



St. Michael Catholic Church

Sunday Mass - 8 am

Ash Wednesday Mass - 7 pm (no 5 pm Mass this week)

Harold & Syliva Chase †

Confessions -

Fourth Sunday of the month after Mass

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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 15, 2026

Let us combine the insight and wisdom of Pope Benedict and Pope Francis so we can be witnesses in this world. Back in 2008 on World Youth Day Pope Benedict had a message for the youth and the world. Here are some of his thoughts. "Dear friends, life is not governed by chance; it is not random, your very existence has been willed by God, blessed and given a purpose. Life is not just a succession of events or experiences. Life is a search for the true, the good, and the beautiful. It is to this end that we make our choices; it is for this we exercise our freedom; it is in this – in truth, in goodness, and in beauty – that we find happiness and joy."

Pope Benedict really wanted people to know in Christ they have been made a new creation. It is no longer they who live, but Christ who lives in them. I would add to this, God does not change his mind. So, God has a plan for your life and God does not change his mind. That means if we have been delaying something God wants of us we should no longer delay.

Pope Benedict and Pope Francis really want us to carry the message of Christ into the world. It will not be easy, of course. There are many today who claim God should be left on the sidelines, and religion and faith, while fine for individuals, should either be excluded from the public forum altogether or included only in the pursuit of limited pragmatic goals. This vision seeks to explain human life and shape society with itself as neutral, impartial, and inclusive of everyone.

But in reality, like every ideology, secularism imposes a worldview. If God is irrelevant to public life, then society will be shaped in a godless image. When God is eclipsed, our ability to recognize the natural order and purpose of what's good and bad begins to wane.

In fact our world has grown weary of greed, exploitation and division, of false idols and false promises. Our hearts and minds are yearning for a vision of life where love endures, where gifts are shared, where unity is built, where freedom finds meaning in truth, and where identity is found in communion.

I think Pope Francis' technique in communicating our message is helpful. He wants the church to attract people to the beauty of Catholicism by showing our goodness and love in action. Once people see Christ in us maybe then they will take a look at the truths we profess?

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

February 8, 2026

Adult Envelopes: \$ 860.00
Loose Plate: \$ 94.00
Fuel/Energy: \$ 50.00

Saints of the week

February 17 - Seven Founders of the
Order of Servites
February 21 - St. Peter Damian

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

February 18 - Ash Wednesday Mass 7:00 pm

Reader: Mike Chase
Ushers: Tim Donkers & Jim Donkers
Servers: Christian LaCanne & Sam Keller
EM: Renee Mund & Brydie LaCanne

February 22

Reader: Donna Lexvold
Ushers: Greg Dapper & Dave Mund
Servers: Greyson Overholt & Serenity Overholt
EM: Lynn Ausetz & JoAnn Erie

March 1

Reader: Charlie Priore
Ushers: Bruce & Laura Chmelik
Servers: Christian LaCanne & Mark Mund
EM: Vicki Parrish & Mary Jo Voxland

February money counters:
Georgia Quamme & Brydie LaCanne

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

February 15 - Mardi Gras Bingo 2:00 pm

February 18 - Ash Wednesday Mass 7:00 pm

February 19 - Eucharistic Adoration 6:00-7:00 pm
Lectio Bible Study 7:00 pm

February 20 - Holy Hour of Reparation 5:30 am

February 22 - Confessions 9:00 am

February 25 - Stations of the Cross 5:30 pm
Soup Supper 6:00 pm

February 26 - Eucharistic Adoration 6:00-7:00 pm
Life Everlasting 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, Diana Kelley, Greg Krinke, Bev Watson, Faith Cruz, and Simone Boesen.

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.



Mardi Gras Bingo



Please come back today at 2 pm and join us for an afternoon of fun!

We invite you to join us for a new five-week study called ***Life Everlasting: Heaven, Hell, Death, and Judgment***. In this study, Catholic scholars Dr. Edward Sri and Dr. Jeffrey Morrow will guide us through the Church's teachings on the last things—not to fill us with fear, but to inspire us with hope. Together, we'll discover how living each day in light of eternity gives meaning to our struggles, clarity to our choices, and strength for our journey of faith.

Whether you've been studying the faith for years or are just beginning your journey, this study will help you grow closer to God and live with your eyes fixed on heaven. Life Everlasting follows a new format that focuses on discussion, prayer, and discernment rather than a lot of reading or preparation. It's designed to fit into your busy schedule, making it ideal for anyone who wants to deepen their faith but doesn't have a lot of time to commit right now.

Thursday, February 26 and March 5, 12, 19 and 26 at 7:00 pm.

Eucharistic Adoration will be available before the study from 6-6:55 pm.

For more information and to register, contact St. Michael's Church Parish Office. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the atrium or contact St. Michael's Parish Office if you plan to attend.

