



St. Michael Catholic Church

Sunday Mass - 8 am

Wednesday Mass - 5 pm

Confessions -

Second Wednesday of the month after Mass

Fourth Sunday of the month after Mass

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First Sunday of Lent

March 6, 2022

Why do we use ashes on Ash Wednesday? Ashes are placed on our foreheads on Ash Wednesday, in one of the most counter-cultural acts of our faith. It is done for two reasons: a personal act of remembrance and as a sign or a witness for others.

The ashes come from the burnt palms from last year's passion Sunday celebration, which begins Holy Week. So, these ashes bring us back to our last celebration of the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus for us. On this death to life. This is a joyful season. We will make sacrifices, in order to try to let God reform our desiring, but this is a time for God to be generous to us.

When the ashes are placed on our foreheads, the minister says one of two formulas to help us remember who we are and the mission to which we are sent: "remember, Man/woman you are dust and to dust you will return" or "turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel."

We are reminded that we are creatures and that our lives were given to us. But we are also reminded that our lasting home is in eternity, with God. This is not our lasting home. We are reminded our call is to turn away from sin and to believe the Good News of our salvation in Jesus. This is a joyful reminder. It changes us, for sure, but reminds us of why we want to turn from sin.

Finally, we wear our ashes as a sign. It is not a boastful sign through which I say, "Look at me and see how holy I am." No, it is much more like, "I'm willing to wear this sign in the world and say that I've been reminded of where I come from and where I am going. And I've heard the call to turn away from a life of sin and to give my life to living the Gospel of Jesus." And, occasionally, in this world which is too often caught up in the denial of death, I might be requited to answer the question, "what's with the smudge on your forehead?"

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

February 27, 2022

Adult Envelopes: \$ 1350.00
Loose Plate: \$ 85.00

Saints of the week

March 7 - St. Perpetua and St. Felicity
March 8 - St. John of God
March 9 - St. Frances of Rome
St. Dominic Savio

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 13

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

March 20

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

March money counters:
Georgia Quamme & Pam Hegseth

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

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

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

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.



Thank you to everyone who supported and helped at the Mardi Gras Bingo party!

We had a successful day which will help with many projects needed at St. Michael's. Bingo can not be done without your generous support. *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.



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.

SYNOD

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.



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 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

Community Events/News

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