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St. Michael Catholic Church

Sunday Mass - 8 am

Wednesday Mass - 5 pm

Joe Lang †

Confessions -

Fourth Sunday of the month after Mass

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 16, 2026

I baptized fifteen children into the church with water and the Holy Spirit this past weekend. What a joyous experience it was. What would it be like to be able to grasp and appreciate a child's capacity to have a religious experiences? Children have a way of experiencing a deep, authentic, and carefree relationship with God. Children live their lives awake to the present moment and open to the love and mystery that is God.

I am always amazed at how carefree children are. When I give children a tour of the church, I am amazed at the openness they show. Even if they are sad it does not take them long to begin to enjoy life again. Their imagination makes the world a place of play and adventure. God is a person not so much to be figured out but to be experienced.

I know children are not always paying attention during prayer, but with a little self control, a language in which to articulate their experience and an opportunity to share it they have an unlimited capacity to experience the divine.

Jesus knew this when he told his disciples, "Unless you change and become like little children you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

One advantage children have over adults is they often do not have the wounds and burdens we gather throughout life. Therefore, they are wide open to God's invitation to a deep friendship and the gift of heart-to-heart prayer. With this advantage children have the capacity to deepen their intimacy with God and therefore, God becomes rooted in their lives.

Don't underestimate the wounds and burdens in your life. They are often what block us from intimacy with God. We tend to get weighed down by them and discouraged.

If, on the other hand, we act as children in prayer-knowing we are in need of God—wide open to His promptings, awake to the present moment instead of thinking what needs to be done next, maybe, we realize God is not to be figured out but continually experienced anew.

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

August 9, 2026

Adult Envelopes:	\$	1215.00
Loose Plate:	\$	41.00
Maintenance:	\$	75.00
Cemetery:	\$	100.00

Saints of the week

August 16 - St. Stephen of Hungary
August 18 - St. Jane Frances de Chantal
St. Helen
August 19 - St. John Eudes
August 20 - St. Bernard
August 21 - St. Pius X
August 23 - St. Rose of Lima

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

August 23

Reader: Mike Chase
Ushers: Tim Donkers & Marv Donkers
Servers: Serenity Overholt & Ben Keller
EM: Barb Story & Vicki Parrish

August 30

Reader: Laura Chmelik
Ushers: Tom Coffman & Greg Dapper
Servers: Christian LaCanne & Mark Mund
EM: Brydie LaCanne & Renee Mund

August money counters:
Dave Mund & Brydie LaCanne

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

August 20 - Eucharistic Adoration 6:00-6:55 pm
Bible Study 7:00 pm

August 21 - Holy Hour of Reparation 5:30 am

August 23 - Confessions 9:00 am

August 27 - Eucharistic Adoration 6:00-6:55 pm
Bible Study 7:00 pm

August 28 - Holy Hour of Reparation 5:30 am

September 4 - 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, Harold Amundson, Sandy Rumstick, Diana Kelley, Greg Krinke, Bev Watson, Faith Cruz, Simone Boesen, Brynlee Bemis, Kelli Meyer Branstad, Ruth Seyfer, and Bishop Kevin Kenney.

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.

Bible Study

During the summer months we will be using the bible study time to pray for different intentions each Thursday starting at 7 pm. All are welcome!

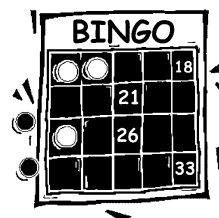
In September the Bible study group will begin reading and discussing "Difficult Teachings: The 40 Most Challenging Teachings of Jesus" by Matthew Kelly. Everyone is welcome to join. If you plan on attending please contact the parish office so we can have enough books available.

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

Bingo Party - November 21 at 7 PM!

Donations for the raffle tickets are needed to help make our Bingo party the success it is!

Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board in the atrium for those of you who are able to donate a prize. Last day to sign up for donations is Sunday, September 13. Thank you!



Dear St. Michael's Parishioners,

Thank you so much for your continued prayers for all the military and especially me. I served in the Marines for 5 years as a C-130 airplane mechanic. After leaving the Marines, I was contracted by the Coast Guard as a C-130 mechanic and flight engineer. My fellow workers encouraged me to join the Coast Guard, and I'm so happy I did. I now get to go on search and rescue missions, drug trafficking missions, and have been to many places in our beautiful world. I've been in Elizabeth, North Carolina, and now on my way to the base in Sacramento, California. Thank you again for all the prayers.

Naomi Bauernfeind

E-5/Petty Officer Second Class



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:

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

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

Everyone is welcome to join in praying the Rosary!

Altar Servers needed!

Altar servers have the privilege of assisting the priest in the sanctuary during the Mass and other liturgical functions. Would you be willing to serve our parish in this capacity? We are looking for people of all ages to help in this important role. Please contact the parish office for more information.



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!

Lord, through the intercession of St. Charbel, who lived in prayer and total surrender, we ask for healing light to touch Bishop Kevin's body, mind, and spirit. As a model of faith, guide me to trust in God's divine will, asking for relief and strength for Bishop Kevin, myself, and my loved ones. Amen.



St. Jude, you are the bearer of abiding hope. I place Bishop Kevin in your care as he bears the cross of cancer. I trust that you intercede constantly for him, giving him courage when he is afraid, strength when he grows weary, hope for his most difficult challenges. Most faithful patron, may you remind me always of the love and healing God offers to each of His children. Amen.

Community Events/News

- A benefit for Brynlee Bemis will be on Sunday, August 16 from 2-6 pm at the Moose Lodge 2098, 1810 4th St NW, Faribault. Raffle bundles, guns, meat, fishing/spearing gear, woodwork, sporting & event tickets, live and silent auction, and more. Brynlee is 3 months old and diagnosed with NTRK1 fusion high-grade glioma cancer. All proceeds will go directly to support Brynlee.
- Sound of the Trumpet concert by Joel Finnesgard will be Sunday, August 16 at 2 pm at GOL Church. The music will include worship and inspirational songs in an easy listening style. Root beer floats will follow the concert.
- You are invited to the Kenyon Area Foundation Inaugural Kick-Off Celebration on Tuesday, August 18 from 5:30-7:30 pm at the Kenyon Country Club. This is a new chapter of community investment, partnership, and shared prosperity for Kenyon and the surrounding area.
- Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel, located on the east side of the Mother Samuel Building (104 2nd Ave. SW, Faribault), was opened on Divine Mercy Sunday in 1998. We invite you to visit anytime. The door is locked in evening hours, just ring doorbell. If interested in taking an hour, the information is on the bulletin board at the chapel. All are welcome in this place!

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ST. BERNARD

