

**Please say a prayer for the following Erie Diocesan priests on their appointed day.**

- December 9 Rev. George E. Strohmeier
- December 10 Rev. Msgr. John W. Swoger
- December 11 Rev. Richard C. Tomasone
- December 12 Rev. Thomas N. Trocchio
- December 13 Rev. Glenn R. Whitman
- December 14 Rev. Jerry S. Priscaro
- December 15 **PRAY FOR VOCATIONS**



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**Prayer:**



Redeeming God, may we take up this Christmas the work of your herald John: straightening the crooked roads of our lives, transforming "deserts" barren of love into places of welcome and reconciliation, gathering up the lost and forgotten, proclaiming the coming of your Christ into our homes and hearts. Amen



**Christmas Church Decorating**

Christmas Church decorating will be held after the 9:00 am Mass on Sunday, December 23rd. Please participate if you can and make our church beautiful for this Holy Season.

**Help needed**

The snow has started to fall and the ice is forming. St. Michael's is in need of volunteers to help with the snow shoveling each weekend. You can be put on the schedule for as much or as little as you would like. If you can help, please contact the office. If we can get several families to help, this will lessen the burden for all who are willing to help.

**Fellowship every Sunday**

Everyone is welcome to visit and grab a donut in the Social Hall every Sunday after Mass. To contribute to the fellowship effort, please talk to Carrie Kolesar after Sunday Mass or call 814-758-1020; or email Carrie at [carrie.kolesar@gmail.com](mailto:carrie.kolesar@gmail.com)



**Marriage Moments – 12/9/18**

Marital arguments sometimes go round in circles with each spouse trying to prove they were right. Sometimes you are right, but that's not the point. If you can recognize part of the argument that you were wrong in, simply saying "I was wrong." can help. Resist following it with, "But..."

**A Family Perspective – 12/9/18**

Today's gospel shows John the Baptist and parents have similar vocations. Like the Baptist, parents are asked to make "rough ways smooth" and to "prepare the way of the Lord" for their families. This Advent ask: "Does my life hinder or help my family to know Jesus?"

**Advent Penance Services**

- Dec. 2nd – Oil City – St. Stephen – Sunday at 3:00 pm
- Dec. 4th - New Bethlehem – St. Charles -Tuesday at 7:00 pm
- Dec. 5th - Titusville – St. Titus - Wednesday at 7:00 pm
- Dec. 9th - Crown – St. Mary's - Sunday at 3:00 pm
- Dec. 11th – Fryburg – St. Michael the Archangel - Monday at 7:00 pm
- Dec. 12th – Clarion – Immaculate Conception – Wednesday at 7:00 pm
- Dec. 14th – Franklin – St. Patrick's – Sunday at 4:00 pm

**Readings For The Next Week**

- Sat. December 8: Phil 3:38A / Lk 15:1-10
- Sun. December 9: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 / 1 Cor 3:9C-11, 16-17 / Jn 2:13-22
- Mon. December 10: Is 35:1-10 / Lk 5:17-26
- Tues. December 11: Is 40:1-11 / Mt 18:12-14
- Wed. December 12: Zec 2:14-17 / Lk 1:26-38
- Thurs. December 13: Is 41:13-20 / Mt 11:11-15
- Fri. December 14: Is 48:17-19 / Mt 11:16-19
- Sat. December 15: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 / Mt 17:9A, 10-13
- Sun. December 16: Zep 3:14-18A / Phil 4:4-7 / Lk 3:10-18



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**St. Michael Parish Vision Statement**

As a faith community we believe and profess that "God so loved the world that he gave us his only son" (Jn.3:16). In that giving, God invites us to be one with the Trinity.

In response to the divine invitation the parish of St. Michael the Archangel gives praise and thanks, and obeys the word spoken by "the word made flesh":

- "Do this in memory of me" (Lk. 22:19).

We celebrate the sacraments to encounter the Lord Jesus, especially the Eucharist, in which many become one and become increasingly the Body of Christ in this world.

- "Go teach all nations and baptize them...." (Mt. 28:19).

