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St. Michael Catholic Church

Sunday Mass - 8 am

Wednesday - Communion Service 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

Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

June 29, 2025

The Feast of St. Peter and St. Paul: St. Peter and Paul were two early heroes of our faith. In today's language we would consider them bishops and Peter the first pope. However, they are both also priests. Like Peter and Paul every priest has two natures: a human nature, which makes him just another man, and a priestly nature, which makes him another Christ. The priest is different from ordinary men as the one who offers sacrifice in His name. Nevertheless, the priest is like every man in his weakness. We drag our weak bodies and temperaments to the altar.

Peter is the one who denied he even knew Jesus. Paul is the one who killed those who called themselves Christians. What changed in these men?

Paul gives us some insight into this change. He talked about what it takes to change the hearts of people. He tried preaching about the Resurrection of the Lord alone and people didn't seem to respond. He preached about the judgment of God and that, too, fell short. What Paul finally had success with is preaching the cross of Jesus Christ. The cross brought out the love and mercy of God which seemed to heal people's souls.

Paul and Peter were both healed by the love of Christ and the cross. What kind of love does this God have who is willing to give up everything, His very Son out of love for us? This is the kind of God I am willing to worship.

Think about the heroes in your life. Did you love them because they taught you a lot? Did you love them because they were fun? Most likely you loved them because of the great love they showed you...the great sacrifice they gave you.

Like St. Peter and St. Paul we have been given a ministry in this world and we do it in God's name. Like Peter and Paul we are human and we bring our strengths and weaknesses.

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

June 22, 2025

Adult Envelopes: \$ 460.00
Loose Plate: \$ 137.00

Saints of the week

June 29 - St. Peter and St. Paul
July 1 - St. Junipero Serra
July 3 - St. Thomas
July 4 - St. Elizabeth of Portugal
July 5 - St. Anthony Zaccaria
July 6 - St. Maria Goretti

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
Thursday - 8:30 am
Friday - 8:30 am
Saturday - 8:30 am, 4 pm

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

July 6

Reader: Mike Chase
Ushers: Tim Donkers & Tom Coffman
Servers: Ben Keller & Sam Keller
EM: Vicki Parrish & Susan Overholt

July 13

Reader: Bruce Chmelik
Ushers: Jim Donkers & Dave Mund
Servers: Christian LaCanne & Mark Mund
EM: Renee Mund & Mary Jo Voxland

July money counters:
Marv Donkers & Bruce Chmelik

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

July 4 - Holy Hour of Reparation 6:00 am

July 9 - Confessions 5:30 pm

July 11 - Holy Hour of Reparation 6:00 am

July 13 - Donuts 9:00 am

July 18 - Holy Hour of Reparation 6:00 am

July 21-25 - Vacation Bible School

July 21 - Parish Council 7:00 pm

We pray for all our parishioners, families and friends who are in need of physical or spiritual healing, especially, Reymundo Ramirez, Thomas Eilen, Jaci Eilen, MacKensie Eilen, Gary Mogren, Beth Curran, Clark Richaleau, Bill McDonald, Michaela Neuzil, Greg Krinke, LaVonne Mogren, and Harold Amundson.

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.



**FAITH FORMATION NEWS
AND
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Dear St. Michael's parents of faith formation students and other parishioners of St. Michaels:

As I begin my third year as Faith formation director here at St. Michaels, I look back at how much I have learned not only in my personal faith but also about the children here at St. Michaels. They are a very good group of children. We have a lot of fun with classes and the youth group gatherings we have. Some of these gatherings are just to hang out, talk, play games, and, of course, eat.

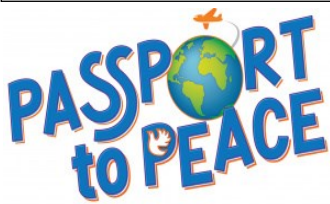
The only problem I am really facing is NOT having enough volunteers for teaching and helpers for youth groups and VBS, and occasionally, substitutes for teaching and door monitor.

Therefore, I am on a strong campaign to seek volunteers and/or helpers. Please consider the difference you can make to our program and get to know the children here better by sharing your time with them. The only requirement you need is to complete the Virtus training program which I can help you with. I can work with everyone's schedule. You can share classes with someone else every other Sunday, etc. Share your ideas with me.

Personally, I feel we all take for granted these children are our future, not only here at church, but in our world. They will move on from here once they graduate, but whatever we can teach them and share with them now, I believe they will always carry with them.

If anyone would like to come to get more information, I have my office hours posted on the faith formation office door and the bulletin board. I would love to visit with you. I plan on addressing this more actively as we move closer to our faith formation year. As of now, I have myself and one other person committed to teach this coming year. I will be taking the confirmation class and the 7th grade class next year. I still need four more teachers, three at the minimum.

