

## St. Michael Mass Schedule and Intentions

### Sunday December 17, 2017 – Third Sunday of Advent

<b>Saturday</b>	December 16	5:30 PM	Paul McCauley
<b>Sunday</b>	December 17	8:00 AM	The Barnard Family
		11:00 AM	Jim Jones
<b>Tuesday</b>	December 19	6:00 PM	Mary Jo Elder
<b>Friday</b>	December 22	9:00 AM	Martha Jane Wingler
<b>Saturday</b>	December 23	5:30 PM	Rita Brown
<b>Sunday</b>	December 24	8:00 AM	Susan Book
		11:00 AM	Charles Fessel
<b>Christmas Eve</b>	December 24	6:00 PM	Jacobi Family Living & Deceased
<b>Monday - Christmas</b>	December 25	Midnight	Mary Hadley
		10:30 AM	B.J. Gettelfinger

#### Christmas Mass Schedule:

Christmas is on a Monday this year, Saturday & Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent – Normal Schedule

#### December 24<sup>th</sup> Evening:

St. Bernard – 4:00 p.m. Mass

St. Michael – 6:00 p.m. Mass

#### December 25<sup>th</sup> Day

St. Michael – 12:00 a.m. (Midnight Mass)

St. Michael – 10:30 a.m. Mass

#### December 31<sup>st</sup> Evening – Holy Day of Obligation

#### Mary the Holy Mother of God

St. Michael – 4:30 p.m. Mass

January 1, 2018 – St. Bernard 10:30 a.m.

NOTE: There will be no 6pm Mass @ St. Bernard

#### THOSE IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS



Stanley Zollman, Gretchen Hammett, William Wright Fabyunkey, Troy Willoughby, Rose Kiefer, Fr. J.R. Hadnagy

Anna Kaelin, Wanda Gehm, Lenny Alderman, Haydon Waller, Carol Stackhouse, Lynn Stackhouse, Cathy Reed, Julie Payne, Ann Lillpop, Marilyn Hinds, Gary Sager, Jane Pruitt, Evelyn Plucinik, Alice Drury, Jerry Kiesler, Priscilla Gettelfinger, Matthew Kruer, Frank Brown, Marie Schroeder, Bradley L. Smith, Bobbi Hammon, Jack Dohoney, Megan Reynolds, Jerome Smith, Debbie Jones, Jeremy Buchter

**Prayer List or Military Update** – Please call the office at 812-364-6646, drop a note in the collection basket, or e-mail us at: [st.michaels@mw.twcbc.com](mailto:st.michaels@mw.twcbc.com)

#### LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE:

**Weekend of December 23 & 24, 2017**

#### Sat. 5:30 PM

**EM:** Carol Wise, Janice Allen, Nadine Kaelin, Donna Newton

**L:** Cherie Vickers

**S:** Sheila McIntyre

**SVRS:** Katie & Olivia Wise

**U:** Vernon Wise, Brian Dohoney, Billy Jacobi, Brian Jacobi

**M:** Trio – Tim, Susan, Will

#### Sun. 8:00 AM

**EM:** Tian Rouck, Mike & Rosanne Shireman, Jonnie Sue Uhl

**L:** Katy Casper

**S:** Pam Waller

**SVRS:** Adriana Roll, Julia Campbell

**U:** Jeanne & Paul Schroeder, Dewayne & Tammy Wise

**M:** Quartet

#### Sun. 11:00 AM

**EM:** Lisa Murner, Doris Nash, Katrina Plucinik, Jerry Renneker

**L:** James Allen

**S:** Rick Elder

**SVRS:** Zachary Robbins, George Voll

**U:** Bernie & Sally Gettelfinger, Dana & Ryan Hall

**M:** Teen Folk Group – Emily & Abigail

#### **Please Pray for Our Military & Their Families**

CPO Johnathan Akers, Danny Baker, Tyler Hall, Lt. Col. Scott Schroeder, Zachary Shinkle, Matt Train, William Gilmer, Mark Snapp, Brad Missi

**Weekly Collection: Dec 10, 2017**

Sun. Collection: \$ 10,316.00

Needed for Budget: \$ 7,134.65

Difference: + \$ 3,181.35

**The Week Ahead:****Sunday** – Faith Formation Classes 9:30a.m.

Youth Activities Team 6:00 p.m

**Monday** –**Tuesday** –**Wednesday**–**Thursday** – Bible Study 9:30 a.m.

- Christmas Play Practice 6:00 p.m.

**Friday** – Youth Activities Team Luncheon**Saturday** –**Next Sunday** –**Wisdom & Works of Mercy**

Join us for a small group study titled, Wisdom and Works of Mercy. We will delve into the Most Holy Trinity as the key to bringing faith from our heads to our hearts and out into our lives!

