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St. Michael Catholic Church

Sunday Mass - 8 am

Wednesday Mass - 5 pm

Shirley Amundson †

Confessions -

Second Wednesday of the month after Mass

Fourth Sunday of the month after Mass

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 7, 2025

I love the response Bishop Barron gave to the media in regard to the killing of children at Anunciation Church and School in Minneapolis. He said, "he considers these children to be martyrs." Why? Because this was a hate crime against Catholics. Therefore, they died for their faith as they were at Mass celebrating their faith and worshiping our Lord.

On Friday we celebrated the memorial of the passion of John the Baptist. Mark places the story of John's passion and death as a flashback. This is intentional. Mark wants to stress how the mighty works the disciples did are the fruit of their fearless faithfulness in proclaiming the Gospel, in suffering for the sake of Jesus' name, and in being willing to undergo death. All of this is exemplified by John the Baptist, the forerunner of Jesus (see Huizenga, *Loosing the Lion*, 159). Mark tells the story of John's suffering and death because he wants to suggest death brings life. After Jesus' death and resurrection, Jesus' disciples will work healings, signs, and wonders. This will advance the kingdom of God throughout the world. When Herod wonders if John the Baptist has been raised and is working in Jesus, he is ironically right: "John the Baptist has been raised after a fashion in Jesus, for whom John served as prophetic forerunner. Jesus continues John's ministry of proclamation even while transcending it with healings and exorcisms and expanding it by doing so through his disciples, his Church" (Huizenga, *Loosing the Lion*, 160).

Lord Jesus, I am a child of your Father. I am a member of your Mystical Body. I am a temple of your Spirit. You are everything to me. I long to enjoy eternal life with you and be purified of all my imperfections. May I be holy and merciful as your heavenly Father is holy and merciful.

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

August 31, 2025

Adult Envelopes: \$ 1186.00
Loose Plate: \$ 81.00
Maintenance: \$ 20.00

Saints of the week

September 8 - St. Mary
September 9 - St. Peter Claver
September 13 - St. John Chrysostom

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 14

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

September 21

Reader: Georgia Quamme
Ushers: Tim Karl & Dave Mund
Servers: Ben Keller & Sam Keller
EM: Lynn Ausethe & Mary Murry

September money counters:
 John Smith & Pam Hegseth

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

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

September 15 - Parish Council 7:00 pm

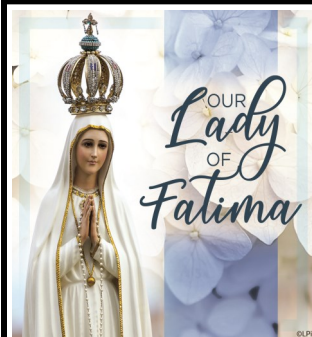
September 18 - Lectio Bible Study 7:00 pm

September 19 - Holy Hour of Reparation 6:00 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

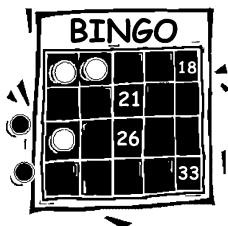
Acclaimed author and teacher Dr. Brant Pitre digs down to the biblical roots of the Eucharist, through its foreshadowing in the miraculous events of the Old Testament, the Gospels, and Apostolic teaching.

"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 meets on Thursdays at 7:00 pm. 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 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!

Community Events/News

•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.

•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.



23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion?
... In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple.” - Lk 14:28, 33