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St. Michael Catholic Church

Sunday Mass - 8 am

Wednesday Mass - 5 pm

Patrick Coffman †

Confessions -

Second Wednesday of the month after Mass

Fourth Sunday of the month after Mass

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 6, 2025

Happy Fourth of July Weekend. In Western Civilization, many countries are founded on the principles of freedom, equality, and the sovereign dignity of the individual. These are also necessary for the Christian life. An incorrect idea of freedom means simply “to do whatever one wishes.” But this is not freedom, but rather leads to being enslaved to one’s whims and desires. The Gospel today gives us a different perspective.

When we are applying for a job, we put our best foot forward. We present our best credentials on our resume. We include any prestigious schools we attended. We include the best previous jobs we held. We seek out well-known people as our references. In other words, we present to an employer we are “the best of all the best”.

On the other hand, if an employer wants to attract good people to their company, they also want to make good proposals to the ones they want to hire. They say to them: I will double your salary. I will give more benefits. After one year, you will be promoted. In other words, those seeking to hire claim to be the “best of the best”.

Jesus is hiring, too, but he is not like us. The list of instructions Jesus gives to the seventy-two is a bit daunting! To his prospective missionaries he tells them: Come and follow me, so that you will be persecuted, so that you will live poorly and walk humbly, so that you will have a difficult life. Perhaps this is why so few people apply for a job with Christ! However, a life well-lived for Christ is the only life a Christian should aspire to. Not becoming a saint is the only real tragedy in life.

Today’s Gospel invites us to live our lives for God and not just for ourselves. Here are some simple ways we can offer our lives to God. Be patient with another person who annoys you. Be patient with our children or spouse. Not allow a “bad mood” to affect how we treat others. Do not monopolize conversation but listen to others. Spend free time in prayer and study of our faith. Avoid crass conversations in the workplace. These small crosses will give us freedom.

Peace,
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		Saints of the week	Divine Mercy Mass schedule:
June 29, 2025		July 6 - St. Maria Goretti	Sunday - 8 am, 10 am,
Adult Envelopes:	\$ 1761.00	July 11 - St. Benedict	12 pm (Spanish), 5 PM
Loose Plate:	\$ 205.00	July 13 - St. Henry	Monday - 5:30 pm
Peters Pence:	\$ 235.00		Tuesday - 8:30 am
Maintenance:	\$ 70.00		Wednesday - 8:30 am
			Thursday - 8:30 am
			Friday - 8:30 am
			Saturday - 8:30 am, 4 pm

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE		IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES
July 13		July 9 - Confessions 5:30 pm
Reader:	Bruce Chmelik	July 11 - Holy Hour of Reparation 6:00 am
Ushers:	Jim Donkers & Dave Mund	July 13 - Donuts 9:00 am
Servers:	Christian LaCanne & Mark Mund	Fatima Rosary 9:00 am
EM:	Renee Mund & Mary Jo Voxland	July 18 - Holy Hour of Reparation 6:00 am
July 20		July 21-25 - Vacation Bible School
Reader:	Donna Lexvold	July 21 - Parish Council 7:00 pm
Ushers:	Bruce & Laura Chmelik	July 25 - Holy Hour of Reparation 6:00 am
Servers:	Serenity Overholt & Greyson Overholt	
EM:	Mary Murry & JoAnn Erie	
July money counters:		
	Marv Donkers & Bruce Chmelik	

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.

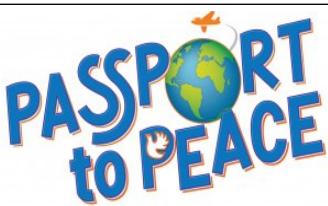
The only problem I am really facing is NOT having enough volunteers for teaching and helpers for youth groups and VBS, and occasionally, substitutes for teaching and door monitor.

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!

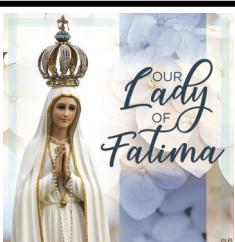


Vacation Bible School will be July 21-25. Children ages 4 (must be potty-trained) to 12 years old are invited to join us on this adventure! All are welcome!

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.



Join us in praying the Rosary in honor of the
Anniversary of the 3rd Marian Apparition at Fatima
Sunday, July 13 at 9:00 am.
Rosary will be prayed in front of St. Michael's Church.

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 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.

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.
- Everyone is invited to the 53rd annual LITOMYSL SUMMER FESTIVAL at Holy Trinity Catholic Church at Lito-mysl, 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 Sturssa 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.