We commit ourselves to live the gospel. In doing so we proclaim, teach, and model a way of life for all in this rural community.

- "Love one another as I have loved you" (Jn.13:34).

Convinced of the beauty and dignity of the human family, we minister to the needs of both our faith community and the wider community.



**SUNDAY MASSES:**

- SATURDAY:..... 4:00 PM
- SUNDAY: ..... 9:00 AM

**HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION:**

- HOLY DAY:..... 8:30 AM AND 6:00 PM

**WEEKDAY MASSES:**

- THURSDAY:..... 12:00 PM
- FRIDAY: ..... 8:00 AM

**CONFESSIONS:**

- SATURDAY: 4:30 PM
- SUNDAY: 8:30 AM

**BAPTISMS:**

BY APPOINTMENT. PARENTS MUST ATTEND A FORMATION CLASS.

**MARRIAGES:**

ARRANGEMENTS MUST BE MADE SIX MONTHS IN ADVANCE OF THE DATE OF THE WEDDING

**PAROCHIAL ADMINISTRATOR:**

REV. JOHNATHAN SCHMOLT

**DEACON:**

REV. MR. NICHOLAS CIRELL

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## Second Sunday of Advent – December 9, 2018

*God is leading Israel in joy. (Baruch 5:9)*

When was the last time you saw Jesus in another person? Not just in a vague “I suppose so” way, but in a specific inspiring “Hey! I just felt the Lord!” way?

While it may not seem so at first, this is the kind of vision that Baruch gives his people in today’s first reading. Baruch is speaking to the people of Jerusalem—a people who have survived a devastating military assault and who are now living hand to mouth in their city of ruins. Most of their fellow Israelites were carted off to exile in Babylon, leaving behind them a dreary and war-torn landscape.

Seeing his people’s distress, Baruch gave them an unexpected message from God. Rather than telling them to look up and fix their eyes on the Lord, he directed their gaze out, where they would ultimately see their exiled brothers and sisters coming home in joyful procession. He promised that if they looked closely enough, they would see God’s presence in the midst of these returnees. They would see it for the miracle that it was, and that vision would fill them with joy.

What Baruch told the Israelites the Holy Spirit wants to tell you: *If you want to see Jesus, don’t just look up to heaven. Look out at the people around you as well.*

Try an experiment at Mass today. Every time you stand (for the Gospel Acclamation, the Creed, the Great Amen, and the Communion procession), look at the people standing with you. Tell yourself, “These are my brothers and sisters. Jesus has given them to me so that I could find him more easily. Each one of them reveals a different facet of God’s love and faithfulness.

All these people surrounding you are precious to the Lord. Together with you, they make up the body of Christ. This means that Jesus is present in them, just as he is present in the Host and the chalice. So don’t just look up. Look out as well, and marvel that Jesus is coming to you in such a personal way.

**“Lord, open my eyes to see you!”**

### Sacrificial Giving

Offertory and Holy Days			
Actual 12/2/2018	Actual Fiscal YTD	Necessary Budgeted Fiscal YTD	Percentage over (under)
\$ 2,284	\$ 39,123	\$ 51,014	-23%

Other Collections 12/2/2018	
Candles .....	\$ 30.00
Human Dev. ....	\$ 10.00
Immaculate Conception .....	\$ 20.00
Retired Religious.....	\$ 20.00
Christmas Offering.....	\$ 40.00
Chrismtas Flowers .....	\$ 295.00

**CSA Payments:** Thank you to all who have made CSA donations this year. Please be aware that all final CSA payments need to be made to the church by the end of December. If there is a balance on your account, please make your final donations by the end of the year. Thank you for supporting your church.

### From Lisa

#### Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments

**Code of Conduct:** The Diocese of Erie is committed to protecting the children and youth who are entrusted to its care and to ensuring that those in ministry with our young people are in right relationship with the children/youth receiving services. To share in the ministry of Christ is a great privilege as well as a tremendous responsibility. The *privilege* is the joy of sharing in the mission of Jesus Himself. The responsibility is acting in a way that conforms to the attitude and actions of Christ. In this spirit, the diocese has issued a ministerial Code of Conduct. The code is included in the diocesan *Policy for the Protection of Children*, which also includes mandates for creating safe environments.

