Grove	+Fritzie Weichen
Friday, Dec 9	8:00 am	LaCrosse	+Emma Moeder
Saturday, Dec 10	4:30 pm	Liebenthal	For The Parish
Sunday, Dec 11	8:00 am	Timken	+Sharon Royer
Sunday, Dec 11	10:00 am	LaCrosse	+JW & Gertrude Skolaut

LITURGY MINISTERS:

Liebenthal – Saturday, Dec 10, 2016 – 4:30 pm
 COMM: Judy Hoffman & Mary Ann Legleiter
 SERVERS: Blake & Brooke Herrman
 LECTOR: Leo Herrman
 GIFTS: Wilfrid & Twila Higgins
 USHERS: Emmett McGinn & Dan Stegman

Timken – Sunday, Dec 11, 2016 – 8:00 am
 COMM: Bernard Juno & Clara Oborny
 SERVERS: Preston Ross & Laken Vondracek
 LECTOR: Barb Oborny
 GIFTS: Craig & Carol Scheuerman
 USHERS: Don Erb & Barb Oborny

LaCrosse – Sunday, Dec 11, 2016 – 10:00 am
 COMM: *Plate:* Bill Baalman
Cup: Ruth Baalman & Virginia Schneider
 SERVERS: Youth
 LECTOR: Youth
 HOSTS/GIFTS: Youth
 USHERS: Youth

St. Joseph Collections (Nov 26, 2016)	
Envelopes	\$ 425.00
Offertory	\$ 149.72
Candles	\$ 7.83
TOTAL	\$ 582.55
<i>Roof Fund: \$190.00</i>	
<i>Cemetery Lots: \$90.00</i>	
Holy Trinity Collections (Nov 27, 2016)	
Envelopes	\$ 390.00
Offertory	\$ 119.00
Childrens Off	\$ 6.00
Basement Rent	\$ 75.00
Altar Society	\$ 20.00
Candles	\$ 18.00
TOTAL	\$ 628.00
St. Michael Collections (Nov 27, 2016)	
Envelopes	\$ 760.00
Offertory	\$ 218.00
Childrens Off	\$ 11.00
Candles	\$ 29.00
TOTAL	\$1018.00
<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.

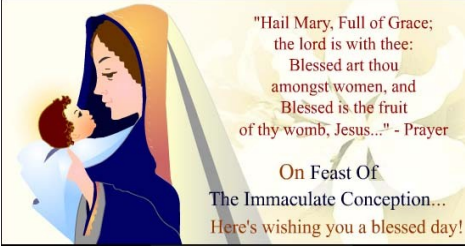
PRAYER CHAIN.... We pray for those among us who are ill and for their caregivers, for those experiencing a hardship or difficulty and for those in the Armed Forces. To place someone's name on the prayer chain list, please call Ardis Viegra (222-3629).
Please keep in your prayers: Clarence Legleiter ~ Janel Weigel
Our Elected Officials ~ 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.*

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.**

Go Sing It On The Mountain: This Christmas Contata, under the direction of Barbara Reinert and presented by the Pro Art Club, will be held on Sunday, December 4th at 2:00 pm at the Hope Lutheran Church in Rush Center and again at 4:00 pm at St. Michael's. Refreshments will be served.

TRI PARISH COUNCIL MEETING is Tuesday, December 6th at 7:00 pm at St. Michael's.



MASSES FOR THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Vigil Mass: 5:30 pm on Wednesday, December 7th at Holy Trinity
10:00 am on Thursday, December 8th at Locust Grove

THE MONTHLY PRAYER HOUR for our country will be moved up a week in December. Mark your calendars and join us in prayer on Wednesday, December 14th, 1:00 pm at St. Joseph's Church.

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.

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. MICHAEL in LACROSSE*******

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS: St. Michael's will decorate for Christmas after Mass on Sunday, December 4th. Your help will be sincerely appreciated!

LADIES NIGHT OUT with Christmas caroling, dinner, gift exchange and Bingo on Monday, December 5th at the St. Michael's Parish Center. We will start the evening with caroling at the nursing homes at 5:00 pm, eat dinner around 6:15 then followed with a fun filled evening. All you need to bring is yourself and a \$10.00 wrapped gift with your name on it. We welcome and invite all ladies.

TWO MORE WEEKS 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.

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.

THANK YOU! Thanks to Fr. Matthew, Bill Baalman and Rob Holopirek for training our new servers. And to the servers, both new and current, young and adult, thanks to you for being good stewards for the Church in this way. Please show your gratitude and encouragement to them for what they do to help Father at Masses for all the different occasions throughout the year.

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

ST. ANN'S ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING is Monday, December 5th at 6:30 pm. All women of the parish are invited. We will do the special candy cane project. Also remember to bring items to donate to residents at Locust Grove Nursing home and Rush County Nursing Home. Some suggestions of items: gloves, lotion, craft items, jewelry, music, snacks, perfume, religious items, jewelry making, pens, body wash, art items, ball caps, paper, shampoo, magazines, stuffed animals (especially dogs & chicks), hair items, socks, scarves, rosaries, cologne.

CHRISTMAS PARTY TIME IS ALMOST HERE! Mark your calendars and plan to come on Saturday, December 10th following the 4:30 pm Mass. The Altar Society will provide roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, dinner rolls, drinks, tableware. Please bring a side dish or salad. We'll have a \$10 gift exchange; guys for guys and gals for gals. Be sure to mark them.

TIME TO CLEAN AND DECORATE THE CHURCH! Please plan to help on Wednesday, December 14th from 6:00-9:00 pm. Many hands will make short work!

POINSETTIAS for Christmas -- if you'd like to donate toward purchase of poinsettias for the church, please contact Lucy: 222-3396.

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

MINISTRY LISTS FOR WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7TH AT 5:30 PM: *Extraordinary Ministers:* Don Erb & Kathryn George; *Servers:* Aidan George & Gabriel Oddo; *Lector:* Tina Vondracek; *Gifts:* Francis & Tina Vondracek & Family; *Ushers:* Duane & Tim Oborny

CHRISTMAS PARTY: On Sunday, December 11th, everyone is welcome to attend our Christmas Party. 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.

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

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 11, 2016. 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!!

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.

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

Fr. Richard Gielow was ordained a priest in the Congregation of the Mission. He has served in these assignments: Director of Vocations, Principal & Rector of a H.S. Seminary, Director & member of the Vincentian Parish Mission Center. He holds degrees in Philosophy, & Theology from DeAndreis Institute of Theology & Religious Ed from Catholic University of America. He's also listed in the Midwest & Religious sections of "Who's Who in America" as a well-known preacher & retreat director. Currently, Fr. Gielow is Dir. Of the Vincentian Parish Mission Center, National Spiritual Advisor to the Ladies of Charity of USA, & National Spiritual Advisor to a Fraternal Organization called KSKJ. His twin brother, Fr. Robert Gielow, C.M. is also a Vincentian Priest & member of the Vincentian Parish Mission Center. His sister, Mary Ann Gielow, is Dir. Of Development for St. Cyril of Alexandria Parish in Tucson, AZ.

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!

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>