



# St. Michael Catholic Church

Sunday Mass - 8 am

Wednesday Mass - 5 pm

Anonymous Intention

Confessions -

Second Wednesday of the month after Mass

Fourth Sunday of the month after Mass

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## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 23, 2022

This past Friday was marked by the church as the day of prayer for the legal protection for the unborn. May the USA protect those who have no voice and may Jesus have mercy on us.

Mark 3: 20-21: Jesus came with his disciples into the house. Again the crowd gathered, making it impossible for them even to eat. When his relatives heard of this they set out to seize him, for they said, "He is out of his mind."

These words give us a glimpse of what it was like to spend every day with Jesus. The disciples went everywhere that he went, and lived many moments with him doing ordinary things. At times they were in a field, at times they went with him to the synagogue or to the town square, and at times they invited him into their homes. Did their familiarity with Jesus lead them to take him for granted in little ways and not wonder at how hard he worked? Or perhaps seeing Jesus' humanity on a daily basis made it difficult for them to be awed by his divinity. Our familiarity with the Mass, especially if we go daily, and the routine of our devotional practices can sometimes numb us to the truth that Jesus is indeed God. May we strive always to appreciate the intimate access he gives to us in prayer and the sacraments.

Several times in the Gospel, Jesus and the disciples were so inundated by the crowds and consumed with serving that they could not take care of their most basic needs, like eating. With Jesus, there seemed to be "a new normal," which was one of total self-giving. Of course, we are called to be prudent and balanced in our work, our ministry, and our family life. But perhaps this Gospel is calling us to evaluate where we can give more. May we imitate St. Ignatius of Loyola in his generous self-giving by praying: Take Lord, and receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding, and my entire will, all that I have and possess. Thou hast given all to me. To Thee, O Lord, I return it. All is Thine, dispose of it wholly according to Thy will. Give me Thy love and thy grace, for this, is sufficient for me.

That Jesus had relatives who considered him out of his mind presents us with great irony. Far from crazy, Jesus is, in fact, wisdom incarnate. "In Wisdom is a spirit intelligent, holy, unique, manifold, subtle, agile, clear, unstained, certain, not baneful, loving the good, keen, unhampered, beneficent, kindly, firm, secure, tranquil, all-powerful, all-seeing, and pervading all spirits, though they be intelligent, pure, and very subtle". (Wisdom 7:22-23) Jesus is the one with the clearest understanding of his identity, and the most rational, intelligent, and balanced of any human person. Knowing Jesus as we do, in hindsight, we can see more clearly who he is, although he will always be a mystery. What confuses us oftentimes is why Jesus does what he does in our lives. In our struggles to understand the "whys" in our life, we recall the words of the prophet Isaiah: "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, my thoughts higher than your thoughts" (Isaiah 55: 9). Jesus is inviting us to overcome our human way of understanding and to see things through the lens of the Gospel.

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

January 16, 2022

Adult Envelopes: \$ 1295.00  
Loose Plate: \$ 138.00

### Saints of the week

January 24 - St. Francis de Sales  
January 26 - St. Timothy and St. Titus  
January 27 - St. Angela Merici  
January 28 - St. Thomas Aquinas

### 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

#### January 30

Reader: Georgia Quamme  
Ushers: Bruce & Laurie Chmelik  
Servers: Jett Smith & Izzy Chmelik

#### February 6

Reader: Donna Lexvold  
Ushers: Tim Karl & Jason Hoaglund  
Servers: Serenity Overholt & Greyson Overholt

January money counters:

Lisa Karl & David Mund

### IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

February 9 - Confessions 5:30 pm

February 27 - Confessions 9:00 am  
Mardi Gras Bingo 2:00 pm

March 2 - Ash Wednesday Mass 7:00 pm

March 4 - Stations of the Cross 6:00 am

March 6 - Stations of the Cross 9:00 am

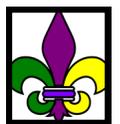
March 9 - Stations of the Cross 5:30 pm

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

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



### **Mardi Gras Bingo** **February 27th - 2 pm**



Please join us for our annual Mardi Gras Bingo party!

Sign-up sheets are available on the bulletin board in the atrium for volunteers to help the day of the bingo party and for donations. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Please remember to make a basket for the silent auction. The baskets are an important part of the bingo party and help to make it more successful. Baskets can be brought to the office at any time. Thank you!



