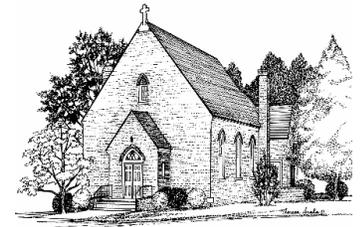




# ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH MISSION OF ST. DOMINIC

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## 4th Sunday of Advent December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Dear friends:

Recently a brother priest asked me: ***Is it right to say that you should take the vaccine for the good of your neighbor?***

Our considerations with regard the COVID-19 vaccine begin with the reminder that there are about 17 different vaccines being developed. What many do not realize is that often the cell lines that are used to develop, test and produce vaccines were obtained in planned, laboratory-like abortions **for the sole purpose** of developing fetal cell lines in the 1960's and 1970's. EACH COVID-19 vaccine must be evaluated for any association with abortion. As recently as 2015, Chinese scientists used the same method, killing unborn children for the sole purpose of obtaining new cell lines.

No one who aspires to love God and neighbor would want any part in that – whether formal or material cooperation. To think that a little one died, so that we can be immunized is revolting. That mentality is sheer madness.

Some of the COVID-19 vaccines, it is said, are not produced using aborted fetal cell lines. This may be true, but one must read between the lines because “development and testing” could involve the aborted fetal cell lines while the “production” of the vaccine is not.

There are so many serious vaccine related health concerns that cannot be fully addressed in this short column. One example is the use of mRNA which is the new approach used by Moderna. This new mRNA type vaccine apparently opens up a new undiscovered world in immunology that was previously the stuff of science fiction. One of the effects of the current virus panic is the imprudent race to find a vaccine while disregarding the careful and safe approach that has served public health policy in the past. I urge you to research these matters, obtaining your own sources of information.

Bill Gates in his 2010 TED Talk claimed, “Now, if we do a really great job on new vaccines, health care, reproductive health services, we could lower [population] by, perhaps, 10 or 15 percent.” If health care and vaccines ironically *reduce* the population while saving people from a virus, there must be anticipated side effects (ie. Infertility; shortened life span).

Gates has been working hard in Africa to reduce the population through contraceptive vaccines. A Kenyan campaign aimed at “eradicating tetanus” strangely

targeted **only** women of child-bearing age (funded by Gates). The consequences indicate criminal intent. Subsequent testing revealed that the vaccine was tainted with HCG, an antigen that is used in anti-fertility vaccines.

Lastly, it is important to note that the latest mortality rate estimates (from the CDC website) for COVID 19 range from .2%-.5% (less than one half of 1%) with a rate of .24% being considered the best estimate. (Compare this with HIV/AIDS, "CDC's Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report shows that from 2010 to 2017, the age-adjusted HIV-related death rate (the number of HIV-related deaths per 1,000 people with HIV) fell from 9.1 to 4.7, a decline of 48%.") The AIDS virus kills at a rate 20 times higher than COVID 19 and yet we have no aggressive social protocols to curb homosexual behavior and sustain their good health.

In summary, we should be horrified by aborted fetal cell lines - no matter what role they played in the process; the jury is still out about the effects of the new vaccinations which have been rushed through trials; and lastly, an extremely high percentage (99.76%) of people get well from COVID-19 and obtain immunity without any of the associated mRNA risks.

The question: “***Is it right to say that you should take the vaccine for the good of your neighbor?***” implies that you would be contributing to the common good by getting vaccinated. If someone lives or works with a person who has those pre-existing conditions which place them in the at-risk category, it *might* be charitable to get vaccinated - if it did not involve the death of a child by abortion or serious risk to your health. However, authentic charity also respects freedom of conscience and avoids manipulation rooted in fear.

***St. Joseph, be our guide in all things and teach us to cherish every human life, Fr. Martin Flum***

### Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve: Thursday Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>

St Michael Church 5pm Christmas Eve Mass  
Mission of St Dominic 7pm Christmas Eve Mass

Christmas Day: Friday Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>

St Michael Church 12am Christmas **Midnight** Mass  
St Michael Church 9am Christmas Day Mass

January 1<sup>st</sup> - Solemnity of the Mother of God

St Michael Church Vigil Mass Dec. 31, 7pm  
St Michael Church 9am and 7pm

## Poetry and Caroling - **Epiphany Party!**

Our Christmas celebration doesn't end on the 25<sup>th</sup>; it's only just beginning! Join us on Sunday, Jan 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Feast of the Epiphany, for a Christmas poetry recitation and for singing carols together at 2:30 PM in the parish hall. Consider reciting a poem or singing/playing a Christmas carol, and let Joanna Mason know what you decide on. Also, please bring a dish or beverage to share! RSVP to Joanna at [joanna@stmichaelbaden.org](mailto:joanna@stmichaelbaden.org) or at (240)681-3551, so that we can arrange the hall to have enough room for all to spread out - space is limited!



