



# St. Michael Catholic Church

**Sunday Mass - 8 am**

**Wednesday Mass - 5 pm**

Jerry Dummer †

**Confessions -**

Second Wednesday of the month after Mass

Fourth Sunday of the month after Mass

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## First Sunday of Advent

**November 27, 2022**

Advent is upon on. As we celebrate Advent we live in expectation of our Lord. We expect our Lord will come to us not only in the past or future but presently. Everyone has had the experience of a long journey on foot, by car or by other means. Advent is like a long journey. You plod on for miles, you wonder how much longer until you reach your destination.

I remember being on a long bike ride. My legs were tired, every bone in my body ached and I longed for a hot shower and a meal. I looked ahead to see if I recognized anything. The final destination could be miles ahead or a few hundred yards. So it was with the Hebrew prophets, as they looked forward to the redemption of their people. They could not have told you, within a hundred years, within five hundred years, when it was the deliverance would come. They only knew that, some time, the stock of David would come.

This attitude of expectation is one which the church wants to encourage in us, her children, permanently. She sees it as an essential part of our Christian drill that we should still be looking forward. Since that first Christmas Day came and went we must still be looking forward. So she encourages us, during Advent, to take one of the prophets or a shepherd for our guide, and imagine ourselves travelling with them, in the dead of night, straining our eyes towards that light that leads us to that cave in Bethlehem.

The church reminds us of this four-week period of preparation, so that we can get ourselves ready to celebrate Christmas once more. It is a time for preparation and hope.

Now is the time for a good examination of conscience and for a thorough interior purification which will help us to welcome God. As we prepare for Christmas during Advent take time to pray. Walk with the shepherds and prophets to see the new born king, examine your conscience and make a good confession, expect a blessing.

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

**November 20, 2022**

Adult Envelopes: \$ 920.00  
Loose Plate: \$ 163.00

### Saints of the week

November 30 - St. Andrew  
December 3 - St. Francis Xavier  
December 4 - St. John of Damascus

### 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

#### December 4

Reader: Penelope Parrish  
Ushers: Jason Hoaglund & Tom Coffman  
Servers: Ryan LaCanne & Christian LaCanne

#### December 8 - Holy Day Mass 7:00 pm

Reader: Mike Chase  
Ushers: Marv Donkers & Tim Donkers  
Servers: Mark Mund & Greyson Overholt

#### December 11

Reader: Georgia Quamme  
Ushers: Bruce & Laura Chmelik  
Servers: Ryan LaCanne & Serenity Overholt

December money counters:

Georgia Quamme & Lisa Karl

### IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

December 2 - Holy Hour of Reparation 6:00-7:00 am

December 4 - Adoration 9:00 am

December 8 - Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary holy day  
Mass 7:00 pm

December 9 - Holy Hour of Reparation 6:00-7:00 am

December 14 - Confessions 5:30 pm

December 16 - Holy Hour of Reparation 6:00-7:00 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, Thomas Eilen, Shelly DeMars, John and Deb Truman, and Dave Schmitz.

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.

**The December breakfast will be on December 18** which is the third Sunday of the month. We are making this change to coincide with the Faith Formation Christmas Program presented that morning. The December breakfast is sponsored by the women of the parish.

Archbishop Bernard Hebda and Bishop Joseph Williams Invite  
You to Read the Pastoral Letter



You Will Be My Witnesses Gathered and Sent From the Upper Room Post-synodal pastoral letter to the faithful of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ, the blessings experienced throughout our Archdiocesan Synod journey have given us confidence that Christ Our King has wonderful plans for this local church. We are both so grateful for how you, the faithful of this Archdiocese, have gathered together over the past three years in prayer, learning and respectful listening to one another and the Holy Spirit. You have generously shared your experiences as well as your ideas, hopes and dreams for the future. Now it is time for us to join you in considering the question asked so many years ago by the disciples of John the Baptist: “What then should we do?” (Lk 3:10)

The Pastoral Letter, *You Will Be My Witnesses*, reflecting on our Synod journey as well as the mysteries that took place nearly 2,000 years ago in the Upper Room, is a first response to that question, outlining a plan for the next three years aimed at helping us to be more vibrant witnesses to all that Jesus has lovingly done for us. An annual priority has been identified to guide not only the activity of the Archdiocese but also the efforts of our parishes and schools.

Our shared experience throughout these last three years has led us to the truth of Jesus’ conclusion that “The harvest is abundant...” (Mt 9:37). We invite you to believe with us that there is indeed an abundant harvest in this local church – so abundant, in fact, that we need more laborers.

