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St. Michael Catholic Church

Sunday Mass - 8 am

Wednesday Mass - 5 pm

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Confessions -

Fourth Sunday of the month after Mass

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 5, 2026

God bless America on this Fourth of July Weekend. We continue to pray for our soldiers, deceased and those currently serving our country. We remember our country was founded on commitment to: "God and Country". May God and Country always be in harmony with each other. If not, please God, help us to see the direction You wish to take us. In following God's will we can continue to be proud of and enjoy this amazing country.

I watched a movie that highlighted the Navy Seals; an elite fighting force of our military. Of course this was a movie and could never capture all the sacrifice made by these men and women, but they tried to show what happens in the life of these soldiers. I am grateful to all who leave house and home and defend our country.

The Church teaches us war is not the path to choose most of the time, but there are times when a war might be just (Catechism of the Catholic Church). Some of the principals of the just war theory are: 1. The damage inflicted by the aggressor on the nation or community of nations must not be lasting, grave, and certain; 2. All other means of putting an end to it must have been shown to be impractical or ineffective; 3. There must be serious prospects of success; 4. The use of arms must not produce evils and disorders graver than the evil to be eliminated. The church teaches war should always be the last resort.

The problem with war is it does not fix the problem. War is a short term solution. People want justice, but who gets to say what justice is? If 40,000 people are killed in one country does that country have a right to take 40,000 lives in another country? What about women and children? If three people die should many more innocent people suffer for the actions of a few? Jesus confronted the idea of an "eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth". Jesus knew war doesn't fix anything.

The Civil war did not settle the problems. World War II was supposed to be the war to end all wars. Communist oppression in China followed. After World War II, Russia made life difficult for Poland and other small countries. I believe these wars were justified, but they did not settle the problems.

Finally, a peace treaty has been signed between the United States and Iran. Each side will claim victory in their own way. One thing I do know is God doesn't like Triumphism. Triumphism is when a side has won and shows the world they are superior and the other side is nothing. I cannot help but to think of the new Christian movement happening in Iran. There are signs and miracles happening and more people are coming to Christianity in the last years than anywhere else on the earth. Where there is suffering God brings new life.

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.

CONTRIBUTIONS

June 28, 2026

Adult Envelopes:	\$	984.00
Loose Plate:	\$	138.00
Maintenance:	\$	100.00
Peter's Pence:	\$	137.00

Saints of the week

July 5 - St. Anthony Zaccaria

July 6 - St. Maria Goretti

July 11 - St. Benedict

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 12

Reader:	Donna Lexvold
Ushers:	Dave Mund & Tim Karl
Servers:	Mark Mund & Sam Keller
EM:	Vicki Parrish & Mary Jo Voxland

July 19

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

July money counters:
Georgia Quamme & Bruce Chmelik

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

July 9 - Eucharistic Adoration 6:00-6:55 pm

Bible Study 7:00 pm

July 10 - Holy Hour of Reparation 5:30 am

July 12 - Donuts 9:00 am

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

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

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.



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!

MONTH OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS

