



"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me."

MATTHEW 25:40



## Pay Attention to Your Instincts

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Invite Marty into your home and the first thing he'll ask is whether or not you have any cats. Marty is allergic to cats, big time, even if they have been quarantined to another room. His eyes turn red. He sneezes. He begins to cough and wheeze like an old-time Model T. Cats are his nemesis. It is ironic that Marty has befriended a stray cat from his neighborhood. Though he never pets the kitty or allows him into his home, each day he feeds him and puts milk out for him on the deck outside his living room. And if the cat fails to come around, he worries about him.

There is something instinctive in us that moves us to care for the underdog, even if it's a cat. The Sunday Gospel this week suggests that the innate desire to care for the weakest among us is a Godly instinct. It's where we meet God, and we need to pay attention to it simply because it's how we come to a sense of God in our lives.

We all search for meaning, looking for it every day in the hidden corners of our lives and in the open daytimes of our busyness. Sometimes we find it, and sometimes we limp back home at the end of the day. More often than not it's when our day has been brushed with the color of caring for someone else that we feel good about that day. It's a Godly instinct that's not to be ignored. ●

### Reflect

***Has your instinct to care for the underdog ever not made sense to others?***

# Saint Michael's Catholic Church

17150 - 88th Ave, Coopersville, MI 49404  
Parish Office: 616-384-4026

*Saint Michael's Catholic Community is a family challenged by Christ, inspired by the Holy Spirit, to care for others and to become the body Of Christ through worship, hospitality and service.*

Pastor: Fr. Michael Hodges—[frmhodges@grpriests.org](mailto:frmhodges@grpriests.org)  
Deacon: Deacon Tom Roberts—[troberts@saintmarysmarne.org](mailto:troberts@saintmarysmarne.org)

For more information on staff, councils, ministries and schedules,  
visit our website : [www.saintmichaels.us](http://www.saintmichaels.us)  
Prayerline: Chris Albrecht, 616.403.7110 or Judy Driedger, 616.899.2470

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday November 25

4:30PM † Rick Lothschutz by Mary Lothschutz ..... **MA**  
Sacrament of Reconciliation: 3:30 PM—4:15 PM - St Mary

### Sunday November 26

8:30AM † Marie Johnson by Joan Hecksel & Family ..... **MI**  
10:30AM † Daniel & Judith Drong ..... **MA**  
4:30PM † Edna Schumaker by Judy Timmers ..... **MI**  
Sacrament of Reconciliation: 3:30 PM—4:15 PM - St Michael

### Monday November 27 No Mass

### Tuesday November 28

9:00AM Our Parish Family ..... **MA**  
Adoration begins after Mass until 2pm  
Sacrament of Reconciliation: 2:00 PM—3:00 PM - St. Mary

### Wednesday November 29

9:00AM **No Mass** ..... **MI**  
No Adoration and Rosary today  
No Reconciliation today

### Thursday November 30

9:00AM Our Parish Family ..... **MA**

### Friday December 1

9:00AM † Robert Perea by Carol Perea ..... **MI**

### Saturday December 2

4:30PM † Kurt Kline by M/M Jack Kline ..... **MA**  
Sacrament of Reconciliation: 3:30 PM—4:15 PM - St Mary

### Sunday December 3

8:30AM † Nathan Syrek by the Syrek Family ..... **MI**  
10:30AM † Jeff LeMieux by Roseanne Lunch ..... **MA**  
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**MA**=St. Mary

**MI**=St. Michael's

Please Note: When there is a Funeral Mass or inclement weather (where Coopersville and/or Kenowa Hills Public Schools are closed.) Daily Mass will be cancelled. The Mass intention for that day will be rescheduled at our earliest opportunity.

## St. Michael's Liturgical Ministers

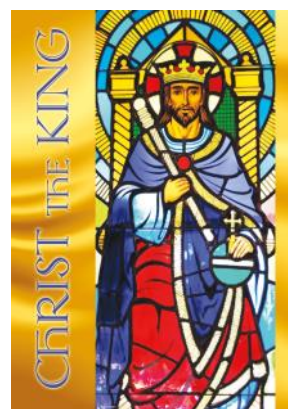
	Dec 3 / 8:30 AM	Dec 3 / 4:30 PM
Altar Servers	Bryson Lindberg Melena Lindberg	NEED TWO
Eucharistic Ministers	Debbie Venekase Jennifer DeMull Andrew Bonter Zack Nelson Cindy Lindberg Joe Hitchings Jeff Johnson	Greg Helsen NEED ONE
Lector	Dennis Zimmer	Joe LeMieux
Sacristan	Judy Driedger	Sue DeVos
Ushers	Wade Lindberg Ed Irwin Mary Bueche Joe Meerman	Greg Helsen NEED ONE
Music	Craig Bleckley	Craig Bleckley

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	December 2 - 4:30PM	December 3 - 10:30AM
Sacristan	Matt Karr	Need One
Altar Servers	Need Two	Lauren LeMieux Ty Ricord
Precious Body	Deacon Tom Breton Petrauskas Mary Kirkwood	Jim Fritz Margie Jirous Need One
Precious Blood	Need Four	Janette Ney Becky Warners Christina Withers
Hospitality	Jeff Schneider Need Three	Anthony Leale Nettie Leale Leonard Horter Need One
Lector	Vito Dolci	Rita Carmody
Music	Bernie Stanko	Bernie Stanko

## Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of The Universe ~ November 26

This last Sunday in Ordinary Time  
"Love God with all your being, and love others as I have loved you." His love is selfless, compassionate, forgiving, and unconditional. He is a King with a saving and liberating mission: freeing us from all types of bondage, enabling us to live peacefully and happily on earth, and promising us an inheritance in the eternal life of heaven.



**Prayer:** Almighty ever-living God, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of the universe, grant, we pray, that the whole creation, set free from slavery, may render your majesty service and ceaselessly proclaim your praise. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen



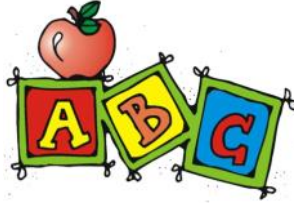
## St. Michael's Parish News



**Scrip News**— Thank you to our 11 families who purchased Scrip this week. Our total profit was \$84.54. Please remember Scrip for all your Christmas shopping needs!

## St. Michael's Preschool

Have you considered St. Michael's Preschool for your child or grandchild? If not, you should! Come see what a great experience St. Michael's Preschool can provide. Come meet our Director/Teacher, Cindy Lindberg! Preschool meets on MWF from 8:45—11:45 am. For more info, call the Parish Office at 616-384-4026.



## St. Michael's Faith Formation

**Children's Liturgy of the Word:** program is offered on Sunday during 8:30 Mass. Children 3-9 years old are welcome to join us each week as we pray, read and explore the Sunday Gospel from a child's viewpoint. We include the Gospel Acclamation so children understand the importance of preparing our mind and heart for the Gospel reading. A Gospel Reflection Page and Parent Note will be sent home each week to encourage a discussion at home. Discuss with your child the things we can do to prepare for the upcoming Advent & Christmas Season and the things we can do to prepare for the coming of Christ the King. There will be no CLW today, due to Thanksgiving. We hope you had a wonderful holiday.



**Elementary Faith Formation:** The elementary program is for students in grades 1-5. We meet on Wednesday from 6:15- 7:30 pm. Class will resume on November 29. Our Second grade students will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on December 6, 2023.

**Middle School Faith Formation:** Grades 6, 7 and 8 will meet on Sundays after the 8:30 am Mass from 9:45 to 11:15 in the Youth Room. The 8th Grade students will also receive Confirmation Preparation. There will not be class today, due to Thanksgiving. Please help support our Middle-Schoolers by donating to the Giving Tree. Thank you!

**The Giving Tree:** St. Michael's Middle School Faith Formation's has the Giving Tree in the Glass hallway. Parishioners are asked to take off as many ornaments as you would like and purchase a gift for the age listed on the tag. Please place these unwrapped presents in a bag and return them under the Giving Tree. The teens are often overlooked because they can be hard to buy for. We have a great solution. You can purchase a \$10.00 gift card from St. Michael's scrip program and place in the gift card box under the giving tree. You will be giving in two ways. All gifts need to be turned in no later than December 10th, so they can be delivered to Coopersville Cares. Thank you for your support and generosity. May God bless you as you have blessed others.



## St. Michael's Sanctuary Lamp

for Veterans & Servicemembers  
by Jane Vitunskas



## St. Michael's Parish Family

**Remembers in Their Prayers:** Kevin Johnson, Anne Pols, Alexandria Gordon, George Langlois, Brooke Campbell, Linda Abel-Carroll, Jackie May, Brad Boerma, Dennis Goosen, Jean Mayse, Ken Heflin, Payton Patterson, Winnie Spencer, the victims of abortion, & the men and women in the military.

## PANCAKE BREAKFAST



Next Sunday, December 3, from 9:30—11:30 a.m.  
\$9.00 Adults; \$8.00 Seniors; \$5.00 Children 12 & Under; \$25 Immediate Family Rate  
*Come support the Knights and their efforts!*

## Can You Help?

Do you want to help save lives? Sidewalk Advocates for Life Grand Rapids invites you to a training opportunity which will open with a special guest speaker, Pam Barr - Former Second Trimester Abortion Nurse who began her work in the abortion industry at the same Planned Parenthood we do outreach at today! We need your help to save lives at the sidewalk. Scan QR Code or email [sidewalkadvocatesgr@gmail.com](mailto:sidewalkadvocatesgr@gmail.com) for more info.



**Photo Directory** — If you haven't already turned in your family photo for our directory, please do so by December 1. You may email a photo to: [secretary@saintmichaels.us](mailto:secretary@saintmichaels.us) or call the office (616) 384.4026 to schedule a time to stop in and have a simple photo taken by Beki.

## Giving Back to God

November 19, 2023

Adult Envelopes	\$4,442.00
Loose Cash	\$376.99
Children's Envelopes	\$10.05
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,829.04</b>
Cemetery Care	\$55.00
Financial Assistance	\$25.00
CCHD	\$698.00

*Thank you for your continued support!*

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## Cluster News and Community News and Events

### St. Mary's & St. Michael's Parishes - National March for Life Trip

Washington DC / January 18-21, 2024

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**Cost: Due upon sign up.**

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I will coordinate arranging the rooms/requests to share rooms. I can place you in a room with others to reduce your cost. Rate Includes: bus transportation to/from DC, hotel, tip for driver, DC night tour

**Deadline to Sign-up/Pay: December 10, 2023**

If you are interested contact Sue Smith to sign-up, make payment, or for more information. Cellphone: 616.446.6390 Email: ssmith@jarvishandling.com

### Meal Train for Fr. Mike

Scheduling Meals for December and into 2024... Have you signed up yet? It really is as easy as making an extra serving of whatever you are preparing your family for dinner. Put it in a microwavable container and drop it off at the Parish Office on your way to (or home) from work.. Or call the office to make special drop off arrangements. (Sign up online: or call the parish office)

<https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/8v97n?fbclid=IwAR0ZWVLPg6P-wXCbM7UHJgn2E-G23sZxKlvAD4qlXsrLINQbld8zxmKmVtgI>



### Please Pray for our Engaged Couples

**Julia Delaney & Logan Brouwer**

.....April 13, 2024 (Cathedral of St Andrew)

**Rachel Berg & Joseph Elenbaas**

.....September 21, 2024 (St Mary)

Lord God, the source of all love, the wise plan of your providence has brought these young people together. As they prepare themselves for the sacrament of marriage and pray for your grace, grant that, strengthened by your blessing, they may grow in their respect for one another and cherish each other with a sincere love. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen



### This Is My Body: A Call to Eucharistic Revival by Bishop Robert Barron

- Thursday, December 7 - 7:00-8:30PM  
St Mary Community Room

- Thursday, December 14 - 7:00-8:30PM  
St Mary Community Room

**Adoration / Holy Hour will be held prior to the 12/14 presentation from 6PM-7PM**



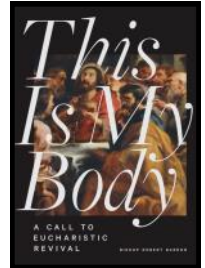
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Discover the profound truth flowing out of Jesus' words at the Last Supper: "Take, eat; this is my body. . . . Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant."

Books will be provided.. Free Will Offering

**Seating is limited to the first 175 people.**

**Please RSVP** to 616.677.3934 (secretary@saintmarysmarne.org) to reserve your spot.



### Advent begins Sunday, December 3

#### Advent Family Prayer

*God of Love, Your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us.  
He is a sign of your love.*

*Help us walk in that love during the weeks of Advent,  
As we wait and prepare for his coming.*

*We pray in the name of Jesus, our Savior. Amen*

- Author Unknown



#### Individual Confession Times During Advent Come receive the healing power of God

- Tuesdays: 2:00PM to 3:00PM ~ St. Mary
- Wednesdays 2:00PM to 3:00PM ~ St. Michael
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#### Holy Hour - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

December 14 - 6PM to 7PM - St Mary

### The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Holy Day of Obligation ~ Friday, December 8.**

Mass Schedule:

9AM - St Michael / 6PM - St Mary

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## St. Mary's Parish News

### St Mary Religious Education

#### Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLW) During 10:30AM Mass.

All children pre-school through 2nd grade are encouraged to join Miss Carmody for an age-appropriate experience of sacred scripture. Children are dismissed after the opening prayer and gather in the community room to hear the readings and reflect on the Gospel. Children return to Mass during the offering.



#### Religious Education Classes

1st-7th Grade

Wednesdays at Hall / 6:15- 7:30pm

8th Grade -Confirmation Classes

Wednesdays at Hall / 6:15- 7:30pm

**St. Mary's Confirmation Mass will be at The Cathedral of St. Andrew's on Sunday, April 28, 2023 at 3:00 pm. Please pray for our Confirmation students as they prepare for this sacrament.**

#### Schedule

All Dates / Times are subject to change.

Please watch for updates from your catechist.

Nov. 22- No Rel Ed Classes, Happy Thanksgiving!

Nov. 26 - No Children's Liturgy of the Word

Nov 29 - Rel Ed Classes

Dec. 3 - Children's Liturgy of the Word -CLW

Dec. 6 - Rel Ed Classes

Dec 9 – Second grade student and Parent retreat. 9am -noon in the Community room

#### Questions or comments:

Please contact the Parish Office. 616.677.3934 or dre@saintmarysmarne.org

### Save the Date - Advent by Candlelight

(formerly Christmas by Candlelight) will be held on **Sunday, December 3**, at 6:30PM. Ladies of the community and their Middle School or older daughters are invited to come and start the Advent season with a beautiful candlelit evening. Music of the season be provided by Mary Skusa. Tickets will be on sale after all Masses. If you are interested in decorating a table, please e-mail or call Lori Rander, lrander81@gmail.com or 616-215-6524.



### Christmas Giving Tree

The Giving Tree will be up in the Narthex beginning Thanksgiving weekend. Parishioners are asked to take a tag off of the tree and replace it with one of the ornaments provided and purchase the items listed on the tag. Please return these items in a wrapped box or a gift bag with the ORIGINAL tag attached to the Giving Tree no later than Sunday, December 10. The tags on the giving tree provide gifts for the 101 residents of Ferguson/Dwelling Place Apartments in Grand Rapids, MI. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT! If you have questions or would like to help with this ministry, please contact: Rob and Lori Rander (616) 215-6524



### Knights of Columbus #11581 News

To learn more about the Knights of Columbus' activities and what they do to support our parish community, the surrounding area and the world, please contact Grand Knight: Rob Rander at: roblander82@gmail.com or come to a General Membership Meeting. Meetings are held the 1st Thursday of the month at 7:00pm in Parish Hall.

