



Love

*"Behold, the virgin
shall be with child
and bear a son,
and they shall name
him Emmanuel,"
which means
"God is with us."*

Matthew 1:23



Fourth Sunday of Advent





That we can put our complete trust in God and become a model of discipleship like Joseph. "When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home." *Matthew 1:24* Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return.

Striving to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may lead us. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.

Let the Lord enter:
HE IS KING OF GLORY.



Readings for the Week of
December 18, 2016

Sunday	Fourth Sunday of Advent Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24
Monday	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Tuesday	Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38
Wednesday	Saint Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
Thursday	1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
Friday	Saint John of Kanty, Priest Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14; Lk 1:57-66
Saturday	Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29; Lk 1:67-79 Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
Sunday	The Nativity of the Lord Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14 Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20 Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14



Liturgy Intentions
For The Week



WEEK OF
December 17, 2016 – December 25, 2016

SATURDAY	5:30 P.M.	†Drew Muhl †Pauline Trefny
SUNDAY	8:00 A.M.	†Gertrude Lux †Donald & Remedios Young
	9:30 A.M.	†Clarence Forse †Roland Angelle
	11:00 A.M.	†Jessica Bullock Duncan †Dick Drake
TUESDAY	5:30 P.M.	†Armand Morton †Suc Nguyen
WEDNESDAY	8:30 A.M.	†Charlie & Georgie Hundl †Charlie & Irene Dirba
THURSDAY	5:30 P.M.	†Leon Jasek John Bongiovi
FRIDAY	8:30 A.M.	†Christen & Mensik Families †Gertrude Lux
SATURDAY	5:30 P.M. (C)	†Jack Lippman †Vickie Kaatz
	5:30 P.M. (H)	†Margaret Flournoy †Terry Fecanin
	9:00 P.M. (C)	†Armand Morton
SUNDAY	8:00 A.M.	†Clemente & Guadalupe Gutierrez †Lester Shivers Leo Chelette-Knight of the Month
	9:30 A.M.	†Dorothy Jurecka
	11:00 A.M.	†Lisa Drake †Dick Drake



Kellie Chaney, Ruth Cleaver, Ruth Coale, Brenda Dellamea, Doris Follett, Andrew Haack, Paige Haas, Florine Heinroth, Jesse Hernandez, Dorothea Himmel, Richard Keistler, Sarah Langston, Tom Loftus, Margie McAda, Eileen McDonald, Bubba Moore, Jordon Nachtgaele, Paul Perdue, Dinah Prochaska, Donna Schwertner, Liz Stevens, Jack & Barbara Yonge, Roger Kesseler, Bettie Carmody, James and Barbara Blanchard, Raymond Muniza, Kim Anderson, Felix & Shirley Broussard, Emma DeAtley, Robert Vinklarek, Pat Gifford, Marsha Young, Ken Felcman, Jeanne Kemeny, Andreas Kalos, Joyce Sykora, Lynette Turek, Kathy Ward, Frank Drabek, and Dorothy Vitek

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

St. Michael the Archangel - Monday, Dec. 19th, 7:00 pm
St. Mary's (Freeport) - Tuesday, December 20th, 7:00 pm

During the Advent season, there are several opportunities for prayer that are available to us:

- We will again celebrate vespers. Please make plans to join us in the F-Wing at 6:00pm Sunday evening 12/18 and enjoy this peaceful time of prayer and song.
- For many Advent resources to help enter into the season with prayer and devotion, please visit this page of our parish website: www.smlj.org/advent



If you would like to make a donation towards the **Christmas flowers for the church**, please contact the Parish Office 297-3041. The requested donation is \$15.00 per poinsettia and donations can be specified "in honor" or "in memory" of a loved one.



We have **open hours in our Adoration Chapel** which need to be filled by one (or two) dedicated volunteers. If you are willing to spend **prayer time** with the **Blessed Sacrament** in the Adoration Chapel on Wednesday, 4:00—5:00 pm, please call Diane Brawley at 297-5679, or a shared hour on Thursday, 5:00—6:00 pm, please call Cheri McBurnett at 297-8874

PARISH EVENTS

Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study invites you to join us as we journey through Praying the Gospel – Jesus' Miracles in Galilee by Father Mitch Pacwa, SJ. This is a 13 week study beginning Thursday, January 12, 2017 and ending Thursday, April 6, 2016. We will meet in the "F" Wing. Social starts at 9:15 AM with study following from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM. The book can be purchased from Amazon. If you have questions or need the nursery, contact Betty Jo Jurries at 979-297-2962 or jjurries@comcast.net. We look forward to welcoming you to this sisterhood.

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Blood DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank its 63 loyal donors who contributed 82 donations in the October blood drive. The Knights will be hosting the final blood drive of 2016 on **WEDNESDAY, Dec. 28 from 3:00 PM to 8:00**

PM. The blood center is supplying hoodie sweatshirts to all donors, and Gene Kanski's team will be providing chili dogs for the event. Note that the holiday season is always a critical time for the blood bank as donations are down during this time, so please consider giving the gift of life during this season of giving.

