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Announcing the Good News at St. Michael Parish

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What a Great Day! November 1, 2009



Grateful Hearts and Joyful Spirits



Dedication of the Angelus Center



Hopeful Anticipation

Christian Fellowship



Thanks be to God for EVERYTHING!

Gift-Giving Opportunities - 2009 Stewardship Renewal

Many of us are searching the malls or surfing the web these days to find the perfect gifts for our loved ones, gifts that show how much we appreciate their presence in our lives. Often we are even willing to make sacrifices of time and money to be able to present that gift with a loving heart. Joyfully anticipating the wonderful gift of Jesus at Christmas, St. Michael Parish is challenging its parishioners to be reflective and search their hearts to find the perfect gift for God. Consider the gifts that God gives you every day. No ribbons, wrappings, or tags remain on the floor when you receive them. What gift will you offer to God? Not as a *gift exchange*, but out of a sense of gratitude and appreciation for all that you have received. Not a gift just for December 25th, but a gift of your time, talent, and treasure to be used throughout the year to build up the kingdom of God. Quietly reflect on the generosity of God in your life, and decide which opportunities might best match the gifts that you have been given. On Stewardship Sunday, December 12 & 13 commitment brochures will be available at all the masses. You are invited to share your gifts with a generous spirit at that time.

WELLNESS

Parish Nurse *promote health and healing*
School Nurse *assist with screenings and basic school age health needs*
Physical Fitness *organize fitness opportunities*
Bereavement Group *support group for those going through the grieving process*
Provide Transportation *offer occasional transportation services for parishioners*

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

Garden Club *beautification of our properties through planting, pruning, and weeding*
Lawn Care *assist maintenance staff with grass care and landscaping*
Snow Removal *"on call" to shovel, plow, and salt to keep our steps, sidewalks, and parking lots safe*
Annual Church Cleaning *bring your bucket & dust cloths*

Our church properties are always in need of minor repairs and general maintenance. Are you able to provide assistance with the projects?

Painting Plumbing Electrical Carpentry

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

Lector *proclaim the Word at Mass*
Eucharistic Minister *distribute the Body and Blood of Christ at Mass*
Usher *help with seating and collecting the offertory*
Altar Server *aid the priest with pastoral needs during Mass*
Altar Society *assist with maintaining the altar, sanctuary, and sacristy*
Mass Greeter *provide a warm welcome at the weekend liturgies*
Children's Liturgy of the Word *provide youngsters with an opportunity to explore the Gospel during 9:00 or 11:00 Mass*

PRAYER MINISTRY

Eucharistic Adoration *spend time in the Real Presence of Our Lord*
Ministry of Praise *pray for the spiritual intentions of our parish and the Diocese of Wheeling Charleston*
Rosary Devotion *gather on a regular basis to pray the rosary and meditate on the mysteries*
Retreat Development *assist with adult retreats to enhance their lives through Christ*
Daily Mass *give honor, glory, and praise to God*
Journey of the Chalice *be a host family and offer prayers for vocations during the chalice's one week visit in your home*
Prayer Chain *pray daily for the needs of our parish and for those who have specific prayer needs*

YOUTH MINISTRY

Life Teen Member *high school students*
Life Teen Core Team *adult team that plans and coordinates Life Nights*
Life Teen Support Team *adult hospitality teams for Life Nights*
Edge Member *junior high students*
Edge Core Team *adult team that helps to plan and coordinate Edge youth ministry*
Edge Support Team *adult hospitality team for Edge events*
Vacation Bible School Participant *preschool graduates through fourth grade are invited*
Vacation Bible School Volunteer *assist in organizing and presenting a fun, positive learning experience*
Special Events *assist with receptions, projects, and fund raisers*
Boy/Girl Scouts *supporting young people in their physical, mental and spiritual development*

ST. MICHAEL PARISH SCHOOL

Tutor *reinforce specific educational subject or skill to an individual student or a small group of students*
Library Aide *provide assistance to students in the school library*
Classroom Aide *provide assistance in the classroom*
Playground Helper *let's play*
Parent Association *promotes programs that enrich the school, staff, students, and families*
Office Volunteer *assist with typing, telephone calling, preparing mailings, and various office tasks*
Special Events *assist with community building events and school projects*
Fish Fry Worker *fun friends frying fish on Friday (during Lent)*
Technology Team *assist with computer lab*

OUTREACH

Come Home Ambassador *outreach to inactive Catholics*
Catholic Charities Volunteer *second Sunday of the month*
Respect Life Committee *educate members of the parish and community about all issues relating to the sanctity of life*
Disaster Relief *evaluate needs of community during natural or manmade disasters and respond accordingly*
Social Justice Projects *develop and implement programming to serve those most in need*

MY GIFT

What is your gift to share? Please specify your particular interest, skill, or talent that would be a benefit to our parish

