

ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH
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DECEMBER 24, 1972: TODAY IS THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT.

PRAYER FOR THE LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH CANDLE ON THE ADVENT WREATH:

Priest: Let us pray. Stir up Thy might, we pray Thee, O Lord, and come; rescue us through Thy great strength so that salvation, which has been hindered by our sins, may be hastened by the grace of Thy gentle mercy. Who livest and reignest for ever and ever. ALL: Amen.

HYMNS FOR PALMER: Sunday - Opening...p.53: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
Offertory...p.51: Sing of Mary
Communion...p.47: At That First Eucharist
Closing...p.49: Now Thank We All Our God

SUNDAY OBLIGATION MASSES: PALMER... 7 p.m. Saturday
WASILLA... 8 a.m. Sunday (PLEASE NOTE NEW CONFESSION
PALMER... 10 a.m. Sunday SCHEDULE BEGINNING THIS WEEK.)

CONFESSION SCHEDULE: Before all Sunday Obligation Masses;
and Saturdays in Palmer at 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. until all are heard.

DAILY MASSES THIS WEEK: 9 a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday in Palmer.

MARRIAGES: Appointment to see the priest should be made three months in advance.

BAPTISMS: Parents should consult with the priest some weeks in advance.

THE REGULAR AND BUILDING FUND COLLECTIONS WILL BE TAKEN UP TOGETHER TODAY AT THE OFFERTORY.
THE COLLECTION FOLLOWING THE COMMUNION OF THE MASS TODAY WILL BE FOR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS AND
CHRISTMAS CHILDREN'S PARTY EXPENSES. (It is suggested that parents contribute 50¢ per child.)

A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM FATHER MUELLERLEILE: "May the blessed Feast of Christmas bring you joy and peace unbounded! Our special thanks go out to all who decorated church and rectory, prepared the Christmas bread and refreshments, sent cards and gifts, sang and played and lectored and ushered and served, took part with Sister in the children's Christmas program, and in many other ways contributed to the beauty of this feast. May the blessing of our newborn Savior be ever yours!"

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE:

WASILLA: 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Mass

~~8 a.m. Monday, Dec. 25: Christmas Mass at Dawn~~

PALMER: 12 Midnight, Sunday, Dec. 24: Christmas Midnight Mass; blessing of Crib.
(Traditional Reveillon follows in Parish Hall.)

10 a.m. Monday, December 25: Christmas Mass in Full Day

(ALL ARE ASKED TO JOIN IN SINGING AT THE CHRISTMAS MASSES.)

CHRISTMAS CONFESSION SCHEDULE: Sunday, December 24, at 4 p.m. and at 8 p.m. in Palmer.

THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY AND PROGRAM WILL IMMEDIATELY FOLLOW THE 9 A.M. MASS IN WASILLA TODAY. WE THANK ALL WHO HELPED WITH PREPARING THE CHILDREN'S PROGRAM AND PARTY WHICH FOLLOWED THE SATURDAY EVENING MASS IN PALMER. CCD CLASSES WILL RESUME IN JANUARY.

CHRISTMAS EVE MIDNIGHT MASS AT HOLY FAMILY CATHEDRAL IN ANCHORAGE WILL BE BROADCAST ON KENI TV...AND WILL BE RE-RUN ON CHRISTMAS MORNING AT 10 A.M.

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY OF GOD IN ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH TO DAVID MICHAEL CONTINI, son of Dan and Enola Contini, who will be baptized at 10 a.m. Mass in Palmer today.

LEGION OF MARY: Meetings this week and next will be on Tuesday in the Rectory Basement from 9:45 to 10:30 a.m. New members are welcome...please call Mrs. Wansor (258-2463)..

ST. JUDE'S GUILD MEETING...TUESDAY, Dec. 26, at 8 p.m. in Sacred Heart Church. All parents with children in CCD Classes, CCD teachers (present and possible) are especially asked to attend. A discussion and decision regarding a possible change in CCD class times will be held...we must decide on a time most satisfactory to the greatest number of people. Other topics are also on meeting agenda.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 27: JOINT SOCIAL & DANCE (WITH REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED BY EAGLE RIVER CYO) FOR PALMER AND EAGLE RIVER CYO GROUPS...at St. Michael's in Palmer...beginning at 7:30 p.m. and ending about 10 p.m. ALL CYO MEMBERS (PRESENT AND POSSIBLE) ARE INVITED.

LADIES OF CHARITY (AUXILIARY OF CATHOLIC CHARITIES) REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING WILL BE HELD Wednesday, Dec. 27, in St. Michael's Rectory Basement. Annual election of officers will be held. All women of the community are invited...new members are needed.

TOTEM TALKS (THE CATHOLIC CHARITIES NEWS BULLETIN) FOR DECEMBER IS AVAILABLE TODAY...A VERY INTERESTING EDITION WITH ARTICLES AND PICTURES PRESENTING THE SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES IN WHICH CATHOLIC CHARITIES IS INVOLVED...OUR LOCAL LADIES OF CHARITY GROUP IS AN AUXILIARY OF CATHOLIC CHARITIES...their work too is needed, interesting, praiseworthy and appreciated!!!!

THE ANNUAL ADULT CHRISTMAS DINNER PARTY FOR PARISHIONERS WILL BE HELD IN THE PARISH HALL beginning at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 29. Dinner will be catered by the Ladies of Charity. This is an annual parish-sponsored dinner in appreciation of help in the various phases of parish life and activities during the past year...a get-acquainted evening...and an invitation to all for parish involvement in the coming year. IN ORDER TO PLAN THE DINNER WE NEED AN IDEA OF HOW MANY WILL ATTEND. PLEASE RSVP BY FOLLOWING NOTE PLACED IN COLLECTION BASKET Dec. 24 or Dec. 25: (There is no charge for the dinner!)

PLEASE RESERVE DINNER FOR ONE
Friday, Dec. 29, 1972, 7 p.m.

PLEASE RESERVE DINNER FOR TWO
Friday, Dec. 29, 1972, 7 p.m.

Name _____

Name _____

PARISH SCHEDULE OF MONTHLY MEETINGS.....STARTING IN JANUARY 1973:

MONDAYS: CYO MEETINGS in Palmer on 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING in Palmer on 2nd Monday, 8 p.m.

TUESDAYS: LITURGY MEETING in Palmer on 1st & 3rd Tuesdays at 8 p.m.

" " " in Wasilla on 2nd Tuesday at 8 p.m.

ST. JUDE'S GUILD MEETING in Wasilla on 4th Tuesday at 8 p.m.

CHOIR PRACTICE in Palmer every Tuesday at 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY: BIBLE MEETING in Palmer on 1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 8 p.m.

" " " in Wasilla on 2nd Wednesday at 8 p.m.

LADIES OF CHARITY MEETING in Palmer on 4th Wednesday at 8 p.m.

THURSDAYS: PARISH COUNCIL MEETING at 8 p.m. on 1st Thursday

SATURDAYS: SWIMMING AT FORT RICHARDSON for CYO members & advisors and grades 6 thru 12....

...meet at Rectory at 11 a.m. to pool transportation resources...

swimming at Fort Richardson Pool, 12 noon to 1 p.m.

A NEW SELECTION OF PAPERBACK BOOKS IS AVAILABLE TODAY ON BOOKRACK FOR PURCHASE AND TAKE HOME reading...please leave payment in envelope provided....new titles for pre-school, students and adults on a wide range of topics are available each month.

THE FORT RICHARDSON SWIMMING POOL is again available for parish use. Swimming resumes this Saturday, Dec. 30, 12noon to 1p.m. Assemble at the rectory at 11 a.m. for transportation (provide a car if you can). All CYO members, high school students, and those in grades 6-7-8 (but must be at least 4'6" tall) and their adult sponsors are invited. Please bring a parental permit slip if you have not previously done so.

THE CYO WILL SPONSOR A PANCAKE BREAKFAST AT ST. MICHAEL'S IN PALMER on Sunday, January 7.

CHRISTMAS BREAD WILL BE BLESSED AND DISTRIBUTED AT ALL MASSES TODAY.

IF ANY PARISHIONER KNOWS OF A FAMILY IN NEED OF TOYS, PLEASE CONTACT SISTER CLARE AFTER MASS TODAY..or at 277-2554 in Anchorage.

1973 PARISH CALENDARS HAVE BEEN ORDERED FROM EXTENSION...WILL ARRIVE SOON AND BE AVAILABLE FOR ALL.

THE IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE OF THE U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE HAS ASKED US TO ASSIST THEM BY PUBLISHING A REMINDER THAT: January is the month in which all aliens in the U.S. are required to register with the Immigration and Naturalization service...forms for this registration are available in all post-offices. (Details on bulletin board.)

