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# St. Michael Catholic Church

**Sunday Mass - 8 am**

**Communion Service - Wednesday at 5 pm**

followed by Adoration until 6 pm

## **Confessions -**

Second Wednesday of the month after Mass

Fourth Sunday of the month after Mass

## **First Sunday of Advent**

**November 30, 2025**

Be attentive!

That's the spiritual place Jesus wants us to be on this first Sunday of Advent. He doesn't start the season with soft candlelight and cozy manger scenes. He starts with two brutal images: a flood and a thief. In other words, chaos and violation.

Why? Because life will flood us. Chaos will come. And in the midst of it, Christ will come like a thief — not to steal from us, but to steal us back. He is the intruder we should want. The one who breaks in, not to ransack, but to rescue.

Christ presents himself as the thief but also the new Noah. He builds the ark of the Church to carry us through the flood. And he invites us to join him. How? By participating fully in our parishes. By making our homes places of prayer. By guarding our hearts with truth. By refusing to let spiritual complacency leave us exposed. By repentance.

In following Jesus Christ, there is no fear. What we are called to do is live each day as it were our last. Be mindful of all the opportunities around you to share love and the gifts God has given you. We will all be held accountable in the end, but it is not what we have done that will save us. Our salvation lies in the grace freely given to us by Jesus. When we choose to receive that gift and intentionally follow him, we are led to giving over our entire being totally to him.

This Advent, don't just stay vaguely "awake." Prepare. Build. Watch. The flood will come. But so will he.

God bless,  
Fr Cory Rohlwing

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

##### November 23, 2025

Adult Envelopes:	\$ 2216.00
Loose Plate:	\$ 105.00
Maintenance:	\$ 30.00

#### Saints of the week

November 30 - St. Andrew
December 3 - St. Francis Xavier
December 4 - St. John of Damascus
December 6 - St. Nicholas
December 7 - St. Ambrose

#### LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

##### December 7

Reader: Donna Lexvold  
Ushers: Greg Dapper & Tom Coffman  
Servers: Ben Keller & Sam Keller  
EM: Mary Murry & Mary Jo Voxland

##### December 8 - Holy Day Mass 7:00 pm

*Volunteers needed. Please contact the parish office.*

##### December 14

Reader: Laura Chmelik  
Ushers: Tim Karl & Tim LaCanne  
Servers: Mark Mund & Christian LaCanne  
EM: JoAnn Erie & Barb Story

December money counters:  
Bruce Chmelik & Brydie LaCanne

#### IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

December 4 - Adoration 6:00-7:00 pm	Lectio Bible Study 7:00 pm
December 5 - Holy Hour of Reparation 5:30 am	
December 8 - Holy Day Mass 7:00 pm	
December 11 - Adoration 6:00-7:00 pm	Lectio Bible Study 7:00 pm
December 12 - Holy Hour of Reparation 5:30 am	
December 14 - Faith Formation Christmas Program 9:00 am	Women's Breakfast to follow program
December 18 - Adoration 6:00-7:00 pm	Lectio Bible Study 7:00 pm

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, Michaela Neuzil, Harold Amundson, Sandy Rumstick, 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.



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

All are welcome to attend the Christmas Program provided by our Faith Formation students on Sunday, December 14 after Mass. Please remain in the church after Mass and the program will begin shortly.

Breakfast will be served in the parish hall after the program. Please join us!

#### **Lectio: Eucharist - Dr. Brant Pitre**

During Thursdays in Advent (December 4, 11, 18) everyone is invited to come to Eucharistic Adoration and to watch the first 6 videos of the Lectio: Eucharist program.

Eucharistic Adoration from 6-7 pm

Lectio: Eucharist beginning at 7 pm

We will watch 2 sessions of videos each week of Advent.

#### **Feast of the Immaculate Conception Holy Day Mass - Monday, December 8 at 7 pm**

The Immaculate Conception means that Mary, whose conception was brought about the normal way, was conceived without original sin or its stain—that's what "immaculate" means: without stain. The essence of original sin consists in the deprivation of sanctifying grace, and its stain is a corrupt nature. Mary was preserved from these defects by God's grace; from the first instant of her existence she was in the state of sanctifying grace and was free from the corrupt nature original sin brings.

#### Mass times at Divine Mercy on December 8:

8:30 am and 5:30 pm

Can you spare a little bit of your time and your talents to help at St. Michael's? **We are in need of ushers, lectors, servers, and money counters.** These volunteer opportunities require very little time commitment, but would be a tremendous help and service to the church. Contact the office for more information.

