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St. Michael Catholic Church

Sunday Mass - 8 am

Wednesday Mass - 5 pm

Jerry & Elaine Dummer †

Confessions -

Second Wednesday of the month after Mass

Fourth Sunday of the month after Mass

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 5, 2025

As Catholics, we believe every human person is made in the image and likeness of God. Every human life is therefore sacred and should be protected and cherished from conception to natural death. This has to be our starting point. If every human life is not sacred and a God given right, then life can be taken away by another authority in this world. It cannot be since God is the ultimate authority.

This week we celebrate Respect Life Sunday. As we celebrate this day we put our faith into practice. This year we are sending some members of our youth group to the local Pregnancy Options gala. They, along with a clergy, will be at the celebration with other members of St. Michael Catholic Church and other denominations of faith. We will also take a second collection for the needs of Pregnancy Options. We pray for pro-life movements around the world. We lead with our faith by serving men, women, and babies along with our elderly and everyone in-between. We sometimes feel guilty we cannot serve everyone at all times, but we do what we are able.

Our faith is so central to the way we live and act. St. Luke records Jesus's lessons on the power of faith to the size of a mustard seed. Jesus teaches we are to forgive a person who offends us and sins against us seven times in one day, and we are to forgive them "seven times" seven as a symbolic number. The number seven was a covenant number. In other words, to "seven" oneself meant to give oneself to another entirely. Even God on the seventh day of creation was giving himself as a gift to us. It also represents completeness.

The apostles find this saying hard, especially because they are going to exercise leadership roles in the Church. That is why they ask for an increase in faith. Jesus responds even a little faith – faith the size of a mustard seed – is powerful and can do the seemingly impossible. Jesus follows this up with a parable and asks the apostles to think of themselves as a master who has servants ready to wait on him at table. But Jesus switches the role. He teaches his apostles even though they exercise authority in the Kingdom of God, they are to consider themselves as (seven) servant, who only did what God commanded them.

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		Saints of the week	Divine Mercy Mass schedule:
September 28, 2025		October 6 - St. Bruno	Sunday - 8 am, 10 am,
Adult Envelopes:	\$ 1946.00	Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher	12 pm (Spanish), 5 PM
Loose Plate:	\$ 88.00	October 9 - St. Denis and Companions	Monday - 5:30 pm
Maintenance:	\$ 120.00	St. John Leonard	Tuesday - 8:30 am
		October 14 - St. Callistus I	Wednesday - 8:30 am
			Thursday - 8:30 am
			Friday - 10:30 am at BA
			Saturday - 8:30 am, 4 pm

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

October 12

Reader: Georgia Quamme
Ushers: Tim Karl & Jim Donkers
Servers: Serenity Overholt & Greyson Overholt
EM: Susan Overholt & JoAnn Erie

October 19

Reader: Mike Chase
Ushers: Greg Dapper & Marv Donkers
Servers: Mark Mund & Christian LaCanne
EM: Brydie LaCanne & Lynn Auseth

October money counters:

Georgia Quamme & Lisa Karl

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

October 8 - Confessions 5:30 pm
October 9 - Lectio Bible Study 7:00 pm
October 10 - Holy Hour of Reparation 6:00 am
October 12 - Breakfast A-B-E-O
October 17 - Holy Hour of Reparation 6:00 am
October 23 - Lectio Bible Study 7:00 pm
October 24 - 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, 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, and Kael Lexvold.

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.

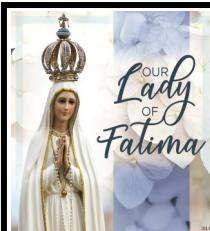
Bingo Party - November 22nd at 7 PM!

- 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.**

Have you discontinued your landline? Have you changed your phone numbers?

Please update your contact information with the parish office if it has changed. Thank you!

Community Events/News

- America Needs Fatima Rosary Rally in West Concord on Saturday, October 11, 2025 beginning at noon in Centennial Park on the corner of Hwy 56 and Main St. Call 319-239-4639 if you have questions. All are welcome.
- 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.

Prayer to Respect Life

Dear Lord,

What a gift You have given in every human life.

Inspire us to respect Your handiwork

in every human we encounter.

Embolden us to protect the dignity

of the most vulnerable members of society.

Amen.

**respect
life
sunday**

