



# St. Michael Catholic Church

Sunday Mass - 8 am

Ash Wednesday Mass - 7 pm *\*No 5 pm Mass this week\**

Anton & Frances Windschitl †

**Confessions -**

Second Wednesday of the month after Mass

Fourth Sunday of the month after Mass

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## Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 27, 2022

Jesus tells us, "anyone who gives a cup of water to someone in need in my name will not lose their reward" (Mark 9:41). Water is essential to life, but giving someone a cup of water seems like a little thing, virtually insignificant. For most of us, it is. We are blessed to have drinking water in abundance. For some, though, water is scarce and precious. Sharing a cup of water in such a circumstance is reminiscent of the poor widow who "offered her whole livelihood" (Luke 21:4). While we have an abundance of water, most of us do not feel we have an abundance of time. If we are asked to give up our time, it can feel like too big a sacrifice. Yet, just as the gift of a simple cup of water to someone in need ensures a reward, giving of our time in service pleases Our Lord and brings us blessings.

In Genesis 4:9, "God asked Cain, 'Where is your brother Abel?' He answered, 'I do not know. Am I my brother's keeper?'" In the Gospel of Luke, the "scholar of the law...wished to justify himself and asked Jesus, 'Who is my neighbor?'" (Luke 10:25, 29). Both passages indicate an unwillingness to be responsible for others. Just as we are called to generous service in the use of our time, we are called to serve others in the testimony of our lives. When we speak against or behave in ways contrary to the Church's teaching, we can be stumbling blocks to others' faith. And "an attitude or behavior which leads another to do evil" is called "scandal"; further, "The person who gives scandal becomes his neighbor's tempter" (CCC 2284).

We are meant to encourage one another and to draw others to Christ through our witness and our words. What happens when our faith becomes lukewarm? We lose the positive influence we are meant to have on those around us, and we can gradually become desensitized to sin in our own lives. Faithfulness to Christ means being willing to sacrifice whatever it is that draws us away from him, and he emphasizes this through a series of hyperbolic statements. It is out of love that Jesus lets us know that "mortal sin is a radical possibility of human freedom...our freedom has the power to make choices for evil, with no turning back" (CCC 1861).

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 20, 2022**

Adult Envelopes: \$ 920.00  
Loose Plate: \$ 32.00

### Saints of the week

March 3 - St. Katharine Drexel  
March 4 - St. Casimir

### 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

#### 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

#### March 13

Reader: Donna Lexvold  
Ushers: Jason Hoaglund & Tom Coffman  
Servers: Izzy Chmelik & Serenity Overholt

March money counters:  
Georgia Quamme & Pam Hegseth

### IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

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

March 13 - Breakfast: H-O-P-W  
Stations of the Cross 9:00 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

Please come back today at 2 pm and join us for an afternoon of fun!



### 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.

## SYNOD



On March 5, Father Cory and representatives who were active in the small groups last fall will be gathering for discussion and prayer in order to make recommendations to Archbishop Hebda for the Synod Assembly this Pentecost. Throughout the Synod process, prayer has been crucial to understanding how the Holy Spirit desires our Archdiocese to journey forward together. Please consider praying for our parish synod leadership team on March 5 by praying at home during the time that they are meeting.

Synod 2022 Prayer: We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen. Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us.

### **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.

## **LENTEN SCHEDULE**

**\*Please note the Stations of the Cross on Fridays are in the mornings at 6 am.  
There are no Stations on Friday evenings.\***

Wednesday, March 2 - Ash Wednesday Mass 7:00 pm

Friday, March 4 - Stations of the Cross 6:00 am

Sunday, March 6 - Stations of the Cross 9:00 am

Wednesday, March 9 - Stations of the Cross 5:30 pm

Friday, March 11 - Stations of the Cross 6:00 am

Sunday, March 13 - Stations of the Cross 9:00 am

Wednesday, March 16 - Mass 5:00 pm followed by Stations of the Cross

Friday, March 18 - Stations of the Cross 6:00 am

Sunday, March 20 - Stations of the Cross 9:00 am

Wednesday, March 23 - Mass 5:00 pm followed by Stations of the Cross, Parish Reconciliation 5:30-7:00 pm

Friday, March 25 - Stations of the Cross 6:00 am

Sunday, March 27 - Confession 9:00 am, Stations of the Cross 9:00 am

March 30 - Mass 5:00 pm followed by Stations of the Cross

Friday, April 1 - Stations of the Cross 6:00 am

Sunday, April 3 - Stations of the Cross 9:00 am

Wednesday, April 6 - Communion Service 5:00 pm followed by Adoration and Stations of the Cross

Sunday, April 10 - Palm Sunday Mass 8:00 am, Stations of the Cross 9:00 am

Wednesday, April 13 - NO Wednesday evening Mass

Thursday, April 14 - Holy Thursday Mass 7:00 pm

Friday, April 15 - Good Friday Service 3:00 pm

Sunday, April 17 - Easter Mass 8:00 am

## **Lenten Regulations**

\*Every person 14 years of age or older must abstain from meat (and items made with meat) on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays of Lent.

\*Every person between the age of 18 and 59 (your 59th birthday begins your 60th year) must fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The law of fasting requires a Catholic to reduce the amount of food eaten from normal. The Church defines this as one meal a day, and two smaller meals which if added together would not exceed the main meal in quantity.