



The Catholic Community of ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL and ST. JUDE THE APOSTLE

Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 21, 2025



WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturdays:	St. Michael the Archangel	4:00pm
	St. Jude the Apostle	4:00pm
Sundays:	St. Michael the Archangel	8:30am
	St. Jude the Apostle	10:00am

WEEKDAY MASSES

St. Michael the Archangel	M, T & Th @ 12:10pm
St. Jude the Apostle	Wednesday @ 8:00am

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION

St. Michael the Archangel Exposition, 11:30 am Tuesdays

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OFFICE HOURS

St. Michael the Archangel
Monday-Thursday
9:00AM – 2:00PM

St. Jude the Apostle
Monday-Thursday
9:00AM – 1:00PM



**May your Christmas be filled
with peace and light.**

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- CHRISTOPHER HARRIS, Trustee (SJ)
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- ANN KOWALCZYK, Trustee (SM)
- KATHY ROSENBAUM, Trustee (SM)

<p>PARISH CALENDARS</p> <p><u>Monday, December 22</u> 12:10 pm Mass (SM) 9:00 am Money Counting—Team 2 (SM) 9:00 am Walking Club at SM Hall or outdoor track at LSI (SM & SJ) 10:30am Walking Club at LSI (SM & SJ) indoor lower gym</p> <p><u>Tuesday, December 23</u> 11:30 am Exposition of the (SM) Blessed Sacrament 12:10 pm Mass (SM) 1:00 pm Dominos (SM)</p> <p><u>Wednesday, December 24-Christmas Eve (SJ & SM Offices Closed)</u></p> <p>2:00 pm Mass (SM) 4:00 pm Mass & Children's Christmas Pageant (SJ) 6:00 pm Mass (SM)</p>	<p><u>Thursday, December 25 - Christmas Day</u> 8:30 am Mass (SM) 10:00 am Mass (SJ) 9:00 am Outdoor track at LSI (SM & SJ)</p> <p><u>Friday, December 26</u> Offices Closed (SM & SJ)</p> <p><u>Saturday, December 27</u> 4:00pm Mass (SM) & (SJ) 3:00pm-3:40pm Reconciliation (SM)</p> <p><u>Sunday, December 28</u> 8:30 am Mass (SM) 10:00 am Mass (SJ)</p>	<p>Christmas Mass Schedule</p> <p><u>Christmas Eve: St. Michael, 2:00 PM* and 6:00 PM</u> *2:00PM Mass (SM) - Interpreted for the deaf and hard of hearing community -- American Sign Language interpreter (ASL)</p> <p>St. Jude, 4 PM: Mass with Children's Christmas Pageant</p> <p>St. Michael's 6:00 pm</p> <p><u>Christmas Day: St. Michael, 8:30 AM</u> St. Jude, 10:00 AM</p> <p><u>Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God</u> December 31: St. Michael, 4 PM January 1: St. Jude, 10 AM</p> <p>Please note: there will be no daily Mass December 29, 30th and 31st to allow Father and the Staff some much deserved time off.</p>
<p>St. Michael the Archangel</p> <p><u>Saturday, 12/20/2025-4:00pm-St. Michael</u> Jim Brearton, Mary & John Gerger, <i>The Brearton Family</i> Teodosio Verrastro (62 Anniversary), The Family Alfred Anderson, Margaret & Barry Willard Catherine Halakan, Gary & Peggy Krill</p> <p><u>Sunday, 12/21/2025-8:30am-St. Michael</u> Daniel J. Conway, (14th Anniversary), The Conway Family Eddie & Betty Jane Simonik, Ed & Sharon Simonik Joanne Casserly, A Friend George Durivage, The Mazoway Family</p> <p><u>Monday, 12/22/2025-12:10pm-St. Michael</u> For those experiencing anxiety and depression. May God grant them peace, healing, and the assurance of His presence.</p> <p><u>Tuesday, 12/23/2025- 12:10pm St. Michael</u> Rebecca Grasso, Judy Pinto</p> <p><u>Wednesday, 12/24/2025-2:00pm-St. Michael & 6:00pm</u> For Parishioners & Friends of St. Michael the Archangel & St. Jude the Apostle Catholic Community</p>	<p>2026 CALENDARS</p> <p>OUR CHURCH 2026 CALENDAR WILL BE AVAILABLE IN A COUPLE WEEKS.</p> <p><i>MASS INTENTIONS</i></p> <p><u>Thursday, 12/25/25- 8:30am-St. Michael</u> For Parishioners & Friends of St. Michael the Archangel & St. Jude the Apostle Catholic Community</p> <p><u>Saturday, 12/27/2025-4:00pm-St. Michael</u> Alphonse Warakowski, Jr., Brother, Dave Catherine Halakan, The Pyskadlo Family Joseph Parisi, Teresa & Regan Murphy George Durivage, Gary & Peggy Krill Vi Halayko, Her Children</p> <p><u>Sunday, 12/28/2025-8:30am-St. Michael</u> For all in our hospitals, nursing homes and rehabilitation centers that God may comfort and strengthen them, and fill their days with hope. <u>Sanctuary Lamp (Church)</u> In Memory of The Deschaine & Ratmond Families The Raymond Family <u>Sanctuary Lamp (Chapel)</u> For those struggling with addictions</p> <p><u>Sunday, 12/28/2025 — 10:00 am - St. Jude</u> John & Frances Perkinson, Children John Greaves, The Wiesnet Family Jason Cupp, Pat Miorin Patricia H. VanVleck, Joe & Marie Kruzlnicki</p> <p><u>Sanctuary Lamp:</u> For the homeless that they may find shelter.</p>	<p>St. Jude the Apostle</p> <p><u>Saturday, 12/20/2025— 4:00pm</u> Harold Cannon, Anne & David Cannon Tony Carnavale, The Family Pat Harley, Nadine & Family Gaetano & Maria Tedesco, Son and Daughter-in-law</p> <p><u>Sunday, 12/21/2025--10:00am</u> David & Dorothy Castle, The Castle Kids John & Frances Perkinson, Perkinson Children John Greaves, Phyllis Devery Mary Ann Grace, Carol Brown</p> <p><u>Wednesday, 12/24/2025-4:00pm –St. Jude</u> Mass and Children's Christmas Pageant For Parishioners & Friends of St. Jude the Apostle & St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Community</p> <p><u>Thursday, 12/25/2025-10:00am-St. Jude</u> For Parishioners & Friends of St. Jude the Apostle & St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Community</p> <p><u>Saturday, 12/27/2025— 4:00pm-St. Jude</u> Marion Kalbus, Sue & Mike Langevin Harold Jacobs, Mary Jacobs Mary McDade, Mary Jacobs Christopher Tenzyk, Mom & Dad</p>

