



St. Michael Catholic Church

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A member of the Our Lady, Queen of Peace, Deanery

Facebook Page: **St. Michael Catholic Church-Hicksville** YouTube Channel: **St. Michael Hicksville**

December 10, 2023

Office Hours:

9:30-12 noon, Wed & Fri

Parish Office/House - 419-542-8202

Office Fax - 419-542-9513

Church/Hall - 419-542-8714

St. Michael's Mass Times:

Sunday 10:30am
Saturday 4:00pm (Odd)
Wednesday 8:30am
Friday 8:30am

St. Mary's Mass Times :

Sunday 8:30am
Saturday 4:00pm (Even)
Tuesday 6:00pm
Thursday 8:30am

St. Joseph's Mass Times:

Saturday 6:00pm
Monday 8:30am

Reconciliation: 7:30am Wednesdays & Fridays.

(Sun. & Thurs. 7:30am & Tues. 5:30pm at
St. Mary's. Monday 7:30am at St. Joseph's.)

Hospitalizations: Due to federal confidentiality laws, hospitals will no longer share patient information. Families must contact Fr. Borgelt or the office to inform him if someone is hospitalized.

Baptisms: Call Office at 419-542-8202.

Weddings: All weddings must be arranged through the pastor at least six months before the planned wedding in order to allow time for marriage preparation.

R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults): Those interested in learning about the church or joining the church contact the office.

Church Directory:

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deacon_joe@hotmail.com

260-466-9741

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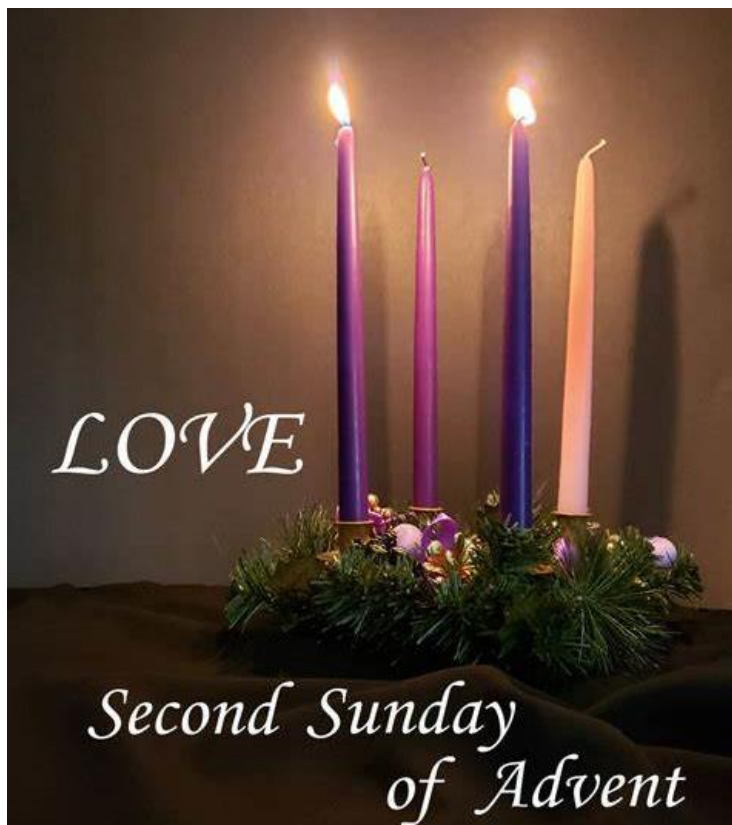
Knights of Columbus Grand Knight /

Music Director / Joy Martin

419-438-2516



Liturgies & Calendar



December 10, 2023

E B	Sat	Dec 9	4:00pm 6:00pm	Ed Hug Roy Held
E H	Sun	Dec 10	8:30am 10:30am	Jim Flegal Kate Rogers
B	Mon	Dec 11	8:30am	NO MASS
E	Tues	Dec 12	6:00pm	Grace Cape
H	Wed	Dec 13	8:30am	Larry Hartman
E	Thurs	Dec 14	8:30am	Linda Stewart and Dennis Stark
H	Fri	Dec 15	8:30am	Mary Margaret Welly
E B	Sat	Dec 16	4:00pm 6:00pm	Judy Souhan Victoria Mays
E H	Sun	Dec 17	8:30am 10:30am	Tom Wickerham Living & Deceased Members of the Victor & Margaret Siler Family

