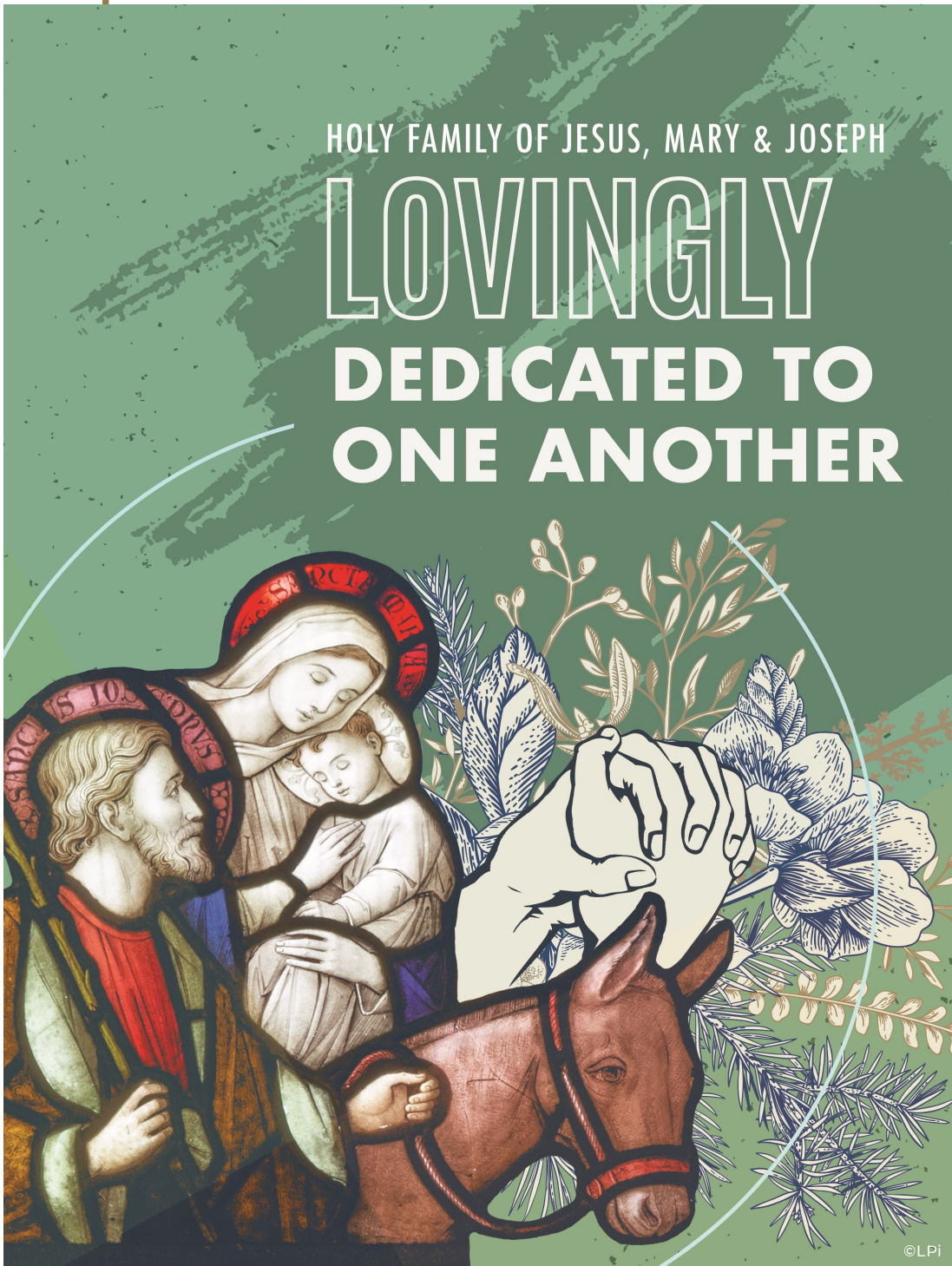




Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
December 29, 2024

*St. Michael
the Archangel
Catholic Parish*



Mission Statement

Compelled by the love of Christ,
we love others,
deepen our faith,
and transform our world.



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NOTE FROM FR. MARK

Many Thanks

This is such a busy time, and the fact that you took the time to write a Christmas card or, incredibly, actually buy a gift always amazes me. I am a very grateful person these days. Thank you!!!! As I get older, I have been able to re-capture these beautiful aspects of the Christmas Season in a new way. The greetings, the cards, the gifts, the simple gestures of kindness, all of them express beautifully our wonder and our joy at this beautiful season. Could it be that as we age, we become the child again and maybe for the first time see the meaning of Christmas? What did Jesus say, "Unless you become like a little child,....., Merry Christmas!!!!

Thank You!

