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Sunday Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. – Weekdays Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

General Confession 1st Sunday of month

Private Confession every Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. or upon request

February 23, 2025

Epistle: 1 Cor 8: 8-9-32

Gospel: Matt 25: 31-46

COFFEE HOUR: There is a Coffee Hour after Divine Liturgy. Come & enjoy Christian Fellowship.

THE HEALTH: Please pray for the following: Stephanie Kennedy, Drake Kennedy, Wellington Kennedy, Conrad Kennedy, Gloria Wheeler, Judy Wadysz, Anna Hagopian, Reader Gary (Paul) Repella, Michael Gaujanian, Marion Kurtyka, Sonia Kurtyka, Bradley Webster, Roger Wodkowski, Daniel Moran, Marge Wade, Mary Varchola, Zlatko Petrovich, Ronald Miller, Tamara Perri, Wyatt Alexander Jankowski, Jim Fisher, Eileen Fremont, Pat Dominick, MaryAnn Harvilla, and Sophie Miller.

UPDATE: *Sophie Miller* was transferred on Tuesday February 4th to: Marywood Nursing Care, 36975 Five Mile Rd, Livonia, MI 48154 (it is right next to St. Mary Hospital.) Please pray for her health and speedy recovery. Room– B306.

SUPER BOWL & SOUPER BOWL: Not only did the Philadelphia Eagles win the Super Bowl, they also won the Souper Bowl donations of food. Thanks to everyone who contributed by bringing in food for the needy!!!

GREAT JOB EVERYONE!

CHURCH DONATION:

Willam Saxby (special thanks to Randal Antonishak, Fr Tim, and the Telep Family,

\$50.00

In memory of Anna Saxby)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATION!

ST. MICHAEL'S BOOK CLUB: The next book club meeting will be held on Sunday, March 2, 2025, during coffee hour and will be held in the library. The book to be discussed is the classic novel The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald. All are welcomed!

GREAT LENT

GREAT LENT BEGINS – NEXT Monday, March 3, 2025 – Now is the time to start preparing for Holy Pascha by attending more church services, praying during Great Lent, fasting, giving to others, helping the needy, visiting the sick, and cleansing our souls through the Holy Sacrament of Holy Confession and Holy Communion.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT AT THE BEGINNING OF THE GREAT LENT:

It is possible for one who fasts not to be rewarded for his fasting. How? When, we abstain from foods, but do not abstain from iniquities: When we do not eat meat, but gnaw to pieces the homes of the poor, when we do not become drunkards with wine, but become drunkards with evil pleasures: when we abstain all the day, but all the night we spend in profane entertainment. Then what is the benefit of abstention from foods, when on the one hand you deprive your body of a selected food, but on the other, offer yourself unlawful pleasure? St. John Chrysostom

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION: This is one of the seven holy “Mysteries” of the church, e.g. Baptism, Eucharist, etc. It is also called the sacrament of Repentance, from the Greek word *metanoia*, a change, a turning around of our heart, mind and will. The Lord instituted this mystery when He conveyed His own Priesthood upon the bishops and priests of the Church, through His Holy Apostles. He breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” (John 20:22-23) While confessing frequently throughout the year, the faithful are to do so, especially, during Great Lent.