COLLECTIONS: Dec. 17: Palmer = \$342.16; Wasilla = \$92.34; Total = \$434.50.

ASSIGNMENTS FOR WASILLA: Servers at 6 p.m. Dec. 24: Bobby Menard and Troy Dragseth
Servers at 8 a.m. Dec. 25: Paul Johnson and Tim Johnson

ASSIGNMENTS FOR PALMER:

SERVERS; Dec. 24: Midnight Mass: John Furbush, John and James Rogan, Ben Hermon, Harry Scholtz

Dec. 25: 10 a.m. Mass: Randy Thom, Steve Taylor, Elroy Ashmore, Mark Weiland,
and Dean Larson

Dec. 31: 10 a.m. Mass: Pat Soule, Jon Hermon, Craig Butler, Tom DePriest,
and John Magee

LECTORS: Midnight Mass: Roscoe Taylor; 10 a.m. Christmas Day: Gene Annas

10 a.m. December 31: Richard Mastriano

USHERS: Midnight Mass: Clarence Furbush and Leo Yadon

10 a.m. Christmas Day: Norbert Chowaniec and Frank Scheibl

10 a.m. December 31: Wayne Bouwens and Leon Kuhn

WE HAVE RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING THANK-YOU FROM FATHER STIRLING, ARCHDIOCESAN DIRECTOR OF THE CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT: "I am very grateful for the generous contribution of \$360.51 which your parishioners have donated to the Campaign for Human Development. May God bless you."

WE THANK ALL OUR PARISHIONERS FOR THEIR MOST GENEROUS SUPPORT THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, AND ASK YOU TO BE SURE TO INCLUDE YOUR PARISH IN YOUR CHRISTMAS GIVING. We recommend that you use the envelopes in your packets. Parish books will close December 31 for the year and we ask that you complete your parish financial obligations for 1972 by then. Parishioners not receiving monthly envelopes are asked to contact Father Muellerleile so they may be added to the parish rolls...for receiving the various announcements which are mailed to those on the list as well as for receiving monthly packets of envelopes.

THE BABY SITTING SERVICE IN THE RECTORY BASEMENT WILL RESUME IN PALMER ON JANUARY 7 FOR THE 10 a.m. Sunday Mass.

CARD PARTIES in the Rectory Basement will resume Sunday evening, January 7.

COFFEE AND DONUTS ARE SOLD FOLLOWING SUNDAY MASS IN PALMER by CYO members: coffee 10¢; donut 15¢

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DECEMBER 3, 1972: TODAY IS THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT.

HYMNS FOR PALMER: Opening: p.53 - "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (vs. 1 & 2)
Offertory: p.56 - "We Are the Light of the World" (vs. 1,2,3)
Communion: p.45 - "Whatsoever You Do"
Closing: p.54 - "Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory" (vs. 1 & 5)

SUNDAY OBLIGATION MASSES: PALMER..... 7 p.m. Saturday
WASILLA..... 8 a.m. Sunday
PALMER..... 10 a.m. Sunday

CONFESSIONS: Before all Sunday Obligation Masses; and Saturdays at 3:30 p.m. in Palmer.
DAILY MASS: 9 a.m. Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday in Palmer. (No 9 a.m. Mass this Friday)

MARRIAGES: Appointment to see the priest should be made three months in advance.
BAPTISMS: Parents should consult with the priest some weeks in advance.

THE COLLECTION FOLLOWING THE COMMUNION OF THE MASS ON SUNDAYS IS FOR THE BUILDING FUND.

CCD CLASSES: PALMER...Pre-school thru grade 12...classes Sundays following 10 a.m. Mass.
WASILLA..Pre-school thru grade 8...classes Saturdays at 1 p.m.

(There will be no CCD Classes in Palmer today.)

"WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL'S"... A RECEPTION FOR FATHER MUELLERLEILE will be held downstairs in the Palmer Church today immediately following 10 a.m. Mass....ALL ARE INVITED.

December 1, 1972

Dear Friends and Parishioners:

Today, at last, a lifetime goal has been realized. It was 35 years ago, at the completion of high school, that I drew up a booklet of 100 pages entitled "The Priesthood and My Vocation." The conclusion was that I could serve God and the Church best as an Alaskan diocesan priest.