PLEASE CONSIDER HELPING US. I WILL BE FOREVER GRATEFUL! PEACE TO ALL OF YOU AND GOD BLESS!



Vacation Bible School will be July 21-25. Children ages 4 (must be potty-trained) to 12 years old are invited to join us on this adventure! All are welcome!

Registration forms are available in the parish office. Cost is \$15/child or a family maximum of \$45.

For more information or questions contact JoAnn at faithformation@kwwb.net or 507-789-6120.

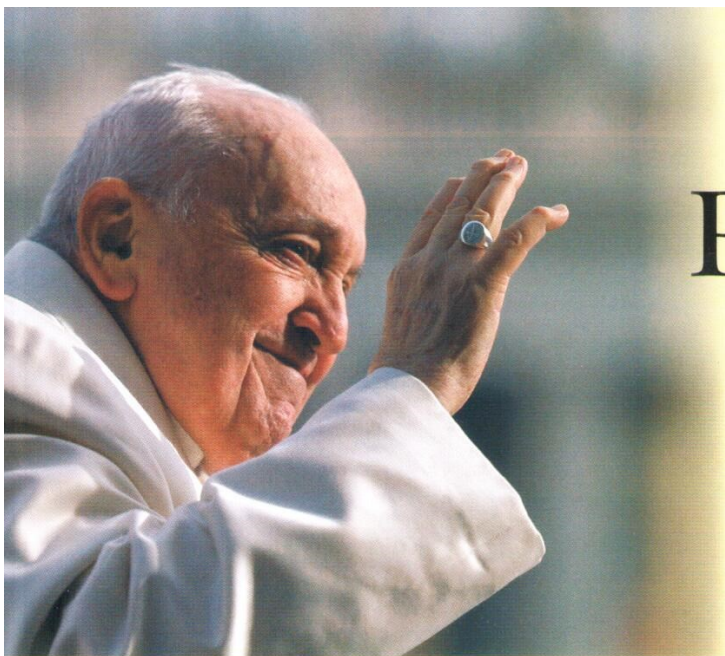
I am looking for volunteers for VBS July 21 through July 25 for helping and snack donations. For helpers, even if you can just help a day or couple days or just part of day, I would be grateful. There are two sign-up sheets on the bulletin board, if you can help or donate. Thank you, Jo Ann Erie.



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

Community Events/News

•Nerstrand United Methodist Church will host an ice cream social on Sunday, July 6 from 4-6 pm. Menu: sloppy joes, chips, root beer floats, ice cream sundaes. For more information visit: nerstrandumc.org.



SUPPORT THE WORKS OF THE
HOLY FATHER THROUGH THE

Peter's Pence Collection

*Be a sign of
mercy.*

Starting with the first disciples of Jesus and his Apostles and continuing today, Christians have given of their resources to support the Church's mission of preaching the Gospel and providing for the needs of the poor. As the Church has grown and spread across the world, Christians have long expressed their unity with the Holy Father and their commitment to his mission of mercy through an annual contribution called Peter's Pence.

Today, Catholics who contribute to the Peter's Pence Collection continue this legacy of church unity and care for the poor. Their gifts to the Holy Father are "concrete signs of hope" to Pope Francis and fulfill the two aims of Peter's Pence as set by the Holy See: "(1) **To support the Holy Father's mission**, which extends throughout the entire world, from the proclamation of the Gospel to the promotion of integral human development, education, peace, and brotherhood among peoples: thanks also to the many activities of service carried out by the dicasteries, bodies and organs of the Holy See that assist him every day; and (2) **To support the numerous charitable works** in aid of people and families in difficulty, populations afflicted by natural disasters and wars, or who are in need of humanitarian assistance or support for development."

For more information on Peter's Pence, please visit the Vatican's Peter's Pence website:

www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html (English) or
www.obolodisanpietro.va/es.html (español).

"Let us hasten to pursue paths of peace and fraternity. Let us rejoice at the concrete signs of hope that reach us from so many countries."—Pope Francis, "Urbi et Orbi" Message, April 9, 2023

A Tradition of Support for the Holy Father

Support for such papal efforts is rooted in the scriptural message exhorting us to take care of the poor, and it expresses unity with the Holy Father in two ways: through the ongoing activities of the Holy See and through the charitable works of the Holy Father on behalf of those most in need.

How You Can Help

PRAY

Pray for the Holy Father, for those he serves in compassion, and for the ongoing activities of the Holy See, all of which benefit from the Peter's Pence Collection.

SHARE

Share this bulletin insert with anyone who might be interested.

GIVE

Give generously to this collection as a sign of mercy to those who suffer around the globe and of your support for the ongoing work of the Holy See. By doing so, you help build up the Church so that it can minister to all for generations to come.



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