



St. Michael Catholic Church

Sunday Mass - 8 am

Wednesday Mass - 5 pm

Cordy Lermon †

Confessions -

Second Wednesday of the month after Mass

Fourth Sunday of the month after Mass

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Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 19, 2023

John 9: 1-41: In this Gospel passage Jesus heals a man born blind. You would think this would be a time of rejoicing, and it was for some but others, like the man's parents, it was a time to distance themselves from him.

Jews of the first century commonly regarded blindness (or any physical ailment, for that matter) as a manifestation of sin. They asked Jesus, therefore, who it was who sinned. Jesus responded: "Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him." St. Paul recounted the Lord once told him, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness" (2 Corinthians 12:9). God's power becomes perfectly manifest in the poverty and blindness of our human condition, especially when we are open to his grace and his work in us.

After Christ healed the blind man, the Pharisees had trouble recognizing him: "Isn't this the one who used to sit and beg?" The work of Christ in us, which heals and converts us, is a transformative work that can change the way others perceive us. The season of Lent is the perfect time to allow the Lord to perfect this transformation in us, but it can come at a cost. People who think they know us might be tempted to criticize us for our Lenten fasts or mortifications, claiming we're no longer the same person. Are we willing to endure this criticism if it means transformation into Christ?

The transformation that Christ worked in the blind man had serious repercussions for him: people didn't recognize him, and his own parents distanced themselves from him. "He is of age; question him," his parents said. However, he was not totally forsaken. Jesus approached him, and revealed himself to be the Son of Man. For the ex-blind man, the words of Psalm 27 came true: "Even if my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will take me in" (Psalms 27:10). We need faith to seek out Christ when friends and family seem to misunderstand or reject us.

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 12, 2023

Adult Envelopes: \$ 1130.00
Loose Plate: \$ 128.00

Saints of the week

March 19 - St. Joseph
March 23 - St. Turibius de Mogrovejo

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 26

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

April 2

Reader: Laura Chmelik
Ushers: Tim LaCanne & Jason Hoaglund
Servers: Mark Mund & Greyson Overholt

March money counters:
Pam Hegseth & Bruce Chmelik

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

March 20 - Parish Council 7:00 pm

March 22 - 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 6:00-7:00 am

March 29 - Soup Supper 5:30-6:30 pm
Stations of the Cross 6:30 pm

March 31 - Holy Hour of Reparation 6:00-7:00 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, 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.

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!

Community Events/News

•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 Ausetz at 507-838-1751.



Lenten Schedule

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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 26 - Stations of the Cross 9:00 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

