November 26, 2017

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

I was hungry and you gave me food,
I was thirsty and you gave me drink,
A stranger and you welcomed me,
Naked and you clothed me,
Ill and you cared for me,
In prison and you visited me.

Matthew 25:35–36

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PENANCE:
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.

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

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES
Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Monday: Thirty-fourth or Last Week in Ordinary Time
Thursday: St. Andrew
Friday: First Friday
Saturday: First Saturday; Blessed Virgin Mary

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WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52-56; Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57-61; Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62-67; Lk 21:12-19
Thursday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
Friday: Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75-81; Lk 21:29-33
Saturday: Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82-87; Lk 21:34-36
Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

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

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Pastoral Council - Leslie Kosanovic, President
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Buildings & Grounds - Denny Wilson, Chairperson
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Collection & Attendance Data: Nov. 18/19, 2017
Because of the early deadlines for this bulletin, the collection and attendance data were not available at press time.
MASS SCHEDULE

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

Monday, November 27
7:30am  Bill Freeman
5:30pm  Martha Rapp

Tuesday, November 28
7:30am  Private Intention

Wednesday, November 29
8:30am  Steven Wilson
5:30pm  Eileen Schubert

Thursday, November 30
7:30am  Rita Ann Bischof-Meyer

Friday, December 1
7:30am  Commemorative Mass Assoc.

Saturday, December 2
7:30am  Wanda Clark
4:30pm  Edward Tolpa

Sunday, December 3
7:30am  People of the Parish
9:00am  Bernie McCloskey
11:30am Josephine Granata

The Sanctuary Candle beside the tabernacle burns this week (Nov. 26-Dec. 2) in memory of:

Robert G. Mueller

The flowers on the altar this weekend are given in memory of:

Mary Hamm

November 30
Feast of St. Andrew, Apostle

St. Andrew was a native of Bethsaida in Galilee, a fisherman by trade, and a former disciple of John the Baptist. He was the one who introduced his brother Peter to Jesus, saying, "We have found the Messiah." Overshadowed henceforth by his brother, Andrew nevertheless appears again in the Gospels as introducing souls to Christ. After Pentecost, Andrew took up the apostolate on a much wider scale, and is said to have been martyred at Patras in southern Greece on a cross which was in the form of an "X". This type of cross has long been known as "St.

"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. 27-Dec. 1 Weekday 7:30am Altar Servers: Olen Ames, Elizabeth Wolf**

Saturday, December 2, 4:30pm
Sacristan: Joe Bourgo
Lector: Brann Altmeyer
Altar Servers: Isaac/Mason/Kendall Schmi, Paige Wurtzbacher
EMOHCS: Joe Bourgo, Marianne Blair, Donna Clark, Jim Kelly, Staci Spry

Sunday, December 3, 7:30am
Sacristan: Mike Rempe
Lector: Amanda Castle
Altar Servers: Liam Shinn, Alex Tarr
EMOHCS: Ed Bowie, Sally Bowie, Mark Sengewalt, Pat Plunkett, Gretchen Wilson

Sunday, December 3, 9:00am
Sacristan: Phil Emmerth
Lector: Camille Basinger
Altar Servers: John Emmerth, Elizabeth/Adam Wolf, Grant McCabe
EMOHCS: Phil Emmerth, Marybeth Emmerth, Emily Emmerth, Mollie Tolbert, Cameron McCabe

Sunday, December 3, 11:30am
Sacristan: Jen Keane
Lector: Bob Miller
Altar Servers: Sarah Keane, Dawson Zwack, Levi Rine, J. Vunderink
EMOHCS: Jen Keane, DJ Daugherty, Adrienne Michaud, Robbie DiLorenz, Claire Dieffenbaugher

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
In November the chalice will transfer at the 4:30pm Mass.
11/25: Kathleen & Adam Combs

The Journey of the Chalice program encourages families to pray and promote vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. Prayer is the most powerful way to support vocations. When we pray for vocations, we lift up to our Father those whom He is calling to follow.

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, 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 for you.

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

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You might 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
Our PSR returns from its Thanksgiving break next Sunday, Dec. 3. Keep an eye on this section of the bulletin in coming weeks for exciting Advent plans for our PSR students and families.