Jesus’ response to a similar situation in his day was simple: “So ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest” (Mt 9:38). Heeding that advice, we ask you not only to join us in praying for more laborers, but also in being open to the call to serve as co-workers with Jesus in the rich fields that are our local church, opening your hearts to the power of the Holy Spirit. Our hope is that a prayerful reading of the Pastoral Letter might increase your desire to labor alongside Jesus.

We recall with joy that Jesus expressed his heart’s desire for us, his co-workers, so clearly in the days following his Resurrection: “You will be my witnesses!” (Acts 1:8). It is to make us witnesses that he continues to pour out his Holy Spirit so generously upon this local church. Please read the Pastoral Letter and take it to prayer! Share the letter and discuss it with your pastors, your family and your fellow parishioners and friends! And then be open to the great surprises God has in store for us as we continue to walk, pray, listen and discern together. To view it online or download a printable copy, go to [archspm.org/synodletter](http://archspm.org/synodletter).

### **Community Events/News**

- The Church of Saint Michael in Pine Island is hosting their Holiday Tea on Saturday, December 3, from 9:00am-11:00am. Baked items, crafts, & raffle items are available! Enjoy our Holiday Tea Table! Music provided by Pine Island High School students! Hosted by: St. Gianna Molla Guild.

## Raffle ticket information

<u>Prize</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Donated by</u>
\$100 cash	Marian Spindler	Duane Bauernfeind
\$100 cash	Maria Coffman	Maxine Bauernfeind
\$100 cash	Richard Overholt	Marv & Myrna Donkers
\$100 cash	Marian Spindler	Marv & Myrna Donkers
\$100 cash	Pam Hegseth	Mary Petricka
\$100 cash	Curt Eschenbach	Tom & Maria Coffman
\$100 cash	Marv Chmelik	Bruce & Laurie Chmelik
2 MN Mattress Pillows (\$60 value)	Moreno Family	Chris Opheim
\$50 cash	Richard Overholt	Jim & Gail Donkers
\$50 cash	Mary Jo Voxland	Jim & Gail Donkers
\$50 cash	Eric Erie	Ray & Andrea Dawson
\$50 cash	Kathy Meyer	Dee Callstrom
\$50 cash	Maria Mendoza	Anonymous
\$50 cash	Renee Mund	Jerry & Cathy Wieme
\$50 cash	Anna Ducklow	Tim & Lisa Donkers
\$50 cash	Richard Overholt	Tim & Lisa Donkers
\$50 cash	Lisa Donkers	Tim & Brydie LaCanne
\$50 cash	Chris Opheim	Pam Hegseth
\$50 cash	Bernard Felman	Lynn Auseth
\$50 cash	Bailey Kohl	Keith & Carol Schrader
\$50 cash	Myrna Donkers	Ron & Kathy Meyer
\$50 cash	Wanda Eschenbach	Anonymous
\$50 Mobil gift card	Richard Overholt	Tim & Lisa Karl
\$50 Mobil gift card	Michelle Bailey	Tim & Lisa Karl
\$50 Cenex gift card	Corissa Kern	Tim & Lisa Karl
\$50 Cenex gift card	Todd Petricka	Tim & Lisa Karl
\$50 Lacy's gift card	Myrna Donkers	Ron & Kay Keller
\$50 Ace gift card	Barb Kern	Ron & Kay Keller
\$50 Kenyon Market	Mary Jo Voxland	Mary Murry
\$50 Kenyon Market	Annette Kraft	Mary Murry
\$50 Kenyon Market	Dave Mund	Mary Murry
\$50 Kenyon Market	Betty Flood	Mary Murry
\$30 Area 57 gift card	Blake Feidt	John & Jen Smith
\$30 Area 57 gift card	Renee Mund	John & Jen Smith
\$25 cash	Lorin Pohlman	Anonymous
\$25 cash	Crystal Bauer	Anonymous
\$25 cash	Dana Ostertag	Anonymous
\$25 cash	Angela Kraft	Anonymous
\$25 cash	Forrest Kunkel	Anonymous
\$25 cash	Seth Donkers	Anonymous
\$25 Boots and Lu's gift card	Lisa Donkers	JoAnn Erie
\$25 Boots and Lu's gift card	Rosie Floren	JoAnn Erie
\$10 All Season's Thrift Store gift card	Marian Spindler	Ron & Kay Keller

Early bird winner: Anna Ducklow

Most tickets sold winner: Richard Overholt