



St. Michael Catholic Church

Sunday Mass - 8 am

Wednesday Mass - 5 pm

Elaine Dummer †

Confessions -

Second Wednesday of the month after Mass

Fourth Sunday of the month after Mass

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Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 5, 2021

Rituals Are Good: A ritual is a repeated outward action for a particular occasion. It can be as simple as preparing your tea in a certain way each time, or the ritual can be religious in nature. The sacraments, outward signs of invisible realities, use rituals. The word is almost synonymous with the liturgy. Since man is body and spirit, there will always be external expressions for spiritual realities. Therefore, rituals are not bad in themselves. However, it is a problem when people empty a religious ritual of its deeper meaning by merely going through the motions. It is another problem when people put more value in lesser rituals than in the greater demands of justice and charity.

A Question of the Heart: The heart is at the core of the person, where one's intellect, will, temperament, and emotions converge. It is in the heart where we make moral decisions and decide to love or to hate. "From within people, from their hearts, come evil thoughts: unchastity, theft, murder, adultery, greed," etc. However, also from the heart comes generosity, self-sacrifice, empathy, and mercy. Morality is important because our actions do not simply come from the heart, but they also form the heart. Every evil action makes the heart more selfish, closed in on itself. Every good action opens the heart to God and neighbor. Our Lord wants his followers to grasp this essential truth.

Forming Our Heart: "I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh" (Ezekiel 36:26). This prophecy was fulfilled through the salvific work of Our Lord. Man could not be holy on his own, so God had to change his heart. This gift is given to us primarily through baptism. Our whole being is renewed by the reception of the Holy Spirit and in our configuration to Christ. We have a new spirit and a new heart. However, we must collaborate with this gratuitous gift. We must seek to grow in virtue by repeated good actions. Sustained by grace, our efforts will make our hearts gradually more like Christ's.

God bless,
Fr. Cory Rohlfing

Welcome to all those visiting us today. We invite everyone to continue to celebrate Mass with us at St. Michael's. Please let the parish office know if we can be of assistance to you.

CONTRIBUTIONS

August 29, 2021

Adult Envelopes: \$ 919.00
Loose Plate: \$ 50.25

Saints of the week

September 8 - St. Mary
September 9 - St. Peter Claver

Divine Mercy Mass schedule:

Sunday - 8 am, 10 am,
12 pm (Spanish), 5 PM
Monday - 5:30 pm
Tuesday - 8:30 am
Wednesday - 8:30 am IC
10:30 am IC
Thursday - 8:30 am
Friday - 8:30 am
Saturday - 8:30 am, 4 pm

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

September 12

Reader: Georgia Quamme
Ushers: Tim LaCanne & Keith Schrader
Servers: Mark Mund and *Volunteer Needed*

September 19

Reader: Laura Chmelik
Ushers: Tim Donkers & Tom Coffman
Servers: Ryan LaCanne & Sebastian Timm

September money counters:
John Smith & Terry LaCanne

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

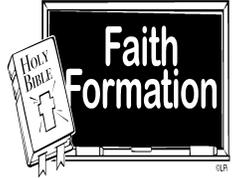
September 8 - Confessions 5:30 pm
September 12 - Faith Formation begins
September 20 - Parish Council 7:00 pm
September 26 - Confessions 9:00 am
September 29 - Feast of the Archangels Mass 5 pm
October 13 - Confessions 5:30 pm

We pray for all our parishioners, families and friends who are in need of physical or spiritual healing, especially, Anne Haynes, Bryce Young, Virginia Button, Karen Degovanni, Mike Klahr, Sharon Hoaglund, Lorraine Stalsberg, Simone Boesen, Don Graunke, Marian Spindler, and Donna Hollund.

We pray for those in the Armed forces, especially Sergio Jr & Angela Rodriguez, Zury Hoaglund, and Zane Hoaglund.

