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## MASS SCHEDULE

Sundays 9:00 am & 11:00 am

## WEEKDAY MASS

Mon.—Fri. 12:10 pm

## HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

12:10 pm and 6:00 pm

## Basilica Open For Visitation

Sat.—10:00 am– 1:00 pm

## SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Mon.—Fri. 11:00 am—11:45 am

See usher for directions.

## EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION

Mon.—Fri. 11:00 am—12:00 pm

## OFFICE HOURS

Mon.—Wed., Fri.

9:00 am—2:00 pm

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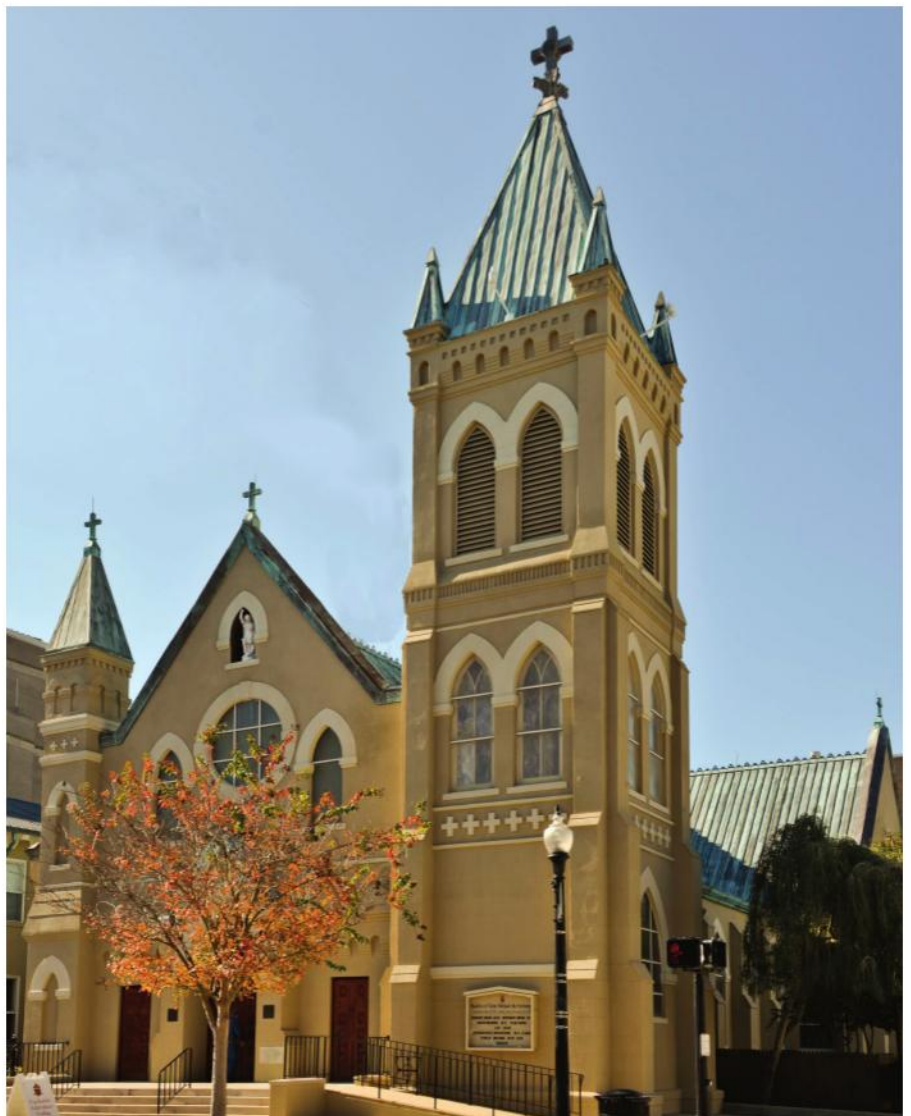
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*The Baptism of the Lord*

*January 12, 2025*



## SOCIAL MEDIA



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**Liturgies & Mass Intentions for the  
Week of January 12, 2025**

|      |       |                                                       |
|------|-------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| 1/12 | Sun.  | <b>The Baptism of the Lord</b>                        |
|      | 9am   | James Wulf                                            |
|      | 11am  | For the People of the Basilica                        |
| 1/13 | Mon.  | Linda Wulf                                            |
| 1/14 | Tue.  | Sissie Perry (+)                                      |
| 1/15 | Wed.  | Chris McCloskey                                       |
| 1/16 | Thur. | Mollie Barbara Helm (+)                               |
| 1/17 | Fri.  | Fr. James McCafferty (+)<br><i>St. Anthony, Abbot</i> |

