



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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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 20, 2022

Mark 8: 11-13: The Pharisees came forward and began to argue with Jesus, seeking from him a sign from Heaven to test him. He sighed from the depth of his spirit and said, "Why does this generation seek a sign? Amen, I say to you, no sign will be given to this generation." Then he left them, got into the boat again, and went off to the other shore.

The Pharisees had spent their entire lives studying the word of God in the Old Testament, yet they failed to recognize Jesus when he was right there in front of them. This is one of many accounts where a group of Pharisees approached Jesus to argue with him, test him, and trip him up. We know they were threatened by his popularity and perhaps they were blinded by their own hubris and sense of self-importance. How ironic they were demanding a sign from Heaven to test God himself. Of course, we can fall into the same temptation—seeking signs—especially during a time of emotional upheaval when our trust has been shaken. But Our Lord has compassion on us when we ask with sincerity, trying to understand our circumstances and deepen our faith. He also invites us to proclaim, "Thy will be done," whether or not he sends us the sign we seek.

How weary Jesus seemed in this Gospel passage. We can imagine him frustrated and saddened by their hardheadedness. He saw each Pharisee as a beloved child, created in the image and likeness of God, and blessed with the knowledge, wisdom, and tradition of the Jewish faith. Yet, despite their many spiritual advantages, they petulantly argued with him and demanded he prove himself over and over again. Here he had just miraculously cured the deaf and blind (Mark 7:31-37), and yet they were demanding another sign. In our life, it doesn't hurt to ask for a sign, but our own sign-seeking must always be grounded in faith and humility—full of hope, and never presumption or despair.

We are assured in John 3:16 that "God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." However, Jesus, fully divine, was also fully human. He never stopped loving the men who badgered him, but he did become frustrated. Why did he leave them? Presumably, he realized they were not truly seeking a sign—they were only looking to make him appear weak and foolish. Jesus left and went to another shore. This is a lesson for us! Jesus will never stop loving us, but he will not force us to accept him or to build a relationship with him. He is a gentleman. We must invite him into our lives and hearts, and give him our love and attention in prayer.

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

February 13, 2022

Adult Envelopes: \$ 1210.00
Loose Plate: \$ 59.00

Saints of the week

February 21 - St. Peter Damian
February 23 - St. Polycarp

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 27

Reader: Georgia Quamme
Ushers: Bruce & Laurie Chmelik
Servers: Izzy Chmelik & Serenity Overholt

March 2 - Ash Wednesday Mass 7:00 pm

Reader: Lou Breimhurst
Ushers: Marv Donkers & Tim Donkers
Servers: Ryan LaCanne & Greyson Overholt

March 6

Reader: Laura Chmelik
Ushers: Keith Schrader & Tim Karl
Servers: Jett Smith & Mark Mund

February money counters:
John Smith & Marv Donkers

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

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

March 11 - Stations of the Cross 6:00 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, Mike "Mac" McDonald, and Reymundo Ramirez.

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.



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!

Faith Formation Director Job Opening

St. Michael's is currently seeking a person to take over the responsibilities of the Faith Formation Director position. This position is approximately 6 hours a week but may require more certain times of the year.

Duties include: work with Faith Formation teachers, paperwork for Sacraments, curriculum development, recruit teachers, training sessions, available resource for all teachers/students, implement/plan Safe Environment, special programs/holidays throughout the year, compliance of teachers with the Essential 3, order items needed, registration, and other tasks as assigned.

For a complete job description, questions, or to apply please contact the parish office.

Parking Lot Campaign

Current amount in fund: \$41,600.

We are well underway in our current project of replacing the parking lot. The parking lot has been deteriorating rapidly the past few years and has come to the point where it is now a concern and in some places a hazard. We ask that you continue to prayerfully discern if you can contribute to this campaign.



The last weekend of February and the first weekend of March

Pastors and parish representatives who have attended the majority of the consultation process sessions will gather to learn, pray, and discuss the focus areas.

This feedback will help determine the Synod topics.

Archbishop Hebda reminds us that prayer has always been integral to our Archdiocesan Synod process. He asks "Please continue to keep the Synod in your prayers and pray in particular for Synod representatives from your parish.

Please pray to the Holy Spirit

- That the Synod will help our Archdiocese discern and establish clear pastoral priorities in a way that will both promote greater unity and lead us to a more vigorous proclamation of Jesus' good news renewing our local Church.

Community Events/News

•You are invited to join the Church St. Michael's Lenten Fish Fries on Friday evenings during Lent – (March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1 & 8) serving from 4:30 PM to 7:00 PM in the Community Room! Both baked & fried fish will be offered! Prices: adults \$12.00, children 5-12 \$6.00, and family maximum \$40.00. Take out available! Location: Church of St. Michael, 451 5th St. SW, Pine Island, MN 55963 Tel: 507-356-4280.



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