Remember that December 3rd’s classes will be a one day, age-appropriate Virtus training session. Opt-out forms were sent home; please return those forms to Nick Mayrand via nmayrand@dwc.org if you do not plan to bring your child to PSR on the 3rd so we can keep our records up-to-date. Thanks!

From the Office of Worship & Sacraments…

Since Advent starts next week on December 2/3, how can we make ourselves ready for this special liturgical season whose focus is that of being prepared?

Nature lets us know that Advent and Christmas will soon be upon us. The Church has gifted us with liturgical seasons that correspond to the cycle of life. In the course of planning for these important times there are a few things to keep in mind.

Celebrating Advent is always a challenge. In today’s society, Christmas decorations have already crept into the stores and “Jingle Bells” is on the radio. How can we as leaders in the Catholic Church help those we serve resist the temptation to “skip over” Advent when we are bombarded with Christmas messages?

Perhaps, we can be more intentional in explaining what Advent is: a time to reflect on all the ways Christ “comes.” We seem to focus so much of our attention on the historical event that happened over 2000 years ago in a stable in Bethlehem. While the incarnation is indeed something to celebrate, we often forget the other “comings” of Christ. It is our job to help people realize the ways Christ comes into our lives every day, most profoundly when we receive Holy Communion. In addition, we must never lose sight of the other “coming” of Christ, at the end of time. That is why the Scriptures the Church gives us at Advent focus on the “end times.” Jesus tells us in the Gospels that we must stay awake, be watchful and ready, for we do not know the hour of that coming.

In conclusion, I invite each of you to reflect on this question, “What can I do this year to make sure Advent doesn’t get left behind in the Christmas rush?”

-Bernadette McMasters-Kime
Buy one get one free. A baker's dozen. Extra bonus; we have this entire weekend to continue our celebration of Thanksgiving! No one from the Liturgy Committee was here on Friday taking down the beautiful fall flowers and setting up the Advent wreath. You will not see purple or violet in the church; this weekend is white and gold for Christ the King. We all enjoy a little bonus from time to time.

This weekend, we have something that doesn't happen very often in the church calendar. The First Sunday of Advent does not occur until next weekend.

Sometimes it feels like we're putting away the turkey platter and decorating a tree within the same hour. Not this year!!! We can spend the entire weekend reflecting on the many blessings in our lives. If you're like me, you say prayers of gratitude every day, but Thanksgiving seems to give us an extra nudge to say THANK YOU to God, and thank you to others.

Allow me to extend to you our sincere appreciation for the gifts each of you share with our church, school and community! We are blessed to have such wonderful and generous parishioners. Your time, talent and treasure are a loving commitment to our church and to the future of our Faith. As a special thank you for your stewardship, we have planned **St. Nick @ Nite**. Please plan to join us on the Feast Day of St. Nicholas for a dinner and celebration that promises to be a great evening for all!

*If you are reaching into your pocket for your red challenge flag, you caught me on a technicality. While we did not put out the Advent decorations in the church, there are three Christmas trees. However, these are special trees. They are our Angel Trees. This project is part of our long standing commitment to helping others in our community. Our Angel Tree Project is our traditional way to help bring the JOY of the Christmas season to some members of our community who may need a bit of assistance.*

**Please Join us for the MLK March**
The annual Martin Luther King March will begin at 1:15 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 14th with a symbolic walk that starts on MLK Boulevard at the top of Wheeling Hill and ends at the Fourth Street United Methodist Church.

If you decide to join us, please meet at the windmill at the top of MLK Boulevard. There’s no parking there, so it’s best to park at the bottom of the hill on Chapline or 11th Street and walk up the hill or ride one of the free shuttle buses.

Please consider walking with your family at this important event. For information, call Kathleen Dieffenbaugher at 304.242.1560, or email kathleen@stmikesparish.org.

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**SCHEDULING WEDDINGS AT ST. MICHAEL**
While we typically schedule weddings on Saturdays @ 1 pm, we also permit weddings on Friday evenings. Please call the Parish Office at least six months in advance to set a date.
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

Stewardship Council

The St. Michael Parish Stewardship Council is a group of individuals that plan and implement activities that fulfill the mission statement of the Parish by using the components of time, talent and treasure.