We will begin Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 til 8:30 p.m. A sign-up sheet will be in the Narthex. If you have any questions, call Pam Waller at 812-946-1164

**United Catholic Appeal**

To date we have the following figures:

Parish Goal: \$27,261

Amount of Pledges: \$24,555

Number of Pledges: 78

Parish Participation: 20%

Percentage of Goal: 90%

There are still envelopes in the Narthex if you haven't filled one out – feel free to fill it out and drop it in the collection basket.

**Connected in the Spirit Update:**

Before Cardinal Tobin was named Archbishop of Newark, the Archdiocesan Planning Commission met, discussed options, and made recommendations. Recently those recommendations were presented to Archbishop Thompson. After reviewing them he decided that he wanted to hold two listening sessions, one in the New Albany Deanery and one in the Tell City Deanery. He emphasizes that he will not make his final decision until after those listening sessions occur. The listening session in the New Albany Deanery will be on Tuesday, January 30th at Providence High School, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. All parishioners are invited to come and listen and/or share comments about the plan. We will keep you posted as things progress.

**Christmas Ministry Schedule**

Please call the office if you are available to fill one of the “Volunteer” slots. Thank you!

<b>All Ministry Schedule: December 24 &amp; 25, 2017</b>		
<b>Sun. 6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Mon Midnight</b>	<b>Mon 10:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Fr. Aaron Pfaff</b>	<b>Fr. John Fink</b>	<b>Fr. Aaron Pfaff</b>
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b> (7 needed; 4 cups)	(5 needed)	(5 needed)
Deacon John	Deacon John	Deacon John
Roger Harbeson	Volunteer	Chris Rainbolt
Karen Harbeson	Volunteer	Mike Shireman
Linda Smith	Volunteer	Rosanne Shireman
Carol Wise	Volunteer	Volunteer
Jared Willis		
Nadine Kaelin		
<b>Lector</b>		
Youth	Volunteer	Katy Casper
<b>Sacristan</b>		
Pam Waller	TBA	Katy Casper
<b>Server</b>		
Jadyn Martin	Abigail Nordhoff	Adriana Roll
Zac Robbins	Isabelle Nordhoff	Matthew Nealy
Olivia Wise	Colin Higdon	
Katie Wise	Gillian Evans	
Jake Book		
<b>Usher</b>		
Leo Kaelin	Volunteer	Volunteer
Bob Book	Volunteer	Volunteer
Gordon Geswein	Volunteer	Volunteer
Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
<b>Music</b>		
All Musicians	All Musicians	All Musicians

# Faith Formation News for St. Michael Catholic Church

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 17, 2017

**Faith Formation Office Hours** are: St. Michael Church - Tuesday - Thursday 9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Fridays 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. and St. Bernard Church – Fridays 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

## Faith Formation News:

### Upcoming Faith Formation Classes:

December 17	Grades Pre-School – Grade 12
December 24	No Classes – Christmas Break
December 31	No Classes – Christmas Break
January 7	Grades Pre-School – Grade 12



**Advent Wreath Prayer for the Second Week of Advent** – *“Dear Jesus, Light of the World, shine above us, below us, around us. Dear Jesus, Light of the World, take us, mold us, use us, and hold us. Amen.”*



**Thursday Morning Bible Study** – Our Thursday Morning Bible Study will meet this Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, at 9:30 a.m. when we meet to discuss the Christmas Readings. All adults are welcome to join us anytime!

**Christmas Play Practice** – We will have Christmas play practice for anyone who would like to be in the play on Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. in the church. Our play will be before the 6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass.



**Children's Christmas Play** – Join us before the 6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass for our Children's Christmas Play. We will take a unique look at the Nativity of our Lord from the point of view of the Innkeeper and his wife, the Shepherds, Mary, and a very wise person. Our play will begin at 5:25 p.m. Plan now to join us!

**Baptismal Prep Classes** – We will have a baptismal prep class for any parents who would like to have their child baptized at St. Michael, St. Bernard, or St. Joseph Churches. We have a prep class scheduled for Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at St. Michael Church. Please call the Faith Formation Office at 812-364-6173 to register.



**Confirmation Class** – Our next Confirmation class for our Confirmation Candidates will be on this Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the lower level of the church.

**Sacramental Prep Meetings** – We will have a Sacramental Prep meeting on Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup> for all parents who have a child who will celebrate their First Communion this spring. We will meet at St. Bernard in the narthex at 8:10 a.m. and at St. Michael in the lower level of the church at 9:45 a.m. We will be discussing how to talk with your child about the Eucharist and how we will celebrate the sacrament.

**Men's Group** – We will have Men's Group on Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Faith Formation Center. All men in the parish are invited to join us!

**Senior Gathering** – We will not have a Senior Gathering in December. Our next gathering will be on Wednesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>.

### **Youth Ministry News:**

**Youth Activities Team** – The youth activities team will meet on this Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Be sure to bring your calendars and Shorter Christian Prayer book if you have one.

**Youth Activities Team Christmas Luncheon** – Our Youth Activities Team will go out for lunch to celebrate the Advent and Christmas Seasons on Friday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>. We will meet at St. Michael at 10:00 a.m. and make cookies to deliver.

