



St. Michael Catholic Church

Sunday Mass - 8 am

NO Wednesday Mass this week

Confessions -

Second Wednesday of the month after Mass

Fourth Sunday of the month after Mass

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

April 10, 2022

John: 8: 51-59: As Jesus was preaching to these Jews, their rejection of him escalated until they called him possessed. They couldn't have been farther from the truth at this moment, despite their physical proximity to Jesus. Their passions stirred them to anger and their hearts were hardened to faith in Christ. They were sure of their wrongful assessment of him but lacked true discernment. Discernment in a Catholic sense is the ability to sift through a variety of seemingly contradictory movements of the mind, heart, and soul and, by the power of the Spirit, align one's will with God's. To discern God's will for our lives, we need spiritual proximity to Christ through the sacraments and in our daily prayer. We can also benefit from regular dialogue with a spiritual director.

It's a fact of human nature that most of us don't think much about death until we're at a funeral, standing by someone's deathbed, or very ill ourselves. This crowd was incited when Jesus said, "Whoever keeps my word will never see death." But, had they seen the master of life and death for who he is, they might have been curious instead of incensed, hopeful instead of angry, open to the Spirit instead of hurling insults about devilish possession. Death is an inevitability for all of us and it behooves us to reflect on it periodically. When we do, we can embrace this encouragement from St. Therese of Lisieux: "It is not Death that will come to fetch me, it is the good God. Death is no phantom, no horrible specter, as presented in pictures. In the Catechism, it is stated that death is the separation of soul and body, that is all! Well, I am not afraid of a separation which will unite me to the good God forever."

The Lord clearly revealed his divinity to this crowd of irate men, proclaiming "I AM." They thought he was blaspheming, and they failed to recognize his divinity. But we know the truth. Before Abraham was, Jesus existed. This tells us that God is eternal. God is timeless. God is completely independent of his creatures. God never changes. And Jesus revealed by His suffering, death, and Resurrection that God is pure love. Reflecting on these words, "I AM" with the Holy Spirit's gift of fear of the Lord can help us to explore more deeply the inexhaustible nature of God.

Happy Holy Week,
Fr. Cory Rohlfing

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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.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

April 14 - Holy Thursday Mass 7:00 pm

Reader: Lou Breimhurst
Ushers: Marv Donkers & Jason Hoaglund
Servers: Izzy Chmelik, Jett Smith,
Ryan LaCanne, & Serenity Overholt

April 15 - Good Friday Service 3:00 pm

Reader: Georgia Quamme
Ushers: Greg Dapper & Tim LaCanne
Servers: Greyson Overholt & Serenity Overholt

April 17 - Easter Mass 8:00 am

Reader: Laura Chmelik
Ushers: Tom Coffman & Tim Donkers
Servers: Allina Mendoza & Ryan LaCanne

April 24

Reader: Penelope Parrish
Ushers: Bruce & Laura Chmelik
Servers: Mark Mund & Jett Smith

April money counters:

John Smith & David Mund

Saints of the week

April 11 - St. Stanislaus
April 13 - St. Martin I
April 16 - St. Bernadette

CONTRIBUTIONS

April 3, 2022

Adult Envelopes: \$ 1300.00
Loose Plate: \$ 77.00

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

April 13 - NO Wednesday evening Mass

April 14 - Holy Thursday Mass 7:00 pm
Altar of Repose 8:00-10:00 pm

April 15 - Good Friday Service 3:00 pm

April 17 - Easter Mass 8:00 am

April 24 - Confessions 9:00 am

May 11 - Confessions 5:30 pm

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.

HOLY WEEK 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

SCHEDULE Sunday, April 17 - Easter Mass 8:00 am

*Every person between the age of 18 and 59 (your 59th birthday begins your 60th year) must fast on 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.



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.

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.



Please keep our youth who will be Confirmed in May in your prayers.

Molly Bauer

Ryan LaCanne

Noah Bauer

Allina Mendoza

Isabella Chmelik

Greyson Overholt

Jenna Cook

Jett Smith

Creator Spirit, strengthen these youth with your gifts of grace, to love and serve as disciples of Christ. Grant that they may grow into the fullness of the stature of Christ. Fill them with the joy of your presence. Increase in them the fruit of your Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of love, patience and gentleness, the spirit of wonder and true holiness.

Can you help lead the Rosary on Sunday mornings before Mass? Looking for people to lead beginning about 7:40 am on a substitute basis. Please contact the parish office if you can help with this ministry. Thank you.

Parking Lot Campaign

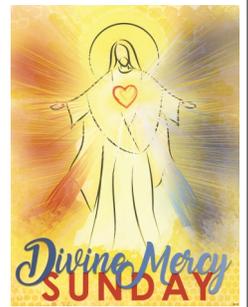
Current amount in fund: \$41,600.

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.

Divine Mercy Catholic Church is having a Divine Mercy Mass on April 24th.

- 2 pm - 3 pm: Veneration of St. Faustina relic, confession, and adoration
- 3 pm - singing of the Divine Mercy Chaplet
- 3:30 pm - Holy Mass

All are welcome and invited!



Community Events/News

- St. John's UCC of Wheeling Township will present the annual Last Supper Drama on Palm Sunday, April 10 at 8 pm. This drama features a live presentation of Leonardo da Vinci's painting of the Last Supper. A monologue featuring each of the disciples and their relationship with Christ is also a part of the presentation.
- Please plan to attend the Pregnancy Options, all you can eat pancake breakfast on Saturday, May 14 from 7 -11am. Breakfast includes sausage, milk, juice, coffee and of course All You Can Eat Pancakes. Adults (11 and up) \$10 (\$11 at the door), children 4-10 \$6, and 3 and under free. You can purchase tickets from Kay Keller, 507-330-4559, call Gina at 332-7644, or in the St. Michael's parish office.

