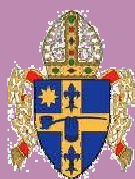


Third Sunday of



ADVENT

Saint Michael the Archangel Catholic Parish



Diocese of Peoria
Bishop Daniel R. Jenky, D.D., C.S.C.

Rev. Monsignor Philip D. Halfacre, Pastor
Rev. Father Dustin Schultz, Parochial Vicar

Parish Church

Located at the corner of Lundy & Shabbona Streets

Parish Office (Behind the Church)

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Phone: 815-672-3847

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Principal: Mrs. Ashley R. Davis

Secretary: Debbie Rathbun

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Secretary: Rosanne Gallick

Mass Intentions and Devotions

SATURDAY, December 10

- 3:00 PM *Confessions*
 4:00 PM Bud Horaney (10th Anniv) by Wife & Family
 5:30 PM Andrew G. Ballock by wife Victoria & son Gary

SUNDAY, December 11 ▪ *Third Sunday of Advent*

- 7:00 AM Thomas Nagle by Family
 8:30 AM Beverly Corrigan by Jim & Joanie Boik
 10:00 AM For All Parishioners
 11:30 AM Martha Bandura by Family & Friends
 1:00 PM Chrysanthia Sedlock by Paul Brozak

MONDAY, December 12 ▪ *Our Lady of Guadalupe*

- 7:00 AM Deceased of The Simko Family

TUESDAY, December 13 ▪ *Saint Lucy, virgin and martyr*

- 7:00 AM Jason Sharisky by Marge, Georgene & Carolyn
 7:30 AM *St. Anthony of Padua Novena*

WEDNESDAY, December 14 ▪ *Saint John of the Cross, priest and doctor of the Church*

- 7:30 AM *St. Michael Chaplet*
 7:30 AM *Confessions*
 8:00 AM Albert Matas, Sr. by Schimmers, Inc.

THURSDAY, December 15

- 7:00 AM Bud Trainor

FRIDAY, December 16

- 7:00 AM Richard Berry by Becky Berry
 9:15 AM School Mass - Eileen Sedlock by Rosemary Walker

Daily Rosary 4:00 PM in Mother's Chapel

SATURDAY, December 17

- 3:00 PM *Confessions*
 4:00 PM Susan & Andrew Lebo and Laura & Cal Flavel, Sr. by Cal & Pat & Family
 5:30 PM Margaret Galik by Mary Ann Tkach

SUNDAY, December 18 ▪ *Fourth Sunday of Advent*

- 7:00 AM Margaret Farkas by Daughters
 8:30 AM John Kaschak by Mary Ann Tkach
 10:00 AM Ann A. Salz by son, William A. Salz
 11:30 AM Robert J. Wahl by Marcia & Family
 1:00 PM For All Parishioners

**Confessions are held
 before the Saturday Vigil Mass
 from 3:00 to 3:45 pm,
 and before Wednesday Morning Mass
 from 7:30 to 7:50 am.**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS ON December 3 –4

Regular Sunday	\$20,375.55
Christmas	176.00
Loose Money	490.05
Youth Offerings	24.18
Parish Development	136.00
School Support	2,055.00
Air & Heat	648.00
Vigil Lights	139.00
Christmas Flowers	1,267.00
Immaculate Conception	240.00
Total	\$25,550.78
Human Development	\$ 42.00
Religious Retirement	126.00

EXCERPTS FROM THE HOLY FATHER'S HOMILY

Touristic airport, Freiburg im Breisgau Sunday, 25 September 2011

In the Gospel, Jesus takes up this fundamental theme of prophetic preaching. He recounts the parable of the two sons invited by their father to work in the vineyard. The first son responded: "I will not go", but afterward he repented and went." The other son said to the father: "I go, sir," but did not go." When asked by Jesus which of the two sons did the father's will, those listening rightly respond: "the first" (*Mt* 21:29-31). The message of the parable is clear: it is not words that matter, but deeds, deeds of conversion and faith. As we heard, Jesus directs this message to the chief priests and elders of the people of Israel, that is, to the religious experts of his people. At first they say "yes" to God's will, but their piety becomes routine and God no longer matters to them. For this reason they find the message of John the Baptist and the message of Jesus disturbing. The Lord concludes his parable with harsh words: "Truly, the tax collectors and the harlots go into the Kingdom of God before you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the harlots believed him, and even when you saw it, you did not afterward repent and believe him" (*Mt* 21:32). Translated into the language of the present day, this statement might sound something like this: agnostics, who are constantly exercised by the question of God, those who long for a pure heart but suffer on account of their sin, are closer to the Kingdom of God than believers whose life of faith is "routine" and who regard the Church merely as an institution, without letting it touch their hearts, or letting the faith touch their hearts. These words should make all of us stop and reflect; in fact they should disturb us.