H = Hicksville; E = Edgerton; B = Blakeslee
**Prayers for the living

INCOME:

Sunday (mailed and Online)	\$ 3,948.68
Immaculate Conception	\$ 35.00
Christmas	\$ 10.00
Building & Maintenance Fund	\$ 40.00
Initial Offering	\$ 5.00
Priest & Religious Retirement	\$ 120.00
Community Meals	\$ 10.00
Candles	\$ 1.00



Ministries Schedule for Sunday, December 17, 2023 @ 10:30am

Servers: Jacoby & Eden Campbell
Ushers: Mike Meyer, Eric Art
Lector: Doug Vogelsong
Ordinary Minister: Deacon John Kromer
Extraordinary Ministers: Brian Amstutz, Steph Mazur, Andrew Baumgartner
Offertory: Bob & Polly Meyer
Greeters: Ashlee & Andrew Baumgartner

**If you cannot fulfill your scheduled ministry,
It is YOUR responsibility to get a replacement!
Call or Text Lisa Firestine for scheduling changes
at 260-715-0439**

DECEMBER MONEY COUNTERS:

Carolyn Gallup, Debbie Harris,
Carol Art, Joan Linder

DECEMBER MONEY COLLECTORS:

Sundays ~ Greg Balser

**Thank you to those who are mailing in their donations
and/or using ONLINE GIVING. Please consider making a
donation to our St. Michael ONLINE GIVING. It's easy! If
you need help, we'll be glad to help you get your account set
up. <https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/St9999438>.**

Weekly Calendar – Dec 10 – Dec 17, 2023

SUN	Dec 10	10:30am	Sunday Mass
		11:30am	Youth Group
		11:30am	ARS Bake Sale
		2:00pm	Advent Penance Service
		4:00pm	Eucharistic Revival Series
MON	Dec 11	6:00pm	Girls' Challenge Club
		6:00pm	Altar Rosary Society Mtg
		7:00pm	Prayer Group before the Tabernacle
TUES	Dec 12	6:00/6:30pm	K of C Rosary & Mtg
WED	Dec 13	8:30am	Mass
		5:00pm	RCIA
		6:00pm	CCD Classes
THUR	Dec 14	8:00am	Adoration
		4:30pm	Community Meal
FRI	Dec 15	8:30am	Mass
SUN	Dec 17	10:30am	Bambinelli Sunday Mass
		1:30pm	Franciscan Frat Mtg

*****We will be livestreaming Mass from our Facebook Page and up on YouTube***

Angel Tree Ornaments:

Ornaments in memory or in honor of a loved one can be purchased at the south entrance for a donation. The money will go to our Youth Group. Angels will be hung here at church and may be taken home after the Christmas season. Please write their name and yours on the back of the angel and place on the tree.

A Family Perspective ~ December 10th –Second Sunday of Advent

~ Why is it so hard to forgive, yet so easy to get even? Listen to John the Baptist in today's gospel and repent of the anger and ugly feelings which block your ability to forgive. **This Christmas give a gift which makes a difference.** Give forgiveness.

