



St. Michael Catholic Church

Sunday Mass - 8 am

Communion Service - Wednesday at 5 pm

followed by Adoration until 6:30 pm

Confessions -

Second Wednesday of the month after Mass

Fourth Sunday of the month after Mass

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First Sunday of Advent

November 28, 2021

Throughout his life Jesus displayed a singular connection with and love for the temple. Shortly after his birth, Mary and Joseph presented him in the temple, when, moved by the Spirit, Simeon and Anna prophesied about the child (Luke 2:22-38). Jesus would go annually to the temple with his parents for Passover, and when he was twelve, he remained there three days without his parents' knowledge to show that he must "be about his Father's business" (CCC 583). During his public ministry, and especially leading up to his Passion, some of his more significant encounters and discourses were in the temple—such as his defense of the woman caught in adultery (John 8:1-11), his "light of the world" discourse (John 8:12), and his healing of the blind man (John 9:1-41). However, most dramatic was when Jesus drove out the money-changers, the animals, and their handlers from the temple with a whip. "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace." He would never cease to defend the honor of his Father's house with zeal.

While his love for the temple was clear, in his conversation with the Samaritan woman at the well Jesus also said, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father... But... when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him" (John 4:21-23). In this way Jesus not only prophesied about the destruction of the temple but showed that the worship of God would no longer be limited to a particular location. He was teaching it would be more important to worship united to God in spirit and in truth. Are our parishes and churches therefore irrelevant? No, they remain crucial as places of gathering for the Eucharistic celebration. Jesus is simply emphasizing that our encounter with God must also resonate within our interior—both in church and outside of it.

"Jesus answered and said to them, 'Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up.'" The temple of the old covenant has been superseded by the new—the Body of Christ. If the presence of God was real in the temple of Jerusalem, how much more so in the Incarnation of his eternal Son. "He who has seen me has seen the Father" (John 14:9). "I and the Father are one" (John 10:30). However, this new temple extends not simply to Jesus' risen Body, but by extension to his Church: "Christ 'is the head of the body, the Church... Head and members form as it were one and the same mystical person" (CCC 792, 795). It is hard to fathom the degree to which we are called to union with Our Lord in the Church: "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you; abide in my love" (John 15:9).

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

November 21, 2021

Adult Envelopes: \$ 510.00
Loose Plate: \$ 16.00

Saints of the week

November 30 - St. Andrew
December 3 - St. Francis Xavier
December 4 - St. John of Damascus

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

December 5

Reader: Mike Chase
Ushers: Jason Hoaglund & Greg Dapper
Servers: Mark Mund & Serenity Overholt

December 8 - Holy Day Mass 7:00 pm

Reader: Lou Breimhurst
Ushers: Keith Schrader & Marv Donkers
Servers: Jett Smith & Ryan LaCanne

December 12

Reader: Penelope Parrish
Ushers: Bruce & Laura Chmelik
Servers: Mark Mund & Greyson Overholt

December money counters:

Pam Hegseth & Terry LaCanne

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

December 8 - Parish Reconciliation 5:30-7:00 pm
Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Holy Day Mass 7:00 pm

December 12 - Faith Formation Christmas Program
9:00 am
Breakfast Sunday: Women

December 15 - Live Nativity 6:00-7:30 pm

December 24 - Christmas Eve Mass 4:00 pm

December 25 - Christmas Day Mass 8:00 am

We pray for all our parishioners, families and friends who are in need of physical or spiritual healing, especially, Anne Haynes, Bryce Young, Don Graunke, Marian Spindler, Donna Hollund, and Mike "Mac" McDonald.

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.



Adoration will be on Wednesday evening following the Communion Service. Please come and spend some time before the Blessed Sacrament.