CHURCH DECORATING

Volunteers are needed to decorate the Church for Christmas.

Wednesday, December 21st at 6:00 p.m.



CHRISTMAS TREE SALE



New Location: St. Michael School, southwest corner of the parking lot, off of South Bloomington Street.

Sale Hours: Saturday 9AM to 5PM, Sunday 11AM to 5PM, Monday - Friday 4PM to 7PM.

OPLATKY (CHRISTMAS WAFERS)

Oplatky are available in the Mother's Chapel after every weekend Mass. \$1.00 for pkg. of 4



If anyone would have a large freezer that they would be willing to donate to the Parish Bakers, please contact the parish office at 815-672-2474.

**WATCH FUNDRAISER.....Congratulations!
"LUCK OF THE DRAW" WINNER:**

November 30th - Ticket # 18507 Kathie Bartolo of St. Thomas Parish, Peoria Heights, IL.

**Streator Knights of Columbus
PANCAKE SAUSAGE BREAKFAST
Sunday, December 18th**



Serving 7:30 - 10:30 a.m.
Adults \$6, Kids 6 & under \$3
Carry-outs — Open to the public

My soul
REJOICES
in my God.



**ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH BAKERS
TAKING ORDERS
FOR CHRISTMAS BAKED GOODS**



Please order before December 14th.
Call Margaret at 672-9463 or Clara at 672-5396.

Pick up: Parish Hall Cafeteria
Saturday, December 17th, 8:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Note: Any orders not picked up will be sold.

ROZAK: Apricot, Nut, Poppy Seed, Poppy/Raisin, Raspberry, Special Order for Cottage Cheese, Cherry, Raisin

KOLACH: Cottage Cheese, Prune

**CABBAGE PAGACH
CINNAMON ROLLS & CREAM PUFFS**

TEENS ENCOUNTER CHRIST

TEC is geared for teens 16-20 years old, or at least juniors in high school. Each TEC is either all guys or all girls, and begins on Saturday morning and runs to Monday afternoon. The weekend is sponsored by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Peoria and is Catholic in its doctrine and liturgy. However, any teen, regardless of religious faith is welcome and invited to participate. TEC follows the guidelines of the Diocesan Director, and each weekend is led by a "team" made up of adults, teens, a priest, deacon and sister.

The program includes a variety of talks, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Mass, fun and fellowship. There is time for reflection on serious questions of life. This retreat offers participants the experience of forming Christian Community. On TEC the message of Christ reaches not only the intellect but the heart.

2011-2012 TEC Dates

Boys TEC #178 - Feb. 25, 26, 27

Girls TEC #179 - Mar. 24, 25, 26

Please visit www.peterstowntec.com to print out an application and find out more information OR call:

Spiritual Dir., Deacon Vince Slomian, 815-539-7280
Lay Director, Mary Beth Rice, 815-830-4527
PR Chairman, Brenda Barnickel, 815-538-2091

BIG CASH RAFFLE tickets

This weekend is the last weekend to buy tickets after Mass in the Mother's Chapel

Tickets ONLY \$10.00

Over **\$10,000** in prizes - a **winner EVERYDAY** from December 1st to May 31st

Big Cash Raffle tickets make **GREAT Christmas Gifts**

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Today, we celebrate Gaudete Sunday. In the midst of our preparations for Christmas, we are reminded to stop and spend time rejoicing for what God has done for us.

It is interesting, however, to note that the writers of today’s readings are not simply rejoicing in the mystery of the incarnation. In the reading from Isaiah, the prophet rejoices because the Lord has sent Him to proclaim glad tidings to the poor, to heal the broken hearted, to proclaim liberty to captives, and release to prisoners.” Today’s Responsorial Psalm, the Magnificat, echoes these same sentiments. In the Gospel reading, we find John the Baptist rejoicing in the mission God has given Him. He tells those who have gathered around Him that He is not the Messiah. He tells them, “I am the voice of the one crying out in the desert, ‘Prepare the way of the Lord.’”

