



St. Michael Catholic Church

Sunday Mass - 8 am

Wednesday Mass - 5 pm

Anonymous Intention

Confessions -

Second Wednesday of the month after Mass

Fourth Sunday of the month after Mass

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Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 28, 2022

(Mathew 24:42-51) The Power of Contemplation: In these verses, Jesus was calling his listeners to consider life from an eternal vantage point. For those who refused to keep the vision of eternity in mind and prepare their hearts accordingly, Jesus offered powerful imagery of the consequences: "The master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he is not aware. He will cut him to pieces and assign him a place with the hypocrites, where there will be wailing and gnashing of teeth." Like Jesus, St. Ignatius also thought it important that we face the harsh reality of death. In his spiritual exercises, he suggested a contemplation of Hell where the retreatant asks for an "interior sense of the pain which the damned suffer, in order that, if, through my faults, I should forget the love of the Eternal Lord, at least the fear of the pains may help me not to come into sin" (Spiritual Exercises, #65). We conquer our fear with a confident awareness that God's mercy is much greater when we open ourselves in preparedness for it.

Hopeful Anticipation: Jesus spoke of the coming of the Son of Man. The early Christians anticipated an imminent return of the Lord, when he would bring all to fulfillment and all would be under his reign. Rather than a fear of condemnation, it fostered a vigilant hope of the promise to come. They anticipated his coming, like waiting for a friend to return after a very long absence. Two thousand years later, we need to tap into this same expectation, living with greater faith and hope in the mystery that Jesus promised to fulfill. St. Paul exhorted, "Therefore, you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ Our Lord" (1 Corinthians 1:7-9).

Recapitulation, Now and to Come: The promise that we await is one in which Christ will unify everything and everyone by reigning supreme. In this life, we strive to participate in the realization of this plan by being vigilant in our own hearts. Does he reign there? Is charity the guiding principle of our life? Does our friendship with Christ inform all that we think, say, and do? St. Paul reminds us of the graces we possess now and the gift which is to come. Until then, we live the tension of allowing God to work out his redemption in us. "In him, we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in Heaven and on earth under Christ" (Ephesians 1:8-10).

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

August 21, 2022

Adult Envelopes: \$ 2070.00
Loose Plate: \$ 99.40

Saints of the week

August 28 - St. Augustine
August 29 - St. John the Baptist
September 3 - St. Gregory the Great

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

September 4

Reader: Georgia Quamme
Ushers: Greg Dapper & Tom Coffman
Servers: Greyson Overholt & Serenity Overholt

September 11

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

September money counters:
John Smith & Lisa Karl

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

August 28 - Confessions 9:00 am

September 11 - First class for Faith Formation
9:00 am
Faith Formation Parent Meeting
9:00 am

September 14 - Confessions 5:30 pm

September 25 - Confessions 9:00 am

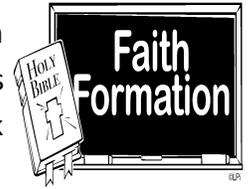
October 9 - Breakfast Sunday: E-M-N-Q-V

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.

Faith Formation teacher needed for the 5th/6th grade class!

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!

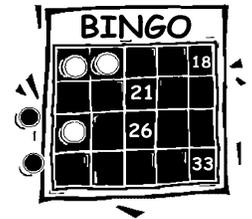


Families can register students for \$60 per student. Registration forms are available in the atrium or the parish office.

Bingo Party - November 19 at 7 PM!

Donations for the raffle tickets are needed to help make our Bingo party the success it is!

Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board in the atrium for those of you who are able to donate a prize. Thank you!



Parking Lot Campaign

Current amount in fund: \$72,000.

Upon removal of the old parking lot it was found that years ago the parking lot was put directly on top of the old gravel lot. There was no subsoil foundation for the new parking lot to be placed on, so many loads of gravel were hauled in to make the new parking lot as functional and withstanding for many years. No one had the capacity to know there was not a good foundation for the new parking lot. Unfortunately, this also means the price of the parking lot project went from approximately \$72,000 to \$111,000.

The parish council held a meeting to discuss options to pay for the parking lot so we do not experience a finance charge. It was decided to cash in one of our CD's and to pay the remaining balance from funds in our checking account. While this means we have paid the company who replaced the parking lot, it also means we now need to "pay ourselves back". One particular way we will focus on replacing those funds is on the first Sunday of each month to have a second collection. Please be aware your contribution to that second collection will only be used to help with the debt caused to our parish by the parking lot. Thank you in advance for your donations to those second collections.

Please still consider donating towards this project. We appreciate all your donations for this important project.

Community Events/News

•Hegre WELCA will host their annual Fall Swedish Meatball Supper on Wednesday, September 21 serving take out and curbside pickup orders only from 4-7 pm at Hegre Lutheran Church. The menu includes: Swedish meatballs, ham, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, coleslaw, dinner roll, and apple dessert. Take out meals are \$15 each (adult sized portion). Call ahead or text orders are recommended by Friday, September 16 and will guarantee meals. Please include the number of meals and time of pickup. Drive up meals the day of the supper until food is gone. Picnic tables will be available for anyone to use. Please stay in line until reaching the cashier on the side of the church. Call or text orders to Beth at 507-330-4996. There will also be raffle tickets for a quilt available: 1 for \$1 or 6 for \$5.

World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

Thursday, September 1

This World Day of Prayer falls at the beginning of the Season of Creation, which runs until 4 October, the feast of St Francis of Assisi. This is an ecumenical season dedicated to prayer for the protection of creation and the promotion of sustainable lifestyles. Pope Francis calls us to use the season to "cultivate our ecological conversion" and to pray together in "the great cathedral of Creation". He warns we are reaching "a breaking point" and must act decisively so "we and future generations can continue to rejoice in creation's sweet song of life and hope." This is an ecumenical season dedicated to prayer for the protection of creation and the promotion of sustainable lifestyles.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION

"Let us all rejoice that our loving Creator sustains our humble efforts to care for the earth, which is also God's home where his Word "became flesh and lived among us" (Jn 1:14) and which is constantly being renewed by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit."

—Pope Francis