☙ **This Week at the Basilica**

|      |      |                                                                                         |
|------|------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1/12 | Sun. | ♦ Coffee Hour, 10 a.m.                                                                  |
| 1/13 | Mon. | ♦ Our Lady's Sodality; Social—4:30 p.m., Meeting—5 p.m.                                 |
| 1/15 | Wed. | ♦ Women's Study Group, 9 a.m.<br>♦ O.C.I.A. Meeting, 6 p.m.<br>♦ Choir Practice, 7 p.m. |
| 1/17 | Fri. | ♦ Holy Hour for Life, 11 a.m.<br>♦ Bereavement Mass, 12:10 p.m.                         |

☙ **BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

1/12—Jules Videau; 1/13—Linda Wulf; 1/14—Ovelia Straube; 1/15—Kristen Micali; 1/16—Andrew Donohue, Yarel Gutierrez, Sue Mullin, Alicia Tucker.

**CSA 2024**

**Updated as of January 3, 2025**

|                                      |                  |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>Benchmark .....</b>               | <b>\$140,000</b> |
| <b>Amount Given.....</b>             | <b>\$146,671</b> |
| <b>Households Participating.....</b> | <b>164</b>       |

**Stewardship of Treasure for December 25, 2024**

|                             |                   |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| In-Church Offering .....    | \$7,026.17        |
| Online Offering .....       | \$657.20          |
| <b>Total Offertory.....</b> | <b>\$7,683.37</b> |

**Stewardship of Treasure for December 29, 2024**

|                             |                   |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| In-Church Offering .....    | \$4,861.50        |
| Online Offering .....       | \$4,784.52        |
| <b>Total Offertory.....</b> | <b>\$9,646.02</b> |

**Stewardship of Treasure for January 5, 2025**

|                             |                    |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| In-Church Offering .....    | \$6,967.05         |
| Online Offering .....       | \$6,715.47         |
| <b>Total Offertory.....</b> | <b>\$13,682.52</b> |

"May the Lord reward your generosity with abundant blessings."

**FROM FR. JOE**

My dear friends, it is no fun being sick, as you all know! I want to thank you for your prayers for me during the past two weeks. I am also so grateful to Bishop Martin Holley for being so willing to fill in during that time. I hated to be absent from our celebration of such a joyous time of year, but was glad to be able to at least celebrate all of the Christmas Masses with you! Today, the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, marks the official end of the Christmas season. Traditionally, Christmas lasted until the Feast of the Presentation and the "Candlemas" as it is sometimes called.

As Bishop Holley mentioned during the homily last week, this time of year and especially the feast of the Epiphany was a traditional time to celebrate the blessing of the home. Jesus invites us into the intimacy of his home and family life at His birth, and so we welcome Him into our homes in an official way by celebrating the house-blessing. Our homes can be places of abundant blessings. The home is a place where rich and, hopefully, positive memories are made.

Some families move from place to place frequently. Those of you with military backgrounds know this well! Others may stay in the same home for generations. What makes our home a home is not the brick and mortar or the wood and nails that make up its construction, but the love and the faith that is celebrated there. How amazing it is that Jesus invites us into His own home, not just at Bethlehem and Nazareth, but in eternal life!

Today's feast of Our Lord's Baptism, opens the way for us to be able to enter in to that heavenly home. It is by His Baptism that the redemption of our sins through our baptisms becomes possible. The word baptize, simply means to wash. We are cleansed of our sins; they are washed away. For Catholics, this is a once-in-a-lifetime occurrence. We do not repeat Baptism, even if it was celebrated outside the Catholic Church in other Christian denominations. This is because our baptism marks us with a special indelible seal forever.

Even if there are times in our life after baptism when we neglect or even abandon the practice of our faith, we are still "branded," if you will, with the seal of Christ. We are forever marked with this amazing Sacrament. The beauty of this sign is that it also represents a lifelong treasure trove of grace, just waiting to be tapped. All of the graces you have received and will ever receive come through this powerful gift of baptism.

The life giving waters of grace that poured over you at the time of your baptism were sanctified by Christ on the day of His Baptism, which we celebrate today. It marks a new beginning for all of us; our lives can become truly Christian and forever blessed because He has chosen to open this font of life and love to all who accept the gift of Baptism. Take some time today to think about your own baptism. Maybe even go back and look at pictures of the celebration if you have them. Give thanks to God today for this amazing gift!

God bless you all.

