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St. Michael Catholic Church

Sunday Mass - 8 am

Wednesday Mass - 5 pm

Jody Retzlaff †

Confessions -

Second Wednesday of the month after Mass

Fourth Sunday of the month after Mass

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 9, 2022

John 1: 47-51: Scripture tells us that Nathanael had been spotted by Christ under a fig tree. What was he doing there? Praying? Enjoying nature? Having some alone time? In our electronic age, “rest” never seems to happen. There is always one more post, email, tweet, text, video, or comment. When was the last time we took a moment to find a quiet spot, “under a fig tree,” where perhaps the Lord can touch our heart in a new way?

A Heart That Is Pure: This encounter with Nathanael is but one example of how Jesus treats his followers as individuals. He knows each of us by name and what is in our hearts. As Psalm 139 says, “Lord, you have probed me, you know me: you know when I sit and stand; you understand my thoughts from afar...Even before a word is on my tongue, Lord, you know it all. Behind and before you encircle me and rest your hand upon me.” Since our Lord knows all of our thoughts, including those that may be keeping our heart from being pure like Nathanael’s, let us thoroughly examine conscience, looking for attachments that may be drawing us away from our all-knowing, all-loving God. Jesus is ready and waiting to purify us through the sacrament of Reconciliation.

Why Do We Believe?: Nathanael’s spontaneous burst of faith must have delighted Jesus. Jesus promised that Nathanael would “see greater things than this.” Nathanael’s faith would need strengthening as he grew from a new convert to an Apostle martyred for his belief in Jesus. Each of us has had moments of spontaneity when faith seemed easy as we followed the Way. But, in difficult times, our faith can be tested. Why do we continue to follow Christ—out of love, fear, and habit?

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

October 2, 2022

Adult Envelopes: \$ 1345.00
Loose Plate: \$ 88.00

Saints of the week

October 9 - St. Denis and Companions
 St. John Leonardi
October 14 - St. Callistus
October 15 - St. Teresa of Jesus
October 16 - St. Hedwig
 St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

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 16

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

October 23

Reader: Mike Chase
Ushers: Marv Donkers & Tim Donkers
Servers: To be determined

October money counters:
 David Mund & Mary Baier

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

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
 Mass 7:00 pm

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.

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.

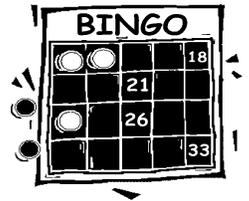
Parking Lot Campaign

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.

Bingo Party - November 19th at 7 PM!

Join us for our annual turkey bingo party on November 20th! Prizes of turkeys, hams, and cash; raffle drawing; bottle raffle; door prizes; lunch served!



Donations are needed for the turkeys and hams, pop, water, bottles for the bottle raffle, door prizes, and bars. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board in the atrium.

We will again be having a basket silent auction at the November bingo party and at the Mardi Gras bingo party. Please consider donating a basket. Baskets can be brought to the parish office at any time.

There are also sign-up sheets for the many volunteer workers we need to make the Bingo party such a success. Please take a look and see if there is an area that you could help at the evening of the bingo party. Thank you for your dedication to this important fundraiser!

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.



Community Events/News

- 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.
- Dale Lutheran Church Fall Festival is on Sunday, October 23 from 11 am to 1 pm. Lunch, bake sale, fresh produce for sale, and quilt raffle. Menu: pulled pork sandwiches, potato salad, baked beans, pie, coffee, and milk. \$10/meal. Take out orders available. To order ahead call Helen at 507-789-6229 or Sharon at 507-838-8572. All proceeds to benefit Dale Church ministry.
- 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.