SACRAMENTS

PARISH OFFICE (518) 283-6110 (SM) OR (518) 283-1162 (SJ)



MARRIAGE, ANOINTING OF THE SICK AND PASTORAL CARE:
Please call the office: 518.283.6110



RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION:
Saturday 3:00-3:40pm
December at St. Michael's
January at St. Jude's
Or arranged by calling the Parish Office.



FAITH FORMATION, BAPTISM, FIRST RECONCILIATION, FIRST COMMUNION, CONFIRMATION AND OCIA:
Please call JoAnn and Steve Taylor at 518-283-6110 ext: 204

Faith Formation

(SM & SJ)

Merry Christmas to all of our families and friends! May the spirit and joy of Christmas always live in your hearts!

There will be no classes on 12/28. Our next gathering will be Family Mass and Recap on Sunday, January 4th.



REMADE FOR MISSION UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our first joint-parish gathering at Sacred Heart on December 9th. It was a wonderful opportunity to hear from our priests, ask questions, and address some of the rumors that have been circulating.

We're looking forward to coming together again on January 20th at St. Michael's. Time to be determined. Please join us for conversation, clarity, and community as we continue this journey together.



St. Jude's and St. Michael's

If you are in the hospital or homebound, please let us know **by calling the office.**
St. Jude's 518.283.1162 St. Michael's 518.283.6110

Father would be honored to visit, pray with you, and offer the sacraments.

St. Jude & St. Michael Team Update

Tracey Penk -Masucci will be joining our team in January as a joint parish staff member for both St. Michael's and St. Jude's as our new bulletin editor.

Kathy, who has worked tirelessly on the bulletin, week after week will now be able to focus her time on the many other things that keep the office running. Kathy's dedication, professionalism, and care are unmatched. Kathy will continue to be the face, voice, and heartbeat of the office, and will continue to offer support to all!

ST. JUDE THE APOSTLE SCHOOL

FALL SCIENTISTS OF THE WEEK

Pictures of all the scientists of the week for the fall semester. Mrs Baaki, our 3rd through 5th grade science teacher asks her students to perform their experiments with their classes then one is chosen to be the scientist of the week.



WOMEN'S GUILD NEWS

The Christmas Basket raffle tickets continues to be available until December 21st after the 8:30 mass. The Guild will use the money raised toward our Christmas donations to 5 not for profits organizations in Rensselaer County for our neighbors in need.

Food the Soul this week is Team 1. This team will be making 60 sandwiches and cases of water but since it is so close to Christmas, this team will also be filling Christmas stockings with hats, gloves, socks, lip balm, Christmas candies, hand cream, hand warmers, clementines and water. The Joseph House van will go out Christmas Day and deliver the stockings to 60 homeless people living on the streets. God Bless us every one!

