November 19, 2017

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master’s joy.

Matthew 25:21
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WEEKLY READINGS

Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158;  
Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-7; Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b, 15;  
Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15;  
Lk 19:4-44

Thanksgiving Day, Suggested:  
Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9;  
Lk 17:1-11

Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcd,  
11-12; Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19;  
Lk 20:27-40

Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23:1-3, 5-6;  
1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Tuesday: Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Wednesday: St. Cecilia  
Thursday: St. Clement I, St. Columban;  
Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro;  
Thanksgiving Day  
Friday: St. Andrew Dung-La�c and Companions  
Saturday: St. Catherine of Alexandria;  
Blessed Virgin Mary

The Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation is held  
3pm-4pm on Saturday, 8am on First Saturday, or by appointment.

Please contact the secretary at the Parish Office if you are interested in any of the following: Baptism, Matrimony (six months prior to the desired wedding date), Anointing of the Sick, Christian Initiation of Adults, or joining the parish.

To arrange a pastoral visit for Homebound Parishioners please contact Kathleen Dieffenbaugher at the Parish Office.

Eucharistic Adoration is held Monday 8am-5pm, 6pm-10pm; Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8am-5pm; Wednesday 10am-5pm; Saturday 8am-noon.

Collection & Attendance Data: Nov. 11/12, 2017  
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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, November 18
7:30am  ⚫ Angie Palmer
4:30pm  ⚫ Kenneth Tillman

Sunday, November 19
7:30am  ⚫ Lucille Rapp
9:00am  ⚫ Kate Miller
11:30am People of the Parish

Monday, November 20
7:30am  ⚫ Jim Schreyer
5:30pm  ⚫ Dolores Burke

Tuesday, November 21
7:30am Private Intention

Wednesday, November 22
7:30am  ⚫ Edward Wilhelm
5:30pm  ⚫ Jamie Hannig

Thursday, November 23
**9:00am  ⚫ Dr. and Mrs. Garrett Craft

Friday, November 24
7:30am  ⚫ Matthew Velez (A)

Saturday, November 25
7:30am  ⚫ Katie Siegal
4:30pm  ⚫ People of the Parish

Sunday, November 26
7:30am  ⚫ Charlie Petri
9:00am  ⚫ Madge McCarthy
11:30am ⚫ Laura Z. Wakim

The Sanctuary Candle beside the tabernacle burns this week (Nov. 19-24) in memory of:

Steve Carter

PLEASE NOTE:
The Parish Office will close at 12noon on Wednesday, Nov. 22, and will remain closed for the Thanksgiving holiday until Monday, Nov 27.

Questions about bulletin advertising...
Mark Seamans, from the JS Paluch company who prints our bulletins, will be at our parish after all Masses on Dec. 2/3. Please stop to see him in the narthex and discuss the possibility of placing an ad or making an adjustment to your current ad. The parish greatly appreciates all of the businesses who choose to advertise in our weekly bulletin!

“Advertising in the church bulletin means your message and business are always visible to the local community and your information is handy when they need your services. It’s affordable, too, and now available in color!! No other type of advertising keeps your name in front of your local community for less and churchgoers see bulletin advertisers as supporters of their community and place more trust in services from local businesses.”

Prayer for the Strengthening of Marriages
Blessed Mother, take into your hands the knots that affect married couples, and with your long fingers of love and grace undo these knots for the glory of God. Visit married couples with your grace, renew their sacramental covenant, increase God’s love in them, and strengthen their bond of peace so that, with their children, they may always rejoice in the gift of your blessing.
Mary, Undoer of Knots, pray for us. Amen.

“Give your Hands to Serve and your Hearts to Love”
Thank you to the 141 parishioners who have brought us to 78% of our goal, BUT we need more of you to respond to this appeal which supports programs that benefit parishes throughout the diocese (including our own parish!) Please consider making a gift today at this link: www.dwc.org/CSA
LITURGICAL MINISTERS

**Nov. 20-24 Weekday 7:30am Altar Server: Sarina Dieffenbaughner

Saturday, November 25, 4:30pm
Sacristan: Carole Kliner
Lector: AJ Bucon
Altar Servers: T. Komorowski, Joey/Alex Carter, Olen Ames
EMOHCS: A. Komorowski, Paul Litvak, Charlene Kirkpatrick, Lucille Otte, Jen Carter

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Sunday, November 26, 7:30am
Sacristan: Mary Kay Wensyel
Lector: Nathan Stryker
Altar Servers: Isaac/Mason/Kendall Schmitt
EMOHCS: Mary Kay Wensyel, Peek Gutman, Joe Roxby, Bob Fanning, Carrie Beckett