What’s more, in his letter to the Thessalonians, St. Paul reminds us as the Christian Church to rejoice always. We are called to rejoice, proclaim and, as stewards, to use the many things God has given us – our time, our talents, and our treasure – to help others recognize the many good things God does for us.



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ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM



Tuesday, December 13th
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
 in the new gym
 Chairs will be available in front of the bleachers

In case of bad weather, the snow/rain date is Friday, December 16th.



“Sounds of Christmas”
 December 14th at 1:00 p.m.
 7th & 8th Grade will be singing on the radio.
 Tune in to WSPL 1250AM.



STUDENT FUN DAY

Recently, students of St. Michael the Archangel School participated in a fundraiser for the school. Students were rewarded with a special “fun day” for their hard work. Pictured: a student inside the “Gopher Ball”. Students also enjoyed a “4D Movie experience” and moving a 9’ robot around the gym.



STUDENT EXCELLENCE AWARD

James Carlson, LaSalle County Regional Superintendent of Schools, and Jerry Hicks, County Board Chairman, presented Cheyenne MacBean, 7th Grade student at St. Michael the Archangel School, with the LaSalle County Schools Committee’s “Student Excellence Award” plaque at the November 29th county board meeting.



St. Nicholas Day

In celebration of St. Nicholas Day, December 6th, Mr. John Sullivan read the story of St. Nicholas to all of the students at St. Michael the Archangel School over the intercom. Like many Advent customs, the celebration of Saint Nicholas Day reminds us that Advent is a time of preparation for the birth of Christ. The love of Saint Nicholas, while great, pales in comparison with the love that Christ has for all of mankind. All around the world children hang up stockings or put out shoes before *St. Nicholas Day*, which is celebrated on December 6th. When they get up the next morning, children run to look in their stockings or shoes, hoping to find little treats and surprises from St. Nicholas. St. Nicholas made a visit to all of the classrooms to pass out candy canes to the students.

**NOVEMBER - DECEMBER
CALENDAR CASH RAFFLE WINNERS**

- Nov. 1 - \$250, Joe Redd
- Nov. 1 - \$25, Mark Coonan
- Nov. 3 - \$50, Alvin Blasco
- Nov. 4 - \$100, Gina Dresbach
- Nov. 8 - \$25, Rachel McMahan
- Nov. 10 - \$50, Melissa Whalen-Smith
- Nov. 15 - \$25, David Harcharik
- Nov. 17 - \$50, Daniel Liptak
- Nov. 22 - \$25, Cathy Urbanec
- Nov. 24 - \$50, Cathy Urbanec
- Nov. 29 - \$25, Jim Boe
- Dec. 1 - \$50, Jim Boe
- Dec. 2 - \$100, Sherry Salaz
- Dec. 6 - \$25, Ed Condon
- Dec. 8 - \$500, Steve Vickers
- Dec. 8 - \$50, Kathryn Chalkey
- Dec. 13 - \$25, Dorothy Wurmnest
- Dec. 15 - \$50, Doug Patterson
- Dec. 20 - \$25, Todd Pflibsen
- Dec. 22 - \$50, Dick Schaibley
- Dec. 25 - \$250, Marge Redd
- Dec. 26 - \$500, B. J. Elias
- Dec. 27 - \$25, Jerry Ftacek
- Dec. 29 - \$50, Tony Salvati

1st ANNUAL BASKET BINGO WAS A SUCCESS

Thank you to everyone involved in making the first Basket Bingo a great success. We received such amazing donations from families! Thanks again to all! See you next year!

There are still squares available on a 100 board left from Basket Bingo. For \$5 per square you can win:

Private backstage tour (for up to 10 people) to CBS Studios in Chicago and limited edition Bears action photo with laser autographs of four leaders on the Bears team: Jay Cutler, Julius Peppers, Brian Urlacher and Devin Hester.

Anyone interested in taking a chance on the 100 board, it will be set up in St. Michael's School office until all numbers are sold. Must be 18 to pick a square.



**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASS
BRINGS JOY TO OTHERS**

The third grade class of Connie Burroughs with the help of her aide JoEll Sirotnak and her son Michael in third grade display in the Religious Education Office the prayer/cross projects the students made to be given to our service men and women. These prayer/crosses will be tucked into stockings of goodies to be sent overseas in time for Christmas.

