



St. Michael Catholic Church

Sunday Mass - 8 am

Wednesday Mass - 5 pm

James Schmitz †

Confessions -

Second Wednesday of the month after Mass

Fourth Sunday of the month after Mass

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 17, 2025

What would it be like to be able to grasp and appreciate a child's capacity to have religious experiences? Children have a way of experiencing a deep, authentic, and care-free relationship with God. Children live their lives awake to the present moment and open to the love and mystery that is God.

I am always amazed at how carefree children are. When I give children a tour of the church, I am amazed at the openness they show. Even if they are sad it does not take them long to begin to enjoy life again. Their imagination makes the world a place of play and adventure. God is a person not so much to be figured out but to be experienced.

I know children are not always paying attention during prayer but with a little self control, a language in which to articulate their experience and an opportunity to share it they have an unlimited capacity to experience the divine.

Jesus knew this when he told his disciples, "Unless you change and become like little children you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

One advantage children have over adults is they often do not have the wounds and burdens we gather throughout life. Therefore, they are wide open to God's invitation to a deep friendship and the gift of hear-to-heart prayer. With this advantage children have the capacity to deepen their intimacy with God and therefore, God becomes rooted in their lives.

Don't underestimate the wounds and burdens in your life. They are often what block us from intimacy with God. We tend to get weighed down by them and discouraged.

If on the other hand we act as children in prayer-knowing we are in need of God, wide open to His promptings, awake to the present moment instead of thinking what needs to be done next, maybe, we realize God is not to be figured out but continually experienced anew.

God bless,
Fr. Cory Rohlfing

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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:
August 10, 2025		August 18 - St. Jane Frances de Chantal	Sunday - 8 am, 10 am,
Adult Envelopes:	\$ 1153.00	St. Helen	12 pm (Spanish), 5 PM
Loose Plate:	\$ 39.00	August 19 - St. John Eudes	Monday - 5:30 pm
Parking Lot:	\$ 339.00	August 20 - St. Bernard	Tuesday - 8:30 am
		August 21 - St. Pius X	Wednesday - 8:30 am
		August 23 - St. Rose of Lima	Thursday - 8:30 am
		August 24 - St. Bartholomew	Friday - 8:30 am
			Saturday - 8:30 am, 4 pm

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

August 24

Reader: Bruce Chmelik
Ushers: Jim Donkers & Tim Karl
Servers: Serenity Overholt & Greyson Overholt
EM: Vicki Parrish & Susan Overholt

August 31

Reader: Mike Chase
Ushers: Tim LaCanne & Dave Mund
Servers: Ben Keller & Sam Keller
EM: JoAnn Erie & Lynn Auseth

August money counters:
Brydie LaCanne & Mary Baier

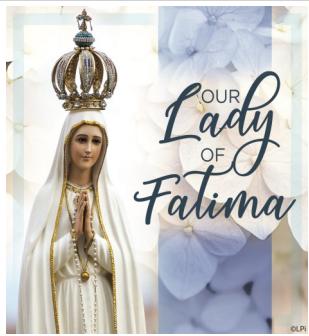
IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

August 22 - Holy Hour of Reparation 6:00 am
August 23 - Confirmation Retreat
August 24 - Confessions 9:00 am
August 29 - Holy Hour of Reparation 6:00 am
September 4 - Lectio Bible Study 7:00 pm
September 5 - Holy Hour of Reparation 6:00 am
September 7 - Faith Formation begins 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 Naomi Bauernfeind and William Parrish.

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.



Join us in praying the Rosary in honor of the
Anniversary of the 5th Marian Apparition at Fatima

Saturday, September 13 at 9 am.

Rosary will be prayed in front of St. Michael's Church.

Fatima Rosary will also be prayed on:

Monday, October 13 at 7 pm

Lectio: Eucharist with Dr. Brant Pitre

Acclaimed author and teacher Dr. Brant Pitre digs down to the biblical roots of the Eucharist, through its foreshadowing in the miraculous events of the Old Testament, the Gospels, and Apostolic teaching.

"The Lamb of God," "The Bread of Life," "The Body and the Blood of Christ"... these are phrases we know from the Mass. But do we understand what they mean in the greater and deeper context of Scripture and Church teaching? We'll discover firsthand how Christ's Body and Blood are an integral and wondrous part of God's plan for our salvation.

Session 2 of this study will meet on Thursdays at 7:00 pm beginning September 4. Everyone is welcome to join us. Please contact the parish office at 507-789-6120 if you are interested in attending so we can have enough materials for all participating.



Faith Formation begins on Sunday, September 7.

Registration forms are available in the parish office or contact JoAnn Erie at faithformation@kwmb.net for forms or questions.

JoAnn will be available after Mass on Sundays in August to accept registrations.

Faith Formation is still in need of substitute teachers. Sometimes starting out as a substitute or helper makes one more comfortable with teaching full time. Please do not ever UNDERESTIMATE your ability to teach. The only skills you need is to enjoy sharing the faith with the children and loving Jesus. Volunteers are required to complete the Virtus training, which is all online now.

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.



Community Events/News

•NEW for Divine Mercy's Spirit Fest 2025: Makers Market! Are you a crafter or artist and would like to join us as a seller at the Makers Market—a new part of Faribault's Divine Mercy Spirit Fest activities on Sunday, September 14th? We are now accepting applications for sellers of handmade/handcrafted non-food items for our family-friendly event! Please scan the QR code for more information and to apply online or e-mail emily.dieter@inspireddesignbyem.com. Deadline is September 1st.





QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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Catholics celebrate the Queenship of Mary because her Divine Son is King. Pope Pius XII, having declared the dogma of the Assumption, that “the Immaculate Mother of God ... was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory,” then established the feast of her Queenship. He set the date for the octave (8th day) after the Solemnity of the Assumption, that is, August 22 each year.

As Queen, Mother Mary not only intercedes on our behalf, she also acts as her Son’s mediator. From her heavenly throne, the Queen Mother of Heaven and Earth is entrusted with the grace of God. She is not the source, but she is privileged to be the instrument of distribution. As a loving mother, nothing pleases her more than to lavish every good thing upon her children on earth. She longs to gather all of her children together in Heaven, with and in her divine Son.

A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. ~Revelation 12:1