### The angel Gabriel said, "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you."

(Luke 1:26-28)

*How deep must have been the Virgin's awe at the Presence of the God-man in her womb! She adored with her Immaculate Heart her Son and her God. May she draw you into that same awe and wonder at the Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist!*

**Mondays:** 8-9 PM

**Tuesdays:** 12-1 PM, 2-3 PM

**Wednesday:** 9-10 AM

**Thursdays:** 5-6 PM

**Fridays:** 9-10 AM, 5-6 PM

**Saturdays:** 10-11 AM, 1-2 PM, 3-4 PM, 6-7 PM

**Sundays:** 5-6 PM, 6-7 PM

*Prepare the way of the LORD!*

### **Please PRAY for our SICK**

For those who suffer from chronic illness, especially Joe Aviles, Christopher Becker, Eddie Bond, Arlene Bloom, Arlene Bonds, Madison Brady, Keith Brown & Family, Ann Canter, Aldrin Castillo, Charlene Cardwell, Tom Cardwell, Joyce Chambers, Thomas Chambers, Greg Connick, Mary Connick, Leah Danielson, Diane DiSandro, Leo Dixon, Marysa Dixon, David Dixon, Dorothy Dunston, Angela Farmer, Kathy Fisher, Mabel Hamilton, Barbara Harding, Florence Henderson, Crystal Johnson, Bernice Kirby, Marie Knobel, Wanda Langley, Betty Lindsay, Kenny Lindsay, Adam Lumpkins, Mr. Maida, John Martone II, Rita Miller, Michael Mohun, Claire Mason, Ralph and Regina Nasatka, Fannie Newman, Yvette Parker, Carolyn Parson, Michael Proctor, Joyce Pickeral, Rev. Robert Pittman, Betty Proctor, Garland Proctor, Gary Reinhardt, Marsha Reinhardt, Shawn Reinhardt, Traci Renner, Dawn Russo, Mary Savoy, Frances N. Sewell, Blanche Simms, Dee Smith, Geraldine Stewart, Savannah Stuart, Tom & Patricia Stuart, Clara Thomas, George Thomas, Marion Walzel, Shirley Watson, Ken Wilson, Terry Wilson, Caroline Yashinski, Belinda Windsor, Carmelita and Lewis Young, and Cheryl Young. Jesus, heal and console us!

### **YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS – Dec. 13, 2020**

**St. Michael** Offertory Collection \$ 2791.00

**St. Dominic** Offertory Collection \$ 763.00

## **Monthly Walking with Mothers in need Prayer Intention**

This month, join us in praying:



1. **Pray:** *Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be*
2. **Reflect:** Each year during Advent, we prepare our hearts to celebrate the birth of Christ our Savior at Christmas. As we anticipate this joyful celebration, we recall the journey of the Holy Family from Nazareth to Bethlehem. Far from home, poor, and in great need, Mary and Joseph find refuge in a simple stable. But this humble setting among the livestock soon welcomes the heavenly host of angels and the infant Jesus himself. Today, women in our own communities are pregnant, poor, perhaps without a home, and in great need. They may feel alone, scared, and overwhelmed, not knowing where to turn. In challenging circumstances, expectant mothers need a refuge of their own. Like the Holy Family, they may be reliant on the kindness of others. This year, may the story of the first Christmas inspire us to reach out to mothers in need. May we proactively seek to offer loving support and encouragement as they prepare to welcome their children. By answering this call, may we help mothers experience the joy, hope, and peace brought by the infant Jesus. And may we, too, share in and bear witness to the miracle of new life.
3. **Action item:** Contact your local pregnancy resource center or diocesan/parish pregnancy support ministry. Ask about ways you can help, such as volunteering. Or offer some other sacrifice or prayer that you feel called to do for this month's intention.

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday	12/19/20	5 PM	Paul Steven & Marie Richards +
Sunday	12/20/20	8 AM	PARISHIONERS
Sunday	12/20/20	10 AM	Rev. Thomas Morris
Sunday	12/20/20	11:30 AM	Margret Davis +
Monday	12/21/20	7 AM	Rev. Thomas Morris
Tuesday	12/22/20	8 AM	Mark Heintzelman
Wed	12/23/20	7 AM	Jino Bottoni +
Thursday	12/24/20	8 AM	Jessica Stecklein
Thursday	12/24/20	<b><u>Christmas Eve</u></b>	
		5 PM	PARISHIONERS
	(St. Dominic)	7 PM	Dick & Rose Burch Family +
Friday	12/25/20	<b><u>Christmas Day</u></b>	
		Midnight	Margie Kilner
		9 AM	James Brown
Saturday	12/26/20	8 AM	Ann Proctor +