



St. Michael Catholic Church

Sunday Mass - 8 am

Wednesday Mass - 5 pm

Mavrick Eilen †

Confessions -

Second Wednesday of the month after Mass

Fourth Sunday of the month after Mass

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 14, 2023

JN: 14: 27-31, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me tell you, 'I am going away and I will come back to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father; for the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it happens, so that when it happens you may believe. I will no longer speak much with you, for the ruler of the world is coming. He has no power over me, but the world must know that I love the Father and that I do just as the Father has commanded me."

"Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid." Two things about this statement surprise us. The first is that Christ commands us. The second stems from the first: If Jesus commands us to not be afraid (and not to be troubled), it's because we have a choice about whether to allow ourselves to fear (and be troubled) or not. Jesus is right to command our peace of heart because giving into fear and interior disturbance does not sanctify us, except in that God pities our weakness and showers his mercy on us in order to dispel our fears. He knows we will fear, but he wants us to be at peace. Jesus can command peace because his word causes what it expresses. It's true that sometimes Jesus is "away," and our soul flounders in insecurities, but he also promises, "I will come back to you," and peace returns.

Jesus's Last Supper discourse is packed with meaning. In today's excerpt alone, we have the assurance of peace, the promise of Jesus's Ascension and subsequent return, the greatness of the Father, the purpose of Jesus's warnings, the coming of the evil one, and the Son's total devotion to the Father. This flood of ideas and feelings comes from Jesus's wanting to say so much, and all at once! We have the advantage of having it all written down so we can sift through it at a contemplative pace. And yet, the only way to understand Jesus's words is to observe his actions, to search out his motives, to note his gestures and expressions—in short, to live with him. We must spend time with Jesus if we want to understand and be transformed into him.

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

May 7, 2023

Adult Envelopes: \$ 930.00
Loose Plate: \$ 130.00

Saints of the week

May 14 - St. Matthias
May 15 - St. Isidore the Farmer
May 18 - St. John I
May 20 - St. Bernardine Siena

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 21

Reader: Bruce Chmelik
Ushers: Tim LaCanne & Greg Dapper
Servers: Serenity Overholt & Greyson Overholt

May 28

Reader: Donna Lexvold
Ushers: Tom Coffman & Tim Karl
Servers: Ryan LaCanne & Mark Mund

May money counters:

Lisa Karl & Bruce Chmelik

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

May 15 - Parish Council 7:00 pm

May 19 - Holy Hour of Reparation 6:00 am

May 26 - Holy Hour of Reparation 6:00 am

May 29 - Memorial Mass at the cemetery 10:30 am

June 2 - Holy Hour of Reparation 6:00 am

June 9 - 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.

The **Memorial Day Mass** will be held on Monday, May 29 at 10:30 am at the St. Michael Cemetery. Please bring a lawn chair.

If inclement weather the Mass will be held at the Church.



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.

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.



Altar Servers needed!

Altar servers have the privilege of assisting the priest in the sanctuary during the Mass and other liturgical functions. Would you be willing to serve our parish in this capacity? We are looking for people of all ages to help in this important role. Please contact the parish office for more information.

Please discern if your time, talents, and wisdom could be utilized by joining our Parish Council. We would love to have new members for their ideas and insight in making St. Michael's a viable and flourishing parish. It is a fairly small time commitment with council meetings every other month on the third Monday at 7 pm. Contact the parish office for more information.

REMINDER - If you are scheduled to usher, lector, or altar serve, and are unable to fulfill your designated time slot it is your responsibility to find a replacement. Please call someone in your category before the Sunday Mass and make arrangements. Thank you to everyone for serving the parish!

A Mother's Day card featuring a central white circle with a black border. The text "Happy Mother's Day" is written in a black cursive font inside the circle. The background is black with horizontal white brushstroke-like bands. Large, stylized flowers in shades of pink and orange are positioned around the central circle.

*Happy
Mother's
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