**Next Meeting - December 7 at 7PM at the Parish Hall.**

**Breakfast & Blood Drive - Feb 11, 2024 -**

Register Here: [https://donate.michigan.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/156075](https://donate.michigan.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/156075)



### Funeral Luncheon Volunteers Wanted!

Looking for an easy and fulfilling ministry? Here is a great opportunity for the men and women of our parish to do just that! The funeral luncheon committee is looking for volunteers to either assist with serving at funeral luncheons or by simply donating a side dish (pasta salad, taco salad, jello salad) or a dessert. Don't worry if you can't cook or don't have the time to prepare a dish, we will happily accept pre-made, store bought donations as well. Sign-up sheets in the Narthex. Contact Kelly Spence at (616) 250-1203 with any questions. "As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace." 1 Peter 4:10

### Coffee & Donuts Next Weekend after All Masses

Be sure to stay and visit with your Parish Family after all Masses next weekend!



### Parish Directory

We want YOU and your family to be included in our new 2023 parish directory. To date we have 96 Families that have sent in pictures. It can be as simple as a cell phone picture.. even a "selfie". We just want you to be included.. If you have any questions or need help sending it, please let me know.... Please be sure to in send your picture to Cathie by December 1.



### Catholic Service Appeal 2023

Thank you for your gifts to 2023 Catholic Services Appeal! Your generous support funds essential diocesan ministries that strengthen us in Christ.

**CSA 2023 Pledge Goal: \$51,834.00**

Total Pledges Made: \$45,880.00 (89%)

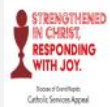
Balance: \$5,954.00

Participation: 120 of 292 Active Households (41%)

Totals as of November 7, 2023

**Thank you for your stewardship**

**Please Note, if we do not reach the parish goal set by the diocese, the shortage will need to come out of our church operating account. Please help us reach our goal and send in your pledge card ASAP. If you have returned your CSA pledge**



### Giving Back to God ~ Time, Talent & Treasure

Attendance at Mass: Nov 18/19	4:30PM: <u>82</u>	10:30AM: <u>151</u>	Nov 18/19
Adult Contributions	<b>Unavailable at this Time</b>		
Children Contrib			
Loose Contributions			

**Thank you for your continued support and generosity!**

### St. Mary's Sponsor of the Week SUPERIOR MONUMENT

Ruth Brown ~ 2470 Arthur St. ~ 616.677.5921

**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR BULLETIN!**

**Welcome to the Cluster Parishes of St. Mary and St. Michael**



## St. Mary & St. Michael Parish Cluster ~ 2023 Advent/Christmas Schedule

### **The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Friday, December 8 - 9AM ~ St. Michael

Friday, December 8 - 6PM ~ St. Mary

### **Eucharist Revival ~ Adoration Holy Hour**

Thursday, December 14 - 6-7PM ~ St. Mary

### **Individual Confessions During Advent -**

**Come receive the healing power of God**

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### **Christmas Mass Schedule**