- **Christmas Mass Schedules:** Wherever you may be going to Mass for Christmas this year, we suggest that you check the current bulletin and/or website for that Parish. As Christmas Day falls on Monday and Christmas Eve falls on Sunday, many parishes are altering their 4th Sunday of Advent weekend schedules.
- **Right-to-Life Prayer Group** I hear babies crying in the wombs, "*Come save me . Come pray for me.*" Let us all unite in the fight against abortion & contraception & pray the Rosary for the fight against abortion with a few added prayers after the Rosary. Bring any prayers you may want God to hear. We will meet the first Monday of every month at 6:30pm in the Church. Families are welcome: education is a key to prevention.
- **Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults** – RCIA classes are alive & active in our parish! If you or someone you know is interested in learning about the Catholic Faith & possibly

Please keep those who are sick or those in need in our prayers:

November 14

Ray Schliesser

Martha Sweet

Raegan Wonderly

Michael Bell

Carl Sabo

Rusty Campbell

Deb Rogers

Father Tom Oedy

Santo Brothers

Kiersten Vetter

Tanya Wonderly

Jeanette Sabo Rosenbury

If you would like a loved one added to this list, a family member must contact the office (419-542-8202) or you may contact Mary directly at 419-769-6750 or jmmec2007@yahoo.com.

Those added will remain on the list for one month, at which time the family can contact us to add them again as many times as needed.

Please keep all military personnel in your Prayers

Levi Guilford

Brian Kraft

If your family has a member in the military please contact the office and we will add their name as well.

A Note From The Knights Of Columbus~

The following Knights from our parish are in need of extra prayers as they go through some difficult circumstances in their lives:

Brian Amstutz

Floyd Esquivel

Ed Hesselschwardt

Devon Werder

Joseph Meyer

Bill Welly

Ralph Art

Dale Gallup

Joe Kemerer

Kenneth Reinhart

Jason Wermer

joining the Church, please contact the office at 419-542-8202 or saintmichaelhicksville@gmail.com. **ALL are Welcomed!!**

GIRL'S CHALLENGE CLUB



GIRLS AGES 10 AND UP ARE INVITED TO JOIN OUR BRAND-NEW CHALLENGE CLUB.

MEETINGS WILL BE HELD ON THE SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH FROM 6:00-8:00 P.M. MEETINGS WILL BE A MIXTURE OF FUN AND FAITH; GIRLS WILL LEARN ABOUT SCRIPTURE, SAINTS, VIRTUES, AND SERVICE AS THEY ENJOY PLAYING AND PRAYING TOGETHER.



FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
EARLEE HARRIS
(419-542-1800)
OR SARA BLALOCK
(419-298-2892).



Volunteer help needed!
St. Michael is in need of volunteers to help with snow removal and salt dispersal when needed!

The duties would include shoveling the sidewalks, and laying salt down when needed. This would be only when there is 2" or less of snowfall.

The volunteers would have to be available for any church events. Masses, CCD, meetings, funerals, etc., that occur during a slight snowfall.

Please contact Father Dan at 419-231-3628 if you have any questions!

Rosary Altar Society
is having a bake sale December 10,
after 10:30 Mass!

Proceeds go to the Crisis Pregnancy Center



This week's Ministry Spotlight ~

Gen Fed Federal Credit Union – In 1949, members of St Michael's and St Mary's, Antwerp, created the Hicksville-Antwerp Federal Credit Union, as a volunteer organization run out of the home of the Treasurer, a parishioner of one of the churches. It grew to include St Mary's, Edgerton parishioners. In 2009 our own CU merged with Gen Fed Federal Credit Union, which now offers our parishioners who join even more benefits. For more information or to open your account today, contact 419-258-5151. Offices are located in Bryan and Antwerp, Ohio. Tell them Susie from St. Michael's, Hicksville, sent you!

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➤ TEMPLARS TODAY--CATHOLIC TEMPLARS OF THE UNITED

STATES--There are pamphlets on the table across from the elevator upstairs that give information about the Templars. Whether you're just curious or interested in more information, pick one up. This pamphlet gives great information, history, and current information, including a link to the AUTHENTIC website that gives even more info. Were you curious about their clothing? For the Men: The white mantel cloak of the ancient Knights of the Temple with the frieze of a red embroidered patent cross on the left shoulder is the one granted in the year 1128 by the Supreme Pontiff Honorius II to the first Knights Templar Grand Master, Hugo de Paganis. Following internal hierarchic level of chivalry, the cloak is worn over a white coat with a red patent cross on the chest and at the waist a leather belt. For the Women: A black cloak with hood and a red

