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St. Michael Catholic Church

Sunday Mass - 8 am

Wednesday Mass - 5 pm

Karen Schaefer †

Confessions -

Fourth Sunday of the month after Mass

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 12, 2026

It is fascinating how Creation itself proclaims the glory of God and teaches us about matters of faith. Take a rainbow. It is bright and beautiful, colorful and awe-inspiring. Everyone rejoices on seeing a rainbow. But there would be no such thing as a rainbow without rain or storms. Such is life. We will have good days followed by bad and bad days followed by good. We should not be surprised by one or the others. On a good day filled with joy we should thank God and be aware the "rainbow" is a gift. We should savor it so we will remember it on the bad days. When a bad day comes, we should thank God. We should thank Him for the knowledge this too shall pass if we wait patiently upon Him. Life is full of ups and downs, but the Mercy of God is eternal, and it will bring us through all things, enabling us to rejoice after the storm has passed.

Reflect, today, upon the difference between a rainbow and a storm. Imagine a rainbow full of radiant color stretching across the sky from one end to the other. It is beautiful and inspiring, the cause for a smile and delight. How do you compare that to the storm that preceded it? In the midst of the storm, the coming rainbow would not have been thought about. Instead, the primary focus is to seek shelter. Reflect upon how this may be similar to your personal life. When you feel pain or are bombarded with challenges do you run and hide? You should also remind yourself every struggle is the precursor to a rainbow. Keep the blessings of God's Mercy alive in your mind so they will daily carry you through the challenges of life.

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

July 5, 2026

Adult Envelopes:	\$	1132.00
Loose Plate:	\$	95.00
Maintenance:	\$	170.00
St. Peter Mission:	\$	190.00

Saints of the week

July 13 - St. Henry
July 14 - St. Kateri Tekakwitha
St. Camillus de Lellis
July 15 - St. Bonaventure

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 - 8:30 am
Saturday - 8:30 am, 4 pm

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

July 19

Reader: Mike Chase
Ushers: Keith Schrader & Greg Dapper
Servers: Serenity Overholt & Greyson Overholt
EM: Susan Overholt & Barb Story

July 26

Reader: Charlie Priore
Ushers: Bruce & Laura Chmelik
Servers: Ben Keller & Sam Keller
EM: Lynn Auseth & JoAnn Erie

July money counters:
Georgia Quamme & Bruce Chmelik

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

July 16 - Eucharistic Adoration 6:00-6:55 pm
Bible Study 7:00 pm

July 17 - Holy Hour of Reparation 5:30 am

July 20-24 - Vacation Bible School 9:00-11:00 am

July 20 - Parish Council 7:00 pm

July 23 - Eucharistic Adoration 6:00-6:55 pm
Bible Study 7:00 pm

July 24 - Holy Hour of Reparation 5:30 am

July 26 - Confessions 9:00 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, 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.



The VBS program needs donations for a few projects and snacks. For this reason, I thought it would be easier for those wishing to donate to do so by donating \$5. You can do this by simply putting the money in an envelope marked “VBS Donation” and giving it to me, the parish office, or put in the collection.

Adult volunteers are also greatly needed. In order to offer this wonderful opportunity for the youth of our parish to learn more about our faith we need much more help. More hands make less work and VBS is a big job. Sign-up sheets are on the youth bulletin board.

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

Bible Study

During the summer months we will use the bible study time to pray for different intentions each Thursday starting at 7 pm. On July 16 we will pray the Rosary at St. Michael’s cemetery at 7:15 pm (at the church if raining). All are welcome!

Eucharistic Adoration will also be offered each Thursday from 6-6:55 pm.

HELP WANTED

Teachers, substitutes, and volunteers are needed for the upcoming faith formation year. Please consider joining our faith formation team. Whether you can fill in to help with classes, the Christmas program, or special classes, I always welcome extra help. The kids are always a lot of fun and bring out so much joy around them. Never underestimate the difference you can make or bring to their lives. Contact JoAnn Erie at faithformation@stmichaelskenyon.net if you are interested or just want to know more about how you might help out. Thank you and God bless.





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:

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!

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

•Nerstrand United Methodist Church is hosting their annual ice cream social on Sunday, July 26 from 4:30-6:30 pm. Menu: sloppy joes, coleslaw, chips, root beer floats, and ice cream sundaes. Free will donation.

IN EVERYTHING,
WHETHER IT IS A
THING SENSED OR
A THING KNOWN,
GOD HIMSELF IS
HIDDEN WITHIN.

—*St. Bonaventure*