



St. Michael Catholic Church

Sunday Mass - 8 am

Wednesday Mass - 5 pm

Gabriel Coffman †

Confessions -

Second Wednesday of the month after Mass

Fourth Sunday of the month after Mass

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Pentecost Sunday

June 5, 2022

Even though Pentecost is rightly celebrated in late spring, the robust experience of a beautiful autumn setting can provide a profound metaphor for reflection. A full expression of fall colors is beautiful to behold. But, with all of its majesty and beauty, the observer knows the experience of death is soon to come. Creation will be dark and barren for a while. Pentecost cannot be separated from the cross. Before God's transformative, life-giving power can bear fruit, we must first die.

Pentecost is all about leaving the lifeless dead wood behind and allowing God, through the power of the Holy Spirit, to create something new. These Pentecost creations happen repeatedly over and over again. The birthing process of the Church is ongoing. God is always bringing life out of death and creating something where there was once nothing. That is why the fall is such an apropos metaphorical season for Pentecost. In order to really receive the gift of the Holy Spirit we have to die to what we once knew and what no longer works.

When fire and wind find their fullest expression, they are in no way gentle nor kind. They have the potential to level anything in their paths. We are experiencing great turmoil in our world, nation, and our Church. Whether the result of circumstance or the work of the Holy Spirit, much of what we knew to be normal and constant is changing. Common systems and institutional structures that may have worked for a time no longer do. When the old and familiar need to be left behind, God creates something new. Change and disorder do not need to be our enemies. They always bring opportunities for something exciting and new. What we need is untiring faith, firm hope, and perfect love.

What we need is for the Holy Spirit to enlighten us to see what is important and what we must do. "O Holy Spirit, descend plentifully into my heart. Enlighten the dark corners of this neglected dwelling and scatter there Thy cheerful beams." (St. Augustine) If we experience joy, even in the midst of turbulence, then we will know we are exactly where God needs us to be. If not, then perhaps there is a lesson in the decaying leaves that graciously descend to the ground on a crisp fall day.

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

May 29, 2022

Adult Envelopes: \$ 996.00
Loose Plate: \$ 82.00

Saints of the week

June 5 - St. Boniface
June 6 - St. Norbert
June 9 - St. Ephrem of Syria
June 11 - St. Barnabas

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
Thursday - 8:30 am
Friday - 8:30 am
Saturday - 8:30 am, 4 pm

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

June 12

Reader: Bruce Chmelik
Ushers: Tim Donkers & Marv Donkers
Servers: Mark Mund & Serenity Overholt

June 19

Reader: Mike Chase
Ushers: Tom Coffman & Greg Dapper
Servers: Izzy Chmelik & Allina Mendoza

June money counters:
 Bruce Chmelik & Pam Hegseth

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

June 8 - Confessions 5:30 pm

June 26 - Confessions 9:00 am

July 13 - Confessions 5:30 pm

July 24 - Confessions 9:00 am

August 10 - Confessions 5:30 pm

August 28 - Confessions 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, Reymundo Ramirez, and Thomas Eilen. 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.

Parking Lot Campaign

Current amount in fund: \$59,000.

We continue to raise funds for replacement of the parking lot. We have signed a contract for the project to be completed during 2022. Thank you to all for your support of St. Michael's!

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.

Eternal rest come unto her



**Maxine
Dohmen**

and let His perpetual light shine upon her.

Community Events/News

- You are welcome anytime to spend time in adoration at Divine Mercy's adoration chapel in Faribault. Our chapel is located on 2nd Ave SW, directly behind Bethlehem Academy. All are welcome in this place!
- Rural Life Sunday - June 26, 1:30 p.m., hosted at the Jack and Debbie Lorentz Family Farm, 12670 270th St. E., Cannon Falls (Host parish: St. Pius V, Cannon Falls). Archbishop Hebda will celebrate Mass outdoors. Enjoy a box lunch and hotdogs following Mass (free will offering gratefully accepted), plus music, children's activities and games.

Message from mission priest:

I am Father Jonathan Lovertia of the Philippines. This year I am sent by my bishop, Most Rev. Emmanuel C. Trance, D.D., to do the appeal mission for my diocese. My diocese is called the Diocese of Catarman.