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Sunday, November 26, 9:00am
Sacristan: Shirley McCloskey
Lector: Marian Mullin
Altar Servers: Elizabeth/Adam Wolf, Tyler Dean, Jack Adams
EMOHCS: Shirley McCloskey, Daniel O’Leary, Adriana Wolf, Camille Basinger, Dee Dean

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Sunday, November 26, 11:30am
Sacristan: Jamie Kovalski
Lector: Lynne Petchar
Altar Servers: Emma/Joseph Nodurft, Paige Wurtzbacher, Parker Jasko
EMOHCS: Jamie Kovalski, Tom Conti, Nany Conti, Shandi Nodurft, Jack Stryker

St. Michael Parish warmly welcomes any guests or visitors who are joining us for Mass. If you are new to the area and looking for a parish home, we kindly invite you to join our parish. Please visit our website or contact the Parish Office for registration information. If you are traveling through Wheeling, we are happy to have you with us. Please know that you are always welcome and be assured of our prayers for your safe travel home.

Journey of the Chalice schedule:
In the month of November the chalice will transfer at the 4:30pm Mass.
11/18: Joe & Sharon Bourgo
11/25: Kathleen & Adam Combs

The purpose of the Journey of the Chalice program is to encourage families to pray and promote vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. Praying for vocations is the most powerful way to support vocations. When we pray for vocations, we lift up to our Father those men and women whom He is calling to follow Him in a special way.

WAYS I CAN MAKE MY PARISH BETTER

“Use your gifts and talents for the good of the parish”

God has given each person unique gifts and talents that are intended to be shared. Like public speaking? You might get interested as a lector. If you’re friendly and outgoing, you could be an usher or greeter. You can share your deep devotion to the Eucharist by becoming an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion or an adult altar server. If you play an instrument or sing, the music ministry might be the place for you.

Maybe you’re a teacher or you love children—you could help in religious education; any expertise—business, finance, public relations, photography, grant writing, engineering, carpentry, building maintenance, or even such skills as cooking, baking, cleaning, or gardening—can find a place in the parish.

Maybe your greatest gift is time; if you’re already an Extraordinary Minister, you can take Communion to the sick and homebound. Or you can help with your parish outreach ministry to the poor.

Maybe you even have an idea for a new ministry, support group, organization, or event, and your enthusiasm and energy can help other people get excited and involved.

-Fr. Bill Matheny
Parish School of Religion (PSR)
PSR Updates: Important Dates and First Reconciliation

Our 2nd grade students from both PSR and SMPS experienced their First Reconciliation this past Tuesday. A special thanks to our stellar teachers, Jenni Elias at SMPS and Diane and Sarah Coleman with PSR, for their dedication to our students as they walked them through the preparation process over the past few months. Diane and Sarah bravely agreed to implement a brand new Reconciliation preparation program, so we are especially grateful for their willingness to spend the time needed to make that program work!

PSR parents, note that PSR will not meet over Thanksgiving weekend. Also, please remember to return the opt-out forms if you do not plan to bring your child to PSR on December 3rd for the Virtus training session.

Advent Wreath Making Workshop
Sunday, Nov. 19\textsuperscript{th} to follow the 9:00am Mass. Wreath making will be held in the school cafeteria; all are welcome. For $10 you will be provided with a wreath, (4) Advent candles, and all of the supplies to decorate your wreath. To reserve a wreath kit, please contact Kathleen Dieffenbaugh at 304-242-1560 Ext. 9 or kathleen@stmikesparish.org.

DECEMBER 6
5:30pm Mass in the Church
6:30pm Dinner in the Angelus Center

This evening event with St. Nicholas will include dinner, an appearance by St. Nick himself, Christmas cookies, caroling, photo ops, and of course—blessing of the candy canes!

We hope you can attend this event as the parish wishes to show its appreciation for your generous stewardship!

Please let us know you are coming by going to www.stmikesparish.org and clicking on the RSVP button OR by completing an RSVP card located in the pews.

St. Michael Parish welcomes:
ALICE LAURELINE BAILES
Daughter of Kasey and Christopher Bailes who was baptized at St. Michael’s on November 11, 2017

NEVAEHA RACHELLE BOSLEY
Daughter of Lisa Crock and Chili Bosley who was baptized at St. Michael’s on November 12, 2017

During this month of November, we continue to pray in a special way for all of our deceased family members and friends and for all those names are written in the parish Book of the Dead located near the Paschal Candle in the church.
My mother's Wedgwood China is the Litchfield pattern. It has a border of beautiful autumn yellow, red, green and brown flowers and has a classic gilded edge. The pattern was stunning for a Thanksgiving dinner. The down side was that lovely gold rim. It precluded us from putting a single piece of the china in the dishwasher.

