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St. Michael Catholic Church

Sunday Mass - 8 am

Communion Service - Wednesday 5 pm

followed by Adoration until 6:30 pm

Confessions -

Second Wednesday of the month after Mass

Fourth Sunday of the month after Mass

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 2, 2022

Luke 9: 46-50: An argument arose among the disciples about which of them was the greatest. Jesus realized the intention of their hearts and took a child and placed it by his side and said to them, "Anyone who welcomes this little child in my name welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me, welcomes the one who sent me. The least among you all is the one who is the greatest." (Remember the context of this passage: the disciples were arguing about which of them was the greatest). Recall that each of these men were personally selected by Christ himself, committed to a new path of following the Lord. What a comforting reminder, that no matter how blessed we have been or how much we believe ourselves to be devoted Christians, there will always (because of original sin) be a corner of our souls that is tempted to compare ourselves with others. Jesus knows, he sees, and he loves us anyway. Our sinful tendencies doesn't disqualify us from fulfilling our God-given mission as long as we stay close to Jesus.

Jesus' answer to the squabbling disciples was to show them a child. The one whose "status" God values most is the "least" among us. We are called to provide for and care for all those "least": the children, the poor, the elderly, and the sick. We do this best when we empty ourselves of our pride and our ego, and then turn our hearts to the Lord. He is then free to use our hands, feet, voice—our whole selves—to serve those in need.

This passage could be summarized thus: the disciples bickered about which of them was the greatest; Jesus reminded them their duty was to the least; then John changed the subject (so he thought) and said, "We saw another guy trying to be as great as us, but we put a stop to that!" Jesus brought John (and us) right back to the topic at hand—our Christian obligation is to humbly serve the poor and the least among us. And in this effort, we are right to welcome assistance, for whoever is not against us is for us.

God bless,
Fr. Cory Rohlfig

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

September 25, 2022

Adult Envelopes: \$ 945.00
Loose Plate: \$ 112.85

Saints of the week

October 4 - St. Francis of Assisi
October 6 - St. Bruno
Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher
October 9 - St. Denis and Companions
St. John Leonardi

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

October 9

Reader: Georgia Quamme
Ushers: Bruce & Laurie Chmelik
Servers: Ryan LaCanne & Mark Mund

October 16

Reader: Donna Lexvold
Ushers: Jason Hoaglund & Tim LaCanne
Servers: Greyson Overholt & Serenity Overholt

October money counters:
David Mund & Mary Baier

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

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

October 12 - Confessions 5:30 pm

October 15 - Rosary in front of St. Michael's 9:00 am

October 16 - Adoration 9:00 am

October 23 - No Faith Formation class
Confessions 9:00 am

November 1 - All Saints' Day Holy Day of Obligation

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, Thomas Eilen, Janelle Popowski, and Shelly DeMars.

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.



Adoration will be on Wednesday evening following the Communion Service. Please come and spend some time before the Blessed Sacrament.

We invite everyone to join us as we pray a rosary in front of St. Michael's Church on Saturday, October 15 at 9:00 am to remember October 13th, 1917 when Our Lady performed the miracle of the sun in Fatima.

Parking Lot Campaign

Current amount in fund: \$79,000.

We will have a second collection on the first Sunday of the month to help with the debt caused to our parish by the parking lot. Thank you in advance for your donations to those second collections.

Parish Council

Please discern if your time, talents, and wisdom could be utilized by joining our Parish Council. We would love to have new members for their ideas and insight in making St. Michael's a viable and flourishing parish. It is a fairly small time commitment with council meetings every other month on the third Monday at 7 pm. Contact the parish office for more information.

Current council members include:

Lou Breimhurst, Trustee

Greg Dapper, President

Laurie Chmelik

Ron Keller

Terry LaCanne

Donna Lexvold

Chris Opheim

Chris Petricka, Trustee

Red Cross is currently looking for a contact person to help run the blood drives held at St. Michael's Church. Blood drives are usually every other month. The contact person will also be in charge of making sure the tables/chairs in the hall are removed and replaced, clean up of the building, securing the building, and potentially find volunteers to help work the drive. Contact the parish office if you are interested.

Adoration will be offered to all on the first Sunday of the month after Mass. Due to a scheduling conflict, though, the first Sunday in October isn't available so it will be held on October 16. Please join us for a special time of prayer.

Can you spare a little bit of your time and your talents to help at St. Michael's? **We are in need of ushers, lectors, and money counters.** These volunteer opportunities require very little time commitment, but would be a tremendous help and service to the church. Ushers and money counters do need to complete a background check and code of conduct online. Contact the office for more information.

Have you discontinued your landline? Have you changed your phone numbers?

Please update your contact information with the parish office if it has changed. Thank you!

Community Events/News

- Join us at the Rosary Garden to Pray the Rosary on the Feast Day of Our Lady of the Rosary Friday, October 7! 4:30 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 4:45 pm Confessions begin, 5:45 pm Eucharistic Benediction, 6 pm First Friday Extraordinary Form Mass, 7:00 pm Light Supper, 7:30 pm Candlelight Living Rosary. Join us at St. Joseph's, Miesville and bring a lawn chair.
- Candlelight Rosary Procession on Friday, October 7, 6:30 p.m. at the Minnesota State Capitol, Saint Paul. Join in praying the rosary as we process from the State Capitol to the Cathedral of Saint Paul. Gather at the Minnesota State Capitol approach at 6:30 p.m. Bishop Williams will lead the procession which will begin at 7 p.m. We will conclude with Marian prayers, Eucharistic Adoration, and Benediction at the Cathedral. See more information at minnesotarosaryprocessions.org.
- The Active Aging Programs, Catholic Charities of Southern Minnesota, is offering a "Money Smart for Older Adults" lecture. This is a FREE program for older adults concerned with protecting their assets and finances. Participants will be taught to recognize and reduce the risk of financial exploitation, guard against identity theft, plan for the loss of decision-making capacity, and other helpful tips to avoid recent scams and common fraud. Wednesday, October 12, 2022 1:00 – 3:00 p.m., Buckham West, 19 Division Street W, Faribault. Limited seating. Register by October 10 at the Buckham West Front Desk or call or email Marlene at 507-450-1518, mlevine@ccsomin.org.
- Equipped for Life! Join us Saturday, October 15 for 8:00 am Holy Mass (Low Mass) and at 9:00 am keynote speaker Emily Albrecht shares with us how to respond to the toughest pro-choice arguments with truth and love. There will be a break for lunch at noon with the talk ending at 1:30 pm all at St. Joseph's in Miesville. No registration required.
- Gol Lutheran Church will host a Harvest Luncheon on Sunday, October 16 with serving from 11 am to 1 pm. Menu includes: homemade vegetable soup, BBQ's, potato salad, pie, coffee and milk.
- Holden Lutheran Church All Saints Dinner is Sunday, November 6 from 12-2 pm and 4:30-6:30 pm To go meals only. To reserve your meal call Holden Church at 507-789-6677 or email: holdendinner@gmail.com by Friday, November 4. Menu: meatballs and gravy, Pulsa, scalloped potatoes, carrots, cranberry relish, lefse, fruit soup, rommegrot, and almond cookies. Cost is \$20/meal. Delivery available upon request. Cash or check only.