#### **Community Events/News**

- The Church of St. Paul, Zumbrota is hosting their First Annual Lasagna Supper on Thursday, December 4, from 4:30-7:00pm. Enjoy the lasagna, salad, French bread, and pie! FREE WILL OFFERING! Hosted by: The Church of St. Paul Council of Catholic Women (CCW). Location: 749 South Main Street, Zumbrota, MN 55992 Phone: 507-732-5324.
- All women are invited to Devoted: An Advent Morning Retreat on December 6th from 8am to noon. It will be held at Divine Mercy Church in Faribault, and includes the rosary, Mass, breakfast, and presentations focused on our deeper calling into devotion to Christ-centered community. Contact Mary at 507-323-5682 or [mlmarquard@gmail.com](mailto:mlmarquard@gmail.com) to register. Please register by December 1st. Cost is \$20/person. We hope you can join us!
- The Church of Saint Michael is hosting their 52nd Holiday Tea on Saturday, December 6, from 9:00-11:30am. Baked items, crafts, & raffle items are available! Enjoy our Holiday Tea Table! Music provided by Pine Island High School students! Hosted by: St. Gianna Molla Guild. Church of Saint Michael Location: 451 5th St. SW, Pine Island, MN 55963 Tel: 507-356-4280

	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Donated by</u>
1. \$100	Randy Meyer	Bauernfeinds
2. \$100	Clark Ellingsberg	Tom & Maria Coffman
3. \$100	Harriet Priore	Marv & Myrna Donkers
4. \$100	JoAnn Erie	Marv & Myrna Donkers
5. \$100	Jason Hoaglund	Mary Baier
6. \$50	Lisa Kern	Dee Callstrom
7. \$50	Tim Karl	Ron & Kathy Meyer
8. \$50	Brian Schrader	Ron & Kathy Meyer
9. \$50	Brent Peterson	Ray & Andrea Dawson
10. \$50	Aaron Fossum	Jim & Gail Donkers
11. \$50	Tiffany Trosin	Jim & Gail Donkers
12. \$50	Madalyn Lee	Pam Hegseth
13. \$50	Ron Meyer	Wayne & Donna Lexvold
14. \$50	Irene McDonald	Wayne & Donna Lexvold
15. \$50	Meredith Johnson	Tim & Brydie LaCanne Family
16. \$50	Joel Van Nurden	Tim & Lisa Donkers
17. \$50	Abby Donkers	Tim & Lisa Donkers
18. \$50	Maxine Bauernfeind	Anonymous
19. \$50	Katherine Schwasinger	Chris Opheim
20. \$50	Marv Chmelik	Chris Opheim
21. \$50	Emily McCarthy	Anonymous
22. \$50	Donna Lexvold	Anonymous
23. \$50	Deb Herrlich	Rosie Floren
24. \$50 Cenex gift card	Aaron Bauer	Tim & Lisa Karl
25. \$50 Cenex gift card	Linda Hildebrandt	Tim & Lisa Karl
26. \$50 Cenex gift card	Bonnie Bauer	Tim & Lisa Karl
27. \$50 Cenex gift card	Harriet Priore	Tim & Lisa Karl
28. \$50 Ace gift card	Myrna Donkers	Ron & Kay Keller
29. \$50 Cahill's gift card	Andrea Dawson	Ron & Kay Keller
30. \$50 Walmart gift card	Joel Van Nurden	Bruce & Laura Chmelik
31. \$50 Fareway gift card	Deacon Newell McGee	Bruce & Laura Chmelik
32. \$50 grocery gift card	Maxine Bauernfeind	Mary Murry
33. \$50 grocery gift card	Cathy Smith	Mary Murry
34. \$30 Angie's gift card	Chris Petricka	Ron & Kay Keller
35. \$30 Angie's gift card	Adam Peme	Jen & John Smith
36. \$25 cash	Genevieve Kohl	Anonymous
37. \$25 cash	Jim Donkers	Anonymous
38. \$25 cash	Riley Donkers	Anonymous
39. \$25 cash	Evie Finley	Anonymous
40. \$20 Blondies gift card	Dr Angela Timm	Jason & Bobbi Hoaglund
41. \$10 Thrift Store gift card	Steve Schiller	Ron & Kay Keller
42. XS Bundle	Renee Mund	Overholts
43. Crochet Plush	Ana Ramirez	Serenity Overholt

Quilt winner: Maria Coffman

Early bird winner: Arlene Erickson

Most tickets sold winner: Bobbi Hoaglund