The Adoration Chapel will be closed the following days for the Christmas Holidays:

December 23rd—December 25th
December 30th—January 1st

The Parish Offices will be closed on Friday, December 23rd, Monday, December 25th and Monday, January 2nd.

Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year from your St. Michael's Family.

NEW pilgrimage opportunity!

13-day Camino de Santiago, Fatima & Lisbon,
Portugal
May 29 to June 10, 2017

Is hiking the Camino de Santiago on your bucket list? Pilgrims have been walking the *Camino de Santiago* (Way of St. James) for centuries, following the many paths to Santiago de Compostela and the tomb of St. James. This tour begins in Sarria, the most popular Camino starting point, covering the last 100km of the Camino Francés. We are currently forming a group from our parish to walk the final segment of the French Way, from Sarria to Santiago from May 29th to June 10th, 2017. An information meeting will be held in the Angelina Room on Thursday, January 12th at 7:00 pm for anyone interested in hearing about this wonderful trip. Contact Iris Howard at 979-415-5572 or Margarita Prinz at 979-236-1948 for more information.

Save The Date

March 3 - 5, 2017

Woman to Woman

Lenten Retreat

"Faith on Fire"

at The Lodge of Danbury

By Anne Trufant

For further information contact: Gwen Williams at
979-236-4064 or Binnie Bauml 979-285-5995
or blbauml@yahoo.com

Neon Family Party

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, 2017

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Weekend Liturgy

Saturday Vigil 5:30 p.m.

Sunday 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Penance

Tuesday 5:00—5:30 p.m. & Saturday 4:00—5:00 p.m.

Rosary

Every Monday at 7:00 pm in the Church

Nursery

Available in the Family Life Center during the
9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses

Adoration Chapel

Every day 9:00 a.m.—Midnight

Baptism Preparation

Call Melanie Viktorin @ 979-297-3041

Visitation of Sick & Homebound

Please call the Parish Office to have someone bring Holy
Communion

Beloved Date Nights

Join us in making a New Year's resolution for your marriage.

Who? What? When?

All date nights begin after 5:30 mass on Saturday night in the Education Building at SMLJ.

These date nights are for couples in ALL stages of their marriage & from all denominations.

Wanna know more about Lighthouse Catholic Media's Beloved Program? <https://www.lighthousecatholicmedia.org/beloved/parish>

Wanna know more or would you like to register?

Register by email:
youngfamilies@smlj.org
Register by phone/text:
(989)488-3924



Upcoming Date Nights

January 7- Christ @ the Center

February 11- A Deeper Unity

March 4- Conflict & Communication

April 1- Building a Thriving Marriage

May 6- Protecting the Bond

June 3- Sexuality & Authentic Love

Dinner begins at 6:45 and the evening wraps up at 9 PM.

*The sessions do not build on each other but rather each have a theme, so choose to attend one or all.

TO ALL MINISTRIES: Please place all flyers and announcements on the bulletin board in the hallway of the Family Life Center. Announcements should not be placed on any of the doors.



After the Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass celebrated by Father Giovanni, breakfast was served in the Msgr. Leo Wleczyk Hall.

2016 Christmas Season Liturgical Dates

12/24 (Saturday) Christmas Eve – 5:30 p.m. (in both church and hall)

12/24 (Saturday) Christmas Eve—9:00 p.m. (Church) Christmas caroling begins at 8:30 pm, prior to 9:00 p.m. Mass

12/25 (Sunday) Christmas – 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 11:00 am Mass in the Church only

12/31 (Saturday) 5:30 p.m. Mass

1/1 (Sunday) 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 11:00 a.m. Mass





DSF-2016

“His Mercy Endures Forever”

We are nearing the END of the 2016 DSF campaign, and will begin 2017 in January. **If you have NOT paid your 2016 DSF Pledge**, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you.

Welcome to Saint Michael's Children's Choir

Join us on Thursdays at 5:30pm in Room 102 of the Spiritual Learning Center for Saint Michael's Children's Choir. 1st through 6th graders are invited. Parents are encouraged to attend. Please email Mark Polimeno if interested in joining at m.polimeno@att.net.



PLEASE HELP: FAMILY FAITH FORMATION SURVEY

We at St. Michael's want to help your family be the strongest it can be. Looking at the future, we want to know what your unique family needs are so we can adjust, or create, programs to help you have a strong, more faith-filled, and dynamic family. We would like to hear from all adults and teenagers. Please complete the online survey which can be found at www.smlj.org. Thank you for your valuable input. For more information or questions contact Dcn. Gary at deacongary@smlj.org or call the Parish Office.

Members of the tenth grade CCE classes of Lucilla Henderson, Nigel James, and Patti Trahan walked to Oak village Health Care then processed down the halls singing Christmas Carols and distributing the homemade lap blankets they made for the residents. A memorable evening was enjoyed by residents, nurses, students, and teachers.

YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

DEC.	18	NO CLASS
	21	NO DEEPER
	25	NO CLASS
	28	NO DEEPER
JAN.	1	NO CLASS
	4	NO DEEPER
	8	AWAKENING PROGRAM—Grades 7-12 Social 5:30, 6:00—8:00 pm
	10	YOUTH NIGHT—H.S.—7:00-8:30 pm

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