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# St. Michael Catholic Church

**Sunday Mass - 8 am**

**Wednesday Mass - 5 pm**

Herman Wedl †

**Confessions -**

Second Wednesday of the month after Mass

Fourth Sunday of the month after Mass

## Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**July 20, 2025**

Jesus visits his friends Martha and Mary. A hardworking and exasperated Martha complains to Jesus that her sister is attending to him rather than to urgent household tasks. Our Lord, rather than praising hospitality, explicitly celebrates the less-productive sister for doing the “one necessary thing.” He praises her for she “has chosen the better part” (Luke 10:42). Mary is busy doing what matters.

Before we get upset like Martha, consider all work—domestic, manual, professional, ministerial, contemplative—is done to help us (sooner or later) to experience the love that makes us happy. We should be thankful for those who focus on the “better part” of ceaseless prayer. They invite us to remember the purpose of all work is the enjoyment of love.

Mary was a woman; she was expected to do the serving, too. She shared that burden; she wasn’t abandoning it, heaping her portion on Martha. And it’s wrong to assume Mary didn’t have the same cares and anxieties as Martha — perhaps she even had more!

We typically see our burdens as an impediment to a relationship with Christ. I’m so busy. I’m so overwhelmed. There are so many demands on me, on my time, on my person, on my finances. But we’re thinking the wrong way. Burdens aren’t an obstacle that stands between us and Christ. Burdens are the straightest path to his feet.

God knows about burdens. Aside from being all-wise and all-knowing, he basically completed a doctorate in suffering, taking on a human form (itself kind of a burden, if you think about it) and for 33 years lived among the hardest and heaviest burdens in this world.

Why did he do this? Well, part of the reason was so we could finally understand our burdens aren’t a barrier between us and God. On the contrary, they connect us to him.

Are you anxious about many things? Then you need to be right where Mary is: at the feet of Jesus, with all your burdens.

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

**July 13, 2025**

Adult Envelopes:       \$   1302.00  
Loose Plate:             \$    108.00

#### Saints of the week

July 21 - St. Lawrence of Brindisi  
July 22 - St. Mary Magdalene  
July 23 - St. Bridget  
July 25 - St. James  
July 26 - St. Joachim and St. Ann

#### 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 27

Reader:       Georgia Quamme  
Ushers:       Tim Karl & Greg Dapper  
Servers:      Ben Keller & Sam Keller  
EM:           Lynn Ausethe & Barb Story

##### August 3

Reader:       Laura Chmelik  
Ushers:       Marv Donkers & Tim LaCanne  
Servers:      Christian LaCanne & Greyson Overholt  
EM:           Brydie LaCanne & Mary Murry

July money counters:  
                  Marv Donkers & Bruce Chmelik

#### IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

July 21-25 - Vacation Bible School

July 21 - Parish Council 7:00 pm

July 25 - Holy Hour of Reparation 6:00 am

July 27 - Confessions 9:00 am

August 1 - Holy Hour of Reparation 6:00 am

August 8 - Holy Hour of Reparation 6:00 am

August 10 - Root Beer Floats 9:00 am

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!

**SEVEN SISTERS FOR FATHER STEVE BOATWRIGHT**

A Seven Sisters Apostolate is being formed for newly ordained Father Steve Boatwright, currently assigned to duties at St. Joseph Church in Rosemount and St. Michael's in Kenyon. It will begin after all 7 days of the week have one "sister" (prayerful woman of the parish) committed to pray 1 hour in Eucharistic Adoration at any parish with daily or weekend adoration. We currently are in need of a sister for the following days: Monday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday. We could also use 3 more subs who would consider praying in Eucharistic Adoration if the sister is unable to pray on her day. Please contact Mary Blair at [blairmjc14@gmail.com](mailto:blairmjc14@gmail.com) or 651-983-0804 if you are interested in joining this wonderful ministry. You can find more information about this Apostolate at this link: [www.sevensistersapostolate.org](http://www.sevensistersapostolate.org).



Join us in praying the Rosary in honor of the  
Anniversary of the 4th Marian Apparition at Fatima  
Wednesday, August 13 at 7:00 pm.  
Rosary will be prayed in front of St. Michael's Church.

### Parish Council

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.

Current council members include:

Lou Breimhurst, Trustee

Greg Dapper, President

Laurie Chmelik

Ron Keller

Annette Kraft

Terry LaCanne

Donna Lexvold

Chris Opheim

Chris Petricka, Trustee

### **Community Events/News**

•Everyone is invited to the 53rd annual LITOMYSL SUMMER FESTIVAL at Holy Trinity Catholic Church at Litomysl, 9946 SE 24th Avenue, rural Owatonna, on Sunday, July 27th beginning with a Polka Mass at 10:15 am by the Litomyslaneous Polka Band. The Owatonna KC Choir will sing at 9:30 am. Food and refreshment stands outdoors 11 am to 4 pm. Pie, ice cream, and filled biscuits served in the church basement. Many adult and children's games. Raffle with 42 prizes. Country Store, Used a Bit Sale, and a Silent Auction in the St. Isidore Parish Center. Live musical entertainment including the The Klecker Band, Hans Hohrman, the Dan Stur-sa Band and the Rockin' Hep Cats. Free Shuttle. Prune, poppyseed, and apricot biscuits (buchty) go on sale at 11 am (in the church basement). Holy Trinity Church is handicapped accessible and air conditioned.

