



St. Michael Catholic Church

Sunday Mass - 8 am

Wednesday Mass - 5 pm

Jean Dummer

Confessions -

Fourth Sunday of the month after Mass

Third Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2026

Confirmation: Strengthened to Live Christ in the world. In our parishes, many of our young people receive the Sacrament of Confirmation eighth through tenth grade. For parents, this moment can feel like a “graduation” from religious education -but in the life of the Church, Confirmation is a beginning.

Confirmation is the sacrament in which the baptized are sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit and strengthened for mission. The Catechism tells us the Confirmation “perfects Baptismal grace” (CCC1285). In other words, what began at Baptism is now deepened and made mature; your child is being equipped not just to belong to the Church, but to live as a witness in the world.

Through the laying on of hands and anointing with sacred chrism, the Holy Spirit bestows His gifts -wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. These are not abstract ideas. They are real helps from God so your son or daughter can stand firm in faith and make good decisions, resist pressure, and live with courage as a disciple of Jesus Christ.

Confirmation also places a spiritual mark on the soul. This means your child is forever marked as belonging to Christ and sent to share in His mission. The Church teaches the confirmed are “more strictly obliged to spread and defend the faith by word and deed” (1285). What a great dignity to be called.

This is where your role as parents is irreplaceable. Your encouragement matters more than you may realize. Young people often take their cues not from what we say once, but from what we consistently show them. When you speak about Confirmation as something meaningful – not just a requirement-your children begin to see it that way too. When they see how we pray, attend Mass, and strive to live your faith, they understand Confirmation is about a real relationship with Jesus, not just a ceremony.

Here are a few simple ways to support your child: talk with them about the Holy Spirit and how God is active in your own life. Pray together. Help them understand the saint they picked to accompany them. Remind them this sacrament is about becoming the person God created them to be.

The world needs faithful, courageous Catholics. Through Confirmation, your child is being prepared to become one.

Peace,
Fr. Cory Rohlfing

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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

April 12, 2026

Adult Envelopes: \$ 1360.00
Loose Plate: \$ 104.00

Saints of the week

April 21 - St. Anselm
April 23 - St. George
April 24 - St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen
April 25 - St. Mark

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

April 26

Reader: Bruce Chmelik
Ushers: Marv Donkers & Greg Dapper
Servers: Ben Keller & Sam Keller
EM: Lynn Ausetth & Mary Jo Voxland

May 3

Reader: Donna Lexvold
Ushers: Dave Mund & Jim Donkers
Servers: Mark Mund & Christian LaCanne
EM: Barb Story & Vicki Parrish

April money counters:

Mary Baier & Dave Mund

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

April 23 - Eucharistic Adoration 6:00-6:55 pm
 Lectio: Eucharist 7:00 pm

April 24 - Holy Hour of Reparation 5:30 am

April 26 - Confessions 9:00 am

April 30 - Eucharistic Adoration 6:00-6:55 pm
 Lectio: Eucharist 7:00 pm

May 1 - Holy Hour of Reparation 5:30 am

May 3 - Faith Formation Breakfast after Mass

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.

Lectio: Eucharist

Acclaimed author and teacher Dr. Brant Pitre digs down to the biblical roots of the Eucharist, through its foreshadowing in the miraculous events of the Old Testament, the Gospels, and Apostolic teaching.

This study will meet on Thursdays at 7:00 pm.

Eucharistic Adoration will be offered before each session from 6-6:55 pm.

Everyone is welcome to join us for all or some of the evening.

Who Is My Neighbor? VBS!

Location: St. Michaels Catholic Church

Date: July 20 through July 24, 2026

Time: 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Preschool – Grade 5 and up

Helpers will be next year's confirmation students. I will always welcome help from those who have already been confirmed.



This year at VBS, we will explore the call to love our neighbors! Through a fun-filled time of learning and experiences, children will discover neighbors are more than the people who live next door. This VBS series will lead children deeply into five Bible stories focused on God's care and compassion for neighbors close at hand and around the world. Who Is My Neighbor? will take children on a journey as they discover more about God's great love and what it means to be a neighbor and to live out our faith. Join us as we discover neighbors near and far!

Your child will make new friends, sing fun songs, watch dramatic presentations of the Bible stories, play active games, do art projects, and dig into the Bible.

