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St. Michael Catholic Church

Sunday Mass - 8 am

Communion Service - Wednesday at 5 pm

followed by Adoration until 6:30 pm

Confessions -

Second Wednesday of the month after Mass

Fourth Sunday of the month after Mass

The Epiphany of the Lord

January 2, 2022

Mary is the Mother of God. She is our mother, also. Praise Goes up First (cf. Judges 20:18): Praise spontaneously flowed from Mary's heart as she encountered her cousin and was called "Mother of the Lord" for the first time. Her words were true at the moment she prayed them, and they are still true, on this day as Mother Church is united around the world praising God for the gift of his Son. Today, we make her words our own. Our souls proclaim the greatness of the Lord.

He Lifts up the Lowly: Our Lady knew well how God lifted up the lowly throughout the history of her people, and now she was experiencing it personally in a way beyond her imagining. She wholeheartedly acknowledged her lowliness and must have marveled that God asked her to participate so intimately in his plan of salvation for the whole world. Perhaps resting her hands on her slowly growing baby bump, she would also contemplate how He had come to make himself lowly—an infant, totally helpless and in need of love, so as to bring us the Father's love and let us love him, too.

He Remembers His Promise: Mary reminds us that God did not forget his people as they continued throughout the Old Testament to seek his face. And he doesn't forget us as we beseech him for graces and blessings! In the words of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, "Often, his plan is hidden under the opaque terrain of human vicissitudes, in which the 'proud,' the 'mighty' and the 'rich' triumph. However, in the end, his secret strength is destined to manifest who God's real favorites are: the 'faithful' to his Word, 'the humble,' 'the hungry,' 'his servant Israel,' namely, the community of the People of God that, as Mary, is constituted by those who are 'poor,' pure, and simple of heart".

Happy New Year,
Fr. Cory Rohlfing

Welcome to all those visiting us today. We invite everyone to continue to celebrate Mass with us at St. Michael's. Please let the parish office know if we can be of assistance to you.

CONTRIBUTIONS

December 26, 2021

Adult Envelopes: \$ 3020.00
Loose Plate: \$ 407.25
November Online Giving: \$ 1160.00
Christmas: \$ 859.00

Saints of the week

January 2 - St. Basil the Great and
St. Gregory Nazianzen
January 4 - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
January 5 - St. John Neumann
January 6 - St. André Bessette
January 7 - St. Raymond of Penyafort

Divine Mercy Mass schedule:

Sunday - 8 am, 10 am,
12 pm (Spanish), 5 PM
Monday - 5:30 pm
Tuesday - 8:30 am
Wednesday - 8:30 am IC
10:30 am IC
Thursday - 8:30 am
Friday - 8:30 am
Saturday - 8:30 am, 4 pm

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

January 9

Reader: Mike Chase
Ushers: Tim LaCanne & Jason Hoaglund
Servers: Izzy Chmelik & Greyson Overholt

January 16

Reader: Penelope Parrish
Ushers: Tom Coffman & Keith Schrader
Servers: Serenity Overholt & Ryan LaCanne

January money counters:
Lisa Karl & David Mund

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

January 12 - Confessions 5:30 pm
January 17 - Parish Council 7:00 pm
January 23 - Confessions 9:00 am
February 9 - Confessions 5:30 pm
February 27 - Confessions 9:00 am
Mardi Gras Bingo 2:00 pm
March 2 - Ash Wednesday Mass 7:00 pm

We pray for all our parishioners, families and friends who are in need of physical or spiritual healing, especially, Anne Haynes, Bryce Young, Don Graunke, Marian Spindler, Donna Hollund, Mike "Mac" McDonald, and Dorothy Pohlman.

We pray for those in the Armed forces, especially Sergio Jr & Angela Rodriguez, Zury Hoaglund, and Zane Hoaglund.

Parking Lot Campaign

We ask that you continue to prayerfully discern if you can contribute to this campaign.

Current amount in fund: \$40,000.



Adoration will be on Wednesday evening following the Communion Service. Please come and spend some time before the Blessed Sacrament.

