



**St. Michael's Church
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December 20, 2020

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEKEND:

Peace in the world

SUNDAY DECEMBER 27, 2020 ASSIGNMENTS:

Sacristan: Matt Snyder

Greeter: Deb Van Sambeek

Servers: Megan, Ashlyn, Tyler, Jared & Jaxson

Cantor: Tanya Cooper

Usher: Leo Van Sambeek

Readers: Greg Brewer, Fran Hengel

Rosary Leader: Melinda Thaut

Presider: Very Rev Bishop Peter Muhich

Mass Intentions: Thomas Birgenheir

Please find a replacement if you cannot make your assigned date. Thank you.

December 6, 2020

Hermosa

Regular Collection	\$	580.00
Online Giving	\$	185.00
Building Fund	\$	100.00
Total	\$	865.00
Children's Collection	\$	14.00
Seminary	\$	50.00
Total Seminary Fund FY 2020	\$	777.00

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

Give by Text: 605-206-2878

Mass Intentions

If you would like to request a Mass intention, please email Julie at Julie@cathedralolph.org.



Make sure to mention it is for St. Michael's

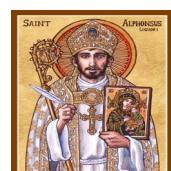
SPIRITUAL HOSPICE MINISTRY

Our mission is to pray for dying souls. To request prayers for the dying or to join our mission, call 605-569-1012 or visit www.SpiritualHospiceMinistry.com.

Please pray for Isaac Feller, Kenny Sewell, Sandy Anderson, the Del Salmon Family, Bobbie Klaski, the Pahl Family, Susan Lorenzen, Laura Bloom, Marie Birgenheir, Ruth Schaefer, John Ralston, Alan and Lois Goodhue, Natalie Mellegard, Rose Bucholz, Forrest McGrew, John Hills, Diane Umscheid and Tom Marsden.

PRAYER RESOURCES

There are resources for prayer and faith formation at <http://www.CathedralOLPH.org>.



Spiritual Communion Prayer by St. Alphonsus Liguori:

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

St. Thomas Aquinas once defined a Spiritual Communion as "an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament [in Communion at Mass] and in lovingly embracing Him as if we had actually received Him."

Mass on Sundays is at 9:00AM only

We will continue to practice social distancing and follow the CDC guidelines. The obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains dispensed. Parishioners who are unable to attend Mass because of their health or age should make a perfect contrition and a spiritual communion. They are encouraged to "attend" Mass via television or the internet.

Confessions

Sunday—8:15-8:45AM prior to Mass

Pulpit Announcements

Have something you would like announced by the priest at the close of Mass? Please email Lenorr by Friday

MASS ONLINE AT THE CATHEDRAL

<https://www.cathedralolph.org> or on Facebook:

Weekly Livestreamed Schedule

Sunday 10:30 AM Masses-at www.facebook.com/CathedralOLPH/

Daily 7:00 AM Mass (Mon-Fri)-at www.facebook.com/CathedralOLPH/

Saturday 8:00 AM Mass-at www.facebook.com/CathedralOLPH/

Sunday, December 27

9:00AM Mass at St Michael's



Bishop Peter Muhich
presiding

Pancake breakfast
following. Bishop will be open
for questions and answers.



HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

December 25—9:00AM

January 1—9:00AM



Formation Sundays: Schedule:

January 10 & 24	10:00-10:20 Simple brunch
February 7 & 21	10:20-11:45 Youth class time
March 7 & 21	10:30-11:45 Adult Formation
April 11 & 25	11:45-Close with prayer
May 2	



BULLETIN SUBMISSION

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



Bulletins

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

In Blaise Pascal's work, Pensees, he says: "What else does this craving, and this helplessness, proclaim but that there was once in man a true happiness, of which all that now remains is the empty print and trace? This he tries in vain to fill with everything around him, seeking in things that are not there the help he cannot find in those that are, though none can help, since this infinite abyss can be filled only with an infinite and immutable object; in other words by God himself."

We have a difficult time accepting that fulfillment and happiness are not achieved by our own merits but through a relationship with God. We are hardwired for this relationship and it is in our DNA. The simple fact is that we come from God and are designed to return to God. If our beginning and our end define who we are, why would we not want to seek the One who can truly satisfy? The world does not realize that it is waiting. It is waiting for the birth of God in time, within one's soul and in eternity. We get so confused by seeking other momentary satisfactions that we misinterpret the hunger within. We crave God.

The union of God and humanity, revealed in Jesus Christ, is precisely what sets us on a straight path, orders our relationships, establishes proper focus and goals and tells us whose kingdom we really are meant to serve. We are so lost. God is with us. The prophet Nathan told this to King David, the angel said this to Mary and the birth of Christ brings this Good News to us. We do not need to be busily looking for more things but must learn to find contentment and blessing in the One Presence. This is the beautiful simple message of Advent!

If you are feeling unsettled, anxious, angry, disgruntled, disconnected, unhappy, worried, fearful, off center, becoming overly self-indulgent, unable to spend time alone and without distraction, then there's a good chance you are lost. Now is the time to allow God to find you! Ponder the holy simplicity of Mary's call to be the Mother of God. "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." When we are helpless and at home with our emptiness, God will fill us. Our Savior has come.