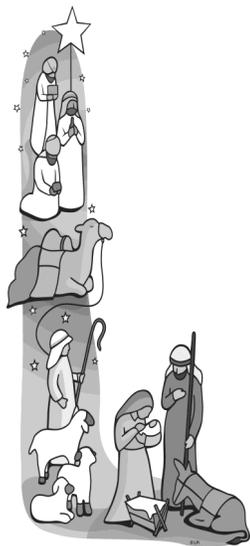
Parish Reconciliation

Wednesday, December 8

5:30-7:00 pm

Not only does it [the Sacrament of Penance] free us from our sins but it also challenges us to have the same kind of compassion and forgiveness for those who sin against us. We are liberated to be forgivers. We obtain new insight into the words of the Prayer of St. Francis: "It is in pardoning that we are pardoned."

Our Faith Formation students will present a Christmas program on Sunday, December 12 after Mass. All are invited to stay and support our students and enjoy the performance. Breakfast will be served in the parish hall after the Christmas program.



Live Nativity

Wednesday, December 15

6:00 - 7:30 pm

Please help us spread the joy of the birth of Jesus at the Live Nativity!

Help is needed: people in costumes to participate in the Live Nativity outside

set-up help at 5:30 pm

clean-up help at 7:30 pm

workers in the kitchen to help serve

Sign-up sheets are available on the youth bulletin board. Thank you!

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

•Church of St. Michael CCW Holiday Tea: All are invited to take part in festivities of the season at the Church of St. Michael in Pine Island on Saturday, December 4 from 9:00– 11:30am. Enjoy the cookies, fancy treats, and sandwiches. Baked goods, crafts, and raffle items also be available. Music provided by Pine Island High School students

•Light Up A Life - Your gift of \$5 will light up a bulb on the hospice memory tree in honor of your friend or loved one. Donation forms are available on the table in the atrium. Names are displayed in the *Light Up A Life* memorial book displayed in the hospital lobby. Proceeds will benefit hospice patients and families in the Faribault area. All are also invited to the outdoor tree lighting ceremony on Monday, December 6 at 7 pm at District One Hospital Surgery Center. Refreshments will be served.

Raffle Winners

<u>Prize:</u>	<u>Winner:</u>	<u>Donated by:</u>
\$200 cash	Duane Bauernfeind	Mary Petricka
\$200 cash	Mike Lorentz	Marv & Myrna Donkers
\$100 cash	Tim Donkers	Duane Bauernfeind
\$100 cash	Anna Dapper	Maxine Bauernfeind
\$100 cash	Richard Overholt	Donna & Wayne Lexvold
\$100 cash	Ruth Dapper	Donna & Wayne Lexvold
\$50 cash	Sara & Cory Caron	Dee Callstrom
\$50 cash	Pat Watson	Ray & Andrea Dawson
\$50 cash	Ruth Dapper	Pam Hegseth
\$50 cash	Emily McCarthy	Jim & Gail Donkers
\$50 cash	Bryce Young	Jim & Gail Donkers
\$50 cash	Richard Overholt	Tim & Brydie LaCanne
\$50 cash	Rosie Floren	Coffman Garlic & Apples
\$50 cash	Randy Meyer	Nancy & Al Schollmeier
\$50 cash	Emily McCarthy	Nancy & Al Schollmeier
\$50 cash	Susie Dapper	Carol & Keith Schrader
\$50 cash	BethAnn Dugstad	Bruce & Laurie Chmelik
\$50 cash	Jim & Gail Donkers	Bruce & Laurie Chmelik
\$50 Cenex Gift Card	Nancy Schollmeier	Tim & Lisa Karl
\$50 Cenex Gift Card	Matt Brunner	Tim & Lisa Karl
\$50 Mobil Gift Card	Maria Coffman	Tim & Lisa Karl
\$50 Mobil Gift Card	Mark Allen	Tim & Lisa Karl
\$25 cash	Richard Overholt	LaCanne Farms
\$25 cash	Caryl Hughes	LaCanne Farms
\$25 cash	Gage Donkers	LaCanne Farms
\$25 cash	Jim & Gail Donkers	LaCanne Farms
\$25 cash	Kathy Meyer	Jerome Meyer
\$25 cash	Nick Auseth	Jerome Meyer
Set of 7 embroider dish towels	Simone Lorentz	Bernice Klahr
XS Bundle	Ellingsberg	Overholts

Early Bird Winner: Mary Murry

Most Tickets Sold Winner: Richard Overholt