The post dinner warm and fuzzy feelings of thankfulness were dampened a bit when my mother and I stood in the kitchen washing and drying the dishes. I would have enjoyed watching a football game, or challenging my father to a game of Scrabble, but instead, I found myself begrudgingly indulging the high maintenance plates!

One year, my grouchiness was transformed into gratefulness while my mother and I tackled the cleanup. We were standing in the kitchen of my parent's farmhouse. My mother's health was failing, but together we had prepared the traditional feast while the rest of the family worked on another tradition, making a 6-foot wreath for the barn. I looked at my mother and realized that the extra time necessary for cleanup was allowing me to spend more time with a woman I loved so much! The delicate plates were giving me the gift of more time with my beloved mom.

As we prepare for another Thanksgiving, I know we will all bow our heads and thank God for our many blessings. And whatever your "job" may be: shopper, potato masher, pie baker, chauffeur, table setter, supervisor, check writer or dishwasher... I hope that your chore brings you an opportunity to spend time with someone you love.

Happy Thanksgiving!

~Wendy Hinerman, Business Manager
WHO WANTS TO BE A "HEAVENLY" MILLIONAIRE?

THE BIBLE

There are this many books in the Old Testament (Catholic Bible):
A. 43
B. 44
C. 45
D. 46

Last week’s answer: Adam and Eve’s third son was Seth

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

There are many ways to participate in the celebration of the Mass either on a daily basis or only on the weekends. Our clergy rely upon parishioners to volunteer as ministers in several different roles for the celebration of Eucharist. Liturgical Ministers include the positions of altar server, sacristan, lector and Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion.

While the role of altar server is typically done by students of the parish, it is certainly not limited to them. Adults are always welcome to be trained and to participate as an altar server. We typically use 3-4 altar servers for a weekend Mass. In addition, altar servers are needed for weddings, funerals, and special services during the year such as Stations of the Cross.

The role of sacristan is for individuals that like to work behind the scenes. The sacristan has 2 primary responsibilities: making all the preparations for the celebration of the Mass, and ensuring all items used in the liturgy are properly disposed of after the celebration of the Mass.

The lector, or Minister of the Word, is the minister within Mass who proclaims the word of God. The job of the lector is to facilitate the public prayer of the Church. This person is responsible for the reading of the announcements before Mass begins, reading of the first and second readings, as well as the Prayers of the Faithful.

Finally, the Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion is the lay person that assists the priest with the distribution of Holy Communion at all Masses. We typically use 5 extraordinary ministers at each weekend Mass. In addition, extraordiary ministers can be trained to take Holy Communion to the sick and homebound.

Any parishioners that have any interest in participating as a Liturgical Minister can contact Stewardship Director, Kathleen Dieffenbaugh at 304-242-1560 Ext. 9 OR kathleen@stmikesparish.org.

Have you experienced divorce and would like to know more about the annulment process? Are you divorced and remarried outside the Catholic Church? Would you like to know how to make your marriage valid in the Church so you can receive the Sacraments again? Please contact Fr. Bill: 304-242-1560, x7 or wmatheny@dwc.org about the annulment process. Unfortunately, a lot of people have erroneous ideas about the process. It is doable and Fr. Bill will help you throughout the process.

Please pray for these men and women serving our country in the military, and for their families:

♦ Petty Officer First Class Eric J Auber, US Navy
♦ Staff Sergeant Robert Michael Baker, US Marine Corps
♦ Sergeant Anthony DiBias, US Army
♦ Chief Warrant Officer 4 John DiBias, US Army
♦ Technical Sergeant Andrew G Futey, US Air Force
♦ Lieutenant Andrew Klug, US Navy
♦ Captain Zach Lehman, US Marine Corps
♦ Capt. Michael Neuman, US Army
♦ Major Christopher Nodurft, US Marine Corps
♦ Seaman First Class Cody Patterson, US Navy
♦ Specialist Seth Sleime, US Army
♦ Sgt. Christopher Snyder, US Army
♦ First Sergeant Stephen Spohn, US Army
♦ Sergeant First Class Wendy Spohn, US Army
♦ Lieutenant Colonel Aaron P Tillman, US Air Force
♦ Chief Master Sergeant Patrick VanVranken, US Air Force
♦ Airman First Class Taylor Wilkinson, US Air Force
♦ Airman First Class Sierra E. McKenna, US Air Force

Please contact the Parish Office with changes in rank or to add someone to the list. Thanks to ALL who have served or are currently serving!