~~ DAILY READINGS ~~

MON, DEC 11, 2023:

Is 35:1-10

Lk 5:17-26

TUES, DEC 12, 2023:

ZEC 2:14-17

LK 1:26-38

WED, DEC 13, 2023:

Is 40:25-31

Mt 11:28-30

THURS, DEC 14, 2023:

Is 41:13-20

Mt 11:11-15

FRI, DEC 15, 2023:

Is 48:17-19

Mt 11:16-19

SAT, DEC 16, 2023:

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11

Mt 17:9a, 10-13

SUN, DEC 17, 2023:

Is 61:1-2A, 10-11

1 Thes 5:16-24

Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

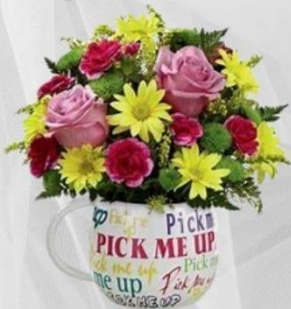
embroidered lozenge on the left shoulder, worn with a white scarf knotted at the neck.

➤ *Do you want to enrich your Christian walk with Jesus and enlighten your relationship with God?* Come join us **every 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00pm** for Holy Hour with Exposition, Adoration, Benediction, the Holy Rosary, & Benediction. This hour is dedicated to honor the true presence of Jesus Christ. If you cannot make it in person, you may view it on livestream. **This is a great way to ready yourselves for the coming of the Lord.**

➤ **Come & visit Jesus**—The doors are open. Come Jim Flegel and sit with Jesus on Thursdays. Adoration Thurs 8a m -7pm.

➤ **St. Michael's Library**~ includes many superior resources that can strengthen your faith journey! Please feel free to explore the titles at the bottom of the stairs at the south entrance of the church.

Pick Me Up Bouquets
will be available after Mass
Sunday, December 17.



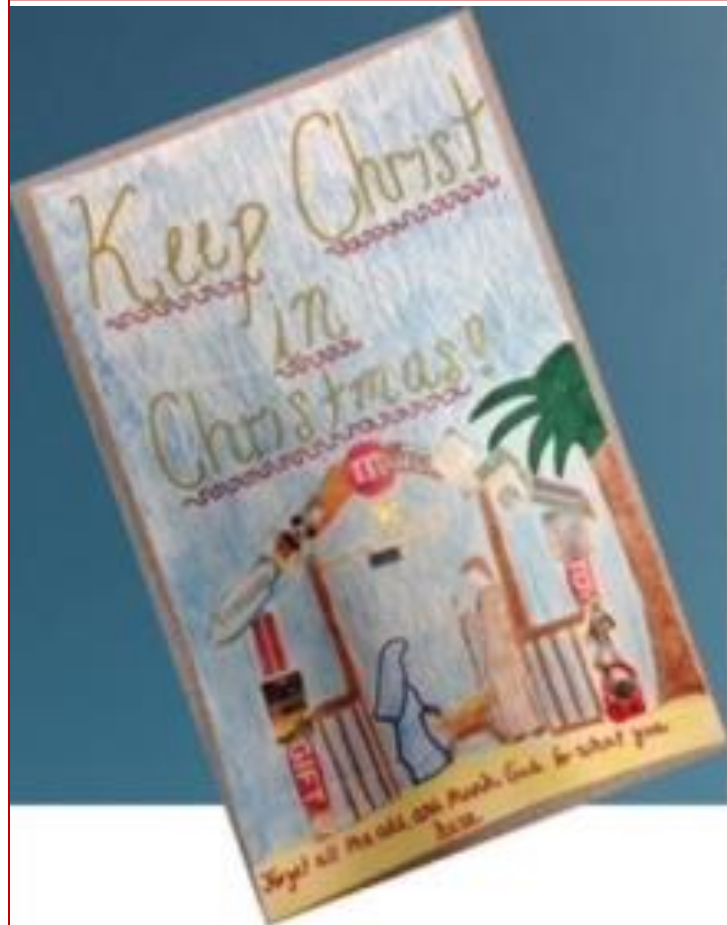
**If you cant find the sunshine,
BE the sunshine!**