I'm writing this on the Sunday before Christmas, but I know I can say, as is true every year, so many people will be working so hard to make things beautiful for you, for us. So, I just wanted to say thank you all for the beautiful Liturgies at Christmas. This year so very many of you stepped up and made things more beautiful than ever!! From our decorations which reflected the noble simplicity of the Season, to our lectors, servers, those who clean the Church (with all the snow that wasn't easy.), Eucharistic ministers, hospitality, and all those to attended Holy Mass. -- thank you. (Who did I miss?) So many of you did so much to make things special. I am very grateful to those in the music ministry who served us at each Mass this Christmas. You all worked so very, very hard to get ready. Jesus was/is indeed born to us here at Our Mother of Sorrows & St. Michael's. As Merton writes ***"The Church exults as the angels come down to announce not merely an old thing that happened long ago, but a new thing that happens today. For, TODAY, God the Father makes all things new, in His Divine Son our Redeemer, Jesus!!"***

Mary, Mother of God

January 1st is this Wednesday. It is the Octave of Christmas and the Feast of Mary, the Mother of God. It's still very much a holy day and I know many of you very much want to get to Mass New Year's Eve. What a great way to begin the new year. I won't comment on some of the other things people do on New Year's Eve. In our secular world, it has other meanings that are filled with superstition, and many will do things they will regret in the morning. But, for us, it's still very much a holiday, an important one for us. We shouldn't take it for granted.

So, here's our Mass schedule. We will have a New Year's Eve Mass at 4:00 on Wednesday and we will have mass at 10 am on New Year's Day.. What an awesome day to celebrate Mary's oldest feast and a great way to bring in the New Year!!!!

Jubilee 2025

Today begins the Jubilee year 2025. Following a tradition originating in the Hebrew Scriptures, the first jubilee year was proclaimed in the year 1300. Pope Francis chose the motto for this Jubilee year to be "Pilgrim of Hope." We indeed need more and more to be a people of hope. And Pope Francis encourages all of us to be "tangible signs of hope." He sees this time as an opportunity for conversion, reconciliation, and most especially a time to celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation. I'll share more as time goes by, I just wanted you to be aware. I like the idea of a time of conversion and reconciliation; we all need that these days.



Join us for a Night of Worship and Prayer this Friday, January 3 at 7 pm at OMOS. This blessed evening is an excellent opportunity to praise and worship our God through song and prayer. There will also be an opportunity for everyone interested to receive personal prayer and healing of physical, spiritual, emotional, or relational issues. So, join us on Friday evening, January 3 at 7 pm.



STEUBENVILLE
CONFERENCES

**Registration is open for the
2025 Power & Purpose Conference**

Join us for next year's Power and Purpose Conference on June 20 through 22 at Franciscan University of Steubenville.

At the Power and Purpose Conference, you will:

- Discover and deepen your life in the Holy Spirit
- Experience his power and healing
- Immerse yourself in moving worship, adoration, and sacraments
- Learn to live in true freedom, love, and joy of the Spirit

Register at <https://steubenvilleconferences.com/adult/ppc>

Our group code is: **25JHrbal**

You can contact me at: joenjill1988@gmail.com or **814-242-9993** if you have questions.

Everyone is invited!

I'm looking forward to hearing from you.

Joe Hrbal

SATURDAY'S KITCHEN

The OMOS day of service at the Saturday's Kitchen of St. Vincent de Paul is January 25, 2025. We need 6-8 people to help serve lunch to about 80 individuals, beginning with set-up at 10:30 am and finishing by 1 pm. If you are interested in helping on January 25, please contact Julie Sheehan at the Parish Office (814) 535-7646. We also need dessert for the 80 people. Please let us know if you are willing to bake some tasty treats and drop them off at Holy Grounds on Friday, January 24 between 9 am and 3 pm. You are living God's mission of caring for those less fortunate. God bless.

THANK YOU!!

Many, many thanks to everyone who came out to help with the cleaning and decorating of our church last weekend - men, women, and children! We had about 20 people who gave about 3 hours of service each to make our church lovely for our Lord and Savior's birthday! Please know that we are very grateful to you for coming out at this busy time so that we can all enjoy the beauty of this incredible celebration of love!

May God bless you all! I am sure He is smiling down upon every one of you!



PLEASE JOIN US!



The Alpha Course at Our Mother of Sorrows Begins Soon!!

OMOS has been hosting the Alpha Course for ten years. We have yet to find a better program to help you get to know Jesus Christ better. The course is built around an evening sharing a dinner, a conversation, and a video.

Our in-person Alpha Course begins on Tuesday, January 14, at 6 PM and runs through April 1. If Tuesdays don't work for you, Alpha is also being offered on Sundays at Liberty Grace Church in Richland. The weekend away will be held on February 28 and March 1.

To learn more and to register, go to
www.omostoday.com/alpha/ or call 814- 535-7646
Invite a friend to join you.
Sign up today!

HELP WITH ALPHA

Those who have taken Alpha are encouraged to help. We are collecting our volunteer list now on www.omostoday.com/alpha. We need help with small groups, kitchen, set-up, clean-up, and hospitality.

A new volunteer opportunity this year is being part of the weekly prayer team. The prayer team entails praying for a specific intention related to the success of the Alpha course. You will receive an email weekly as to the intention of the week.

Please volunteer today!

COME BACK AND BRING A FRIEND

The Alpha course grows and continues because of word of mouth. The course has spread all over the globe because of people's experiences and then telling others. If you have taken Alpha years ago and would like to see the new video series, come back and bring a friend. Do you know someone who could benefit from Alpha? Invite them. Please encourage them to go to our web-site to sign up.

