



# Saint Michael Parish

**FIRST  
SUNDAY OF  
ADVENT**

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**SUNDAY  
DECEMBER  
1  
2024**

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## SANCTUARY CANDLES

### INTENTION & DONOR

**Dec 1-15** Dennis Durkos (Dan & Susan Wallace)  
**Dec 1-15** Judy Kalchthaler (Uncle Benny & Aunt Bonnie & Family)

**Dec 1-15** John Potase (Daughter & family)  
**St. Margaret**  
**Dec 1-15** Beth Yurisc (M/M Robert Moore)  
**St. Margaret**

## STEWARDSHIP

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe  
\$ 7,667.85  
Campaign for Human Development  
\$1003.00

CSA  
Pledged: \$103,090  
Paid: \$ 101,320

*THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO OUR  
PARISH!*

## KENTUCKY MISSION GIVING

The tree is bare! Thank you for the support of this project. Please remember to return your wrapped gifts with the ornament and name label attached by **December 2, 2024** to the Small Meeting Room.

## REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Joseph DiFede. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

Date / Mass	Lector	EMHC	Cantor	Accompanist	Altar Servers
Dec 7/ 4:30 PM	Charlie Demarest	John Svirbly Sub needed	Bob Hutchinson	Lisa Demarest	Krystal W. Mason M.
Dec. 8 /8 AM	Mary Ann Marshall	Patti Hayes Patty Meehan			Avery W. & Duncan M.
Dec. 8/11 AM	Vern Swartz	Marilyn Kosloski Doug Ruffing	Kathy Williams	Lisa Demarest	Ella & Lance P. Ava M.

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

*Weekday Masses Tues- Fri 9AM /First Sat 9AM  
Saint Michael Church*

THE WEEKDAY MASSES LISTED BELOW WILL BE HELD AT THE CEMETERY CHAPEL AT 9 AM. WEEKEND MASSES WILL BE AT THE CHURCH.

### **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3**

Saint Francis Xavier  
Frank Eber (Anniv.) (Jean Eber)

### **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4**

Saint John Damascene  
George & Louise Rounds (Pat & Linda)

### **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5**

Fr. Christopher Barnes (Susan)

### **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6**

Saint Nicholas  
Pam Cianci (Cianci Family)

### **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7**

Saint Ambrose  
Millie Burke (Matt & Jill Ross)

Second Sunday of Advent

### **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7**

**4:30 PM** *Saint Michael Church*  
For the People of the Parish

### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8**

**\*8:00 AM** *Saint Margaret Mission\**  
Florence Schwartz (Tom & Shirley Patton)

**11:00 AM** *Saint Michael Church*  
Kim Yesko (Hockett Family)

## SOLEMINITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

This year the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception will be observed on December 9, 2024. The holyday, though being celebrated on Monday, is a holyday of obligation. The Mass times will be at 9 AM at St. Michael and **6:30 PM Mass at St. Margaret** on Monday evening. Attending Mass Sunday morning will not fulfill the holyday obligation.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Dec. 5 Men's Group meets at 6:00 AM.
- Dec. 6 NO ADORATION FOR DECEMBER.
- Dec. 9 Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Holyday of Obligation.
- Dec. 9 Young at Heart meets at 11:30.

Confession's heard daily at St. Michael. Check the printed December calendar for times .

## MASS INTENTION REQUESTS

The Mass intention requests forms are on the tables at both St. Margaret and St. Michael to fill out for Mass dates. The forms do help with spelling of the intention and alternate dates if needed.

In the interest of time, you will only get a phone call if there is a conflict with the dates you requested. Otherwise the Masses have been scheduled as submitted. If you have a question please call the office, use option 1 for Patty.

## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Due to the installation of the new speakers this week, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament must be cancelled for December.

## 40 CLUB NOVEMBER 20TH WINNERS

\$100- Ron Moyer; \$100-Dan Mowery; \$50- S. J. Chason.