In an effort to share community and faith we would like to have ***soup suppers*** on Wednesday evenings during Lent. Mass/Communion Service at 5 pm, Stations of the Cross at 5:30 pm, and soup at 6 pm. All are welcome to some or all of the evening. In order for this to be a success we need volunteers to make a soup. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the atrium.

Community Events/News

•You are invited to the annual Church of St. Michael's Lenten Fish Fry on Friday evenings during Lent – (February 20, 27, March 6, 13, 20, 27) serving from 4:30 PM to 7:00 PM! Both baked & fried fish will be offered! Prices: Adults \$15.00, Children 5-12 \$6.00, and Family maximum \$45.00 TAKE OUT AVAILABLE! Location: Church of St. Michael, 451 5th St. SW, Pine Island, MN 55963 Tel: 507-356-4280

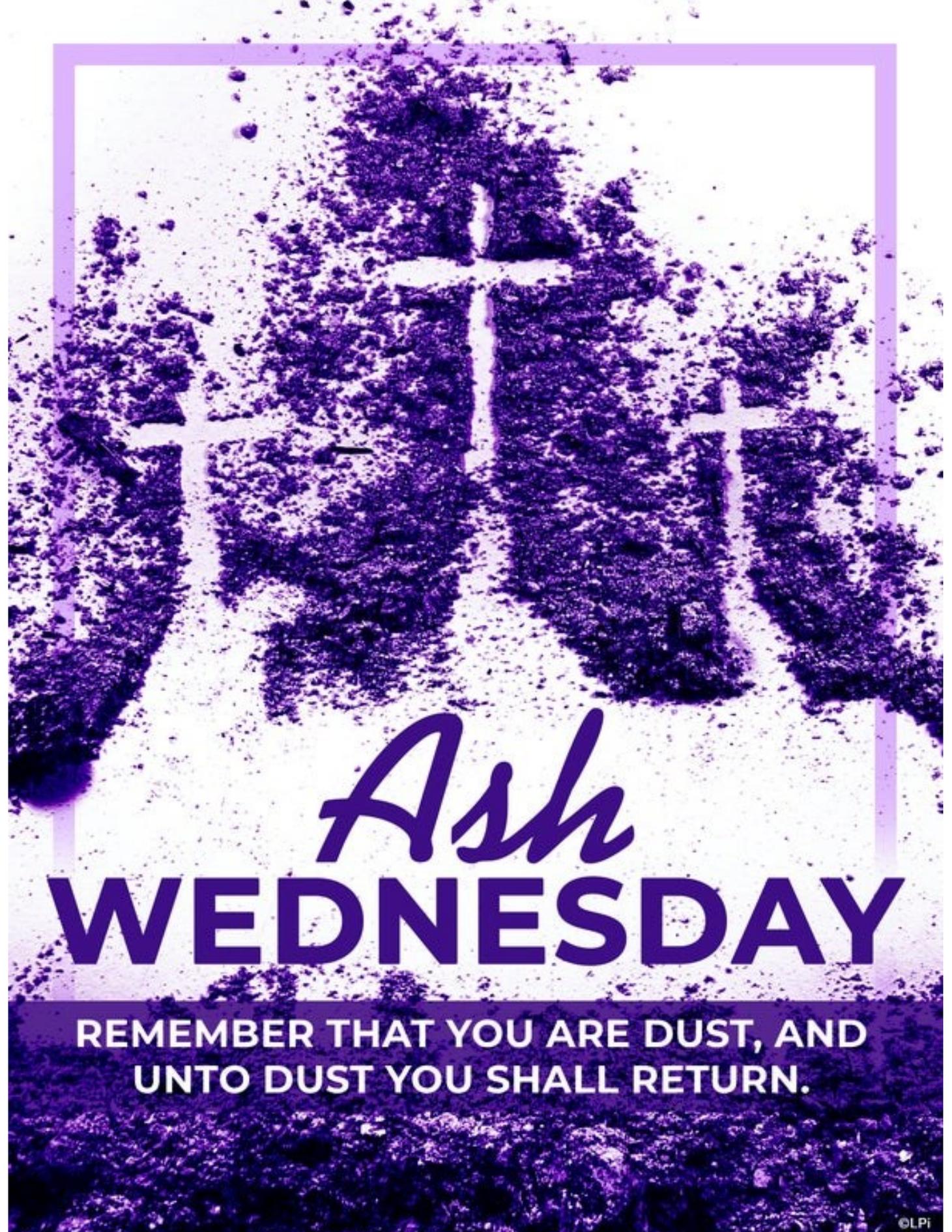


LENTEN DISCIPLINES OF FASTING & ABSTINENCE

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.



Ash
WEDNESDAY

**REMEMBER THAT YOU ARE DUST, AND
UNTO DUST YOU SHALL RETURN.**