



St. Michael Catholic Church

Sunday Mass - 8 am

Wednesday Mass - 5 pm

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Confessions -

Fourth Sunday of the month after Mass

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Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 15, 2026

“Remember man you are dust and to dust you shall return”. This is what is prayed over us on Ash Wednesday as we receive the ashes. There is one other prayer that can be used instead, “turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel”. Both work, although I prefer the first. There is something really simple about remembering God formed us from the dust and we shall return there once again.

If I have to return to dust one day then I am going to re-evaluate my priorities while I am in this transition time between heaven and earth. This world is passing away. Do I give too much attention to this world or maybe I don't take this world seriously enough?

Lent is a great time to go into the desert with Jesus to make sure our priorities are in proper place. The devil's plan is to distract us with the things of this world in order to make sure God is not the center of our lives. Jesus' plan is to take us away from the distractions in life, renew us, and then send us back into the world with clear vision and purpose.

Lent is a great time to help us get focused. In the desert I begin to realize pleasure, honor/position, and power are not all that important. These things are good if they bring glory to God and dignity to ourselves and our brothers and sisters. However, in the desert I don't need them.

My needs are simple in the desert. I need food and water. I need some good companionship. I need purpose. Outside of these things I begin to realize how much extra stuff is in my life. I thought at one time I could not do without all my gadgets and distractions but now in the desert I feel relaxed and when I enter my life once again I begin to enjoy the extra stuff even more because I realize God showers me with many gifts and relationships. I am a blessed man.

Now as I come out of the desert my priorities are in line once again and Christ is the center of my life. I realize the enemy will try to distract me again. I may have to return to the desert for another lesson.

May you have a blessed Lent,
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

March 8, 2026

Adult Envelopes: \$ 960.00
Loose Plate: \$ 70.00

Saints of the week

March 15 - St. Louise de Marillac
March 17 - St. Patrick
March 18 - St. Cyril of Jerusalem
March 19 - St. Joseph

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

March 22

Reader: Bruce Chmelik
Ushers: Tim LaCanne & Greg Dapper
Servers: Ben Keller & Christian LaCanne
EM: Brydie LaCanne & Mary Murry

March 29 - Palm Sunday

Reader: Georgia Quamme
Ushers: Greg Dapper & Dave Mund
Servers: Mark Mund & Sam Keller
EM: Lynn Ausetz & Vicki Parrish

March money counters:
 Georgia Quamme & John Smith

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

March 16 - Parish Council 7:00 pm

March 18 - Stations of the Cross 5:30 pm
 Soup Supper 6:00 pm

March 19 - Eucharistic Adoration 6:00-7:00 pm
 Life Everlasting Bible Study 7:00 pm

March 20 - Holy Hour of Reparation 5:30 am

March 22 - Confessions 9:00 am

March 25 - Stations of the Cross 5:30 pm
 Soup Supper 6:00 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, Simone Boesen, and Marv Donkers.

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.

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, March 19 and 26 at 7:00 pm.

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

The Holy Hour or Reparation that meets on Friday mornings at 5:30 will pray the Stations of the Cross and the Rosary during Lent. All are welcome.



March 29: Palm Sunday Mass - 8 am

April 1: Communion Service - 5 pm
Stations of the Cross - 5:30 pm

April 2: Holy Thursday Mass - 7 pm
Altar of Repose - open until 9:30 pm

April 3: Good Friday Service - 3 pm

April 5: Easter Mass - 8 am

Can you spare a little bit of your time and your talents to help at St. Michael's? **We are in need of ushers, lecturers, 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

•You are invited to the annual Church of St. Michael's Lenten Fish Fry on Friday evenings during Lent – (March 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

•Nominate for the Leading With Faith Awards: You know Catholics who boldly live the Catholic faith in their labors —be they professional, enthusiast, or apostolate—and so positively impact the broader community: Make them known! The Leading With Faith Awards returns (May 1) to honor individuals and organizations whose faith-informed work is actively changing the landscape of culture, and business, in the Archdiocese. Seeking examples of innovation, business growth, entrepreneurship, community impact, and/or collaboration and partnership. Nominate at sjbusinessguild.org/sjf by March 22!

•St. John's UCC of Wheeling Township will present the annual Last Supper Drama on Palm Sunday, March 29 at 8 pm. This drama features a live presentation of Leonardo da Vinci's painting of the Last Supper. A monologue featuring each of the disciples and their relationship with Christ is also a part of the presentation. Fellowship hour follows presentation.

Parish Council

Please discern if your time, talents, and wisdom could be utilized by joining our Parish Council. We would love to have new members for their ideas and insight in making St. Michael's a viable and flourishing parish. It is a fairly small time commitment with council meetings every other month on the third Monday at 7 pm. Contact the parish office for more information.

Current council members include:

Lou Breimhurst, Trustee

Greg Dapper, President

Laurie Chmelik

Ron Keller

Annette Kraft

Terry LaCanne

Donna Lexvold

Chris Opheim

Chris Petricka, Trustee