## SAINT MICHAEL & SAINT MARGARET MENS FELLOWSHIP GROUP

Join us Thursday December 5'th for a continuation of the Father Kapun's (Priest, Chaplain, POW, and Medal of Honor winner) Virtue series. The focus of the video this week is Faith. Faith is the beginning of our life with God, and it leads to true freedom. Despite their imprisonment in the POW camp, Father Kapun encouraged his men to find the freedom and strength that faith offers us. The door opens to McElhinny Hall before 6 AM, video at 6:15 with conclusion by 7:20 AM.

## A WORD FROM FATHER BRANDON

Happy New (Liturgical) Year! We have come to the beginning of another year where we will walk through, celebrate, and meditate upon the divine mysteries of our salvation. Ultimately, there is nothing of greater importance in our lives than that. I know it's easy for me, a priest, to say that, but I don't just say it from a place of ecclesial privilege, but from a place of humility. The more I have devoted myself to the life of the Church and the mysteries of Christ and salvation, the more I have come to realize just how much I need the Church and her Liturgy in my life! Just by putting on a collar and wearing vestments – or even celebrating The Eucharist – doesn't somehow magically satisfy or fulfill you. No, even I need to, daily, devote myself the Divine Mysteries and sit in awe and wonder at the grandeur and beauty of God and what The Holy Trinity has done, is doing, and desires to do in me and my life! I, too, need to be someone who keeps leaning into prayer, scripture, study, holy hours, devotions, the liturgy of the hours, etc. If I get slack or ease off the gas, I begin to just feel rotten and aimless. I keep myself in check and on the right path by using the Liturgical Year and its varied seasons and feasts to recalibrate where I may have gone off course and to reignite the fire within to go all in on God! I do this in my own way as a priest and as Brandon, but we are all meant to do it in our own ways that correlates to your life and vocation. Again, it's not only for the priest to live an ecclesial life, but for all of us who live lives in the world to make our lives more ecclesial – of the Church! We're all created to let the Liturgy inform the cadence of our lives and to let the Divine Mysteries of our faith and salvation to be the architecture of our existence.

With the new Liturgical Year now here, I would encourage you to look at this weekend, the First Sunday of Advent, as your new year. January 1 is arbitrary and meaningless! Advent begins the journey of our salvation – let your salvation be what marks your years and life, not “Auld Lang Syne” and some dumb Times Square ball drop!

Advent is a beautiful season to really get back to the basics, clean away bad habits of apathy or poor prayer, and to just allow the stillness and darkness to be a cleansing force upon your soul. I encouraged last week to not do anything too radical. Allow simple devotionals or prayers to be means to get you to that dark and quiet cave in Bethlehem, awaiting the Messiah to be born. Wait there these days, and in that waiting and stillness, listen to your soul. Your soul knows what it needs and wants. We don't need to invent or employ trial and error when trying to grow and engage our spiritual lives. The soul was made to be with The Trinity and commune with The Son who shows us and takes us to The Father. But, over the course of the year, we just get distracted and pulled in so many directions that we can grow in apathy or indifference. It happens to all of us – it's part of the fallen nature we are born into and need redeemed from. So, it is important that we allow the recalibration and cleansing to take place, or else we will just perpetually wander off course and end up in dark forests, alone and scared.

What it means for each of us to recalibrate and to allow the Season of Advent to clean away any impurities of apathy, sin, or indifference will be different for each of us. But, again, your soul knows what it needs – listen to your soul, your conscience, and the voice of The Spirit working in and through you. One thing I know your soul is hungry for is Scripture and Liturgy! It's what our beings are oriented towards! I would encourage you to each do what you can to make both Daily Liturgy and praying the Daily Readings a part of your life in Christ and His Church. If you watch / listen to Mass on the internet or TV, if you can only come every other Tuesday...whatever your frequency is, if you devote yourself to the Liturgy throughout the week – to some degree – you will be changed! And, even if you are not going to Mass every day, consuming the Lectionary Readings daily will make you see and understand more about Christ than almost anything else could. If you would like a daily missal to help you do that, email me your name and address and I will gladly buy you a missal; seriously!

*Love*  
*Fr. Brandon*