



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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Second Sunday of Lent

March 13, 2022

We are Penitential people. It is interesting the Church uses purple for Advent and Lent. The color purple signifies we understand “these times are particularly appropriate for spiritual exercises, penitential liturgies, pilgrimages as signs of penance, voluntary self-denial such as fasting and almsgiving, and fraternal sharing (charitable and missionary works)” (CCC 1438). Advent and Lent are not preparing us to merely celebrate the historical events of Christ’s life. They are calling us to anticipate the second coming of Christ. We know that judgment awaits us one day, and a humble, repentant heart is good preparation for when the Son of Man comes in glory.

Jesus didn’t come to save “good” people: How often we hear people say, “I’m good.” As Christians, we know we are called not to be merely good but righteous. Righteousness springs from deep love of God. We identify as sons and daughters of God; we strive to love God with our whole heart, mind, and body; and we allow his grace to overflow into our love of others through the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. We are called to see “those on his left” and be Christ’s emissaries to them, according to his promptings in our soul. Who is it that the Lord is asking us to serve this Lent?

To feed the hungry, clothe the naked—this is our baptismal call. Our Lenten focus on prayer, fasting, and almsgiving gives us fresh opportunities for grace in order to live out our mission. What is interesting is how God makes the work we do for him so enjoyable. Service to the poor and outcast can be very difficult and often very draining. However, so many who do this work testify they receive much more than they give. This shouldn’t come as a surprise. Christ came so that “our joy may be complete. When we walk closely with him in the service of our brothers and sisters, we experience deep, lasting joy. “We are at Jesus’ disposal. If he wants you to be sick in bed, if he wants you to proclaim His work in the street, if he wants you to clean the toilets all day, that’s all right, everything is all right. We must say, ‘I belong to you. You can do whatever you like.’ And this is our strength, and this is the joy of the Lord” (St. Teresa of Calcutta).

Happy Lent,
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

March 6, 2022

Adult Envelopes: \$ 1155.00
Loose Plate: \$ 72.00

Saints of the week

March 15 - St. Louise de Marillac
March 17 - St. Patrick
March 18 - St. Cyril of Jerusalem
March 19 - St. Joseph

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 20

Reader: Mike Chase
Ushers: Bruce & Laurie Chmelik
Servers: Ryan LaCanne & Mark Mund

March 27

Reader: Lou Breimhurst
Ushers: Greg Dapper & Tim LaCanne
Servers: Izzy Chmelik & Jett Smith

March money counters:
Georgia Quamme & Pam Hegseth

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

March 16 - Stations of the Cross 5:30 pm

March 18 - Stations of the Cross 6:00 am

March 20 - Stations of the Cross 9:00 am

March 21 - Parish Council 7:00 pm

March 23 - Parish Reconciliation 5:30 –7:00 pm
Stations of the Cross 5:30 pm

March 25 - 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.

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.



Are you interested in growing in solidarity with our Catholic brothers and sisters in our partnership diocese of Kitui, Kenya? St. Michael's parishioners are invited to participate in the Living Water program again this year, to "Give Change and Change Lives" for those in Kitui. Through prayer, reflection, and almsgiving, parishioners will have the opportunity to grow in understanding about our partnership diocese.

This year, we will help support the lives of Kenyan children through Living Water: give change to provide healthy water for drinking, food, healthcare, and hygiene - truly water for life. Your help is very important this year as drought conditions worsened in 2021.

More information and water bottles are available in the atrium. Thank you for your continued support of the Kitui Living Water Program. If you have any questions, please call Mary Jo Voxland @ 507-789-5962.

SYNOD

Representatives from Divine Mercy, St. Michael's, Holy Trinity, and St. Andrew met together on March 5. As you may remember the focus areas for the synod are:

- Forming parishes that are in the service of evangelization
- Forming missionary disciples who know Jesus' love and respond to his call
- Forming Youth and young adults in and for a Church that is always young



Those there received additional theological input and responded to the topics the pastor chose from each area of these areas:

- Welcoming Parishes
- Life Long Formation
- Youth Ministry: Grades 6-12

Many ideas and possible plans were generated and sent to the diocese that day.

Next steps:

Archdiocesan Synod: representatives from these four groups will attend the Archdiocesan Synod on Pentecost weekend. Collectively the Synod members will recommend pastoral priorities to Archbishop Hebda.

Pastoral Letter: Archbishop Hebda, after considering the recommended pastoral priorities will write a pastoral Letter, which will be published on the Feast of Christ the King.

The Pastoral Letter will lead to a Pastoral Plan to move our Archdiocese into the future.

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 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



Parish Reconciliation

Wednesday, March 23 from 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."

Community Events/News

- You are invited to join the Church St. Michael's Lenten Fish Fries on Friday evenings during Lent – (March 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.
- The Church of St. Paul, Zumbrota is hosting their annual St. Patrick's Ham Dinner on Sunday, March 27 serving from 10:30am-1:00pm. Tickets may be purchased at the door: Adults or take out \$12; Children (6-12) \$6, and under 6-free. The dinner will be held at the Zumbrota VFW, 25 East 1st Street. Available for dine-in or take out.
- Steubenville St. Paul is a weekend conference that evangelizes, equips, and empowers 8th-12th grade youth to become radical, joyful disciples. Enjoy keynote speakers, praise and worship, Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation, and much more. Divine Mercy invites our high schoolers to join them in attending this Steubenville. To register contact Anna Blessing at ablessing@divinemercy.cc.