**December 11
6:00 PM**

**Rosary Altar Society
All ladies of the Parish Welcome!**

*Quarter
Bingo & Christmas
Potluck*





Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest

Dear St. Michael Parish,

The Hicksville Knights of Columbus would like to invite the young people of our parish to take part in the Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest. The contest is open to all boys and girls from the ages 5 through 14. By engaging the talents of our young people, we hope they will come to a deeper understanding of the true meaning of Christmas, and that their artwork will bring others to remember Christ in Christmas.

The contest will be conducted locally with the winning entries advancing through district/regional and state competition to the international level. The winning entries will serve as the basis for a series of international "Keep Christ in Christmas" posters, with creative credit going to the artists.

The Hicksville Council will award \$25.00 to the winning entry in each age category.

Posters need to be completed by December 15th, 2023, and the council judging needs to take place by December 31st, 2023.

Entry Forms and Judging Fact Sheets are available at the front and rear church entrances.

For additional questions and arranging poster pick-up, please contact the Hicksville Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ in Christmas Chairperson:

Duane A. Bassett
301 Bunnell Street
Hicksville, Ohio 43526-1275
419-542-6141
bassett11@frontier.com

**Bring the Baby
Jesus from your
home Nativity Scene
to Mass on Sun.,
Dec. 17th, to have
your Baby Jesus
blessed!**

BAMBINELLI SUNDAY

*The third Sunday of Advent
is known as the Gaudete Sunday,
the Sunday of Joy.*

*On that day, every year in Rome,
the Pope blesses the Bambinelli
(figures of Baby Jesus)
that people bring to St. Peter's Square.*



*This tradition has been going on for over 30 years. It helps
"children and young people to prepare for Jesus." You bring the
Christ Child from your Nativity or **precepe** scene, and the Pope blesses it **during the
noon Angelus that day.***

*Although most of us will never make it to Vatican Square, especially on the third Sunday
of Advent, we can bring our own Baby Jesus along with us to Mass here at St. Michael,
and Father Dan will bless all the Christ Child figurines that the young children and
"not so young" people bring.*

*It's an examination of what we're really waiting for as we spend our Advent struggling
and wrangling. It's a look inside, at the place we're really clearing for Baby Jesus in our
hearts.*

Part of Pope Emeritus Benedict's text from 2009

*The blessing of the "Bambinelli" [Baby Jesus figurines] as they are called in Rome, reminds us that
the crib is a school of life where we can learn the secret of true joy. This does not consist in having
many things but in feeling loved by the Lord, in giving oneself as a gift for others and in loving one
another. Let us look at the crib. Our Lady and St Joseph do not seem to be a very fortunate family;
their first child was born in the midst of great hardship; yet they are full of deep joy, because they love
each other, they help each other and, especially, they are certain that God, Who made Himself present
in the little Jesus, is at work in their story. And the shepherds? What did they have to rejoice about?*

*That Newborn Infant was not to change their condition of poverty and marginalization. But Faith
helped them recognize the "Babe wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger" as a "sign" of
the fulfilment of God's promises for all human beings, "with whom He is pleased" (Lk 2: 12, 14).*

*This, dear friends, is what true joy consists in: it is feeling that our personal and
community existence has been visited and filled by a great mystery, the mystery of God's
love. In order to rejoice we do not need **things** alone, but love and truth: we need a close
God Who warms our hearts and responds to our deepest expectations. This God is
manifested in Jesus, born of
that "Bambinello" which
a grotto is the center
Heart of the World,
every person, like
may accept as the
her life the God
Himself a Child, the*



*the Virgin Mary. Therefore
we place in a stable or
of all things, the
Let us pray that
the Virgin Mary,
center of his or
Who made
source of true joy!*



Sunday, December 10,
2pm, St. Michael,
Hicksville

PARISH ADVENT
RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Therefore, Advent is, so to speak, an intense training that directs us decisively toward him who already came, who will come, and who comes continuously." – St. John Paul II

"It is Christmas every time you let God love others through you."