**High School Senior Christian Awakening Retreat** - Jan. 11-14, 2018 at Mt. St. Francis. You've heard of Christ's redeeming love as expressed on the cross. Learn how to embrace it as your own. Come be awakened into a deeper relationship with Jesus and our Catholic Faith. Deadline to register is Dec. 29, 2017. Registration forms are available in the Faith Formation Office.

**Sr. High Lock-In** – All youth in grades 9-12 are invited to join us for our Sr. High Lock-In on January 19<sup>th</sup> -0 the 20<sup>th</sup>. We will gather at 6:00 p.m. on Friday and should wrap things up by 10:00 a.m. on Saturday. We will head to Escape Room Louisville and try our hand and solving puzzles and using our team skills to escape! On our return we will have pizza and play games in the Parish Center. The cost of the event is \$35.00. The deadline to sign up is January 14<sup>th</sup>.

**On the Journey...“Where are you headed in life?”** – Retreat for High School Juniors, Jan. 27-28 at Mt. St. Francis. Life can confront us daily by choices that will lead us closer or farther away from God. This retreat will help you make the right call when faced with what paths to take in life that will help you discover who God has called and created you to be. Cost is \$95 and registrations are due Jan.12<sup>th</sup> to Catholic Youth Ministries. Retreat brochures are available in the Faith Formation Office or at [nadyouth.org](http://nadyouth.org)

**ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL FRESHMAN** Come and explore how music can move you along on your faith journey and get you connected. This overnight retreat is a combination of faith, fellowship, meeting new friends, and lots of fun while using music to bring a real message to your life. The **Faith Remix Retreat** will be Feb. 3-4, at Mt. St. Francis. Cost is \$95. Deadline to register is Jan. 19. Registration forms are available in the Faith Formation Office or online at [nadyouth.org](http://nadyouth.org).

### **Other Deanery Retreats coming soon...**

HS Sophomores – Diving In, Mt. St. Francis – February 17-18, 2018

All HS classes – Step by Step, Mt. St. Francis – March 3-4, 2018

Registration brochures are available in the Faith Formation Office.



### **Young Adult Ministry:**

**College Winter Retreat** Save the dates of Dec. 28 – 29 for the “Grace Enough Focusing on God’s Grace in Our Lives” retreat at Otter Creek Retreats in Brandenburg, KY. Registration deadline is Monday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>. Cost is \$45 a person. Contact Jennifer at Catholic Youth Ministries 812-923-8355 or [Jennifer@nadyouth.org](mailto:Jennifer@nadyouth.org) for more details and to register.

**Theology on Tap** - an informal gathering for young adults to explore Catholic Life! **NOTE CHANGE OF DATE:** Our next gathering will be **Tuesday**, January 9<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm at Wick’s Pizza, 225 State St., New Albany. It’s a speaker series where we enjoy excellent conversation, exciting talks, and great company!

### **Question of the Week for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent:**

**Question for Children:** As we get closer to Christmas, name one thing you really want for your home or the world, such as peace, friendship, or food for the poor.

**Question for Youth:** John tried to help people prepare their lives for the coming of the Messiah. What do you need to change about your life to be ready for Jesus’ coming?

**Question for Adults:** If you were to write three suggestions for those who follow Jesus, to keep them strong in their faith, what would you write?



## **Fr. Aaron - Possible Sabbatical for 2019**

Dear Parish Family,

Over the past several years, I've become aware of a deepening fatigue that has been affecting my priesthood. The Catholic Church has long noted that after about six or seven years, many clergy start to run low on energy, both physical and spiritual. For this reason, the Church allows its clergy to take a sabbatical break from normal parish ministry once every seven years.

I'll be entering my 22nd year of priesthood, and have never had a sabbatical. Since over time I've been feeling increasingly depleted, with the encouragement of the Archdiocese, I've been exploring the possibility of taking a spiritual sabbatical for several months to restore vitality to my priesthood.

This past year, I began working with a team of parishioners from St. Michael and St. Bernard on planning a possible 4-month sabbatical for 2019. Since priests are responsible for financing their own sabbatical, we're applying for a Grant from Eli Lilly for funding. Although only about 1 in 4 grant applications are approved, if our churches receive the grant, Eli Lilly would pay for most of the sabbatical, as well as all of the mileage and stipends for Fr. John Fink, who has graciously agreed to replace me during my absence. Eli Lilly would also pay for parish renewal programs that could take place in our churches at this time.

In pondering the guiding question on the Lilly Grant application, "What will make your heart sing?", I'm applying to spend most of the proposed sabbatical studying and retreating in France to restore my vitality and renew my sense of joy in ministry so that I can return a better pastor to minister among you.

For more information, I invite you to attend one of two evening Q. and A. sessions to take place this week after the 6:00 evening daily Masses: 6:30 this Monday at St. Bernard's, and 6:30 on Tuesday at St. Michael's church basement.

God's blessings to you all,

Fr. Aaron

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