In those days there were but 6 secular priests here and they were basically stationed in South-Central Alaska. One was the now-retired Bishop of Juneau, Reverend Dermot O'Flanagan of Holy Family in Anchorage--then a town of but 1,856 persons. Another was Reverend G. Edgar Callant of Skagway, today also retired and in residence at our Cathedral rectory. Cordova, Valdez and Seward had resident diocesan priests, as well as our own Palmer, with Father F. Merrill Sulzman as pastor.

In the intervening years the Church in Alaska has grown until there are now 3 dioceses with 23 diocesan and many more religious priests. During this time I had completed my own studies for the priesthood in St. Paul, Minnesota, and then served the Church there for 25 years, gathering experience for Alaska in Bird Island (4 years), Mendota (8), Redwood Falls (9), and New Ulm (3). After visiting in Alaska in August of 1967 and 1968 and private study in Fairbanks at the University of Alaska in November and December of 1969, I was appointed to Sitka in the spring of 1970. It is only today, however, that the ultimate goal has been reached--that of becoming a pastor in South-Central Alaska, the traditional "home base" for our diocesan priests.

Coming to this area has been the goal of fulfilling a life-mission, a religious vocation. And never have I been given a more wonderful introduction to a parish than that provided by your beloved pastor, Father Edward Stirling. I now have no further ambition, beyond serving God's people as well as possible wherever I am needed and sent, anywhere in Alaska.

What are plans for the Palmer apostolate? The fact of the matter is that pastoral appointments here have in recent times been brief--lasting only somewhat over a year. Bearing this in mind, let us accomplish together all we can in the ensuing year, regardless of whether the present appointment here is ultimately to be long or brief. I would propose a basic four-point program--FAMILY, BIBLE, YOUTH, and PERSON. This Thursday at 8 p.m. I am inviting the heads of all parish societies to meet in the social room under the rectory to discuss the practicality of achieving this and/or other goals. Next Sunday we kindly ask parishioners of all ages (adults as well as all students), to bring along to church pencils or pens for taking up a parish survey and for expressing one's views on these or other parish goals.

Let us pray for one another that the love of Christ and His Church may grow in our hearts.

Ever in the Lord,

F. Ernest H. Muellerleile

FRIDAY, December 8: FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY. This is a Holy Day of Obligation for all Catholics. Masses in this parish will be at:

PALMER..... 7 p.m. Friday, (Dec. 8) and 12:10 Noontime Friday (Dec. 8)
WASILLA.... 7 p.m. Thursday (December 7).

TODAY, THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, IS THE BEGINNING OF THE CHURCH'S LITURGICAL YEAR. We will again follow the custom of lighting the Advent Wreath candles on the four Sundays of Advent during Sunday Mass. The prayer for the lighting of the first candle:

PRIEST: Our help is in the name of the Lord. PEOPLE: Who made heaven and earth.
PRIEST: Let us Pray. O God, by whose word all things are sanctified, pour forth Thy blessing upon this wreath, and grant that we who use it may prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ and may receive from Thee abundant graces.
Through Christ our Lord. PEOPLE: Amen.

(The wreath is sprinkled with Holy Water; the first candle is lighted.)

PRIEST: Let us pray. Stir up Thy might, we beg Thee, O Lord, and come, so that we may escape through Thy protection and be saved by Thy help from the dangers that threaten us because of our sins. Who livest and reignest for ever and ever.
PEOPLE: Amen.

December 3, 1972

COLLECTIONS, Nov. 26, Sunday.....Palmer - \$409.03; Wasilla - \$69.41; Total - \$478.44
Nov. 23, Thanksgiving.....Palmer - 109.39; Wasilla - 29.45; Total - 138.84

ASSIGNMENTS, Dec. 10:

PALMER: SERVERS - Paul Weisenberger, Ray DePriest, Jr., Bruce Mothershead, Pat Soule,
and Tom DePriest

LECTOR - David Draze; USHERS - Frank Scheibl and Leon Kuhn

WASILLA: SERVERS - Troy Dragseth and Paul Johnson

A FREE BABY SITTING SERVICE IS PROVIDED IN THE RECTORY BASEMENT DURING 10 AM SUNDAY MASS.
Mother in Charge: Dec. 3 - Becky Gallagher; Dec. 10 - Carol Kuhn

CARD PARTIES, sponsored by the Altar Society, are held in the Rectory Basement on Sundays,
7:30 to 10 p.m.; \$1.50 donation covers games, prizes, refreshments; all are invited.