MUSIC MINISTRY*Psalm 100 - Make a joyful noise to the Lord!*

Musician
Cantor
Choir
Folk Group
Funeral Choir

FAITH FORMATION**PSR Teacher/Catechist**- teach Catholic faith using established curriculum to grades Kindergarten - eighth**PSR Aide** assist PSR catechist**Adult Study Group** meet regularly to enhance intellectual, personal, and spiritual growth**RCIA Sponsor** provide support and prayers for individuals preparing to join our Catholic faith**Baptism Preparation** catechesis for parents desiring to have their child baptized**Sew Baptism Bibs** seamstresses needed. Bibs are worn during baptism, and then kept as a remembrance**Confirmation Preparation** assist with preparing candidates for Confirmation**COMMUNITY****Christian Mothers** a source of instruction and inspiration concerning the sanctification of mothers**Holy Name Society** parish men who personally and publicly preserve the sanctity of the Holy name of Jesus**MOMS Group** for mothers to share the experience of motherhood and offer mutual support**Committee for the Poor** assist those in our parish and community who are in need**Welcoming Committee** contact new parishioners and welcome them to the parish community**Special Events** prepare and host receptions**Sunday Socials** provide a casual atmosphere of welcome, community, and belonging after Mass**Summer Community Festival** games, food, live music, and family fun**Rummage Sale** household items are "recycled" to the community at reasonable prices**Parish Picnic** assist with the organization of the annual event, which includes Mass, food, children's games and fun**Baking Committee** bake for special events and receptions**Parish Office Volunteer** assist with typing, telephone calling, preparing mailings, and various office tasks*As each one has been given a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace. 1 Peter 4:8-10*

Nickels for the Needy

2010 Calendars

**How many nickels can you collect?****Can you fill a coin wrapper?****Can you stuff a stocking?****Can you pack a sack?**

In the spirit of St. Nicholas, St. Michael Parish School and St. Michael Parish School of Religion invite you to join them in collecting nickels. They are raising funds for the needy in our home state of West Virginia. Charity begins at home!

Can you fill a coin wrapper (\$2) with nickels or fill something bigger? Your donation of nickels will help to clothe, feed, and shelter the poor in our beloved hills and valleys. Just as St. Nicholas loved children and cared for the needy, you will be helping to care for those in need.

Your nickels may be dropped off at the parish offices, during regular office hours (Monday – Friday, 7:30am – 3:30pm) until December 15. Nickels are nice – but we'll accept other coins & bills, too! If you'd like to write a check, please make it payable to St. Michael Parish, and write *Nickels for the Needy* on the memo line.



It's almost time to hang that new calendar on the wall and begin to fill it with the busy-ness of 2010. We invite you to save the dates for these two special parish events.

February 14 -18, 2010

Father Ben Cameron has been invited to visit our parish for a week to conduct a "mission." (Some of you may remember those from your youth.) He will speak at all the masses the weekend of Feb. 13 & 14, as well as each evening of that week after celebrating the evening mass. This program offers all of us the opportunity to renew our vigor for Christian living and coincides with the beginning of Lent. A Christian book sale will be offered that week also!

March 13, 2010

A great celebration of all things Irish! Our parish energy during the Advent season this year is highly reflective as we determine what gifts of self we can share with our community through our Stewardship Renewal. You are encouraged to participate in holiday charitable projects through the many agencies that sponsor them. HOWEVER, our parish charitable giving project is set for a time when very few organizations offer one - MARCH. The Holy Name Society is spearheading a fine family evening of food, fun, and entertainment with an Irish flair. **ALL PROCEEDS** from this event will be donated to the 18th Street Center of Catholic Charities to benefit the needy in our local community. Sister Linda Sevcik, Director of the Center will join us for the evening's festivities. Save the date and plan to come to the Angelus Center that evening!



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Return Service Requested

DECEMBER 2009 EVENTS

- DEC. 4: CHRISTMAS CONCERT FEATURING THE WHEELING JESUIT UNIVERSITY SINGERS, 7:30PM IN ST. MICHAEL CHURCH**
DEC. 5: SMPS CRAFT SHOW AT THE ANGELUS CENTER, 10AM - 2PM
DEC. 5/6: LIGHTHOUSE MEDIA KICK-OFF WEEKEND, ALL MASSES
DEC. 11: SMPS PLAY "NO ORDINARY NIGHT", 9:30AM, SCHOOL HALL
ALL PARISHIONERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!
DEC. 12/13: PARISH STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL, ALL MASSES
DEC. 13: PSR FAMILY ADVENT PROGRAM, SCHOOL HALL, 10AM
DEC. 16: COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE,
ST. MICHAEL CHURCH, 7PM



MASSES FOR CHRISTMAS

DEC. 24: 4PM AND 10PM

MUSICAL PRELUDE BEGINS AT 9:30PM.

WE WILL NOT BE CELEBRATING A MIDNIGHT MASS THIS YEAR.

DEC. 25: 9AM AND 11AM

MASSES FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY (JANUARY 1)

DEC. 31: 5:30PM JAN. 1: 9AM