

## Fourth Sunday of Advent • The Nativity of Our Lord • December 22/25

“And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled.” *Lk 1:43-45*



### Fourth Sunday of Advent/ Christmas Day

This might be the richest, most beautiful story in all of Luke's gospel. Think about this young girl. The mysterious angel has announced to her that she has been chosen to be the mother of God. And not only that, but to give her strength to believe, the angel tells her the extraordinary news that her aging, infertile cousin is now pregnant!

What does this loving young lady do next? She heads out immediately for the ninety-mile journey to the hill country of Judea to visit Elizabeth, and to stay with her to help her during her third trimester. As she and Jesus---a tiny embryo in Mary's womb---enter the house of Elizabeth and Zechariah, the six-month embryo in Elizabeth's womb leaps for joy.

It's the littleness of it all that gives it all away. Two women embrace, and the world is changed forever. And in that embrace, two tiny embryos touch, and the mighty power of God is unleashed. As Fr. John McKenzie, SJ, asked, "Could we believe that the promise God wove into our very souls might give birth to something big?" Out of the hidden smallness of Bethlehem rose the Shepherd of all the world.

We, the little of the world, wait, and trust. God is using our kernels of faith to build something to last until the end of time.

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## Cash/Check Offertory Report Dec 15



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St. Michael: \$3162.00; weekly budget \$2750.00  
OLO Guadalupe: \$416.00  
Holy Family: \$930.00; weekly budget \$1346.15  
St. Ignatius: \$425.00; weekly budget \$765.00



## Eucharistic Revival Rescheduled

*Come, Let Us Adore Him!*

The monthly Silent Adoration at St Michael's that was scheduled for December 26th has been changed to one hour of Adoration on that day beginning at 5:00 pm. The usual all day Adoration on the last Thursday of every month will resume in January.

## Stocking Stuffers and Gifts Available at Gift Store

This year, give a gift of faith. Stop by the Archangel gift store after mass and do some last minute shopping. All proceeds are donated to the church.



## Youth Group News

Youth Group activities will resume on Wednesday, Jan 8th! Last chance this weekend to purchase tickets for our Christmas Drawing to help our youth attend the Steubenville Youth Conference. \$5 per ticket or 6 for \$20. Thanks to Reneta & Frank Kawcak for 25 lbs of lean ground beef, Bryan Gonzales for a beautiful hand-carved Nativity, and the Gift Store for a lovely Holy Family statue. The drawing will be after the Spanish Mass this Sunday.

## St. Michael Community Kitchen

**Coordinator:** Robin Schiffbauer (970-826-2895)

**When:** Tues 10:45 am – 1:00 pm; Thurs 2:45-5:00 pm

**Where:** 678 School St. in St. Michael Parish Hall

**What:** Cook and prepare meals for our Craig community.

**Needed:** Call Robin if you are interested in helping.

**Appreciated Donations:** Canned goods: Vegetables, fruits, chili beans, tomatoes, tomato sauce, etc. (#10 cans preferable). Coffee, Lemonade, Ice-tea, paper products, sugar.

**How Many Served:** Month of November ≈ 3,569 meals

## Christmas Masses

@ St Michael

**Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24**

6:00 pm Mass

7:15 pm Mass in Spanish

**Christmas Day, Wednesday December 25**

9:00 am Mass

10:30 am Mass in Spanish

@ Holy Family

**Christmas Day, Wednesday December 25**

9:00 am Mass

10:30 am Mass in Spanish

@ St Ignatius

**Christmas Vigil, Tuesday, December 24**

6:00 pm Mass



## St Michael A&R Christmas Luncheon

Altar and Rosary invites all ladies of the parish to our annual Christmas luncheon at Vallarta's on Sunday, January 12, at noon. Each person is responsible for their own lunch. Please RSVP to Robin at 970-629-8042. We hope to see you there!

## Holy Family Christmas Plants

The Altar and Rosary Society of Holy Family will be purchasing plants to decorate the church for Christmas. If you would like to purchase a plant "in honor of" or "in memory of" a significant person(s) in your life, please complete the form at the back of the church. The suggested donation for each plant is \$25. Payment can be made to: A&R Society – Holy Family Church turned in with the form **by this Sunday, December 22, 2024.**

## Adult Ed at Holy Family

The topic is **Conversion: Following the Call of Christ.** It will be held Jan 5 through Feb 16, 2025, at 9:00 am. The sign up deadline is Dec 15.

## Mass Changes at Holy Family/St Ignatius

**Next weekend only:** @ St Ignatius, there will be no Sunday mass on 12/29. There will be a vigil mass on Saturday, 12/28, at 5:30 pm.

@ Holy Family, there will be one bilingual mass on Sunday, 12/29, at 1:00 pm.







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**St. Ignatius Schedule**

Sun 12/22 8:00 am Mass  
  
Tues 12/24 **Christmas Eve**  
**6:00 pm Vigil Mass of the Nativity**  
  
Fri 12/27 5:00 pm NO Mass  
Sat 12/28 5:30 pm Mass  
Sun 12/29 8:00 am NO Mass

**St. Ignatius Prayer Requests**

Phyllis Zadra, Isabella Cox, Phyllis Smith, Mark & Blake Smith. We ask God's protection for all our service people.