Monthly Memorial Mass Association - May 2011—April 2012

John & Elizabeth Harasti Family
Joseph Eccleston Family
Ruth Ehlers
Michael & Mary Tobias Family
John & Ann Crawford
Antonia Hamara
Ayers & Weiss Families
Forrest Cox
Knute Gudmunson
Christopher James Pollett
Dalton & Danko Families
Grace & Joseph Stehlo
George & Rosemary Lesak Families
Evelyn E. Lee
Woodward & Walker Families
Barbara Bartman
Lloyd & Lucille Kudrick & Families
Peter J. Locascio Family
Adams & Schorn Families
George & Catherine Miller Families
Robert O'Donnell
George & Mary Sharisky and Jason

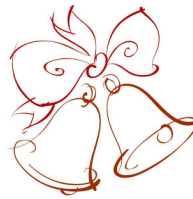
Elsie Vickers & Mark Vickers
Kmetz-Novotney Family
The Antolik Family
Albert Matas, Sr.
Carl & Agnes Schaibley
Michael, Mary & Jim Novak
Leon Pastirik
Fred, Agnes & Al Salvati
Dominic & Cecelia Baietto
Living & Deceased of the Secular Franciscans
Audrey & Albert Kooi
Marcacci Family
Solon, Chalfant & Verdiram Families
Kmetz & Mudrock Families
Devine & Lawrence Families
Dom and Satch Salvati
Nelda J. Lyons
Doris Yedinak
Sandy Beavers

Jaegle & Talty Families
Richard G. Tutoky
Mark Demoss & Grandparents
Purcell & Lytle Families
William Warwick & Nadine Lund
Cebulko & Wargo Families
Gene & Dorothy Hozie Family
Keeley & Ranalletta Families
Barra & Rizzo Families
Henry & Caroline Budde
Nora Drapp
John G. Kacmar
Tom Canale
Kozel & Sankovich Families
Patrick J. McClernon
Nink & Sankovich Families
Mary M. Devera
Victor, Madeline & Katherine Rashid
Kennedy & O'Hara Families
Dorothy Meredith

McGrath, Gregg, Rithmiller Families
Liptak & Ondercho Families
Milton & Betty Klein
Wanda Robertson
Geraldine M. Patton
Dillon & Audrey (McClary) Prendergast
John & Anna Fialko Family
William Harcar, Sr. & son, Gary
Martha Averweg and Danny Fechter
Donald Noon
Zarolzin & Makarewicz Families
Urdzik & George Yusko Family
Mary Palko & Irene McIntosh
Debra Matsko and Renn Family
Marjorie A. Melvin
William F. Melvin
John & Barb Murphy & Family
Ted & Catherine Schmitz
Art & Shirley Hatzler
J. Guadalupe Lopez
Cannella Family

The Third Order Secular Franciscans would like to invite you to send a Christmas card to fellow parishioners at Heritage Health and Parker Nursing homes this holiday season. Brighten the day for someone who cannot be with loved ones or attend Mass with family or friends at this Most Blessed Season. Simply drop a Christmas card that you have signed in the baskets provided at the back of church, side entrances and Mother's Chapel. You do not need to address or stamp them as Third Order members will distribute them personally. The last date for drop off will be Sunday, December 18th.

STREATOR COMMUNITY MESSIAH



TODAY! The Christmas spirit will ring out this afternoon at 3:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Streator when Handel's "Messiah" will be presented by the Streator Community Chorus and guest soloists. All are welcome - a free-will offering will be received.



Thank You from the Altar & Rosary Society to All who contributed to the success of the St. Michael's Bake Sale & Bazaar. 50/50 winner was Holly Downey.

PARISH BAKERS



St. Michael's Parish Bakers will be baking and welcome any new bakers/helpers to come and join them, both men and women. **We will be baking on the following dates:** Dec. 5, 9, 13 & 15, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Parish Hall.

THE CATHOLIC TOUR

The Catholic Tour, a 30 year old Catholic Pilgrimage Apostolate is pleased to announce it's monthly departures to the Holy Land, following the footsteps of Our Lord. The pilgrimage is being done to Introduce all to "The Beginnings of Our Catholic Church" at prices that include all land arrangements, superior tourist hotel throughout the Holy Land, most meals, deluxe motor coach, tour guide, and Airfare from JFK airport in New York. The price does not include taxes, airline surcharges, lunches, or table drinks besides tap water.