Alpha is a great place for you to invite others to explore faith.

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Monday, December 30

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration

8 a.m.—Mass at OMOS

Lector: Kim Hill

Tuesday, December 31—New Year's Eve

4 p.m.—Mass at OMOS

Servers: Millie Kohut, Isabella Segear, Emerson Manges, Arianna Manalang

Lector: Anita Altman

Euch. Min: Vickie Wesner (2), Kathy & Jim Ridella, Pam Fisher, Christine Manalang, Diana & Dan Tyger

Hosp: Cathy Vigna, Mary & George Kogut, Pattie Porter, Linda Fitzgerald, Evie & Rick Wess, Ray Cowan

Wednesday, January 1—New Year's Day

10 am—Mass at OMOS

Servers: Domenick & Mason Lokesak, Jamison Gibson, James Smedberg

Euch. Min: Tim DiGuseppe (2), Sabrina Mezyk, Carol Battaglia, Rosemary Zenone, Linda Geiser, Ed & Julie Sheehan

Hosp: Patty & Don Falcone, Jim & Joan Frischauf, Ed, Julie & Natalie Sheehan, Karen Findish

Thursday, January 2

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration

8 a.m.—Mass at OMOS

Lector: Kim Hill

Friday, January 3

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration at St. Michael's

6 p.m.—Mass at St. Michael's

Server: Tim Burgess

Lector: Sister Patty

7 p.m.—Night of Prayer & Praise at OMOS

Saturday, January 4—Vigil

3 p.m.—Confessions

4 p.m.—Mass at OMOS

Servers: Arianna & Adriel Manalang

Lector: Julie Patula

Euch. Min: Tom (2) & Nancy Simmons, Michelle Dugan, Haley Kessler, Kathy & Jim Ridella, Pam Fisher

Hosp.: Val & Bill Deater, Helen Hromulak, Rich & Deb Cowan, Gerri Isban, George & Mary Kogut

Sunday, January 5—Epiphany of the Lord

9 a.m. Mass at St. Michael's

Servers: Tim Burgess

Lector: Linda Popchak

Sunday, January 5—Epiphany of the Lord

8:30 am—Mass at OMOS

Servers: Julianna McIlwain & Damian Carbaugh

Lector: Dave Milligan

Euch. Min: Heather (2) & Joseph Nibert, Matt DiFrancesco, Linda Geiser, Denise Esch, Ron Golias, Barb Flick

Hosp: Julie & Ed Sheehan, Jackie Ayres, Maria & Ralph DeMarco, Anne DiFrancesco, Marge Pipan, Michelle Kush

Sunday, January 4—Epiphany of the Lord

11 am—Mass at OMOS

Servers: Amber & Tyler Galiote

Lector: Christa Curtis

Euch. Min: Brad Duca (2), Matthew Carbonara, Kevin Lynch, Amy Bradley, Heather Lokesak, Mike Thomas, Liz Petruska

Hosp: Joyce Radovanic, Tim DiGuseppe, Marianne Krizner, Mary Lynn Evans, Don & Patty Falcone, Denise Mezyk, Joyce Nesmith

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 28—Vigil

4 pm Dawn Mamula (husband, Chuck & family)

Saturday, December 28—The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

6 p.m. Paulette Balog (M/M Joseph Sefcik) & Patricia Balog (Bud & Toni Gregorchik)

Sunday, December 29—The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

8:30 a.m. Christopher Gleason (Aggie & Eileen Malysko)

11:00 a.m. Jack Wilson (wife, Helen)

Monday, December 30

8 a.m. Spiritual & Temporal Welfare of Hromulak & Christoff Families (Family) & Rita Gorman (Darlene Marsh)

Tuesday, December 31—New Year's Eve

4 p.m. Spiritual & Temporal Welfare of OMOS & St. Michael's Parishioners

Wednesday, Jan. 1—New Year's Day

10 a.m. Sam DiFrancesco (wife, Mary & Family)

Thursday, January 2

8 a.m. Roy Begly (Your Parish Family)

Friday, January 3

6 p.m. Hermine Brickweg (Sondre Harteis)

Saturday, January 4—Vigil

4 pm Peter & Mary Oliverio (Family)

Sunday, January 5—Feast of the Epiphany

9 a.m. Anna Jean Sostek (Leonard & Connie Jerva)

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8:30 a.m. Robert Bowser (Mike & Carla Karcher)

11:00 a.m. Herbert & Carolyn Kessler (son, Eugene)

SUNDAY REGULAR COLLECTION

December 15, 2024

Envelopes\$ 10,979

Loose 4,274

Online 6,290

Total \$ 21,543

St. Michael's 2,258

Due to early bulletin deadlines we have are behind on reporting our regular collection figures.

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66

Tuesday: *Night:* Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 (Lk 2:11)/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14

Wednesday: *Dawn:* Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 (3c)/Jn 1:1-18

Thursday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab,16bc and 17/Mt10:17-22

Friday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97: 1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Saturday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8/Mt 2:13-18

Next Sunday: 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 (see 5a)/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52