

ST. MICHAEL'S
 918 Lincoln Box 309
 LaCrosse, KS 67548
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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
 e-mail: church@gbta.net

December 25, 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.

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| Monday, Dec 26 | 8:00 am | LaCrosse | +Marge Moore |
| Tuesday, Dec 27 | 9:00 am | Liebenthal | +Albert Pfeifer |
| Wednesday, Dec 28 | 8:00 am | Timken | +All Deceased In Rush County |
| Thursday, Dec 29 | 10:00 am | Locust Grove | +Esther Urban |
| Friday, Dec 30 | 8:00 am | LaCrosse | +Norbert Hartman |
| Saturday, Dec 31 | 4:30 pm | Liebenthal | +Francis & Glenn Legleiter |
| Saturday, Dec 31 | 6:00 pm | McCracken | +Ben Thompson & Deceased Family Members |
| Sunday, Jan 1 | 8:00 am | Timken | For The Parish |
| Sunday, Jan 1 | 10:00 am | LaCrosse | +Danny Petz |

LITURGY MINISTERS:

Liebenthal – Saturday, Dec 31, 2016 – 4:30 pm

COMM: Darryl & Sherri Herrman
 SERVERS: Blake & Brooke Herrman
 LECTOR: G.T. Barnes
 GIFTS: Duane & Monica Legleiter
 USHERS: Al & Rueben Urban

Timken – Sunday, Jan 1, 2016 – 8:00 am

COMM: Duane Oborny & Louise Seltman
 SERVERS: Audra Oborny & Allie Seltman
 LECTOR: Emily George
 GIFTS: Tim & Patricia Oborny & Family
 USHERS: Duane & Tim Oborny

LaCrosse – Sunday, Jan 1, 2016 – 10:00 am

COMM: *Plate:* Ardis Viegra
Cup: Janel & Rick Weigel
 SERVERS: Audrey & Chet Irvin
 Brennen Steinert
 LECTOR: Ashley Moeder
 HOSTS/GIFTS: Dennis & Christie Bittel
 USHERS: Francis Schaffer & Jon Schroter

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| <u>St. Joseph Collections (Dec 17, 2016)</u> | |
| NO MASS DUE TO WEATHER | |
| <u>Holy Trinity Collections (Dec 18, 2016)</u> | |
| Envelopes | \$ 605.00 |
| Offertory | \$ 42.00 |
| Childrens Off | \$ 4.88 |
| Altar Society | \$ 20.00 |
| PSR | \$ 250.00 |
| Candles | \$ 9.00 |
| TOTAL | \$ 930.88 |
| <u>St. Michael Collections (Dec 18, 2016)</u> | |
| Envelopes | \$2068.00 |
| Offertory | \$ 124.00 |
| Childrens Off | \$ 7.50 |
| Lieb Bills | \$ 972.39 |
| Candles | \$ 17.00 |
| TOTAL | \$3188.89 |

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: Nicholl Weigel ~ Our Elected Officials ~ Safe Holiday Travels Those Who Are Alone Or In The Hospital This Christmas Season ~ World Peace

Our deepest sympathy & prayers to the family and friends of Marvin Hammersmith. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and the 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.

PLEASE NOTE THE CHURCH OFFICE will be open from 9:00 to 11:00 am on Thursday, December 29th. The deadline for submitting bulletin items is still Thursday at 9:00 am. 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.**

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

HOLY HOUR: All are welcome to come spend an hour with our Lord on Wednesday, January 4th at 6:30 pm at St. Michael's.

TRI PARISH ROSARY MAKERS will meet at 7:30 pm on Wednesday, January 4th.



On January 21, 2017, St. Ann's Altar Society of Liebenthal is hosting a birthday celebration after Mass in honor of Fr. Matthew's birthday! The main dish and dessert will be provided but attendees are asked to bring a side dish or salad. Plan now to come help Father celebrate!



This Christmas, we count our blessings for the numerous volunteers in our three parishes. Thank you for being so caring, so helpful, so thoughtful, so selfless! Thanks for volunteering – your actions are priceless!

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

NO PSR CLASSES FOR ST. MICHAEL'S ON DECEMBER 28TH FOR CHRISTMAS BREAK.

Classes will resume on January 4, 2017 since there is no Diocesan Catechist Formation class in January for our catechists this school year.

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MANY THANKS TO THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS for the new projector they donated! God Bless You for all the good you do!

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

ST. ANN'S ALTAR SOCIETY has rescheduled the January meeting to Sunday, January 15th at 2:00 pm! "Ooodles of Noodles" will be the theme of this meeting and ladies of the group will gather to learn how to make noodles. We'll eat them later that week at Fr. Matthew's birthday celebration! This meeting is sure to be educational and fun!

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SPECIAL THANKS to all who came to clean the church and decorate for Christmas. Now we are ready for the Christmas season!

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

THE HOLY TRINITY YOUTH would like to thank everyone for their support of their 12 Days of Holiday Cash fundraiser. The winners are December 12–Terry Conard, December 13–Holy Trinity PSR, December 14–Patty Stieben, December 15–Linda Stieben, December 16–Sheila Nather, December 17–Audra Oborny, December 18–Brandon Pechanec, December 19–Isaac Oborny, December 20–Sheila Nather and December 21–Charles Vondracek. The last two winners will be announced next week in the bulletin. May everyone have a blessed Christmas!!!

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING FAMILIES FOR THE MEMORIAL POINSETTIAS: Wayne & Eldora Conard from Terry & Cheryl Conard; Edward & Joe Sauer from Terry & Cheryl Conard; Leslie Uselton, Catherine & Stephanie Oborny from Barb & Steve Oborny; Sharon Royer from Jim & Karen Pechanec and family; Marguerite Schneider from Jim & Karen Pechanec and family; Bill Moran from Marge Moran & family; William & Rosa Moran from Marge Moran & family; Frank & Neva Stejskal & Harry from Marge Moran & family; CB & Louise Vesecky from Rosalee Reitcheck & Loray & Kathryn George & family; Stejskal & Weichen families from Larry & Betty Stejskal; Frieb & Scheuerman families from Craig & Carol Scheuerman; John & Dorothy Rourke & Gerald Rourke from Louise Seltman & family; Henry & Rose Pechanec from Stephen & Margaret Pechanec; Velma & Leo Helfrich & Matthew Kopsky from Stephen & Margaret Pechanec; Alfred & Esther Urban from Alan & Susan Urban; Pechanec & Koochel families from Mark & Charlene Koochel.

THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO INQUIRE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH

please contact Fr. Matthew at 785-222-2561

RUSH COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL IS CELEBRATING 65 YEARS! Everyone is invited to RCMH for a Christmas Fantasy Open House on Thursday, December 29th from 6:00 to 8:00 pm.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO FR. ULTAN MURPHY! Fr. Murphy will be celebrating his 90th Birthday on Friday, January 6th. If you would like to send him a card on his special day, his address is PO Box 128; Olmitz, KS 67564.

FIBER SPACE 2017: Heartland Farm is offering a workshop to learn, renew or develop your fiber arts skills. The workshop will be held on January 13-14 and February 10-11 from 7:00-9:00 pm and 9:00 am-4:00 pm. Please call 620-923-4585, visit their website at www.heartlandfarm-ks.org or email hfarm@gbta.net for more information.

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.

TO ALL OF OUR TRI PARISH FAMILY AND VISITORS...

