



St. Michael Catholic Church

Sunday Mass - 8 am

Wednesday Mass - 5 pm

Maggie Hutton †

Confessions -

Second Wednesday of the month after Mass

Fourth Sunday of the month after Mass

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Third Sunday of Lent

March 12, 2023

Today's Gospel reading is "the woman at the well." It is a beautiful story that illustrates how Jesus takes a broken person and restores her to health. He not only restores her to health, but she is inspired to excellence. That woman could be each one of us. When we drink of the water the Lord gives we thirst for more of it, but our thirst for this world is satisfied.

How is it when we drink the Lord's living water, we no longer thirst? To thirst is human nature. To thirst means we have human needs that require quenching. In our spiritual reality, however, the more we drink of the Lord's living water—in prayer, in the Mass, before the Eucharist, in Adoration, marveling at his creation in our loved ones and in nature—the more our desire for the Lord increases while the desire for worldly things decreases. Only the Lord's living water—pure grace—can make that transformation in our soul.

We need to leave our water jars behind. A water jar is a heavy vessel, and when filled with water, it is much more difficult to carry. Reflecting on this can help us realize some of the very things we depend on daily, even those deemed "good for us" may actually be burdens too heavy to carry. When we feel overwhelmed by our "to-dos" or even by the ordinary responsibilities of our vocation in life, we need the grace to see what's weighing us down and have the courage to leave those water jars behind as we fall into the Lord's capable arms.

Like a vain and prideful child, we sometimes want to lay claim to our work and shout, "Look at me! Come see what I did!" But the Lord shows us it is not we who work, but He who works through us. Each of us is merely a link in a chain of souls who reap and sow for the kingdom. In the words of St. Frances de Sales, Lord, help us to "be who we are and be that well so that we may give glory to the master craftsman whose handiwork we are."

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

March 5, 2023

Adult Envelopes: \$ 1790.00
Loose Plate: \$ 115.00
January Online Giving \$ 1210.00

Saints of the week

March 15 - St. Louise de Marillac
March 17 - St. Patrick
March 18 - St. Cyril of Jerusalem
March 19 - St. Joseph

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

March 19

Reader: Mike Chase
Ushers: Bruce & Laura Chmelik
Servers: Mark Mund & Ryan LaCanne

March 26

Reader: Donna Lexvold
Ushers: Tom Coffman and Tim Karl
Servers: Serenity Overholt & Christian LaCanne

March money counters:
Pam Hegseth & Bruce Chmelik

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

March 15 - Soup Supper 5:30-6:30 pm
Stations of the Cross 6:30 pm
March 17 - Holy Hour of Reparation 6:00-7:00 am
March 20 - Parish Council 7:00 pm
March 22 - Soup Supper 5:30-6:30 pm
Stations of the Cross 6:30 pm
March 24 - 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, 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.



Vacation Bible School - June 19-23

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 in the near future. 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.

There are 8 foot tables in the parish hall that we no longer need. They are located on the east wall. If you are interested in any of them please take a look. Free will offering.

St. Michael's will have Parish Reconciliation on Wednesday, March 22 from 5:30-7:00 pm.

Confession is an act of honesty and courage – an act of entrusting ourselves, beyond sin, to the mercy of a loving and forgiving God. - Saint John Paul II – September 14, 1987 Homily



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.

Community Events/News

- 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!
- Benefit for Oliver Sapp on Saturday, March 25 from 12-4 pm at the Kenyon VFW. Oliver is just three years old and a renal mass was found near his right kidney. He has been receiving chemotherapy, had surgery, and has had some setbacks. Oliver is the daughter of Cassie (Quamme) and Ben Sapp. Benefit will have a silent auction, live auction at 3 pm, and a turkey, ham and potato dinner. For more information or to donate for the auction, bake sale, or outside this event contact Sheri Quamme at 507-330-0009 or Lynn Ausetth at 507-838-1751.



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

Soup Suppers

All are invited to soup suppers on March 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!

THIRD WEEK OF LENT