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**Holy Family Schedule**

Sun 12/22 11:00 am Mass  
1:00 pm Mass in Spanish  
  
Mon 12/23 7:00 am Mass  
Tues 12/24 7:00 am Mass  
  
Wed 12/25 **Christmas Day**  
**9:00 am Mass of the Nativity**  
**10:30 am Mass of the Nativity in Spanish**  
  
Sun 12/29 1:00 pm Bilingual Mass

**Holy Family Prayer Requests:**

Marcie Kerby, Connie (Debbie Frazier's Stepmom), Kris Casey, Mary Baylie, for protection of all in Military Service, and for those suffering in these times.

**Holy Family Saint Vincent de Paul Collection**

This collection is held the fourth Sunday of every month.

**Holy Family Building Fund**

Please place your donation in the fund box any weekend.



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**St. Michael Schedule**

Sun 12/22 9:00 am Mass  
**Intention: Cameron Martin (d) by Family**  
10:30 am Mass in Spanish  
  
Mon 12/23 8:30 am Mass  
**Intention: Colleen Lum Lang (d)**  
**6:00 pm Sacred Heart Prayer Group**  
  
Tues 12/24 **6:00 pm Vigil Mass of the Nativity**  
**7:15 pm Vigil of the Nativity in Spanish**  
  
Wed 12/25 **Christmas Day**  
**9:00 am Mass of the Nativity**  
**10:30 am Mass of the Nativity in Spanish**  
  
Thurs 12/26 8:30 am Mass  
5:00 pm Adoration and Confession  
6:00 pm Mass in Spanish  
  
Fri 12/27 8:30 am Mass  
5:00 pm Adoration  
6:00 pm NO Mass in Spanish  
  
Sat 12/28 5:30 pm Mass  
7:15 pm Mass in Spanish  
  
Sun 12/29 9:00 am Mass  
10:30 am Mass in Spanish

**St. Michael Prayer Requests**

Ivan Kawcak, Phyllis Bingham, Kevin Fender, Jo Hanson, Merna Dilldine, Joe and Pita Archuleta, Frank Kawcak, Helen Ratz, Louise and Fran Lux, John Jacobs, Kay Weeldreyer, Ruth Lujan, Judy Shelton, Walt Cisar, Fran Davis, Joe Tonso, Greg Knez, Aldene Hanson, Lawrence Lux, Sanchez Family, Richard Ridnour, Anthony Tremaine, Tina Velasco, Bonnie Primavara, Jessie Z., Jeff Stroble, Cruz Family, Margie Hibbard, and Phyllis Loyola.

**Visiting Priest**

A priest from *Unbound Catholic Outreach* will be joining us the weekend of January 4/5.





### IV DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO/ NAVIDAD

Las donaciones del Domingo 15 de diciembre

**Escanea para donar a tu parroquia.**

San Miguel: \$3162.00 donaciones;

(\$2750.00 presupuesto)

Sagrada Familia: \$930.00 donaciones;

(\$1346.00 presupuesto)



### MISAS de NAVIDAD.

**SAN MIGEL ARCANGEL**

Nochebuena

6:00 pm Misa en ingles, 7:15 pm en espanol

**Día de Navidad**

9:00 am Misa en ingles, 10:30 am Misa en espanol

**SAGRADA FAMILIA**

**Día de Navidad**

9:00 am Misa en ingles, 10:30 am Misa en espanol



## SAN MIGUEL- Craig

### Noticias del Grupo Juvenil

¡Las actividades se reanudarán el miércoles 8 de enero!  
Última oportunidad este fin de semana para comprar boletos para nuestro sorteo navideño para ayudar a nuestros jóvenes a asistir a la Conferencia Juvenil de Steubenville. \$5 por boleto o 6 por \$20. Gracias a Reneta, Frank Kawcak y Bryan Gonzales por sus donaciones. El sorteo será después de la Misa en español de este domingo.

### Almuerzo de Navidad

Altar and Rosary invita a todas las damas de la parroquia a nuestro almuerzo anual de Navidad en Vallarta's el domingo 12 de enero al mediodía. Cada persona es responsable de su propio almuerzo. Confirme su asistencia a Robin al 970-629-8042. ¡Esperamos verte allí!

### Horario de MISAS.

Misas en *español* entresemana: miércoles a las 7:45 am y Martes jueves y viernes a las 6 pm. Misas en Inglés a las 8:30 am. De lunes a viernes .

### Misa Dominical. Misas en español:

Sábado 7:15 pm y Domingo a las 10:30 am.

**CONFESIONES.** En los horarios de Adoración y 30 minutos antes de las Misas Dominicales.

### Adoración al Santísimo Sacramento y Confesiones.

Martes, jueves y viernes, de 5 a 6 pm. Y los miércoles de 6 a 7 pm. Los jueves últimos de cada mes tenemos Adoración al Santísimo Sacramento de 9am a 6pm. Sábado y Domingo confesiones 30 minutos antes de la Misa. Si quieres hacer una cita con los sacerdotes llame a la oficina

**Grupo de Oración:** Jueves 7 pm.

**Adoración nocturna:** Viernes y Sábado tercero de cada mes.

## SAGRADA FAMILIA - Meeker

### MISAS:

Domingo: 11:00 am en inglés, 1:00 p.m. en español  
Lunes: 7:00 am, Martes: 7:00 am.

### Adoración al Santísimo Sacramento

Domingo primero de mes de 9 a 10 am. *El Señor Jesús te espera.*

### Confesiones

30 minutos antes de la Misa. Si necesitas atención en otro horario, ponte en contacto con los sacerdotes.

Normalmente el sacerdote estará en Meeker desde el viernes por la tarde hasta el Domingo por la mañana. Si necesitas atención en otro momento, llama a la oficina.