Our closing celebration will be July 24, 2026, at 11 a.m.

Registration forms will be sent home with the faith formation students, but can also be picked up in the parish office or the faith formation office.

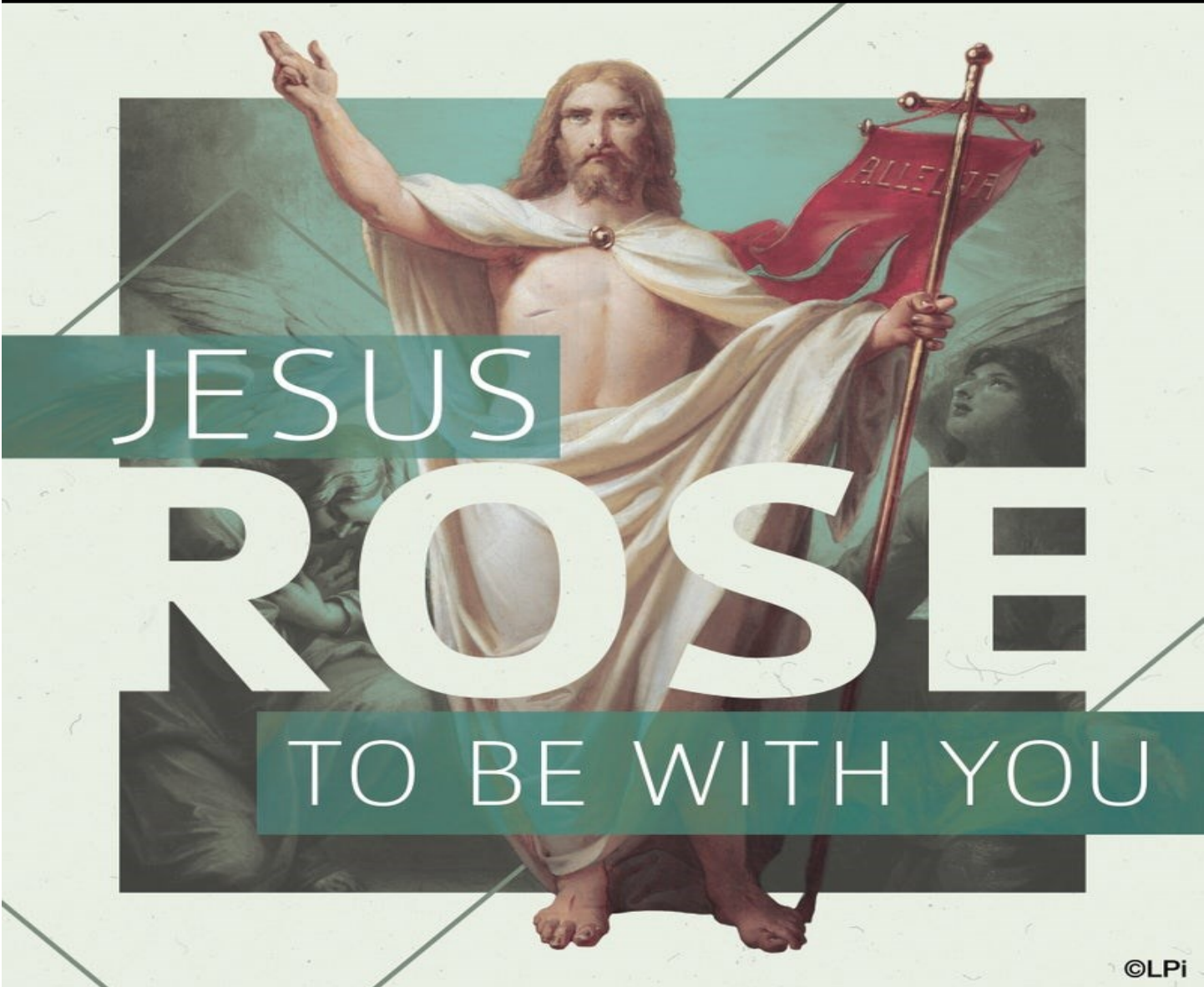
For more information contact Jo Ann Erie - VBS Director

faithformation@kmwb.net or 507-951-1250

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. Thank you for your consideration!

Please return your bottles/donations by May 3.

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.



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TO BE WITH YOU