



# St. Michael Catholic Church

**Sunday Mass - 8 am**

**Wednesday Mass - 5 pm**

Florence & Harry Coffman †

**Confessions -**

Second Wednesday of the month after Mass

Fourth Sunday of the month after Mass

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## Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**July 10, 2022**

I would like us to begin July with the attitude of the Centurion in Matthew 8:5-17. This centurion was not Jewish, not a member of Christ's own people. And yet, he shows firm faith in Christ's Messianic authority and power. So much so that his prayer to Jesus has been immortalized in the words of the Mass. Every time we go to Mass, before receiving Holy Communion, we repeat what this centurion said: "Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed." What do we mean when we say this? The centurion's meaning was clear. He understood that whatever grace Jesus wanted to give him would be given solely out of Christ's infinite generosity and unlimited power. The centurion knew he didn't really deserve Christ's grace, but he also knew he needed it and Jesus was willing and able to give it. How deeply do I feel the need for God's grace in my life? How firmly do I believe that when Jesus gives himself to me in the Eucharist he does so because he wants to bring the saving power of his grace to bear on the needs of my mind, heart, and soul? The more deeply I believe this, the more fully I realize my need for God's saving grace to heal and nourish my life, the more that grace will be unleashed within me. Jesus pointed this out to the centurion, and he points it out to us: "... as you believed, let it be done for you."

St. Matthew tells us that Jesus "was amazed" by the faith and understanding of this non-Jewish centurion. Jesus, true God, is also true man. Our choices, then, really matter to him and can affect him. We have the power to give Jesus joy, to amaze him by our trust in him. And we also have the power to sadden him, to cause him pain by turning away from him. In a sense, God has limited his omnipotence in our regard. He refuses to force us into living life as we were created to live it. Instead, he allows us to choose either to walk with him or to go it alone. He wants us to choose, every day, to walk with him, to follow him and bear witness to him. He knows that is the path leading to the "more abundant life" (cf. John 10:10) we all yearn for. And he surrounds us with invitations and motivation to help us make the right decision in each circumstance of our lives. But he respects the space of freedom he built into our hearts. He won't violate it. And so, that space of freedom becomes a place where we can touch the very heart of God—either with the joy-giving embrace of trust or with the piercing thorn of rejection. Which will be my touch today?

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

**July 3, 2022**

Adult Envelopes:       \$ 1577.00  
Loose Plate:             \$ 141.00

### Saints of the week

July 11 - St. Benedict  
July 13 - St. Henry  
July 14 - St. Kateri Tekakwitha  
St. Camillus de Lellis  
July 15 - St. Bonaventure

### 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

#### July 17

Reader: Penelope Parrish  
Ushers: Keith Schrader & Greg Dapper  
Servers: Ryan LaCanne & Izzy Chmelik

#### July 24

Reader: Mike Chase  
Ushers: Bruce & Laura Chmelik  
Servers: Jett Smith & Mark Mund

July money counters:  
Mary Baier & Georgia Quamme

### IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

July 13 - Confessions 5:30 pm

July 17 - Donuts after Mass

July 18 - Parish Council 7:00 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.



**REGISTER NOW for VBS!**

**July 27 – 29, 2022**

**8:30 am - 11:30 am**

Registration forms are available in the atrium or the parish office.

***Deadline to register is July 11.***

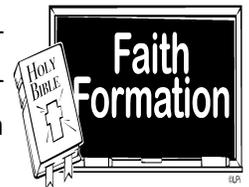
Cost: \$15/child or \$45/family

Join us for a great week!

**Adult volunteers are also greatly needed to make VBS a success.** Please sign-up on the youth bulletin board or contact the office for more information.

Donated food items are needed for snacks during the week of VBS. Please check the wall next to the youth bulletin board for items you may be able to help with. Thank you!

**Faith Formation teachers needed!** Please consider helping our youth learn the Catholic faith by being a Faith Formation teacher for the 2022-2023 school year. Faith Formation classes meet on Sunday mornings from 9-10 am. Contact JoAnn or the parish office for information or to volunteer. Thank you!



Families can register students for \$40 per student or \$120 per family if registered before August 14. After August 14 the cost will be \$60 per student. Registration forms are available in the atrium or the parish office.

**Parking Lot Campaign**

Current amount in fund: \$63,000.

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!

**Community Events/News**

•Greg Dapper will be participating in the SMART Challenge Ride, a three-day charity bike ride that raises funds to support tuition costs for those most in need at Bethlehem Academy, an authentically Catholic, Dominican grade 6-12 prep school in Faribault. To donate •write a check to Bethlehem Academy and put "Greg Dapper" in the memo line (checks can be sent to BA or given directly to Greg), •cash donations can be given directly to Greg or the Bethlehem Academy school office •donate online at: [smartchallenge.myevent.com](https://smartchallenge.myevent.com), select "Donate to Participant" and select Rider "Greg Dapper".

