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St. Michael Catholic Church

Sunday Mass - 8 am

Communion Service - Wednesday at 5 pm

followed by Adoration until 6:30 pm

Confessions -

Second Wednesday of the month after Mass

Fourth Sunday of the month after Mass

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 30, 2023

Mark 16:15: And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation."

When Christ blesses, it happens. When He blesses the Eucharist, he is there for us. Christ blesses his apostles. He also wants to bless me and my work. These are not just events of the past, for God's word is a living word. He also wants to bless me and my work. How can I draw down Christ's blessing upon me, my family, the people I love, and the work I do? All I have to do is ask Him to bless me and believe He can and wants to. He will take care of the rest.

Imagine the apostles talking after the Ascension. Andrew might say to Peter, "Peter, Christ told us to preach to all nations." "You are right, Andrew, we need to go to the next town," Peter would agree. "No," Andrew would urge, "we have to go to Athens and Rome." Peter might object, "Athens and Rome! But we don't know anyone there." In an attempt to persuade him, Andrew would add, "Peter, Jesus wanted us to begin here in Jerusalem because this is the largest Jewish city. However, he has shown he has also called the Gentiles to the Church. We must go to their capitals, their cities of greatest influence, so they too might hear the message Jesus entrusted to us." Despite their fears, they obeyed Christ and proclaimed the good news in new places.

Now it is our turn. As it always has been, being an apostle today is difficult. As we get older, it gets harder. Nevertheless, it is our turn. We live at a cross-roads of history. I know Christ is blessing me. He is sending me. I feel fear, but I know he is asking me to imitate the fidelity of the first apostles. He is only waiting for me to begin preaching so that he can bless all that I undertake in his name.

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

April 23, 2023

Adult Envelopes: \$ 1445.00
Loose Plate: \$ 152.00

Saints of the week

April 30 - St. Pius V
May 2 - St. Athanasius
May 3 - St. Philip and St. James

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

May 7

Reader: Georgia Quamme
Ushers: Tim Donkers & Marv Donkers
Servers: Mark Mund & Greyson Overholt

May 14

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

May money counters:

Lisa Karl & Bruce Chmelik

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

May 5 - Holy Hour of Reparation 6:00 am

May 7 - Youth Breakfast 9:00 am
Last day of Faith Formation

May 12 - Holy Hour of Reparation 6:00 am

May 14 - May Crowning at Mass

May 15 - Parish Council 7:00 pm

May 19 - Holy Hour of Reparation 6:00 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, Aaron Schultz, Lorraine Spurgeon, and Lee Glamm.

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.



Congratulations on your First Communion!

Natalie Bauer

Sawyer Donkers

Adrian Moreno

Please keep our First Communicants in your prayers.

O Jesus, who hast loved us with such exceeding great love as to give us the ineffable gift of the Holy Eucharist, inflame us with a burning zeal to promote Thy glory by preparing worthily the little children who are to approach Thy holy table for the first time.

Protect, O Sacred Heart of Jesus, these young souls from the assaults of evil, strengthen their faith, increase their love and endow them with all the virtues that will make them worthy to receive Thee.

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.

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.

LIVING WATER



GIVE CHANGE...CHANGE LIVES
KITUI, KENYA PARTNERSHIP

The **Living Water Program** is ending for this year. Please return your water bottles or donations to the parish office. If you prefer to write a check, please make it out to St. Michael's and put Kitui in the memo line.

Thank you for helping promote water awareness and raise money to be used in programs that assist the Kitui Diocese!

Have you already turned in a bottle with coins? Someone put a medallion in their bottle and we would like to return it to its owner. Please contact the parish office if it is yours.



All are welcome next Sunday, May 7, for a breakfast in the parish hall sponsored by our Faith Formation students in grades 5-Confirmation. They will be serving pancakes, sausage, and fruit. Please join them for fellowship and a meal.



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

Home Mission Appeal - Please support the Catholic Home Mission Appeal today! Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training and other programs that build faith communities in the 40% of the in the United States that are considered mission territories. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home_missions.

The Kenyon-Wanamingo area churches are excited to celebrate the graduating class of 2023 and are holding a Baccalaureate Worship Service, Wednesday, May 17, 7:30 pm at First Lutheran Church. Graduates, family, friends, and community members are invited to attend and be a part of the celebration as well as stay afterward or refreshments.

Graduating seniors may enter and sit together at this service. Please meet in the Fellowship Hall (in the church basement) and to enter the worship space as a group. We look forward to honoring you!

St. Michael's has been asked to provide two pans of bars for the Baccalaureate Worship Service. If you are able to help please contact the parish office.

Community Events/News

•Parish Mission Talks - All are invited to attend three talks on the theme "The Light of the Holy Spirit" by Fr. David Gunter, MIC, on the evenings of May 8-10, at 7:00pm at the Church of St. Paul, Zumbrota (749 S Main Street).

