

Thirty-Third Sunday in ordinary Time (A), Nov. 16, 2014

St. Michael's in Duluth | Intercessions:

That every member of the Church of God may be “awake and sober,” engaged and diligent as we wait in joyful hope for the second coming of Christ, we pray:

For all of our leaders, that they encourage Christians to wait for the return of Jesus in vigilance, using our talents to spread the good news, the message of surpassing value, drawing other people to recognize their own immense value, we pray:

For our civic leaders, that they work to correct unjust economic practices just as Jesus did, we pray:

For Kevin and Danielle Pillsbury and their son Gino, born on Monday; for speedy healing for baby after his surgery; and, for courage and peace for his parents, we pray:

For the will to maintain a spirit of optimism, we pray:

For an increased understanding that our parish is where the Church lives; that we are a community of faith, of action, and of hope; that our parish be a place where the gospel is proclaimed and celebrated, where believers are formed and sent to renew the earth, we pray:

That each of us do what we are obliged and called to do; that our parish be blessed with the generous support of all our members, each contributing, time, talent and treasure, we pray:

That we who are comfortable might make ourselves a bit less comfortable; that those who are not so fortunate might receive what they truly need, we pray:

May Lynn Hounsell, Edward Balcer and Clifford Wilhelmson, and all of our beloved dead see the face of God, and join in an endless song of praise and thanksgiving for ever and ever: **AMEN!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The funeral for Mr. Lynn Hounsell will be here on Monday at 11 AM; The Hounsells have been members of St. Michael's for 49 years. The funeral for Mr. Edward Balcer will be here on Monday at 11 AM; The Balcers have been members of St. Michael's for since the early 1950s. Clifford Wilhelmson, the father of Mark Wilhelmson of our parish, died on Friday in Hudson, Wisconsin. I do not yet know the time and place of the funeral.

Kevin and Danielle Pillsbury of this parish greeted a new son, Gino, on Monday; he was airlifted to MPLS Children's Hospital for surgery, and is doing well; they should all be home shortly, but have asked for our prayers.

Next weekend is our parish retreat, a time before Advent begins to spend some reflective moments considering the Abundance of God. You will find the schedule in the bulletin as an insert, and on the parish website: stmichaelsduluth.org. Father Joseph Feders is a Benedictine monk from Saint John's in Collegeville, and an uncommonly good person. I know that you will find his talks and homilies very interesting and inspiring. I hope to invite him to Saint Michael's regularly; I know that you will give him a very fine welcome.

I hope you can say hello to some new folks over coffee and donuts after the Sunday morning masses.

You were, I hope, greeted at the door by a smiling face and an outstretched envelope. The envelopes are a reminder that if all of us pull together, we will easily meet our obligation to our diocesan United Catholic Appeal; we are closing in on the \$15,000 we still owe.

Remember: you are invited to bring pictures of our most recently departed loved ones for our remembrance table, and to add their names to our book; there are votive candles available too.

Please visit our Welcome Desk in the gathering space after Mass; if you are a visitor seeking membership, or a parish member with questions, or a parent seeking information about our school, you will find a staff member there to assist you.

And please remember: Visit us online at stmichaelsduluth.org; like us on Facebook; and follow us on Twitter!