Call 1-877-627-4268 (877-Marian Tour) toll free for further information, reservation forms, etc. First Come-First Served with only 35 seats available each month. Also available - Paris, France; Rome, Italy; and Fatima, Portugal at below cost pricings. Please call today or email today to jimadair@thecatholictour.com



MILESTONES

FUNERALS:

December 3, 2011, Dora M. Maniglia
December 6, 2011, Sharon Kay Allen-Harmon
December 7, 2011, Richard F. Reed

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Puskar & James Families
Koval & Thompson Families
Peter & Catherine Ellena
Joe Devera & Mollo Families
William J. Miller & Bernard L. Miller
Madara & Wahl Families
Clarence & Cecilia Klachko
John & Mary Retoff Family
Austin & Jackie Jonen
Kovalik & Reed Families
Bengtson & Dixon Families
Romfin Obenhin & Leo Leonard
Families
Joe, Mary & Jerry Hughes
Grako, Pollett & Harcharik Families
Donna Pouk
Winnie Hilliard
Clyde & Vivian Boyd
Harcar & Kiss Families
Joseph Wargo
Sara & Joe Benning
Jennie Smith
Lutz & Wargo Families
Thomas J. Leheney
John R. Solon
Kathryn Thorson & Madigan
Family
Roy Armstrong
Mack McClary & Prendergast
Family
The Peter Majernik Family
Andrew & Florence Matsko
Richard J. Berry
Collette Berry

Wurmnest & Devora Families
Senko & Urichko Families
Gerald Sweeden
Elsie & Carl Swanson
Todd Spellious
Randy Pearce
Edmund Nash Family
Dzuryo-Churney Families
Raymond Schmitt
Panno & Leskanich Family
Mr. & Mrs. William C. Salz
Leskanich & Hanusik Families
Wirges, Coates & Richard Families
Thomas, Louise & Tom Nagle
Gotch & Trainor Families
Savage & Trainor Families
Centko & Mehalic Families
Jack Balke, Zeller Family
Deborah A. Beckley
Elizabeth Dunn Morrison
Joseph E. Sennott
Brocon Family
Craig and Laughlin Families
The Family of Mike & Barb Malley
The Pfalzgraf Family
Brown Family
Paula & Frank Corrigan
Pleasant-Delheimer Families
San Gabriel & Balana Families
Victor W. Bandura
Maurice Killian
Doris L. Knudsen
Ron Gengenbacher
Henry & Mildred Lechner
Angelos & Farrington Families
Adamchak & Balke Families
Frank Sabino
Ronald D. Foster

Nellie Marie Coury
Walter Gura
Ftacek-Demko Families
Yendro & McGee Family
Patricia & Harry Kear
Louis & Jane Ramza
Bradach & Barton Families
Florence & Steve Hrasch
Zavada & Hernandez Families
Dyas & Yuhas Families
Marion & Julia Boik
Bud Trainor & John Hogan
Trainor & Lesak Families
Carl Crouch (Army-Afgan)
Stavar & Miller Families
Patrick Walker & Lisa Walker
Andrew & Lena Yarusinsky
Don E. Schmitt
Ohmes, Keesee, Williams
Families
Rozak & Smith Families
Cathy Killian
Breen, Plumb, & Sharkey Families
McGurk & Bellis Families
Bruner, Casey, Lankin Families
John & Helen Bottino
James M. Bailey
Brozak & Sokol Families
Edward & Catherine Gulvas
Burash, Higgins & Ahearn
Families
Bandura & Ryan Families
Roy L. Lathrop
Daniel J. Retoff
John, Jack & Tillie Peruba
Pete Shackley
Tony Harcar, Jr.
Lucy Schultz

John C. Gaydos Family
Virgil Smith Family
Churney & Katcher Families
Pizzolato, Hersheway & Spellious
Families
Florence & Jack Adams
Robert & Michelle Graham
Betsy Rohan
Hrasch Family
Nink & Phillis Families
Benner & Miiller Families
Jerome Chalkey
John & Louise Yusko
Richard, Ann, & Brian Crane
Bodznick & Konchar Family
Kahanec-Devera Family
Batkiewicz-Masley Family
John Washko Family
Drapa & Paterak Families
Marjorie & Elmer Adams Family
James Bowman
Harry Thomas
Clarence & Kathryn Connors
Bellis & Grossen Families
Living & Deceased of the Doran,
Harty & Salvati Families
Lechner, Muhlstadt & Marquis Families
Doermann, Leonard, & Heitmann
Families
Norman Obenhin & H. Stewart
Families
Michelle "Shelley" Olson
Jim Craft
Bill Scarratt
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