



St. Michael Catholic Church

Sunday Mass - 8 am

Ash Wednesday Mass - 7 pm *NO 5 pm Mass this week*

Elaine Kraft †

Confessions -

Second Wednesday of the month after Mass

Fourth Sunday of the month after Mass

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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 19, 2023

Mark 8: 27-33: While faith is a human act requiring our assent and profession, it is also a gift from God. In Matthew's account of the same event, Jesus responded to Peter's profession of faith by saying, "Blessed are you, Simon Barjona, because flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but my Father who is in heaven" (Matthew 16:17). Saint Paul reminds us "No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord,' except by the Holy Spirit" (1 Corinthians 12:3). The source of our faith is God himself. The gift of faith he offers us leads us back to him, the source and end of our life. It does not seem like a coincidence that Jesus led the apostles toward Caesarea Philippi, a symbolic reminder of the source of life. Caesarea Philippi is known for its water springs. That source water flows into the Jordan River and Sea of Galilee, providing life-giving waters for most of the Holy Land. It would also become the place where Jesus would later tell Peter, upon this rock I will build my Church, the Church being the source of life-giving "waters" by her sacraments.

Jesus elicits faith and we can sometimes think we have arrived at the fullness of wisdom. Yet, when we seek to understand and our human comprehension still falls short, we need to trust in that which is revealed. Peter had this experience. He proudly and confidently professed his faith in Jesus as the Messiah, but when Jesus threw in the unthinkable, Peter rejected it. Jesus's suffering and death was beyond his comprehension. Peter had to first walk through the mystery that Jesus revealed before he could understand. The same happens in our life. Can you think of a moment when faith and trust in God's plan were strengthened only by walking through suffering, darkness, the cross?

Peter teaches us the road to deep and trusting faith is long and arduous, and we make mistakes along the way. In this passage, Peter was rebuked when he did not accept how Jesus planned to carry out his role as Messiah. At the Last Supper, he zealously insisted Jesus perform the ritual of washing in a particular way (John 13:9). Peter still couldn't accept the fate of the Messiah when he saw him bound and on trial. As tradition relates, he initially rejected even God's plan for him to remain in Rome when his life was being threatened. In each moment, Peter had to reconfigure his own expectations of who God was and how God's plan would be fulfilled. But each time he confronted his weakness of faith, it was strengthened by "wrestling with God".

We are preparing to enter Lent,
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

February 12, 2023

Adult Envelopes: \$ 1170.00
Loose Plate: \$ 102.00

Saints of the week

February 21 - St. Peter Damian
February 23 - St. Polycarp

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
10:20 am IC
Thursday - 8:30 am
Friday - 8:30 am
Saturday - 8:30 am, 4 pm

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

February 22 - Ash Wednesday Mass 7 pm

Reader: Laura Chmelik
Ushers: Marv Donkers & Tim Donkers
Servers: Ryan LaCanne & Serenity Overholt

February 26

Reader: Donna Lexvold
Ushers: Bruce Chmelik & Tim Karl
Servers: Mark Mund & Greyson Overholt

March 5

Reader: Penelope Parrish
Ushers: Greg Dapper & Marv Donkers
Servers: Christian LaCanne & Ryan LaCanne

February money counters:

John Smith & Mary Baier

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

February 19 - Mardi Gras Bingo 2:00 pm

February 22 - Ash Wednesday Mass 7:00 pm
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February 24 - Holy Hour of Reparation 6:00-7:00 am

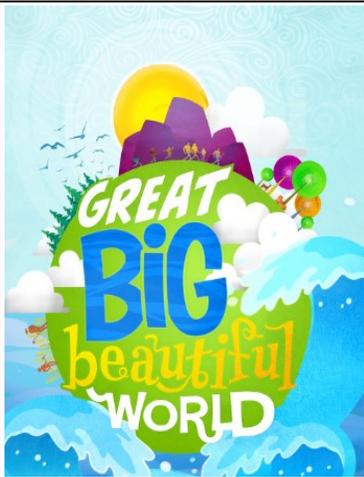
March 1 - Soup Supper 5:30-6:30 pm
Stations of the Cross 6:30 pm

March 3 - 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, Dave Schmitz, Sophia Dawson, and Sharon Hoaglund.

We pray for those in the Armed forces, especially Sergio Jr & Angela Rodriguez, Zury Hoaglund, Zane Hoaglund, and Naomi Bauernfeind.

