



St. Michael Catholic Church

Sunday Mass - 8 am

Wednesday Mass - 5 pm

Joseph & Dolores Tuma †

Confessions -

Fourth Sunday of the month after Mass

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The Ascension of the Lord

May 17, 2026

This weekend, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. 40 days after Jesus was raised from the dead, He ascended into heaven to take His place at the right hand of the Father. We believe He will come back to Earth at the end of time to judge the nations, but why did Jesus have to go away in the first place? Couldn't He have stayed?

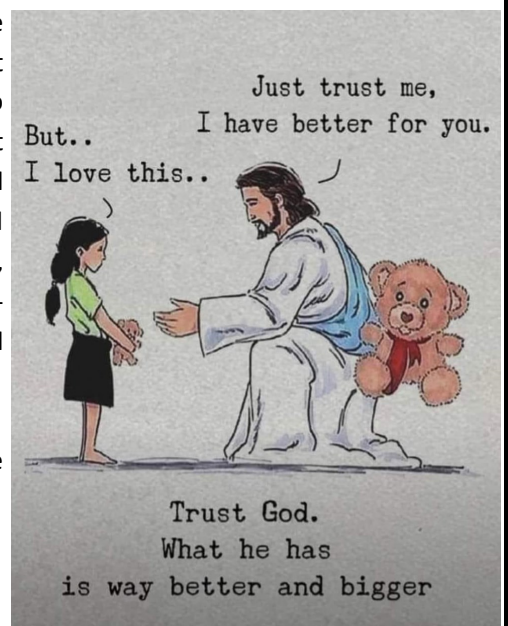
The short answer is Jesus did not have to go, but it was better for us He went. He said so himself at the Last Supper, "I tell you the truth, it is better for you that I go" (John 16:7a). Jesus follows this up with the first of three important reasons for his going away: "For if I do not go, the Advocate will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you" (John 16:7b-c). If Jesus did not go to the Father, the Holy Spirit's coming at Pentecost wouldn't have happened. It was from this event the Apostles were given the grace and virtue to go and share the Gospel with the whole world.

A second reason is by going to heaven, Jesus carried humanity with Him into heaven. He was the first to bring His human nature into heaven, thus preparing the way for all of us to one day follow in his footsteps.

The third major reason for the ascension is if Jesus remained on Earth, His gift of the Eucharist would not make any sense. He gave us His Body and Blood in the Eucharist as a memorial of His passion and as a way to be present for all time, but we wouldn't need these if He was still walking around Earth in the flesh. He left Earth so He could come to us in the most Blessed Sacrament, in a way we can be united with Him so personally and intimately, in our very heart and soul.

Sometimes God takes away one gift so He can give us a better gift in its place.

God bless,
Fr Alex Marquette



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

May 10, 2026

Adult Envelopes: \$ 1429.00
Loose Plate: \$ 117.00
Cemetery: \$ 136.00

Saints of the week

May 18 - St. John I
May 20 - St. Bernardine of Siena

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

May 24

Reader: Charlie Priore
Ushers: Bruce & Laura Chmelik
Servers: Christian LaCanne & Serenity Overholt
EM: Lynn Ausetth & Barb Story

May 31

Reader: Georgia Quamme
Ushers: Tim Karl & Tim Donkers
Servers: Mark Mund & Greyson Overholt
EM: Renee Mund & Susan Overholt

May money counters:
 Lisa Karl & Dave Mund

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

May 18 - Parish Council 7:00 pm

May 21 - Eucharistic Adoration 6:00-6:55 pm
 Bible Study 7:00 pm

May 22 - Holy Hour of Reparation 5:30 am

May 24 - Confessions 9:00 am

May 25 - Cemetery Mass 10:30 am

May 28 - Eucharistic Adoration 6:00-6:55 pm
 Bible Study 7:00 pm

May 29 - Holy Hour of Reparation 5:30 am

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, Brynlee Bemis, & Kelli Meyer Branstad.

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.

Please note the email addresses for the staff at St. Michael's has changed. Please use the new addresses going forward.

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Bible Study

All are welcome to join at anytime a continuing Bible Study that meets on Thursday evening at 7 pm.

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

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 can be picked up in the parish office or the faith formation office.

For more information contact JoAnn Erie - VBS Director
faithformation@stmichaelskenyon.net or 507-951-1250

The **Memorial Day Mass** will be held on Monday, May 25 at 10:30 am at the St. Michael Cemetery. Please bring a lawn chair.

If inclement weather the Mass will be held at the Church.

Community Events/News

- A celebration for Fr Pete's 50th anniversary to the priesthood will be on Saturday, May 23 at Christ the King Catholic Church in Medford. Mass at 4 pm. If you want to send a congratulations to Fr Pete please bring/mail to St. Michael's Parish Office and it will be forwarded to him.
- Goodhue County Breakfast on the Farm will be hosted by Bombay Dairy-Lexvold Family on Friday, June 5 from 7-11 am at 6045 Highway 60 Blvd, Kenyon. Everyone is welcome. Lots of activities and events for all ages. Free bus shuttles all morning from the Wanamingo Baseball Field and Kenyon Wanamingo High School.



Our Lady of Fatima

1917-2026

Mary appeared to three children in Fatima, Portugal at the Cova da Iria on the 13th of the month for 6 months beginning May 13, 1917. In remembrance of Mary's apparitions we will be praying a public Rosary in front of St. Michael's Church on the following days and times:

June 13, 2026 (Saturday) - 9:00 am

July 13, 2026 (Monday) - 7:00 pm

August 13, 2026 (Thursday) - 7:00 pm

September 13, 2026 (Sunday) - 9:00 am

October 13, 2026 (Tuesday) - 7:00 pm

Everyone is welcome to join in praying the Rosary!

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