In addition to the annual Stewardship Fair, the Stewardship Council has been the catalyst for many church projects including: Journey of the Chalice, bagged lunches for the homeless, collections for Wheeling Health Right, Winter Freeze Shelter and House of Hagar, initiation of recycling in the school, participation in the Martin Luther King march, the annual Mental Illness Awareness Vigil and a new parishioner potluck dinner.

The Stewardship Council falls under the direction of Stewardship Director, Kathleen Dieffenbaugher. The members of the council are: Lou Volpe (chair), Janet Boyle, Launa Post, Shandi Nodurft, Craig O’Leary, Don Hofreuter, Sandy Pell and Wendy Hinerman.

Any parishioners that may be interested in participating on the Stewardship Council can contact Kathleen Dieffenbaugher at 304-242-1560 Ext. 9 OR kathleen@stmikesparish.org.

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.

WELCOME!!

The Confraternity of Christian Mothers & Christian Women welcomes our 2017-2018 newly inducted members:

Cathy Abraham
MaryKay Fitzsimmons
Marianne Hazlett
Adrianne Manning
Monica Vargo
Cathy Wood

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
- 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 Van Vranken, 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!
Shoe-vember

SMPS has 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.

A special thank you to our drop-off locations:

Mail Center Plus
Central Catholic High School-main lobby
Wheeling Jesuit University-chapel
St. Michael Parish School-main entrance
St. Michael Parish School-preschool lobby

On Saturday, November 11 many students and parents of St. Michael school distributed paper bags for shoe collection. Another team picked up the shoes on November 18th. Thank you to Riesbeck’s Food Market in Elm Grove for donating 300 paper bags to our shoe drive! If you have any questions please contact Shandi Nodurft at mrsnodurft@smpswv.org or 304.242.3966, extension 4.
**DECEMBER**

**December 1st:** Wear your wings; earn your halo! T-shirt Dress-Down
**December 1st:** Angel Tree
**December 2nd:** Craft Fair
**December 6th:** Grandparent’s Day 6th-8th
**December 9th & 10th:** Blessing of the Candy Canes
**December 14th:** First Reconciliation 6:15pm
**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

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO CM/CW!**

Thank you so much for the beautiful, brand new food warmer in our school cafeteria!

The Christian Mothers and Christian Women are so generous to St. Michael Parish School!

We greatly appreciate your generosity, caring heart and prayers!

**Students Celebrate Veterans Day**

A chorus from St. Michael Parish School entertained the troops at Good Shepherd Nursing Home this week. Miss Pauletta Graytok brought more than a dozen talented young singers to entertain Good Shepherd’s veterans. The children’s performance was the highlight of the evening. The veterans’ eyes lit up as the children sang a beautiful medley of patriotic songs. Thank you to the students, Miss Graytok, and the parents who took time out of their busy day to accompany their children to this event. The students really did us proud!

Special thanks to this weeks hot lunch volunteers:
Susie Nelson, Paula Jones, Julie Blake and Beth Schmidt

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**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

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**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 in 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

* 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 and Launa Post]

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

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Prayer of Saint Teresa of Avila

Let nothing disturb you, Let nothing frighten you,
All things are passing away: God never changes.
Patience obtains all things. Whoever has God lacks nothing;
God alone suffices.
**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.

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**St. Michael Angel Tree Project**

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. 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 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 and our help!

Unsure of your best way to contribute?
Please contact Wendy in the Parish Office 304.242.1560 Ext. 4 or email whinerman@stmikesparish.org.

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**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!

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**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.

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- 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.


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**Wheeling Vicariate Marriage Prep Retreat**

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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

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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.

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Congratulations to our parish celebrities: Cindy Barone (our parish secretary) and her mother, Mildred, who are featured on the Good Shepherd Nursing Home billboard located on I-70 West heading toward the Wheeling tunnel. Thanks to our parishioner, Janet Boyle, who designed the ad and shared this image with us!
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