#### **The Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**Saturday, Dec 23**

4:30PM ~ St. Mary - Fr. Mike Hodges

**Sunday, Dec 24**

8:30AM ~ St. Michael - Fr. Mike Hodges

10:30AM ~ St. Mary - Msgr. Louis Stasker

#### **The Nativity of The Lord (Christmas Eve Vigil)**

**Sunday, Dec 24**

4:00PM, 9:00PM ~ St. Mary - Msgr. Louis Stasker

4:00PM, 9:00PM ~ St. Michael - Fr. Mike Hodges

#### **The Nativity of The Lord**

**Monday, Dec 25 Christmas Day**

8:30AM ~ St. Michael - Fr. Mike Hodges

10:30AM ~ St. Mary - Msgr. Louis Stasker

#### **The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

**Saturday, December 30**

4:30PM ~ St. Mary - Fr. Mike Hodges

**Sunday, December 31**

8:30AM ~ St. Michael - Fr. Mike Hodges

10:30AM ~ St. Mary - Fr. Mike Hodges

#### **The Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God**

**Sunday, December 31**

4:30PM ~ St. Michael - Fr. Mike Hodges

**Monday, January 1**

8:30AM ~ St. Michael - Fr. Mike Hodges

10:30AM ~ St. Mary - Fr. Mike Hodges

#### **The Epiphany of the Lord**

**Saturday, January 6**

4:30PM ~ St. Mary - Fr. Mike Hodges

**Sunday, January 7**

8:30AM ~ St. Michael - Fr. Mike Hodges

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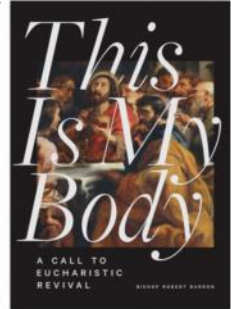
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This trip does involve **a LOT OF WALKING!!** It's casual-paced but we will be walking on Friday from the hotel to the Rally and then the March is a couple of miles, then we walk back to our hotel.

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**Additional Money needed for trip:**

Meals: plan for at least 6 meals (may bring own snacks on bus)

Sightseeing: most activities we've done in past have been free! Many options!

Souvenirs

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Cellphone: 616.446.6390

Email: [ssmith@jarvishandling.com](mailto:ssmith@jarvishandling.com)



# Dear Padre,

## *In the liturgy, how do a solemnity, a feast day, and a memorial differ?*

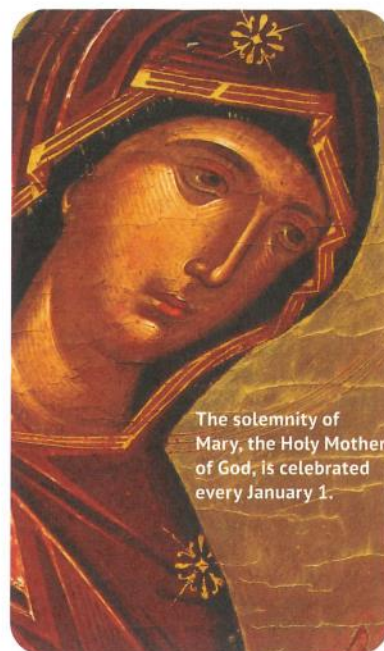
Celebrations in the Church calendar are named according to their rank or importance. Solemnity is the highest rank. The next rank is feast, celebrating an event in the life of Christ, Mary, the apostles, martyrs, and a few other important saints.

Solemnities are usually celebrated by the whole Church, but celebrations may be made solemnities for local churches. For instance, Our Lady of Guadalupe is a solemnity in Mexico and a feast in the United States.

A memorial commemorates the day a saint died. An obligatory memorial is celebrated by every church in a diocese or country. The memorial of Redemptorist St. John Neumann, for example, is obligatory in the United States because of his historical contribution to the American Church as the fourth bishop of Philadelphia. It's also obligatory in Redemptorist churches around the world.

Optional memorials are saints' days an individual priest can celebrate Monday through Saturday if he chooses. For example, Jesuit St. Robert Bellarmine's memorial is obligatory in Jesuit churches or in churches named for him, but it's optional everywhere else.

During Ordinary Time, solemnities that fall on Sunday are celebrated, but feasts and memorials that fall on Sunday are not. During Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter, some solemnities that fall on Sunday are transferred to a weekday because of the importance of these seasons. ●



The solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, is celebrated every January 1.

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
November 27 <i>Weekday</i> Dn 1:1-6, 8-20 Lk 21:1-4	November 28 <i>Weekday</i> Dn 2:31-45 Lk 21:5-11	November 29 <i>Weekday</i> Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28 Lk 21:12-19	November 30 <i>St. Andrew, Apostle</i> Rom 10:9-18 Mt 4:18-22	December 1 <i>Weekday</i> Dn 7:2-14 Lk 21:29-33	December 2 <i>Weekday</i> Dn 7:15-27 Lk 21:34-36	December 3 <i>First Sunday of Advent</i> Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7 1 Cor 1:3-9 Mk 13:33-37



### A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*[Jesus] tells us that the good we do to one of our least brothers and sisters—whether hungry or thirsty, a stranger, in need, sick, or in prison—we do to him (see Matthew 25:37-40). In this way, the Lord gives us his “gift list” for the eternal wedding feast he will share with us in heaven.*

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