

Upcoming Events

12/11: Advent Parish Penance Service

12/17: *Third Sunday of Advent*

12/23 & 24: *Fourth Sunday of Advent* Regular Masses in the Family Life Center, not Church!

12/24: Christmas Eve Masses: 4:00pm, 6:00pm

12/25: Christmas Midnight Mass; Christmas Day Mass: 10:00am

Calendar

12/10: Regular Class

12/11: First Reconciliation, 7pm in Church

12/17: Regular Class

12/24: NO CLASS

12/31: NO CLASS

1/7/2024: Class; Family Epiphany Breakfast Celebration

**The next Parent Session will be on February 4th. Details will be in the January newsletter.



Saint Michael Parish
Youth Faith Formation
December 2023



From Miss Fessler:

Thank you to the seven donors to our iGiveCatholic Campaign this year. We raised \$450 for our technology fund. I am hopeful that we will receive the grant from Catholic Extension and be able to have good technology for our program next year.

We are fast approaching the halfway mark of our first Youth Faith Formation year. *I am grateful to our catechists and volunteers* for all their work up to now and for the work to come in 2024.

I am very grateful to all our families. I know this has been a challenging transition with so many activities and events also happening on Sundays. Thank you for keeping me informed and completing assignments.

Looking into the new year, we will have our first family event on January 7th: Epiphany Breakfast and Lesson. Please return the attached card by December 21st so we have an estimated number of people for breakfast. Details are attached to the newsletter.

Be sure to read about our annual Family Christmas Pictures. It is a fun addition to our Epiphany Breakfast and Lesson on January 7th.

Finally, to quote Father Lavelle, “be sure to take a bulletin with you” for updates and news on Masses for the Fourth Sunday of Advent, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

God bless,

Miss Fessler

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Celebrate with us!

Eighteen children will celebrate Reconciliation for the first time on December 11th. They have worked very hard in class and with their parents to prepare for this sacrament.

Quinn Baird	Quinn Karlovic
John Beltz	Alijah Komara
Sadie Bennett	James Libert
Cora Capetillo	Maci Looney
Olivia Cupp	Grace Morrone
Dominic Fabiilli	Leightyn Nelson
Carina Franceschelli	John Ramson
Elena Ghioldi	Landon Ratliff
Jonathan Herchik	Breanna Zielinski

Spotlight on: Kind Generosity

Thank you for your donations to iGiveCatholic, the Turkey Connection, and Stuff the Stocking. Your generosity is overwhelming and much appreciated by all.



Please remember if you are out of town and unable to make it to Mass here at Saint Michael, take a picture of your family with the bulletin in the church and send it to Miss Fessler.

Saints of December

The Catholic Church calendar is filled with feast days and Saints. Here are *some* of the Saints on the calendar this month:

December 3: Saint Francis Xavier

December 6: Saint Nicholas

December 7: Saint Ambrose

December 9: Saint Juan Diego

December 12: Our Lady of Guadalupe

December 13: Saint Lucy

December 26: Saint Stephen

December 28: The Holy Innocents

December 31: Feast of the Holy Family



Christmas Pictures

Last year we encouraged families to send in pictures of where they celebrated Christmas Mass. Let's keep this a tradition! Wherever you attend Christmas Mass, take a picture of your family by the manger and send it to Miss Fessler by January 5th. We will have a slideshow of family Christmas pictures at our Epiphany party on January 7th.

Monthly Prayer

Our Monthly Prayer is: The Hail Mary
Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.

Blessed are you among women

And blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, mother of God,

Pray for us sinners,

Now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Please pray the Hail Mary with your children throughout the month at home. We will be praying it during class time.

Altar Servers

We are extending the deadline to sign up to become an altar server. Any child in Grade 3 and up is welcome to be trained as an altar server. Training will take place in the new year. The form is available on the parish website. Please return it to Miss Fessler by January 7.

Christmas Mass Cards

We will not have Mass cards for the children:

December 23-24

December 25th

December 30-31.

Mass cards will resume on January 6-7.