



St. Michael's Church
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December 22, 2019

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEKEND:

Sunday, December 22: Peace in the World

ASSIGNMENTS FOR CHRISTMAS LITURGY
Wednesday, December 25, at 9:00 AM

Sacristan: Matt Snyder

Greeter: Fran Hengel

Server: Tyler & Jared Cooper

Cantor: Leo Van Sambeek

Ushers: Terry & Jacque Sewell

Readers: Matt Snyder & Sue White

EM: Deb Van Sambeek & Tanya Cooper

Rosary Leader: Snyder Family

Presider: Fr. Matt

Mass Intention: People of the Parish

ASSIGNMENTS FOR NEXT WEEK'S LITURGY

Sunday, December 29, at 9:00 AM

Sacristan: Terry Sewell

Greeter: Jacque Sewell

Server: Terry Bauter & Jaxson Pomarleau

Cantor: Sue White

Ushers: Jeff & Tracy Yeargan

Readers: Terry & Jacque Sewell

EM: Suzie Lambert & Sue Bickner

Rosary Leader: Melinda Thaut

Presider: Fr. Matt

Mass Intention: Peace in the World

PLEASE find a replacement if you cannot make your assigned date.

Confessions at St. Michael's in Hermosa will be heard **every Sunday** from 8:15-8:45 AM (before the 9:00 AM Mass).

Have something you would like announced by the priest at the close of Mass? Please e-mail Lenorr by Friday afternoon (snydersintheboonies@yahoo.com).

Please pray for Marie Birgenheir, Brenda Kummer, Tracy Gillen, Ruth Schaefer, John Ralston, Alan and Lois Goodhue, Natalie Mellegard, Rose Bucholz, Forrest McGrew, John Hills, the family of Hazel Adams, Cecelia Carreon, and Diane Umscheid.

WEEKLY FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

December 8, 2019

HERMOSA

Regular Collection	\$	5,041.50
Online Giving	\$	55.83
Building Fund	\$	125.00
	\$	5,222.33
Special Collections		
Children's Collection	\$	20.51
Retired Religious	\$	65.00
Immaculate Conception	\$	50.00
Seminary	\$	5.00
Total Seminary Fund FY 2019	\$	885.00

Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7



Become Part of Our Church Family

Are you new to our church and want to become a member?

Please fill out a registration form found in the box in the entryway.

There is a place to return your form there as well. Welcome to St. Michael's!!

SPIRITUAL HOSPICE MINISTRY—Our mission is to pray for dying souls. To request prayers for the dying or to join our mission call 605-209-0667 or visit www.SpiritualHospiceMinistry.com.



CAROLING

CHRISTMAS CAROLING HAPPENING TODAY!!

Meet at the church at 2:00 PM this afternoon and plan to be done by 4:00 PM. We will have hot chocolate, coffee, cookies and bars afterwards at the church. Sponsored by the

Stewardship committee.

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION MASSES—

Christmas Day Mass-Wednesday, December 25, at 9:00 AM

Mary, the Holy Mother of God-Wednesday, January 1, at 9:00 AM



Bulletins

BULLETIN SUBMISSION DATES:

Please note the following dates and the corresponding deadlines:

Sunday, January 12— submit by

Thursday, January 2

If you have something you want in the bulletin, please contact Lenorr Snyder, 605-255-4668 or snydersintheboonies@yahoo.com.





TEACHING FOR THE YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST:

Preparation of the Gifts – We now move into the Liturgy of the Eucharist. “At the Last Supper, Christ instituted the Paschal Sacrifice and banquet, by which the Sacrifice of the Cross is continuously made present in the

Church whenever the Priest, representing Christ the Lord, carries out what the Lord himself did and handed over to his disciples to be done in his memory.” We recall that the whole Mass, the whole liturgy is a prayer of thanksgiving to the Father for what He has done for us through His Son. The word Eucharist, translated from the Greek word Eucharistien, (eh-oo-car-is-teen) means “Thanksgiving.” The words and gestures in this part of the Mass reveal this reality.

Presentation of the Gifts – In this part of the Mass, the altar and the gifts are prepared. It is a practical step in light of what will come after it. However, the prayers prayed aloud or quietly by the priest speak of the sacrifice to come. Biblically, the altar is the place where a sacrifice takes place and is offered to God. In the Catholic Mass, the altar is the place where the sacrifice of Jesus is re-presented in an unbloody way and offered to the Father. It is adorned with clothes that speak to the dignity of the action that will take place there. The vessels that will hold Jesus present to us under the form of the bread and wine are likewise placed on the altar. Bread and wine which will become Jesus truly and really present in the Eucharistic Prayer, are brought forward. Money is also collected and presented. The gift of our money is important in this offering. It expresses our thankfulness and gratitude for the many gifts and blessings we have been given. It communicates our grateful hearts. We give out of a sense of gratitude, and because Christ sacrificed himself for us, we desire to make our offering sacrificial as well. These gifts and the procession by some members of the congregation symbolize our desire to sacrifice ourselves with Jesus to God the Father. The priest receives them from the hands of the faithful and in this gesture we all give the gift of ourselves to Jesus so that we can truly participate in the sacrifice to come. As the altar and gifts are prepared, we move deeper into this encounter with Jesus. The participation of the faithful either through song or in the spoken responses further signifies our willingness to enter into the sacrifice of Jesus.



Faith Formation for the entire family!

Formation Sundays:	Schedule:
January: 12 and 26	9:00-10:00 Mass
February: 9 and 23	10:00-10:20 Simple Brunch
March: 8 and 22	10:20-11:45 Youth Class
April: 5 and 19	Time
May: 3	10:30-11:45 Adult Formation



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Afraid, Yet Never Alone

I did not end up being the great parent I had hoped I would be. I am not saying I was bad, but I was not the cool dad who did all things right and led my children by the example of my endlessly good actions. I messed up a bunch. Sometimes I was afraid. I was afraid of decisions I had to make and the possible repercussions. At times, I was afraid that I was not strong enough to lead my family. The fear occasionally led me toward inaction or eventual mistakes. The only thing that got me through the tough times and allowed me to see it was okay was Jesus. Without Jesus, I would never have been half of the father and husband I have been through the years.

When we try to tackle life alone, we can find ourselves in a very lonely position. Just like Jesus' parents, we need God to assist us and provide us with the strength for what lies ahead. Joseph needed God to be with him as he took Mary as his wife and became a father. Every parent needs God to become more than they can be on their own.

How do you treat those who you love? Who is there to help you when a relationship faces an obstacle? We are called to love others as our Father in heaven loves us. That is really an unreachable goal. Yet with God, all things are possible. As this Advent ends, may your Christmas be about more than presents and decorations. May the most profound gifts you give and receive be that of each other, and may your lives be decorated with the fruits of that love.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.” — Mt 1:20-21