



# St. Michael Catholic Church

**Sunday Mass - 8 am**

**Communions Service - 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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## Second Sunday of Advent

**December 4, 2022**

The heart of Jesus was moved with pity for them because they were troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd." Jesus is our creator and our redeemer. He knows what we seek is his friendship, whether we realize it or not. He knows only he can satisfy our innermost desires. We need to be moved with compassion at the thought of Jesus' pain, wounded by so many souls who refuse to turn to him, our only source of light, life, and happiness. Do I ever consider how Jesus' heart needs to be consoled because of the indifference and rejection of so many souls whom he loves infinitely?

"The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few." There are so many souls in need of healing and so few to help Our Lord with building his Kingdom and saving souls. "Pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers to the harvest." Christ is calling us to help him in this mission. We cannot be indifferent to the cries of our brothers and sisters who do not know the truth and who have not experienced God's awesome love. We must be convinced that Jesus is the only answer for their yearnings. Do I pray often to the Lord of the harvest? Do I realize that I am also called to be a laborer in the Lord's harvest?

Jesus sends us out although we feel weak and helpless. Can we "heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, and drive out demons?" Isn't there someone else, Lord? No. Christ calls us for the same reason he called the first apostles, namely because he chooses the weak to show that he is in charge. "Apart from the vine you can do nothing" (cf. John 15:5). But united to him, we will bear much fruit. Trust in him especially when we feel our own weakness and incapability. For, as the apostle St Paul, reminds us, "There is nothing I cannot do in him who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13), and "It is when I am weak that I am strong" (2 Corinthians 12:10).

Happy Advent,  
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 27, 2022**

Adult Envelopes: \$ 1466.00  
Loose Plate: \$ 73.00

### Saints of the week

December 4 - St. John of Damascus  
December 6 - St. Nicholas  
December 7 - St. Ambrose  
December 9 - St. Juan Diego  
December 11 - St. Damasus I

### 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 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 18

Reader: Bruce Chmelik  
Ushers: Tim Karl & Tim LaCanne  
Servers: Mark Mund & Christian LaCanne

December money counters:  
Georgia Quamme & Lisa Karl

### IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

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

December 18 - Faith Formation Christmas Program  
9:00 am  
Women's Breakfast

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 Hebda asks all to pray daily for the fruitfulness of the Synod implementation in our Archdiocese and our parish.

One way of doing this is to pray the Synod Evangelization Prayer or a prayer of your choice. Live as ambassadors of the Synod by intentionally seeking unity in Christ and proclaiming Jesus in word and action.

For more information about the Synod visit [archspm.org/synod](http://archspm.org/synod).



Holy Spirit,  
renew your wonders in our time, as though in a new Pentecost,  
and grant that this Archdiocese, united in prayer around Mary,  
the Mother of Jesus, and guided by St. Peter,  
may spread the Kingdom of the divine Savior,  
a Kingdom of truth, of justice, of love, and of peace.

Amen.

Saint Paul, our great missionary patron, pray for us!

**Goodhue County Christmas Project** has again come to St. Michael's to provide Christmas gifts for the children and a food card for the family holiday meal. The county staff screen all requests for help and parents provide the children's sizes. The church will provide the food card for the family's holiday food needs.

Please sign up on the atrium bulletin board to provide a gift for one of the six children in the family we are helping. All gifts need to be brought to church by Sunday, December 18 or before.

All questions can be addressed to the parish office or Donna Lexvold at 507-330-6237.



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

We have a book available to write your personal intentions that you would like prayed for during prayer group. The book is available on the table in the atrium. Please also feel free to call or email the parish office to have your intentions added to the book.

Anyone is welcome to come to prayer group on Mondays at St. Michael's from 4-5 pm. No commitment needed. You're welcome to come any Monday and pray.

### **Parish Reconciliation**

**Wednesday, December 7 from 6 - 7pm**

Not only does it [the Sacrament of Penance] free us from our sins but it also challenges us to have the same kind of compassion and forgiveness for those who sin against us. We are liberated to be forgivers. We obtain new insight into the words of the Prayer of St. Francis: "It is in pardoning that we are pardoned."

Next weekend we will have the annual collection for the **Retirement Fund for Religious**. Senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have devoted their lives to prayer, service, and works of mercy. Most ministered for little or no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to furnish medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please give generously.

**Feast of the Immaculate Conception**  
**Holy Day Mass - Thursday at 7 pm**

The Immaculate Conception means that Mary, whose conception was brought about the normal way, was conceived without original sin or its stain—that's what "immaculate" means: without stain. The essence of original sin consists in the deprivation of sanctifying grace, and its stain is a corrupt nature. Mary was preserved from these defects by God's grace; from the first instant of her existence she was in the state of sanctifying grace and was free from the corrupt nature original sin brings.

Divine Mercy Holy Day Mass Schedule:

Thursday, December 8 - Masses at 8:30 am (IC), 10:30 am (IC), 6:00 pm, 7:30 pm (Spanish)

