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St. Michael Catholic Church

Sunday Mass - 8 am

Communion Service - Wednesday at 5 pm

followed by Adoration until 6 pm

Confessions -

Fourth Sunday of the month after Mass

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 30, 2026

Most of us have been Catholics our whole lives. Our parents had us baptized when we were babies, and we grew up coming to Mass, learning our faith at school or CCD, and enjoying a familiar and comfortable Catholic atmosphere. Few of us have really had to fight for our faith. Few of us have had to worry about whether we would be arrested and sent to prison because we were Catholic, a fear many of our brothers and sisters around the world live with every day.

This background has many advantages. Plants grow more easily in tropical climates where the conditions are good. Just so, the good social conditions in which we received our faith are amenable to growth. Also, being part of the Church for so long gives us a certain Catholic instinct that helps us identify and resist temptations.

But it also has disadvantages. One of the biggest disadvantages to growing up Catholic in peaceful society is the danger of inertia. Inertia is spiritual passivity; it's going through the motions of being Catholic without actively seeking to deepen in our faith and become truly mature Christians, true saints. Inertia is keeping up appearances, maintaining traditions without appreciating why those traditions exist and what good they do us.

I propose we spend some time getting to know our Catholic faith and come to understand why we do what we do. So we don't just go through the motions as if that's enough to satisfy God. I think many come to Mass and sit there and feel like their duty has been fulfilled. It would be better if God spoke to our hearts during that time.

What we would find is God is constantly sending us on mission. He is constantly giving us the grace to fulfill that mission. We will need a few tools in order to fulfill the mission. We will need to know God has our back. We will need his wisdom to succeed in whatever He is calling us to. We will need freedom from the weight of this world that tries to pull us down. We will need...The great thing is He will give us what we need if we follow. If we don't follow, we will miss out on all the grace He is willing to give us in order to complete the mission.

I encourage everyone to learn more about their faith. Most people will spend a half hour on an exercise bike, go walking, or do some other type of exercise without hesitation. If I were to ask people to spend time reading about their faith, taking silent prayer time in the morning they may answer, "I am short on time". Spending time with our Catholic faith not only gives us understanding but connects us with God and the mission.

Being connected with our Catholic faith gives us an exciting challenge. We come to realize the rich graces given to those who are willing to do God's work on earth. Anything less than following the Lord will lead to boredom. I propose our Catholic faith has the roadmap to an exciting mission.

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 23, 2026

Adult Envelopes: \$ 1286.00
Loose Plate: \$ 136.00

Saints of the week

September 3 - St. Gregory the Great

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

September 6

Reader: Bruce Chmelik
Ushers: Dave Mund & Keith Schrader
Servers: Greyson Overholt & Serenity Overholt
EM: Susan Overholt & Mary Murry

September 13

Reader: Mike Chase
Ushers: Tom Coffman & Tim Donkers
Servers: Ben Keller & Mark Mund
EM: JoAnn Erie & Renee Mund

September money counters:
 Bruce Chmelik & Pam Hegseth

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

September 3 - Eucharistic Adoration 6:00-6:55 pm
 Bible Study 7:00 pm

September 4 - Holy Hour of Reparation 5:30 am

September 10 - Eucharistic Adoration 6:00-6:55 pm
 Bible Study 7:00 pm

September 11 - Holy Hour of Reparation 5:30 am

September 13 - Faith Formation Classes 9:00 am
 Fatima Rosary 9:00 am
 Donuts 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, 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

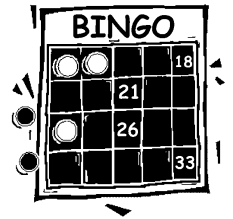
In September the Bible study group will begin reading and discussing "Difficult Teachings: The 40 Most Challenging Teachings of Jesus" by Matthew Kelly. Everyone is welcome to join. If you plan on attending please contact the parish office so we can have enough books available.

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!



Faith Formation classes begin September 13. Registration forms have been mailed, but if you need one or know of a family needing to register their children, please have them email me. There are also registration forms available in the parish office. Please have registrations turned in by September 6.

Thank you and God bless,

JoAnn Erie

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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!

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.



22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." - Mt 16:24b-25