SCHEDULING WEDDINGS AT ST. MICHAEL PARISH

If you are looking to schedule an upcoming wedding at our parish, please note that while weddings are typically scheduled on Saturdays @ 1:00pm, we also permit weddings to be scheduled on Friday evenings as well. Please contact the Parish Office at least six months in advance to secure a date.
**Shoe-vember**

In conjunction with St. Michael Parish School Christmas Show on Dec. 14th, we are collecting gently used and new shoes. We have partnered with **Funds2Orgs**. This organization is a for-profit social enterprise. The core of its business model is shoe drive fundraisers. The other components are providing an economic opportunity for workers in developing nations and helping the environment. The shoes we collect serve as a philanthropic bridge to give people a hand-up and work opportunity. Micro-entrepreneurs set up small businesses. They sell the shoes we gather, which creates business and commerce opportunities leading to sustainability. In addition to our school receiving a monetary donation from the Funds2Orgs, they also provide bags for the shoes and pick up the shoes once the collection process is complete.

If you have any shoes you would like to donate to this collection, please send them to Mrs. Nodurft’s office or to Miss Graytok’s music room. If you have any questions please contact Shandi Nodurft at mrsnodurft@smpswv.org or 304.242.3966, ext 4.

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SMPS is selling the 2018 Enjoy Coupon Book. The Enjoy Coupon Book fundraiser generates an income of $10 per book for us. $5 of this income will be retained by us and $5 can be credited to a family towards their hot lunch account. If a family is not designated the $10 will go directly to SMPS. Forms and books will be available in the school office.
**News From The Parent Association**

**Craft Fair 2017**

The annual SMPS Craft Fair will be held on December 2, 2017 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM in the Angelus Center. Admission is $2.00 (under 12 is free). There are 60 vendors! Snacks will be available at the concession stand and 8th grade will be selling baked goods. If you have any questions please email Lisa Mullin at smpscraftfair@gmail.com.

**Upcoming Events**

**November 20th:** Turkey Trot 3-5 pm  
**November 21st:** TK/K Thanksgiving Program 11:00 am  
**November 21st:** Noon dismissal, No Extended Care  
**November 21st-24th:** Thanksgiving Break  

**December 1st:** Wear your wings; earn your halo! T-shirt Dress-Down  
**December 1st:** Angel Tree  
**December 2nd:** Craft Fair  
**December 6th:** Grandparents’ Day 6th-8th  
**December 14th:** SMPS Christmas Play  
**December 15th:** Bake Sale  
**December 18th-20th:** 7th & 8th Grade Exams  
**December 21st-January 2nd:** Christmas Break  
**January 3rd:** School Resumes

**THIS YEAR’S CHRISTMAS SHOW:**

**The Christmas Shoe Tree**

Show overview:
Arrive at the family’s Christmas tree farm where you’ll soon discover what all the excitement is about surrounding the fabled Christmas Shoe Tree. Through Scripture, songs and a heart-warming story, the show will not only share the Good News of Christmas, but, in an extension of the musical itself, will show God’s love in action as we collect shoes to be given to those in need all over the world. One by one, watch it grow from one pair, for one soul, to hundreds of pairs for hundreds of souls.

The set design requires a lot of trees. If you have an old Christmas tree that we could borrow, it would be greatly appreciated. Please email Miss Graytok at missgraytok@smpswv.org

**Special thanks to this weeks hot lunch volunteers:**  
Janet Gordon, Stacie Palmer, Terry Murphy, Julie Blake, Tina Brothers, Larry Teufel, Brenda Steiniger, Jessica Frangos, Jim Kelly, Jennifer Robinson, Janet Kelly and McKenzie Keane.

Thursday, November 2nd was our Second Box Top Shopping Day for the 2017-2018 school year. A special thank you to Melissa Mansueto for setting-up the shop as well as helping all of the students shop. Also, a very special thank you to Kathy Ulevich for the hours spent calculating the Box Tops! SMPS is proud to announce that nearly $300 in Box Top earnings was turned in to our school last Thursday! Thank you so much to our families and parishioners for their support in raising this money. Keep using the app and sending in the Box Tops! It really does make a difference!
PRO-LIFE CORNER

**Upcoming Events:**

*40 Days for Life Update:* Local campaign leaders tell us that so far, since Day 1 on September 27, they can report 112 babies saved – that we know of! Thanks be to God!

