



# St. Michael Catholic Church

Sunday Mass - 8 am

Wednesday Mass - 5 pm

Michelle Seifert †

Confessions -

Second Wednesday of the month after Mass

Fourth Sunday of the month after Mass

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## The Nativity of the Lord

December 25, 2022

Merry Christmas everyone!

One of the Gospel reading options for Christmas is Matthew 1:1-25. This reading is often not chosen because it is long and has many ancient names in it. However, this gospel reading is significant because it traces the family line of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph back to the beginning. It also shows us God can work through dysfunctional families to bring forth His kingdom and the Savoir of the World. God wanted to work His plan of salvation with us and through us.

God knew He needed to rebuild the family tree. Many people try to trace their family genealogy, going back centuries to determine their origins. Sometimes this search is easy because the family has lived in the same country, and perhaps even the same city, for many generations. In other cases, the search requires them to cross oceans, dig up buried records, and rummage through old, dust-covered volumes. The rebuilding of their family tree is an attempt to come to a deeper understanding of who they are. Jesus didn't need all this study of his pedigree. If there is one conviction we could call the cornerstone of his life, it is his awareness he has come from the Father and has assumed a human nature out of obedience to his Father's will. We, too, come from the Father who created us. We, too, have a mission to fulfill here on earth. This is what gives meaning to our entire existence: our very origin springs from the love of God the Father.

The genealogy in the Gospel of Matthew goes all the way back to Abraham, our father in the faith. God made a promise to Abraham, stating he would make him "the father of a host of nations" (Genesis 17:4). Matthew wants to make it very clear from the very outset of his Gospel that God is always faithful to his promises. Jesus the Messiah, the son of David and the son of Abraham, is the fulfillment of everything God had promised. Thus, St. Peter would correctly proclaim, "There is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved" (Acts 4:12). Our very salvation rests in Jesus Christ. Do we turn to Jesus not only for our eternal salvation but also in the midst of our daily trials and tribulations? Is he the constant reference point of our day?

Man was born for greatness: He was created in the image and likeness of God. The collection of names in Matthew's genealogy is arranged in three groups as if to make a statement about human history. (1) Abraham, through his obedience, deepened the covenant with God. Man was born and raised up to be a king. (2) Yet man turned out to be a tyrant. He abused the freedom God had given him, defying, disobeying, and turning his back on his Creator. With tears in his eyes, the Father watched his prodigal son depart into exile. (3) However, God did not write human history to end in tragedy. He sent his Son into the world to help man regain his greatness: to rise him up to greater heights, to become sons of God. History is not a road leading nowhere; its goal is for us to be in heaven with God. So, it's not enough for us to know our origin is in the love of God the Father and our salvation is in Jesus Christ. We need to cooperate with the Holy Spirit in bringing about God's gracious plan. We can invest our time to bring about Christ's Kingdom in the workplace, in our homes, and society.

Merry Christmas,  
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 18, 2022**

Adult Envelopes: \$ 1691.00  
Loose Plate: \$ 207.00

### Saints of the week

December 26 - St. Stephen  
December 27 - St. John  
December 29 - St. Sylvester I

### 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  
10:20 am IC  
Thursday - 8:30 am  
Friday - 8:30 am  
Saturday - 8:30 am, 4 pm

### LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

#### January 1

Reader: Georgia Quamme  
Ushers: Bruce & Laura Chmelik  
Servers: Mark Mund & Serenity Overholt

#### January 8

Reader: Mike Chase  
Ushers: Marv Donkers & Tim Donkers  
Servers: Greyson Overholt & Christian LaCanne

January money counters:

Marv Donkers & David Mund

### IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

December 30 - Holy Hour of Reparation 6:00-7:00 am

January 6 - Holy Hour of Reparation 6:00-7:00 am

January 8 - Adoration 9:00 am

January 11 - Confessions 5:30 pm

January 13 - Holy Hour of Reparation 6:00-7:00 am

January 15 - Breakfast Sunday D-F-K-T

January 16 - Parish Council 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, Reymundo Ramirez, Thomas Eilen, Shelly DeMars, John and Deb Truman, Dave Schmitz, and Sophia Dawson.

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

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

We have a book available to write your personal intentions that you would like prayed for during prayer group. The book is available on the table in the atrium. Please also feel free to call or email the parish office to have your intentions added to the book.

Anyone is welcome to come to prayer group on Mondays at St. Michael's from 4-5 pm. No commitment needed. You're welcome to come any Monday and pray.

For tax purposes per IRS guidelines, all contributions for 2022 must be received in or postmarked by December 31, 2022. Contributions received in 2023 but earmarked for 2022 will be added to your 2023 contribution record. St. Michael's must record the donation based on DATE RECEIVED, regardless of when the check is dated. Contact the parish office with questions.

### **Altar Servers needed!**

Altar servers have the privilege of assisting the priest in the sanctuary during the Mass and other liturgical functions. Would you be willing to serve our parish in this capacity? We are looking for people of all ages to help in this important role. Please contact the parish office for more information.

Due to an extended delay in production we still have not received the 2023 contribution envelopes. As soon as they arrive they will be available to be picked up in the atrium.

In the event the envelopes do not arrive by January 1, there will be blank envelopes in the pews with pens for your to write your name on an envelope to put in the collection.

Thank you for your understanding.

Due to the holiday season and allowing sufficient time to plan for the January breakfast, the schedule will be altered. The breakfast will be the third Sunday, January 15. Those whose last names begin with D-F-K-T will meet after Mass on January 1 to plan the breakfast.

The Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God holy day of obligation falls on Sunday, January 1 so your Sunday Mass obligation will also fulfill the holy day obligation.



## Christmas Flowers

### In memory of:

Ervin & Donna Hollund  
Harriet & Cecil Olson, Mary & Emil Wieme  
Florence & Ferd Feldmann  
Joseph Tuma, Merton Hegseth  
Ralph & Eleanor Feany, William Feany, Luther & Eleanor Ellingsberg,  
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Deceased Members of Tim & Lisa Karl Family  
James Hope, Kathleen Hope, Jared Hope, Brad Hope  
Family & Friends of Wayne & Donna Lexvold  
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Leo Kahnke  
Irene Ulrick, Hazel Jenson, Dick Ulrick  
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