The Diocese of Catarman is located in the northern part of the island of Samar. If you will try to look at the map of the Philippines, the island Samar is actually located in the eastern part of the Visayas region. We are facing the Pacific Ocean. And because of this geographical location we have, we always have typhoons. This is the main reason why we consider ourselves one of the poorest dioceses in the Philippines because of this natural calamity that we always experience at least 30 times a year. I do not know if you can still remember in November 2013 we were hit by the strongest typhoon ever recorded in history in which there were more than 10,000 people killed. So far, we are still recovering from that experience. We have to wait again for seven years for the coconut crops to normalize, which is our only important source of life. Seventy-five percent of our people are farmers. We depend a lot on the products of our farm. But because of these natural calamities that we experience, everything will be destroyed. We have to start all over again. That's why we have poverty on the island. Parents could not send their children to school because they have nothing. That is why we have a very high percentage of illiteracy. Children die of hunger. That is why we also have a high percentage of malnourished children. Simple but curable disease due to malnutrition causes death at an early age. This is the painful reality that our church faces every day.

But we learn to survive, to hope, and to trust in the compassion of God in the midst of the life and death struggles of the poor. In the grace of God we have lay, religious, and clerical leaders dedicated to satisfying the spiritual and even material needs of our people. The hope of God assures us that his grace also motivates those who have a heart for the poor to lend their prayerful and financial support to our missions.

Your help is crucial to make a difference in the survival of our people. We depend a lot on your generosity to live simply. If our proposal is approved, your help will go to the relief needs of our impoverished children and their families, and to support the other programs of our diocese especially in alleviating poverty.

I remember I was once assigned to a parish in our diocese in the Philippines where poverty is extremely felt by people who have no opportunity to help themselves and are depending so much on other hands to help them. The only hope of the people is to go to church and listen to the gospel of hope that the priest preaches every Sunday and every day of their lives. To respond to the demands of our Christian commitment, the diocese has put programs and projects to alleviate the living conditions of people not only physically but in their spiritual life. In addition, the diocese puts itself in the shoes of these people to give it a ray of hope, a renewed fervor of existence and bring back a dignified life to raise the dignity of the human being as a Christian, son and daughter of God.

In the diocese that I belong we have a school based on catechism, and on a typical day I have given bread to the children in school. When I'm looking at them, I was surprised by one of these children. He divided the bread in two and wrapped the other half. So, I asked him, "Why have you not consumed all the bread?" And he said politely, "I'm reserving this for my brother who is in the house and has nothing to eat." His words hit the bottom of my heart. I was speechless to see that such a small child is able to teach me how to give and learn from him the virtue of generosity for this simple act of nobility.

The Gospel resounds with the same message of hope not only to us, but to the whole universal church that was established more than two thousand years ago. We are the people of God, and Jesus usually uses the analogy of the body to describe our being in the church. If the hand of the body is in pain, our whole body is in pain. That is our truth. If any part of our church is in pain, then we are all in pain. We have to heal in pain leaving our comfortable areas and be able to look around us at those who call attention.

My dear brothers and sisters, today is a day of giving the blessings we receive from God. A life of abundance must be a life of responsibility and transparency before God and before our brothers and sisters. We do not live alone, we live with our brothers and sisters. As the scripture tells us, "Everything you receive as a gift, also give as a gift."

At this time, I am asking you to reflect on how we can be better agents in the construction of the church. It is in giving what we have and what God has given us in the form of many blessings that we receive is the sure path that we can be an instrument of renewal and be a pillar of hope for our brothers and sisters who at this moment are in despair and suffering. The amount you can give will greatly help make a difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters, and you can make a difference in your lives for the kind of help you give at this Mass. May the good Lord, who is the source of all things, greatly reward you with blessings in serving Him and our neighbors in our daily life which we still believe the words of Christ that say, "Whatever you do to your less fortunate brothers you're doing it to me."

-Fr Jonathan Loverita

Donations can still be made in the coming weeks. Simply write "Mission" on the memo line of the check. Thank you!