The Altar Committee would like to remind you that there are two ways to donate flowers to decorate our church for the Christmas Season. Please feel free to use the envelope you received CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERING or you may purchase a red, white or a red and white poinsettia plant and drop it off December 20 and 21 before or after Masses in the church hall where you will find cards to put the name of your loved one on each memorial plant to be placed in church for Christmas. A sign in sheet will also be available for you to leave your name!

The Guild continues to thank you all for your generosity and support.

We wish you a Blessed Christmas.

Love for God is shown through actions and truth, not just words or speech (1 John 3:17-18)

NOVEMBER STEWARDSHIP

Average Weekly Needed	\$ 6,275.00
Average Monthly Needed	22,667.00
November Offertory:	19,372.00
Online E giving:	8,153.00
TOTAL FOR November	27,725.00
	-26,668.00
Variance	+\$858.00

MEN'S CLUB NEWS

Merry Christmas to all from the Men's Club.
Our next meeting is Monday, January 5 at 6pm.

2025 TAX LETTERS

We will automatically be preparing letters for those people that received the letter last year. If you didn't receive a letter last year, but would like a letter providing information on your 2025 contributions to St. Michael's, please email Maureen Fogarty at mfogarty@ccrcda.org or call 518-283-6110, ext. 206 and leave a message by January 17. Thank you!

ATTENTION ALL SNOW BIRDS

Please let Maureen Fogarty know when you will be away. This hopefully will prevent us from mailing documents to your local address and have them returned, with the church having to pay postage. You may contact her at mfogarty@ccrcda.org or leave a message at (518) 283-6110 X 206. Thank you!

Christmas and Flower Envelopes

There are Christmas and flower envelopes on the table in the Gathering Area and on the counter in the hallway for those who did not receive them in the mail.

ST. MICHAEL'S DIOCESAN APPEAL 2025-2026

Catholic Charities is one of the organizations that receives funds through the Diocesan Appeal. It continues to have a presence in all 14 counties of the Diocese, serving neighbors in a number of ways including through shelters, apartments, food pantries, soup kitchens, services for seniors, mediation, and helping people navigate systems to get the help that they need. Won't you please help to support this very worthwhile organization?

As of December 6, the information posted by the Diocesan Stewardship Office for the July 1, 2025 -June 30, 2026 year as follows:

Number of gifts: 40

Diocesan Assessment: \$46,007 Amount Raised: \$14,357

Thank you to those who have so generously given to the Appeal.

It's easy to donate to St. Michael the Archangel by simply scanning the QR code to support St. Michael's securely and conveniently. Every donation, big or small, helps and is greatly appreciated. We are grateful for your continued generosity and support!





Christmas Giving Tree



Thank you to everyone who donated to our Christmas Giving Tree and to all who helped keep the spirit of Christmas alive in our parish community.

Your generosity makes such a difference.

Blessings to you and your families this Christmas season!

Ok, we are down to the wire! Christmas is coming so fast but sometimes the hustle bustle takes the fun out of it! Life seems to be busy all the time, not just at Christmas. How do we deal with all of it? Although it may sound funny, take 3 minutes a couple of times a day, (not when you are driving of course!), close your eyes and take 5 cleansing breaths, in through your nose and out through your mouth. Rest for a few seconds in between breaths. You would be amazed how refreshing it can be. **JUST BREATHE!** Take time to enjoy the most wonderful time of the year! Merry Christmas!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Poster Contest: Congratulations to the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest winners. Grade 2 through 6 winners are: Celeste St Pierre, Roisin Robinson, MacKenzie Reale, Helene Elario, Declan Reynolds. All of the posters were beautiful and showed a lot of thought, It was very hard to pick just 1 as 'best'.

Wishing everyone a Blessed and Merry Christmas!

Bottle Drive: Please donate your empty bottles to KOC by bringing them to the 6 Cent Redemption Center on Main Ave, Wynantskill. This is an important fundraiser for the annual Coats for Kids project. Just drop off your bottles and say they are for St Judes Knight of Columbus and they do the rest. Thank you!!

New Members Welcome : The Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic Men's organization. Our local chapter meets the first Monday of each month at the St Jude's Parish office. We serve our community through the annual Coats for Kids project, Whiteview Rd Litter patrol, Bibles for Baptisms, Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest and many other ways. New Members are welcome. Please email sjc.koc@gmail.com for more info.



Donate a Poinsettia

Please help us prepare the church for Christmas by donating a poinsettia in memory of a loved one or in honor of someone special.

Decorating will begin after the last week of Advent, and poinsettia donations may be dropped off on Sunday 12/21 after Mass and before 11:30 am.

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We are grateful for your continued generosity and support!



End of Year

Are you thinking about tax planning as December 31st approaches?

Are you thinking about making a tax free gift of an appreciated stock or security?

Are you considering how to direct a Required Minimum Distribution from your IRA or 401(k)?

Please keep St. Michael's, St. Jude's, and the Diocesan Appeal in mind.