**National News:** The U.S. House of Representatives on Tuesday passed H.R. 36, the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act—which now goes to the Senate—and President Donald Trump promises to sign the bill if it reaches his desk. “For little babies to feel the crushing agony of the abortionist’s tools as they undergo ‘dismemberment abortion’ in the land of the free and the home of the brave is a disgrace that defies human expression.” (Rep. Trent Franks, R-AZ, bill’s author).

**IMPORTANT CONTACT NUMBERS**

**Pregnant & Need Help:**
- Northern Panhandle Gabriel Project: 304-639-5039
- Birthright International: Helpline: 1.800.550.4900
- Aim Women’s Center (Steubenville, OH): (740) 283-3636

**Post Abortion Support:**
- Rachel’s Vineyard: 877 HOPE 4 ME (877-467-3463)
- Silent No More: 888-735-3448

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

* Nov. 16—19: High School Youth Group students will be attending the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) in Indianapolis
* Nov. 25: The Angel Trees begin — gifts due back by December 10
* Dec. 3: Youth Group Fundraiser: The Polar Express from 1-4pm
* Dec. 10: Youth Group Christmas Party (5th-8th grade) @ Angelus Center from 5-7pm

- Dec. 16-17: Youth Group Christmas Party (High School) @ Camp Zion [sponsored by David & Launa Post]

**December 3: 1-4pm @ The Angelus Center**

Children TK through 4th grade are invited to enjoy viewing the Polar Express Movie, a treat and a visit from Santa. Children can wear their pajamas and bring a blanket too.

*This fundraiser is being hosted by our parish youth group; please help support them with your donations!*

**Marriage Preparation**

Wheeling Vicariate Marriage Prep Retreat
January 13, 2018 from 8:30am-8:00pm
St. Michael Catholic Church – Angelus Center
1221 National Rd, Wheeling, WV 26003
Registration fee: $40.00 per person (includes materials and meals)
This is a local retreat but out-of-town commuters are welcome to attend.
If needed, local lodging may be found at this link: [http://www.hitthehighlands.com/directory/category/lodging](http://www.hitthehighlands.com/directory/category/lodging)

Follow Pope Francis on Twitter (@Pontifex)!
On Nov. 7, he tweeted: “Jesus of Nazareth walks at our side and introduces us, by his words and the signs he performs, to the great mystery of the Father’s love.
St. Michael Parish Youth Group invites you to participate in our annual Angel Tree Project. Please review the tags on our three Angel Trees near the side altars and the narthex next weekend. If you are able, take a tag that suits your level of giving. The tags address various needs of people within our parish and the Wheeling community.

The Angel Trees will remain in the church from November 25- December 10

Please bring all gifts to church when you attend Mass the weekend of December 9/10

PLEASE be sure to attach the tag to the outside of the gift as the tag color directs the distribution of gifts.

Thank you for helping to make Christmas happier for people in our community who need our love!

Unsure of your best way to contribute? Please contact Wendy in the Parish Office 304.242.1560 Ext. 4 or email whinerman@stmikesparish.org and together we can determine the best way to direct your giving.
Office of Safe Environment

To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services at 800.352.6513. To report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact the Diocese at 888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880.

Wheeling Vicariate Advent Reflection: “The Joy of the Gospel” - Join us on Friday, December 1st and Saturday, December 2nd in the Parish Centre of St. Vincent de Paul Church in Wheeling for an opportunity to study and reflect on Pope Francis’ message on living and sharing the Gospel with joy. Hear from local Catholic speakers and national Catholic leaders (via video presentations) as we explore the “Francis effect” and the Holy Father’s call for us to live our Catholic faith in ways that help others come to encounter our Lord Jesus. Friday evening begins with a soup supper at 5 p.m., features an introduction to Evangelii Gaudium (The Joy of the Gospel), and concludes with prayer and adoration. We pick back up on Saturday morning with a pancake breakfast from the Knights of Columbus, followed by a full day of presentations, guided discussions, and a panel of local Catholics. We conclude with the Saturday Vigil Mass at St. Vincent de Paul Parish. There is no cost for the event, but please register at https://dwc.org/thejoyofthegospel/ so that we can plan for the meals. Donations will be accepted for the cost of the meals. Questions? Contact St. Vincent Parish at 304-242-0406.

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