



St. Michael Catholic Church

Sunday Mass - 8 am

Communion Service - Wednesday at 5 pm

followed by Adoration until 6:30 pm

Confessions -

Second Wednesday of the month after Mass

Fourth Sunday of the month after Mass

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Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 4, 2022

Luke 5: 1-11: "Duc in Altum" means put out into the deep. At the beginning of this famous passage, Jesus was standing. Crowds were filing into position, wanting to find a spot where they could hear the teacher's words. Jesus saw an opportunity to get out on the water, which would allow him a little space to breathe and enable his voice to carry without shouting. He even sat down, signaling to the crowd he was comfortable with this arrangement and perhaps inviting the people, voicelessly, to do the same. One need not be a behavioral scientist to infer much from observing our body language. What kind of message do we send when listening to a spouse, children, parishioners, or coworkers? Are we attentive to each person, or do we seem preoccupied? Does our body language at Mass reflect our enthusiasm for giving God his due praise and worship? What does Our Lord see when we approach him for communion? A soul hungry for the bread which comes down from Heaven?

A most important posture was demonstrated in today's Gospel by Simon Peter, who knelt in front of his Lord and Savior. Each of the actions Peter took that night is instructive to us, but he was most definitely not the protagonist. Peter was responding to Christ's actions in his life. Christ encouraged him to go into the deep, caused a miraculous catch of fish, invited him to swallow his fears, and extended an important life-changing invitation to follow him. Christ always makes the first move in our lives, and our response should be one of receptivity, assuming what some call a "Marian posture." Indeed, as members of the Church, which is the bride of Christ, it is always helpful for us to contemplate (and try to replicate) the receptivity shown by the Blessed Mother when she gave her simple fiat to the Angel Gabriel at the Annunciation: "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be done to me according to your word" (Luke 1:37-38).

Simon Peter, in his actions in those few moments with Jesus—embracing his command, falling to his knees, acknowledging his sinfulness, and choosing to follow—demonstrated a great awakening in spiritual maturity. When we attended grade school, each of us attempted to master "reading, writing, and 'rithmetic"; once we did, these skills allowed us to grow in understanding of our material world. Peter's receptivity, repentance, and reverence reflect three key dispositions that allowed him to grow in understanding of the spiritual realm. These three dispositions will serve us well also. Our efforts, though, will never be enough. Even Peter, under the duress of Jesus being captured, failed in his pledge to "never deny" his Lord. Thankfully, our resurrected Lord would repeat the miracle of the great catch of fish (see John 21:1-19), and give Peter the opportunity to repent and recommit to following him. Not only does Christ always make the first move, he always delights in receiving us back after we fall.

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 28, 2022

Adult Envelopes: \$ 735.00
Loose Plate: \$ 78.00

Saints of the week

September 8 - St. Mary
September 9 - St. Peter Claver

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 11

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

September 18

Reader: Penelope Parrish
Ushers: Keith Schrader & Jason Hoaglund
Servers: Greyson Overholt & Mark Mund

September money counters:
 John Smith & Lisa Karl

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

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

October 23 - No Faith Formation class

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.

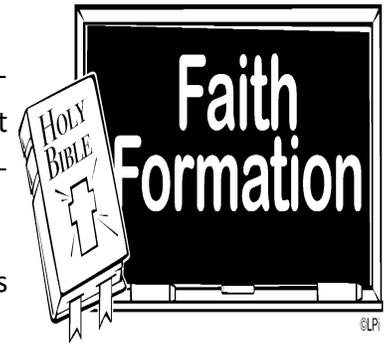


Adoration will be on Wednesday evening following the Communion Service. Please come and spend some time before the Blessed Sacrament.

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!

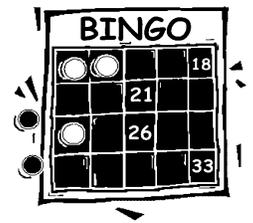
Families can register students for \$60 per student. Registration forms are available in the atrium or the parish office.



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: \$79,000.

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.

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.

Community Events/News

•Join our friends at Divine Mercy Catholic Church for an "All You Care To Eat" Waffle Breakfast on Sunday, September 11 from 8:30 AM to 12 PM at the DMCC Narthex. Waffles are provided by Dad's Belgian Waffles and your breakfast includes waffles, all your favorite toppings, sausages, juice, coffee, and milk. Tickets can be purchased at the door. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 kids ages 4-10, and kids 3 and under eat FREE. All proceeds benefit the Divine Mercy Catholic School PTO which provides family events and school enrichment opportunities.

•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.

•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.

September Month of the Seven Sorrows of Mary

