



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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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 30, 2022

Mark 4:35: On that day, as evening drew on, Jesus said to his disciples: "Let us cross to the other side." Leaving the crowd, they took Jesus with them in the boat just as he was.

1. Coming Away with Jesus: As nightfall came, the disciples of Jesus must have been mentally exhausted. For hours, their master had been speaking in parables to the crowds, suggesting to everyone how they could attempt to understand the Kingdom of God. They worried about enemies that could be lurking in these crowds, and they had concerns that Jesus' parables could be misunderstood by many. They were likely quite pleased when their master finally invited them to come away with him, and only him, on a boat across the Galilee. Jesus invites us to come away with him, also. The destination is not particularly important; it is all about the company. Not only has God become man, but a man that wants to spend time with us, who wants to be in communion with us: "No longer do I call you servants... but I have called you friends" (John 15:15).

2. Stormy Seas: This scene of the boat being tossed in the squall is the subject of a famous Rembrandt masterpiece. The artist depicts that moment when some of the disciples went to Jesus to implore his assistance. Other disciples are seen furiously fighting against the wind and waves, bailing out water, cowering in fear, or retching over the side of the boat. Rembrandt has painted himself into the picture along with the twelve disciples and Jesus. He looks out to me from the centerline of the boat; those to his right are furiously working, and those to his immediate left are focused on Christ. The artist seems to be asking me where I would be in this scene. This question evokes Jesus' words to Martha when her sister was quietly sitting at Jesus' feet as Martha served, "Mary has chosen the better part" (Lk 10:42).

3. Unshaken Faith: Mark's gospel accounts are replete with events that caused witnesses to shake their heads in amazement. At the end of today's gospel, the disciples were in awe of the calming of the seas they had just experienced. While a sense of wonderment is understandable and admirable as we reflect on our awesome God, the preceding words of Jesus suggest that a lack of faith might contribute to our sense of constant amazement. We recall the resurrected Christ admonished "Doubting Thomas" with these words: "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." (Jn 20:29). On this Saturday, as we look for a model of unwavering faith, let us recall the words of Saint Thomas Aquinas, whose memorial we celebrated yesterday: "Since the Resurrection took place on a Sunday, we keep holy this day instead of the Sabbath as did the Jews of old. However, we also sanctify Saturday in honor of the glorious Virgin Mary who remained unshaken in faith all day Saturday after the death of her Divine Son."

Happy sailing,
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 23, 2022

Adult Envelopes: \$ 730.00
Loose Plate: \$ 110.00

Saints of the week

January 31 - St. John Bosco
February 3 - St. Blasé
St. Ansgar
February 5 - St. Agatha
February 6 - Sts Paul Miki and Companions

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

February 6

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

February 13

Reader: Penelope Parrish
Ushers: Tim LaCanne & Keith Schrader
Servers: Ryan LaCanne & Mark Mund

February money counters:
John Smith & Marv Donkers

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!

