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# St. Michael Catholic Church

**Sunday Mass - 8 am**

**Communion Service - Wednesday 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

## Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

**August 31, 2025**

As I went on my rosary walk this morning, I was reminded of students returning to school. Some are excited about finishing their last year of school as Bethlehem Academy Seniors came to church early in the morning and watched the sun rise and had breakfast together. Other students throughout Faribault and Kenyon are excited to be with their friends while others are heartbroken summer is over. Students at Divine Mercy Catholic school came in like they were storming the castle. They could not wait. While some of the preschoolers and kindergarteners will show tears as they begin something new and scary.

We ask for the intercession of St. Joseph of Calasanz. He lived from 1556-1648 in Spain. He is the patron saint of Catholic Schools (especially for the poor ones). He is the patron saint for colleges and all school children.

One story relates that, as a boy, Joseph used to gather the other children and teach them about God. One day, after learning about the devil, he gathered some youth for an important mission: he wanted to kill the devil because the devil was the enemy of God. One could see this a silly idea as you cannot kill the devil. You can command him in the name of Jesus to be away from you. Yet, the desire to serve God and love God and serve his brothers and sisters is what was planted in St. Joseph by God.

Now ordained Fr. Joseph received a vision of himself teaching large numbers of children with the help of angels in the city of Rome. The vision impressed upon his heart so much that, at the age of thirty-five, he promptly responded to the call. His heart was broken when he saw so many children in Rome were homeless and needed assistance. Among their needs was catechesis but then needed education and formation in every area of life. He ran into many roadblocks as the local schools were filled with teachers that were poorly paid, and they didn't want extra children.

Little by little the churches opened themselves up to classrooms and soon Fr. Joseph began the first free schools in Europe. Two years later he had about 1,000 students in school. The resources came. What should we expect with the help of angels? St. Joseph pray for our children and ask the same angels that helped you to help us.

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**

**August 24, 2025**

Adult Envelopes:	\$	920.00
Loose Plate:	\$	174.00
Maintenance:	\$	2.00

#### **Saints of the week**

September 3 - St. Gregory the Great

#### **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 - 10:30 am at BA  
Saturday - 8:30 am, 4 pm

#### **LITURGICAL SCHEDULE**

##### **September 7**

Reader: Donna Lexvold  
Ushers: Tom Coffman & Marv Donkers  
Servers: Christian LaCanne & Greyson Overholt  
EM: Brydie LaCanne & Renee Mund

##### **September 14**

Reader: Laura Chmelik  
Ushers: Greg Dapper & Jim Donkers  
Servers: Serenity Overholt & Mark Mund  
EM: JoAnn Erie & Barb Story

September money counters:  
John Smith & Pam Hegseth

#### **IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES**

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  
Donuts 9:00 am

September 10 - Confessions 5:30 pm

September 11 - Lectio Bible Study 7:00 pm

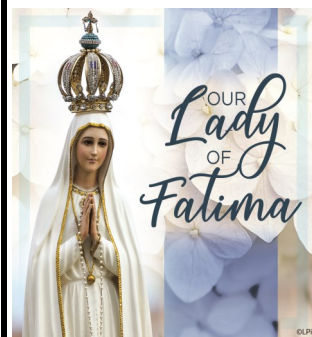
September 12 - Holy Hour of Reparation 6:00 am

September 13 - Fatima Rosary 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, Harold Amundson, Diane Nikunen, and Sandy Rumstick.

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.

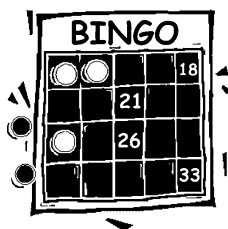


Faith Formation begins on Sunday, September 7.

Registration forms are available in the parish office or contact JoAnn Erie at [faithformation@kwmb.net](mailto: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.



### **Bingo Party - November 22 at 7 PM!**

Donations for the raffle tickets are needed to help make our Bingo party the success it is!

Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board in the atrium for those of you who are able to donate a prize. Thank you!



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

**REMINDER** - If you are scheduled to usher, lector, altar serve, or be a Eucharistic Minister 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!

### 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@inspirededesignbyem.com](mailto:emily.dieter@inspirededesignbyem.com). Deadline is September 1st.



•You're invited to Spirit Fest 2025 - a weekend of celebration, connection, and community joy - at Divine Mercy Church in Faribault on September 13-14. Two days packed with faith-filled fun: live music, inflatables, mini golf, bingo, yard games, raffles, a live and silent auction, a local Makers Market, cake walk, face painting, and more. On Sunday, enjoy a delicious catered turkey dinner and spend the afternoon surrounded by good food, good company, and the kind of joy that only happens when we come together. Full schedule at: [www.spiritfest.info](http://www.spiritfest.info).

•Hegre Lutheran Church will host their annual Fall Swedish Meatball Supper on Wednesday, September 24 serving take out and curbside pickup orders only from 4-7 pm. The menu includes: Swedish meatballs, ham, mashed potatoes & gravy, corn, coleslaw, cranberries, dinner roll, and apple dessert. Meals are \$17. Cash or check only. Call ahead or text orders are recommended by Friday, September 19 (507-330-4996) and will guarantee meals. Please include the number of meals and pickup time. Drive up meals available until food is gone. There will also be raffle tickets for a quilt available: 1 for \$1 or 6 for \$5.



**Pray for all at  
Annunciation  
in Minneapolis**