To read the policy, go to:

<https://www.eriecd.org/images/sections/childprotection/pdf CURRENTPolicy.pdf>.

For more information contact Mrs. Cindy Zemcik, at the diocesan offices at 814-824-1195.

**Please note:** Religious Ed will be decorating Christmas bags on Sunday, December 9th

Catholic Services Appeal			
Actual collected 12/2/2018	Actual collected Total to Date	Parish Goal	Percentage of goal collected
\$ 50	\$ 20,748	\$ 29,000	72%

Total Pledged:.....\$24,198

#### Sanctuary Lamp Memorial: Week of Dec. 8 – Dec. 14

In Honor of: Donna Chmigel  
Requested by: Dolly Haas



Religious Education



Faith & Fellowship

## Mass Schedule

Saturday	December 8	4:00 pm	ST. MICHAEL PARISHIONERS
Sunday	December 9	9:00 am	Patricia Steffee ( Amy Whitehill)
Thursday	December 13	12:00 noon	<b>NO MASS</b>
Friday	December 14	8:00 am	Logan Fierst (Joan Cornelius)
Saturday	December 15	4:00 pm	ST. MICHAEL PARISHIONERS
Sunday	December 16	9:00 am	Johnna Cornelius (Joan Cornelius)

**Christmas Mass Schedule** – Christmas Vigil 6:00 pm / Christmas Day 9:00 am

### Minister’s Schedule

#### Saturday, December 15, 4:00 pm

Euch Min: J. Gatesman, K. Tinker, B. Chestnut  
Lector: J. Vano  
Servers: As available

#### Sunday, December 16, 9:00 am

EuchMin: A. Kaufman, C. Miller, J. Laverick  
Lector: J. Olivas  
Servers: A. Barris, E. Olivas



## — PARISH NEWS —

### December Meetings

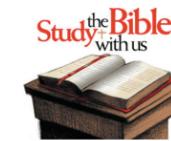
Soup Group will be meeting on Saturday, December 15th at 8:30 in the Social Hall.



### From Lisa

#### Adult Faith Formation News!

Our Scripture Study group is studying Paul’s Letter to the Philippians. If you think you may be interested in joining us, contact me at: [elisa.cirell@stmichaelrcchurch.org](mailto:elisa.cirell@stmichaelrcchurch.org).



## UP COMING EVENTS

### Mark your calendar!

The St. Michael Ladies Christmas party will be held on Wednesday, December 12th. The event is for all ladies of the parish. It will be held at the Reminisce Banquet Hall. Dinner will consist of Italian Trio, salad, rolls, and dessert. Cost of meal is \$10.00. If you would like to join in n the fun, bring a \$10.00 Gif to exchange. Happy Hour will begin at 5:30 pm and dinner will be served at 6:00 pm. To make reservations, please call Connie (724-867-5734) or Amy (724-399-4304).

*Sick & Shut-in*

### Please remember our parishioners who are unable to join us due to infirmity

Pauline Maleski	Shirley Wedekind	Ruth Hepler
Jack Whitehill	Paul Pastorok	Eric Zacherl
Alice Pihoker	Sigrid Piroch	Arlene Drake
Tony Salamone	Howard Maresch	Brad Louise

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**Aging religious need your help:** Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests ministered for years for little to no pay. Their sacrifices now leave their religious communities without adequate retirement savings. Your gift to today’s second collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. Please be generous.

**Dinner and a Movie Pot-Luck. Family Night!** Take a break from holiday preparations (but not your Advent Preparations!) and plan to join us Saturday, December 15th after the 4:00 pm Mass!. Bring a covered-dish to share at the pot-luck dinner!

After dinner, put your pajamas on, spread out your favorite blanket and enjoy the animated movie “The Star” as a family!! We’ll provide the popcorn! Lisa and Faith Formation