



St. Michael Catholic Church

Sunday Mass - 8 am

Communion Service - Wednesday at 5 pm

followed by Stations of the Cross

Confessions -

Fourth Sunday of the month after Mass

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Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

March 29, 2026

Today we celebrate Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week when Jesus enters the city of Jerusalem and there is celebration and people yelling out "Hosanna," which means "please deliver us." There will be great commotion in the city as hundreds of thousands enter Jerusalem. Then, all of a sudden, the city will go silent, when Jesus dies. There is a proper time for silence and speaking out.

Silence is good for us. In silence we can shut out the many noises of this world that try to block the voice and grace of God trying to penetrate our lives. Often Jesus goes off by Himself to pray. He hears God's voice in the silence. The difficulty of silence is whatever we are looking at or going through gets magnified. If we stay busy and noisy we don't have to address the things God wants us to look at. Holy Week is a good time to enter the silence where God resides in our interior.

There is also a negative sense of silence. Pray with Luke 14:1-6. Be with Jesus in the home of the Pharisee. Feel the Pharisees watching Jesus. Feel the tension. Look at Jesus. He is not silent.

"He went on His way through towns and villages, teaching, and journeying toward Jerusalem." (Luke 13:22) As Jesus continued, it is safe to say that rumor of His confrontational Sabbath healing preceded Him. His week's journey has come to conclusion and Saturday's dinner has brought Him to "the house of a ruler who belonged to the Pharisees." (Luke 14:1) Jesus discovers a man who had dropsy. Jesus eyes this gentleman while the Pharisees are "observing him carefully." Jesus proposes a question: "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath or not?" Stunned, the Pharisees have no answer. "They kept silent." (Luke 14:4) Jesus disregards the look they give Him and heals the man. Jesus heals on the Sabbath in the home of the Pharisees. Jesus cannot be silent when they are silent.

Sometimes silence keeps life neat. Keeping silent may give us a false sense we don't have to struggle, we don't have to challenge. There is no drama, no tension, no scandal. However, mercy – the kind of mercy that changes the world – cannot be silenced. Mercy is a person whose name is Jesus Christ. And, when you and I fall in love with Jesus, we will do anything for Him. We will not remain in silence. That's why it was important for Jesus to be detached. When you and I are detached from the world, with everything determined by Jesus, we will have the courage to be silent no more, standing firm for mercy.

In the end we come before our Lord in silence, and we bring His message to the world by not being silent.

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.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

April 2 - Holy Thursday

Reader: Mike Chase
Ushers: Dave Mund & Jim Donkers
Servers: Christian LaCanne, Serenity Overholt,
Greyson Overholt, & Ben Keller
EM: Renee Mund & Susan Overholt

April 3 - Good Friday

Reader: Donna Lexvold
Ushers: Marv Donkers & Tim Donkers
Servers: Serenity Overholt, Greyson Overholt,
Ben Keller, & Sam Keller

April 5 - Easter

Reader: Charlie Priore
Ushers: Greg Dapper & Dave Mund
Servers: Mark Mund & Sam Keller
EM: Barb Story & JoAnn Erie

April 12 - First Communion Mass

Reader: Georgia Quamme
Ushers: Bruce & Laura Chmelik
Servers: Christian LaCanne & Greyson Overholt
EM: Brydie LaCanne & Susan Overholt

April money counters:

Mary Baier & Marv Donkers

CONTRIBUTIONS

March 22, 2026

Adult Envelopes:	\$	1850.00
Loose Plate:	\$	76.00
Maintenance:	\$	95.00

Saints of the week

April 2 - St. Francis of Paola

April 4 - St. Isidore

April 5 - St. Vincent Ferrer

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

April 1 - Communion Service 5:00 pm
Stations of the Cross 5:30 pm

April 2 - Holy Thursday Mass 7:00 pm

April 3 - Holy Hour of Reparation 5:30 am
Good Friday Service 3:00 pm

April 5 - Easter Mass 8:00 am

April 10 - Holy Hour of Reparation 5:30 am

April 12 - First Communion Mass 8:00 am
Breakfast Sunday: L-Q-R-S

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, Marv Donkers, and Brynlee Bemis.

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.



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

Are you interested in growing in solidarity with our Catholic brothers and sisters in our partnership diocese of Kitui, Kenya? St. Michael's parishioners are invited to participate in the Living Water program this Easter to "collect change to bring about change" for a better life for those in Kitui. Through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, parishioners will have the opportunity to grow in understanding about our partnership diocese, and raise some of the funding necessary for life sustaining development projects. Money raised in 2026 will help the Diocese of Kitui increase clean water access and provide famine relief. Calendars and water bottles will be available in the atrium on Palm Sunday through Holy week. Thank you for your consideration!



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.

Community Events/News

- 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.
- The Church of St. Paul, Zumbrota is hosting their 55th St. Patrick's Ham Dinner and Silent Auction on Sunday, April 19, serving from 10:30am-1:00pm. (Postponed from March due to inclement weather.) Tickets may be purchased at the door: adults \$16, children (6-12) \$6, and under 6-free. The dinner will be held at the Zumbrota VFW (25 East 1st Street, Zumbrota, MN 55992). Available for dine-in & take out! Everyone is welcome. Please come join us!

Palm Sunday is the final Sunday of Lent, the beginning of Holy Week, and commemorates the triumphant arrival of Christ in Jerusalem, days before he was crucified.

Palm Sunday is known as such because the faithful will often receive palm fronds which they use to participate in the reenactment of Christ's arrival in Jerusalem. In the Gospels, Jesus entered Jerusalem riding a young donkey, and to the lavish praise of the townspeople who threw clothes, or possibly palms or small branches, in front of him as a sign of homage. This was a customary practice for people of great respect.



Palm branches are recognized symbols of peace and victory, hence their preferred use on Palm Sunday.

There is both great joy and terrible sorrow associated with this day, the Sunday that begins Holy Week, the Sunday that portends the crucifixion of Our Lord.



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.” - Mt 21:9