



# St. Michael Catholic Church

**Sunday Mass - 8 am**

**Communion Service - Wednesday at 5 pm**

followed by Adoration until 6 pm

**Confessions -**

Fourth Sunday of the month after Mass

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## Third Sunday of Lent

**March 8, 2026**

The Church reads the Gospel of the Samaritan Woman on the Third Sunday of Lent because her catechumens are preparing for Baptism at Easter. The Gospel focuses on water as a symbol of life, purification, and divine grace. Jesus offers the woman “living water” that becomes “a spring of water welling up to eternal life” (John 4:14). This foreshadows the life-giving waters of baptism.

In the Second Reading, taken from Romans 5, Paul speaks about being “justified by faith.” Justification is a fruit of being washed in the waters of Baptism. For Baptism to be effective, it must be received in faith. We must keep this in mind as we are in the season of sacraments. We are constantly baptizing our children. Our older children are receiving the sacrament of reconciliation and communion. Our teenagers are receiving confirmation, and our adults are coming into the church through our OCIA program. For these sacraments to be effective they must be received with faith. That is where we partner with our parents as the first formators of their children. We give training and witness to them so when they receive these sacraments, they may know the power of them and not just go through the motion.

The love of God was initially poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit at Baptism. When we were justified, we were established in a right relationship with God the Father. We have peace with and are reconciled with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Baptism not only grants us the virtues of faith and love but also gives us the virtue of hope: We hope in the promise of eternal life, and trust God will aid us on our journey to heavenly glory. We are no longer helpless. Christ has died for us, opened the gates of heaven for us, and empowered us with the grace of his Spirit.

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

**March 1, 2026**

Adult Envelopes:       \$ 1632.00  
Loose Plate:             \$ 168.00

### Saints of the week

March 8 - St. John of God  
March 9 - St. Frances of Rome  
          St. Dominic Savio  
March 15 - St. Louise de Marillac

### 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 15

Reader:       Donna Lexvold  
Ushers:       Tim Donkers & Jim Donkers  
Servers:      Serenity Overholt & Greyson Overholt  
EM:           Susan Overholt & JoAnn Erie

#### March 22

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

March money counters:  
               Georgia Quamme & John Smith

### IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

March 11 - Change in schedule from Mass to  
            Communion Service 5:00 pm  
            Stations of the Cross 5:30 pm  
            Soup Supper 6:00 pm

March 12 - Eucharistic Adoration 6:00-7:00 pm  
            Life Everlasting Bible Study 7:00 pm

March 13 - Holy Hour of Reparation 5:30 am

March 16 - Parish Council 7:00 pm

March 18 - 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 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.

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.

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!

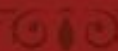
**Community Events/News**

- You are invited to the annual Church of St. Michael's Lenten Fish Fry on Friday evenings during Lent – (March 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
- The Church of St. Paul, Zumbrota is hosting their 55th St. Patrick's Ham Dinner and Silent Auction on Sunday, March 15, serving from 10:30am-1:00pm. 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!
- 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](http://sjbusinessguild.org/sjf) by March 22!





## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT



Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." - Jn 4:10