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Faith Formation teachers needed! Please consider helping our youth learn the Catholic faith by being a Faith Formation teacher for the 2021-2022 school year. Faith Formation classes meet on Sunday mornings from 9-10 am. Contact Annette for information or to volunteer. Thank you!



Families can register students for \$60 per student. Registration forms are available in the atrium.

	<p style="text-align: center;">Bingo Party - November 20 at 7 PM!</p> <p>Donations for the raffle tickets are needed to help make our Bingo party the success it is!</p> <p>Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board in the atrium for those of you who are able to donate a prize. Thank you!</p>
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The prayer chain list is getting out of date. Please take a moment and look on page 2 to see if you may have placed someone on the list and they can now be taken off. It will be your responsibility to contact the parish office either by phone or e-mail if you want someone to REMAIN on the prayer chain. Those who asked to remain on the list will do so and **all others will be taken off for the September 12th bulletin.**

Parking Lot Campaign

We ask that you continue to prayerfully discern if you can contribute to this campaign. Our goal is to have all the funds needed secured by the end of 2021. It is a big goal, but we believe it is possible.

Community Events/News

- The Church of Saint Michael in Pine Island is hosting their annual Fall Festival on Friday-Sunday, September 17-19, 2021. On Friday, the fabulous St. Michael Fish Fry from 4pm-8:30pm, both baked & fried fish will be offered! Prices: \$11 Adults, \$5 Children (6-12 yrs), 5 yrs & under free, and \$35 family max. On Saturday, there will be antique tractor pull starting at 10am, arts & crafts vendors, farmers market with fall mums, silent auction, bingo and concessions available (pork chop sandwiches/on stick, BBQs, hot dogs, chips, ice cream treats and water/pop). On Sunday, there will be an antique tractor show starting at 10am, arts & crafts vendors, silent auction, kids' outdoor games, bingo, raffle, farmers market with fall mums, kiddie pedal tractor pull starts at 2pm, and concessions available (pork chop sandwiches/on stick, BBQs, hot dogs, chips, ice cream treats and water/pop).
- Come celebrate Oktoberfest at the Gunderson House on Saturday, September 18 between and 1 and 5 pm! The Kenyon Historical Society invites all ages to celebrate German culture with a beer, cider, and wine tasting. German food, lawn games, and music by the famous Ray Sands Combo. Two separate tickets (you don't have to buy both): \$10 for beer tasting which includes a collectible tasting glass and/or \$10 for food/root beer. Advance tickets can be purchased from a board member or Holli at the Kenyon City Hall.
- Hegre WELCA is hosting their Annual Fall Swedish Meatball Supper on Wednesday, September 22 serving TAKE OUT AND CURBSIDE ORDERS ONLY from 4 to 7 pm. Menu includes: Swedish meatballs, ham, mashed potatoes & gravy, corn, coleslaw, cranberries, dinner roll, and dessert choice of apple or pumpkin pie. Take out meals are \$15 each (adult sized portion). Call ahead or text orders are appreciated by Friday, September 17 and will guarantee meals. Please include the number of meals, time of pickup, and dessert choice. Drive up orders are also welcome the day of the supper until food is gone. Picnic tables available at the church for anyone to use. Call or text orders to Beth at 507-330-4996. There is also tickets available for a quilt raffle: 1 for \$1 or 6 for \$5.

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LABOR DAY



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In Pope Benedict XVI's 2009 encyclical "Charity in Truth" (Caritas in Veritate), he calls for justice and dignity for all workers and insists that economic systems should work for people, rather than people serving the system. Before your family picnic this Labor Day weekend, take a moment to give thanks for the gift of work.

*Lord, on this Labor Day,
we thank You for the blessing of work.
We ask for strength to complete each day.
We ask for rest when we are weary.
We ask Your guidance for everyone seeking employment,
and we ask that You be with those whose faces
we might never see but who work tirelessly each day
for the good of us all.
Amen.*