DAYS OF GRACE

Monday, December 11, St. Joseph, Blakeslee
10am, 12 noon, 4pm, 6pm

Thursday, December 14, St. Mary, Edgerton
10am, 12 noon, 2pm, 4pm, 6pm

Wednesday, December 20, St. Michael, Hicksville
10am, 12 noon, 4pm, 6pm



Pray for our Nation:

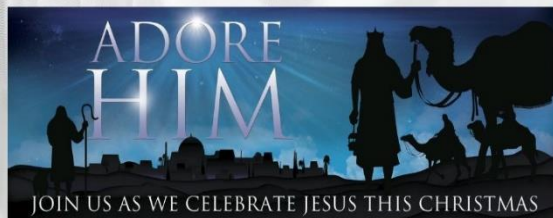
Lord God, I thank you today for the gift of my life,
And for the lives of my brothers and sisters.
I know there is nothing that destroys more life than
abortion,
Yet I rejoice that you have conquered death
by the Resurrection of Your Son.
I am ready to do my part in ending abortion.
Today I commit myself
Never to be silent,
Never to be passive,
Never to be forgetful of the unborn.
I commit myself to be active in the pro-life movement,
And never to stop defending life
Until all my brothers and sisters are protected,
And our nation once again becomes
A nation with liberty and justice
Not just for some, but for all,
Through Christ our Lord. Amen!

-Father Frank Pavone, priestsforlife.org

MERRY
Christmas
AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

St. Michael Hicksville
Community Meal will
be Thursday, December 14.

Delivery starts at 4:00pm
Sit Down Meal, 5:00pm



Christmas Masses

Sun., Dec. 24 - 4:00pm St. Michael, Hicksville
4:00pm St. Joseph, Blakeslee
6:00pm St. Mary, Edgerton
10:00pm St. Mary, Edgerton

Mon., Dec. 25 - 9:00am St. Michael, Hicksville

Night of Healing

WORSHIP

WORD

HEALING

TUESDAY

DEC. 12

7:00 - 8:30 pm

St. Richard, Swanton

333 Brookside Dr, Swanton, OH 43558

Fr. Eric Culler
Fr. James Brown
Fr. Kevin Moebius

ADORATION WITNESS RECONCILIATION

Group healing and personal prayer teams

For more info call the Ministry to Catholic Charismatic Renewal 734-888-8197 or visit website: www.mccrholyspirit.org

Attention! Children's Christmas Eve Nativity Play and Mass **Attention!**

4:00 P. M. Sunday, December 24th

All children, teens, and parents are invited to be part of St. Michael's

Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of the Nativity of Jesus !

The hope is for a grace -filled liturgy which will honor our Lord and God!

We welcome your gifts of time, talent, and love!

Our **one and only** rehearsal will be Wednesday, Dec. 20th, 6:00 to approx. 7:45 P.M., in the sanctuary. NOTE: There will be pizza included downstairs after rehearsal!

Please consider one or more of the following positions:

Play: Mary, Joseph, Shepherd, Angel, Camel

Play Reader: We can use more than one: includes a Welcome and a Thank you

Choir: The more, the better! Includes musical instruments, and cantor for the Psalm

Greeters before the Mass: It would be great to have two at all the entrances to the church!

Gift Bearers: three would be terrific!

Parent helper: Please, as many as possible!

Cut here and return to CCD teachers with your choices, or put in the offering basket at church, or call Marilyn Guilford, 419-551-7163. Please, let me know **by Dec.13th**. I will have copies of the music, play etc.

Name/s, position/s, and and phone number:

The play will begin at 3:40 on Christmas Eve, so the whole congregation will want to come early to see and help sing the Carols!

Children and parents need to come at 3:00 that day. Thank you **So** much!