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.



After sending out surveys for feedback on VBS, I took what was returned and went by the most popular times and dates. I offered three or five days. Some wanted three days and some wanted five days, so I will offer both depending on how many children sign up for five days. The times most popular were 8:30 to 11:30 am. Because I want to ensure each child can come, I can work around these times. The dates were chosen based on what was most favorable.

The program we are using this year is called, "Great Big Beautiful World." This theme is inspired by Pope Francis. The goals are focused on caring for God's world through our choices and actions, to love God the Creator, and to follow in the way of Jesus. I am very excited for the kids to be involved in this program.

I will send out registration forms by the first week in March. The VBS program is open to ALL children (ages 4 to 14) who attend St. Michael's Church, who attend St Michael's faith formation program, relatives to members of St. Michael's, and any community members that would like to have their kids attend a VBS program. As far as the age, the older kids can choose to either be a helper (confirmation hours) or be involved in the actual program.

The cost will be \$15 per student or \$45 limit per family.

If you have any questions at all, please contact Jo Ann Erie. Thank you.



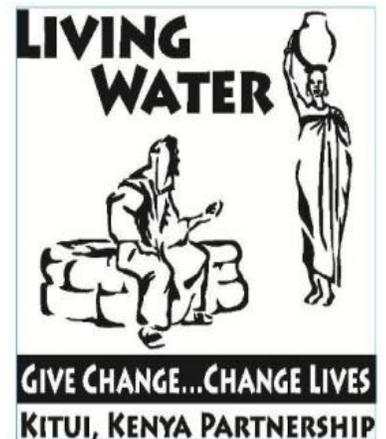
Mardi Gras Bingo

Please come back today at 2 pm and join us for an afternoon of fun!



Living Water Program

If you are interested in participating in the Living Water Program we will be doing it again during Lent. Parishioners are invited to participate by "collecting change to bring about change" for a better life for those in Kitui. Through prayer, reflection, and almsgiving, parishioners will have the opportunity to grow in understanding about our partnership diocese and raise some of the funding necessary for life sustaining development projects. Money raised in 2023 will help the Diocese of Kitui increase clean water access and provide famine relief. Calendars and water bottles will be available in the atrium. Thank you for your consideration.



Soup Suppers

All are invited to soup suppers on
March 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29
from 5:30-6:30 pm.

Stations of the Cross will begin at
6:30 pm after the soup supper.

Please join us!

Eternal rest come unto her



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and let His perpetual light shine upon her.



Lenten Schedule

February 22 - Ash Wednesday Mass 7:00 pm

*NO 5 pm Mass this evening

February 24 - Holy Hour of Reparation with Stations of the Cross and the Rosary 6:00-7:00 am

March 1 - Communion Service 5:00 pm

Soup Supper 5:30-6:30 pm

Stations of the Cross 6:30 pm

March 3 - Holy Hour of Reparation with Stations of the Cross and the Rosary 6:00-7:00 am

March 5 - Adoration 9:00 am

March 8 - Mass 5:00 pm

Soup Supper 5:30-6:30 pm

Reconciliation 5:30 pm

Stations of the Cross 6:30 pm

March 10 - Holy Hour of Reparation with Stations of the Cross and the Rosary 6:00-7:00 am

March 15 - Mass 5:00 pm

Soup Supper 5:30-6:30 pm

Stations of the Cross 6:30 pm

March 17 - Holy Hour of Reparation with Stations of the Cross and the Rosary 6:00-7:00 am

March 22 - Mass 5:00 pm

Soup Supper 5:30-6:30 pm

Parish Reconciliation 5:30-7:00 pm

Stations of the Cross 6:30 pm

March 24 - Holy Hour of Reparation with Stations of the Cross and the Rosary 6:00-7:00 am

March 29 - Mass 5:00 pm

Soup Supper 5:30-6:30 pm

Stations of the Cross 6:30 pm

March 31 - Holy Hour of Reparation with Stations of the Cross and the Rosary 6:00-7:00 am

April 2 - Palm Sunday Mass 8:00 am

Adoration 9:00 am

April 5 - NO Wednesday evening Mass

April 6 - Holy Thursday Mass 7:00 pm

Altar of Repose 8:00-10:00 pm

April 7 - Holy Hour of Reparation with Stations of the Cross and the Rosary 6:00-7:00 am

Good Friday Service 3:00 pm

April 9 - Easter Mass 8:00 am

Next weekend is our commitment weekend for the **Catholic Services Appeal**. Your gift to the Catholic Services Appeal supports an array of ministries that include pro-life, seminarian support, Catholic education, services to those most in need and Synod evangelistic priorities in the building up of our local church. Please prayerfully consider making a gift that will impact the lives of so many people throughout the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis through your abundant generosity. To learn more about the Catholic Services Appeal please visit csafspm.org.