Fr. Joe Fowler  
Rector & Pastor





**Do You Have Questions About the Catholic Faith???**

Please visit the Basilica's website at ([stmichaelbasilica.com](http://stmichaelbasilica.com)). There you will find "Becoming Catholic" under the "Membership" menu for additional information about Catholicism, or to sign-up for classes.

**Basilica of St. Michael Veronica Guild****Bereavement Team**

The Bereavement Team is hosting Masses for our deceased loved ones on the 3rd Friday of the month. The names of loved ones who have died will be voiced aloud as we pray for them and the comfort of those who mourn their loss. If you know of someone from the Basilica of St. Michael who has passed away, please notify the office so we can pray for them. The next Bereavement Mass is Friday, January 17, at 12:10 p.m.

**Honoring Life Team**

Fridays for Life at the Basilica: Join us as we pray the Rosary at 11:30, the last Friday of each month for the protection and honoring of Life. Every Friday, Adoration and Confessions begin at 11 a.m. All are invited and welcome to "Fridays for Life."

**Military Outreach Team**

If you are or have been in military service, join us for cookouts and other activities for our military parishioners and friends. Make sure you pick up a **Welcome Aboard** letter in the church!

**Outreach to the Poor Team**

Please consider an offering to the Basilica's poor boxes or online. These funds are used to support local outreach to the poor including Catholic Charities, the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry, the Alfred Washburn Center, the St. Joseph Medical Clinic and the Alpha Center.

**Parishioners at Home Team**

If you or someone you know would benefit from receiving a phone call, card, or visit from one of the members of our Parishioners@Home team, please contact Mary Kay Bianchi ([mkb2375@gmail.com](mailto:mkb2375@gmail.com)).

**Prison Ministry Team**

The Prison Ministry Team is trained to provide in-person visits, video visits, letter writing, and spiritual retreats for inmates of local facilities. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, contact Bob Beargie ([robertbeargie@yahoo.com](mailto:robertbeargie@yahoo.com)) or Morgan Rosas ([morganrosas@icloud.com](mailto:morganrosas@icloud.com)).



*"The enchanting image of the Christmas crèche never ceases to arouse amazement and wonder" - Pope Francis*

Thank you to all parishioners who loaned a Nativity set to the Basilica during the Christmas season.

**Basilica of St. Michael Parish Dinner**  
**February 12, 2025, 6 p.m.**

Please make plans to attend our parish dinner to be held at the Pensacola Yacht Club on Wednesday, February 12, starting at 6 p.m. Last year the event was well attended, and good food and fellowship was enjoyed by all. Additional details will be provided soon, as well as, instructions for making a reservation.

**IN OUR CHARITY WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

Kay Andrews, Alexander Buchanan, Kenneth Burke, Margaret Burke, Candace Caprara, Mike Chuites, Brandon Del Castillo, Bob & Dennis DeVries, Greg Dziadon, Rene & Dion Edwards, Mary Jane Elliott, Scott Epley, Jane Felix, Ron Fromm, Michelle Garton, Catherine Hajcak, Diane Havard, Frank Hendrickson, Phyllis Hill, Jessica Hutchinson, Luke Karkheck, Kathy Kirk, Matthew Johnson, Tony & Brenda King, Kim LaFlamme, Jim Lee, Ron Livorno, Karen Longhurst, Shaylee Lowery, Tom Marsh, Christine McGowan, Dagen McVoy, Vann McVoy, Laurie Murdock, Martha Nealy, Tom & Donna Notaro, Denise Pfender, Casen Roberts, Susan & Jay Sandlin, Mercedes See, Lori Shipman, Lurleyne Terry, Paul Ungerland, Joyce Vignolo, Pat Watkins.

**Please contact Dennis Wren at 850-438-4985 to add or remove someone from the prayer list.**

**Holy Father's Prayer Intention for**  
**January 2025**
**FOR THE RIGHT TO AN EDUCATION**

Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.



The flowers in front of St. Michael are given in gratitude for his protection.

**BASILICA ALTAR FLOWERS**

Please consider donating altar flowers in honor of, or in memory of, loved ones. The dates available are January 19 & 26, 2025.

Prices are \$45—\$65 per arrangement. Contact Louise Seitz ([lseitz@panhandle.rr.com](mailto:lseitz@panhandle.rr.com)) or call 850-780-0410 (No texts, please) to reserve flowers.

Flowers can be paid by check payable to "Basilica of St. Michael," or online using the QR code to the right. If paying online, please include the amount for the credit card fee to ensure full payment.







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