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St. Michael Catholic Church

Sunday Mass - 8 am

Wednesday Mass - 5 pm

Patrick Coffman †

Confessions -

Second Wednesday of the month after Mass

Fourth Sunday of the month after Mass

Third Sunday of Lent

March 20, 2022

Sometimes we fall into the trap of thinking about others as if we are their morality judge. We notice someone doing something that we would be scandalized to find ourselves doing, we let it annoy us, and then we offer the prayer of the Pharisee, "Thank you God that I am not like that person" (Luke 18:11). In this Gospel, Jesus corrected those who were thinking this way. We must invite him to correct us as well. May we look at his heart, and learn how to be humble and compassionate toward others who suffer or are trapped in sin.

In this passage, Jesus underlined the need for each of us to repent from our sin. By examining our conscience daily in prayer and availing ourselves of frequent confession, we learn to become more aware of our sins and how they hurt Jesus. Some of us, having long ago left serious, habitual sin in the past, can forget the need to have this healthy attitude of repentance even from small sins. St. Mary Magdalene, St. Augustine of Hippo, and others show us how to live an exemplary life "weeping for our sins." Repentance is sorrow for sin that is grounded in love, which leads to greater love for God and others.

At the core of the message of the Gospel about sin and repentance is the desire that God has to give people second chances. Sometimes the sacrament of Reconciliation is called "the sacrament of second chances." If we consider ourselves fig trees in danger of perishing, we can look with fresh eyes at the sacrament of Reconciliation, where we encounter the God of mercy who knows all of our weaknesses and says, "I don't give up; give her another chance." Alternatively, if we consider ourselves the gardener in this parable, we see by his example that, as Christ's missionaries, we need a zeal for souls.

Peace,
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 13, 2022

Adult Envelopes: \$ 825.00
Loose Plate: \$ 37.00

Saints of the week

March 23 - St. Turibius de Mogrovejo

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 27

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

April 3

Reader: Mike Chase
Ushers: Tom Coffman & Tim Donkers
Servers: Mark Mund & Jett Smith

March money counters:

Georgia Quamme & Pam Hegseth

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

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

March 27 - Confessions 9:00 am
Stations of the Cross 9:00 am

March 30 - Stations of the Cross 5:30 pm

April 1 - 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.



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."

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.

Global Solidarity Sunday - March 27

We observe Global Solidarity Sunday with the theme "*Taste and see the goodness of the Lord*" (Psalm 34). This theme is an invitation to reach out in solidarity to share God's love, mercy, and healing with our brothers and sisters around the world by offering your support during Lent. At this time, this is especially needed in Central and Eastern Europe. A special Lenten collection will be taken for global priorities of the U.S. Catholic Bishops: Africa, Latin America, Central and Eastern Europe, as well as humanitarian activities of Catholic Relief Services. Please be as generous as you are able and share God's love for your those around the world.



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 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, Altar of Repose 8:00 - 10:00 pm

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

Sunday, April 17 - Easter Mass 8:00 am

Community Events/News

- You are invited to join the Church St. Michael's Lenten Fish Fries on Friday evenings during Lent – (March 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@divinemeracy.cc.



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REMEMBERING HIS SACRIFICE