Why donate to the Appeal? Whether you live in a rural or urban area in the Archdiocese you benefit from the Designated Ministries of the CSAF. Your support is greatly needed and benefits all people in the Archdiocese by supporting Catholic elementary schools, youth and adult faith formation, marriage programs, the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women, the poor, and our future priests. By donating, you help serve the poor, support life, and strengthen the Faith!

For the Love of Christ Impels Us...

to Believe in the Power of Giving

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CATHOLIC SERVICES
APPEAL FOUNDATION

Community Events/News

- Walk-in Annulment Consultations - Ash Wednesday, February 22, 7 a.m.-5:15 p.m., Cathedral of Saint Paul. Tribunal staff will be available for walk-in meetings to talk about the annulment process and to assist people in initiating the process. No appointments needed.

- You are invited to join the Church St. Michael's Lenten Fish Fries on Friday evenings during Lent (February 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31) serving from 4:30 PM to 7:00 PM in the Community Room! Both baked & fried fish will be offered! Prices: Adults \$13.00, Children 5-12 \$6.00, and Family maximum \$45.00. Take out available! Location: Church of St. Michael, 451 5th St. SW, Pine Island, MN 55963 Tel: 507-356-4280.

- We are excited to invite all women to our CCW Women's Lenten Morning of Reflection held on Saturday, March 11, 2023 from 8:30 am to 12 noon at Divine Mercy Catholic Church in Faribault, MN. We will begin the day with Mass at 8:30 am, followed by a catered breakfast, and then presentations in the church. Our retreat theme this year is: God, Source of all Belonging: Our Identity as Beloved, presented by Debbie Koop. Debbie is a spiritual director and part of the retreat team at Franciscan Retreat Center in Prior Lake. We are looking forward to her helping us encounter God in a deeper way during our Lenten journey this year. Registration is required. Cost is \$10/person. To register, call or text Mary at 507-323-5682. We hope you can join us for this special morning of prayer and community!

- The Church of St. Paul, Zumbrota is hosting their annual St. Patrick's Ham Dinner and Silent Auction on Sunday, March 19 serving from 10:30am-1:00pm. Tickets may be purchased at the door: adults \$14; children (6-12) \$6, and under 6-free. The dinner will be held at the Zumbrota VFW, 25 East 1st Street, Zumbrota, MN 55992. Available for dine-in & take out!



LENTEN DISCIPLINES OF FASTING & ABSTINENCE

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.

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Each and every day we are called on to become closer to God. We can answer that call with our actions and our prayers. This Lenten Season take a step closer to the Lord with these special Lenten prayers.

O gracious Master, infuse in our hearts the spotless light of Your Divine Wisdom and open the eyes of our mind that we may understand the teachings of Your Gospel. Instill in us also the fear of Your blessed commandments, so that having curbed all carnal desires, we may lead a spiritual life, both thinking and doing everything to please You. For You, O Christ, our God, are the enlightenment of our souls and bodies; and to You we render glory, together with Your eternal Father, and with Your all holy, life-creating Spirit, now and ever, and forever.

Almighty and Everlasting God, You have given the human race Jesus Christ our Savior as a model of humility. He fulfilled Your Will by becoming Man And giving His life on the Cross. Help us to bear witness to You By following His example of suffering And make us worthy to share in His Resurrection. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son. Amen.

Dear Lord, we are now in the holy season of Lent. We begin to realize anew that these are the days of salvation, these are the acceptable days. We know we are all sinners. We know in many things we have all offended Your infinite majesty. We know sin destroys Your life in us as a drought withers the leaves and chokes the life from the land, leaving an arid, dusty desert. Help us now, Lord, in our feeble attempts to make up for past sin. Bless our efforts with the rich blessing of Your grace. Make us realize ever more our need of penance and of mortification. Help us to see, in our ordinary difficulties and duties, in the trials and temptations of every day, the best opportunity of making up for past infidelities. Amen.