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St. Michael Catholic Church

Sunday Mass - 8 am

Wednesday Mass - 5 pm

Marlon Quiggle †

Confessions -

Second Wednesday of the month after Mass

Fourth Sunday of the month after Mass

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 12, 2025

A verse from the Letter to the Hebrews sums up the power of gratitude: "What gives true strength to a man's heart," it says, "is gratitude" (Heb 13:9). Why is that? Gratitude is like a river that feeds a huge reservoir of water. If we dam up that river, the reservoir will continue to be useful for a while. But little by little it will dry up.

If we neglect the virtue of gratitude, that's what happens to our souls. They dry up, because they aren't being irrigated by the knowledge we are loved. The virtue of gratitude keeps us in tune with this most important of facts: God loves us, thinks about us, cares about us, is interested in us.

God's capacity for love is much greater than any mere human beings. It's infinite. Knowing we are loved by God, then, is the only way to satisfy one of the two deepest needs of the human heart: the need to know we are loved without limit and without conditions.

Gratitude keeps our attention on God's goodness to us, on the expressions of his love for us. It makes sure we never forget we are loved – which is the only source of lasting joy in the world full of difficulties. When we neglect it, we start focusing on ourselves, on our own achievements, on our own desires – but none of those things can satisfy this fundamental need of our soul. Just as no reservoir can keep itself full – it needs to be fed by a source outside itself. Higher than itself.

When we find ourselves becoming habitually bitter, angry, frustrated, stressed, or depressed, it's because our reservoir is getting low. That's when we need to look back to God and his love and open the floodgates of gratitude.

Grateful to you,
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

October 5, 2025

Adult Envelopes:	\$	1640.00
Loose Plate:	\$	102.00
Maintenance:	\$	50.00
Parking Lot:	\$	307.00

Saints of the week

October 14 - St. Callistus I
October 15 - St. Teresa of Jesus
October 16 - St. Hedwig
St. Margaret Mary Alacoque
October 17 - St. Ignatius of Antioch
October 18 - St. Luke
October 19 - St. Isaac Jogues,
St. John de Brebeuf and Companions

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

October 19

Reader:	Mike Chase
Ushers:	Greg Dapper & Marv Donkers
Servers:	Mark Mund & Greyson Overholt
EM:	Susan Overholt & Lynn Auseth

October 26

Reader:	Donna Lexvold
Ushers:	Bruce & Laura Chmelik
Servers:	Ben Keller & Sam Keller
EM:	Mary Murry & Vicki Parrish

October money counters:
Georgia Quamme & Lisa Karl

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

October 17 - Holy Hour of Reparation 5:30 am

October 23 - Adoration 6:00-7:00 pm
Lectio Bible Study 7:00 pm

October 24 - Holy Hour of Reparation 5:30 am

October 26 - Confessions 9:00 am

October 30 - Adoration 6:00-7:00 pm
Lectio Bible Study 7:00 pm

October 31 - Holy Hour of Reparation 5:30 am

We pray for all our parishioners, families and friends who are in need of physical or spiritual healing, especially, Thomas Eilen, Jaci Eilen, MacKensie Eilen, Gary Mogren, Beth Curran, Clark Richaleau, Bill McDonald, Michaela Neuzil, Greg Krinke, LaVonne Mogren, Harold Amundson, Sandy Rumstick, Kade Lexvold, Kael Lexvold, and Diana Kelley.

We pray for those in the Armed forces, especially 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.

Bingo Party - November 22nd at 7 PM!

- We will again be having a basket silent auction at the November bingo party. Please consider donating a basket. Baskets can be brought to the parish office at any time.
- Donations are needed for the turkeys and hams, pop, water, bottles for the bottle raffle, door prizes, and bars.

We are always in great need of workers and donations!

Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board. Thank you!

Our faith formation classes begin at 9 am, and this includes one class held in the back overflow of the church. It is hard to conduct class with background noise, and we gently ask if the parishioners could do their visiting in the hall or atrium. This would help us very much.



Join us in praying the Rosary in honor of the
Anniversary of the 6th Marian Apparition at Fatima

Monday, October 13 at 7 pm.

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



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.

The prayer chain list is getting out of date. Please take a moment and look on page 2 to see if you may have placed someone on the list and they can now be taken off. It will be your responsibility to contact the parish office either by phone or e-mail if you want someone to REMAIN on the prayer chain. Those who asked to remain on the list will do so and **all others will be taken off for the October 26 bulletin.**

All are welcome to attend **Adoration on Thursday evenings from 6-7 pm beginning October 23.** Please come and spend some prayerful time with the Blessed Sacrament.

Next week there is the annual collection for World Mission Sunday. It is the one day when the church gathers in prayer and sacrificial giving to proclaim the Gospel is for all people, in all lands. Please be generous.

Book of Deceased

There is a book on the table in the atrium to write names of deceased relatives and friends you would like us to pray for during the month of November. The book will be placed near the altar on All Souls' Day and we will pray for the souls listed during the month of November.

Please also feel free to call or email the parish office with those names you would like in the book.

Community Events/News

•Gol Lutheran Church is hosting a Harvest Luncheon on Sunday, October 19 serving from 11:30 am - 1:30 pm. Menu: homemade vegetable beef & barley soup, barbecues, potato salad, pie, coffee, and milk. Take outs available. To order ahead call or text Julie at 507-491-3505.

•Holden Lutheran Church is hosting their All Saints Dinner on Sunday, November 2 with serving from 12-2 pm and 4:30-6:30 pm. Menu: meatballs and gravy, Pulsa, scalloped potatoes, buttered carrots, cranberry relish, lefse, fruit soup, rommegrot, and bakings. Cost: \$20/meal, children: \$10, 4 and under free. To go meals are available (reservations preferred) by calling 507-789-6677 or email holdendinner@gmail.com.

•Celebrate the Saints! All are invited to an All Saint's Day Celebration at Holy Trinity Church in Goodhue from 9:30AM-12:30PM on Saturday, November 1. The fifth and sixth grade faith formation students will do short presentations on their saints from 10:00-11:15AM. There will be a carnival in the basement from 10:00AM-Noon, with games and fun educational stations for the whole family. Weather permitting, there will be activities outside. A "Special Saint Meal" and "Angelic Treats" will be served from 9:30AM to 12:30PM, along with a bake sale, served and prepared by church volunteers. Proceeds will benefit the parish Faith Formation program.

•Parish Mission: Come join Fr. David Gunter, MIC, as he teaches on "Mary, the Icon of Mercy!" on the evenings of November 2-5, 2025 at the Church of St. Paul, Zumbrota (749 S. Main Street). Schedule of Events each night: 6:00pm—Confessions; 6:35pm—Rosary; 7:00pm—Presentation. Fr. David Gunter is from the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception.

**GIVE
THANKS
& PRAISE**
in Prayer