LEGION OF MARY MEETS weekly on Mondays at the Mohan home, at 9:45 to 10:30 a.m.

CHOIR REHEARSAL on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. in the Palmer Church...new members needed and welcomed!

SATURDAY SWIMMING AT FORT RICHARDSON FOR THE PARISH GROUP HAS BEEN CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER
NOTICE DUE TO THE POOL SCHEDULE. WE ARE ENDEAVORING TO ARRANGE A CONTINUATION OF THIS
PRIVILEGE.

ADVANCE ANNOUNCEMENT: The annual Christmas Party for the Altar Society will take place at
the regular meeting NEXT WEEK MONDAY (Dec. 11) at 8 p.m. in the Rectory Basement.
A gift exchange (approximate \$1.00 value), sewing basket auction, refreshments and
games will follow the meeting. The Altar Society meets regularly the 2nd Monday of each
month. ALL WOMEN OF THE PARISH ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4: CYO MEETING IN RECTORY BASEMENT, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7: PARISH COUNCIL MEETING IN RECTORY BASEMENT, 8 p.m. THE HEADS OF
ALL PARISH SOCIETIES ARE ASKED TO ATTEND THIS MEETING.

BEST WISHES TO JEFFREY SKRADE AND PRISCILLA O'DONOGHUE WHO RECEIVED THE HOLY SACRAMENT OF
MATRIMONY on November 25 in Sacred Heart Church, Wasilla.

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY OF GOD IN ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH TO OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED:

Cecilia Marie Ross, daughter of Robert and Barbara Ross, and
Matthew Allen Browi, son of Howard and Susan Brewi.

WE OFFER OUR HELP AS A PARISH TO THE JOE WAGNER FAMILY WHOSE HOME WAS TOTALLY DESTROYED BY
FIRE LAST TUESDAY; WE ARE THANKFUL THERE WERE NO INJURIES IN THIS DISASTER.

LADIES OF CHARITY (AUXILIARY OF CATHOLIC CHARITIES): Next regular meeting, with election of
officers, will be on the last Wednesday of December. The Ladies now solicit contributions
for the burned-out John Miller and Joe Wagner families (3 girls: ages 3, 6, 9) and items
for the traditional Christmas baskets. (Donations may be brought to St. Michael's Church
...or call Mrs. Joyce Weisert, 745-3115.)

HOLY FAMILY PARISH, GLENNALLEN, WILL HOLD A RECEPTION FOR FATHER POWER THIS FRIDAY, Dec. 8,
following the 7 p.m. Holy Day Mass in the new parish church/rectory trailer in Glennallen.
(A warm reception...even though 25° below zero temperatures are reported from there!)
Father Power's new mailing address is: Rev. Thomas Power
Holy Family Parish
P.O. Box 126
Glennallen, Alaska 99588

FATHER STIRLING IS ALIVE AND WELL IN ANCHORAGE! His address: Rev. Edward J. Stirling, C.S.Sp.
Holy Family Cathedral
818 Fifth Avenue
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

WE HAVE RECEIVED A LETTER FROM MONSIGNOR SNEAD, PASTOR AT ST. MICHAEL'S FOR 27 YEARS,
WISHING "ALL MY FORMER PARISHIONERS A BLESSED AND MERRY CHRISTMAS." His present
address is: Rev. Monsignor James P. Snead
Galaroga Terrace, Apt. 1218
1400 N.E. Second Avenue
Portland, Oregon 97232

THANK YOU TO THE CYO FOR THE ALTAR FLOWERS AT ST. MICHAEL'S EACH SUNDAY. (These have been
purchased weekly from the "profits" of the after-Mass donut/coffee sales.)

THE PALMER/WASILLA COMMUNITY COMBINED CHOIRS CHRISTMAS CANTATA REHEARSALS WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:
Mass Rehearsal at 7 p.m., Thursday, (Dec. 7) in St. Michael's Church, Palmer
Wasilla Presbyterian Rehearsal...12 noon on Sundays
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints...5:30 p.m. on Sundays
["A City of the King"---a Christmas cantata for soloists and mixed voices---will be performed
Sunday, December 17, by the combined church choruses from Wasilla and Palmer...time and
place to be announced. Anyone who has been singing in a church choir, or has had prior
choir experience, is invited to sing in the cantata.]