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St. Michael Catholic Church

Sunday Mass - 8 am

Wednesday Mass - 5 pm

Lisa Chase

Confessions -

Fourth Sunday of the month after Mass

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 20, 2026

I have noticed the number of funerals over the last two years has been going down. During the same period the baptisms numbers have been increasing. Last month I had seven baptisms on one weekend and six weeks ago I had twenty baptisms on that weekend. Both at funerals and baptisms, I participate with the family in joy and sorrow.

I'm reminded of what Pope Francis said in a video years ago. He sent a video to those who met in Philadelphia during the Synod on the Family. It was a message saying, "I am coming and I am excited to see you." In another letter he writes, "Families are the first place in which we are formed as persons and at the same time are the bricks for the building up of society." Church and family are the two greatest institutions God has created, and we have to give special attention to them.

I am reminded parents have a God given obligation to educate their children in the faith first and foremost by their actions and their own faith life. Children believe their parents. Children trust their parents. There is a certain age when they question their parents but if parents have done their job, it is a questioning that happens within the context of love. Children know the sacrifice their parents have made for them and therefore trust them.

Society and the state are also to support the family. The state is supposed to nurture the family. The state is supposed to protect the family. The state is supposed to respect the family. The state is supposed to preserve the family. The state is not supposed to intrude upon the rights of the family.

The family models for all of humankind how to love well. The family models the love and care that exists between husband and wife. The family models the love and care that exists for the children. The family models how to live morally and how to live ethically. The family has the capacity to impact our whole society by its lifestyle of forgiveness and giving and receiving. "Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bear with one another and forgive one another." (Col 3:12)

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

September 13, 2026

Adult Envelopes: \$ 1042.00
Loose Plate: \$ 144.00

Saints of the week

September 20 - St. Andrew Kim Taegon,
St. Paul Chong Hasang and Companions
September 21 - St. Matthew
September 26 - St. Cosmas & St. Damian
September 27 - St. Vincent de Paul

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

September 27

Reader: Laura Chmelik
Ushers: Keith Schrader & Tom Coffman
Servers: Greyson Overholt & Mark Mund
EM: Barb Story & Vicki Parrish

October 4

Reader: Georgia Quamme
Ushers: Tim Karl & Greg Dapper
Servers: Christian LaCanne & Ben Keller
EM: Mary Jo Voxland & JoAnn Erie

September money counters:
Bruce Chmelik & Pam Hegseth

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

September 21 - Parish Council 7:00 am

September 24 - Eucharistic Adoration 6:00-6:55 pm
Bible Study 7:00 pm

September 25 - Holy Hour of Reparation 5:30 am

September 27 - Confessions 9:00 am

October 1 - Eucharistic Adoration 6:00-6:55 pm
Bible Study 7:00 pm

October 2 - Holy Hour of Reparation 5:30 am

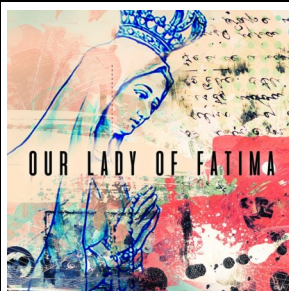
We pray for all our parishioners, families and friends who are in need of physical or spiritual healing, especially, Thomas Eilen, Jaci Eilen, MacKensie Eilen, Harold Amundson, Sandy Rumstick, Diana Kelley, Greg Krinke, Bev Watson, Faith Cruz, Simone Boesen, Brynlee Bemis, Kelli Meyer Branstad, Ruth 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.

Faith Formation is still in need of substitute teachers. Sometimes starting out as a substitute or helper makes one more comfortable with teaching full time. Please do not ever UNDERESTIMATE your ability to teach. The only skills you need is to enjoy sharing the faith with the children and loving Jesus. Volunteers are required to complete the Virtus training, which is all online now. Please contact JoAnn Erie to learn how to volunteer for this important ministry.

Also, a reminder there is a Faith Formation class in the overflow classroom. Please keep the overflow area quiet after Mass. You are welcome to visit in the atrium area. Thank you.



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:

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

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

- Nerstrand United Methodist Church Fall Festival is Saturday, October 3 from 10am - 1 pm. Lunch menu: hot beef sandwiches, pasta salad, chicken wild rice soup, desserts. Home and holiday décor, thrift clothing, silent auction, produce, and bake sale.
- St. Mary's CCW is hosting their 44th Annual Harvest Bazaar on Saturday, October 3 at the Bellechester Community Center from 9 am - 2 pm. Bake sale and lunch. Other activities include: drawings, face painting, door prizes, and vendors.
- The Faribault Area Hospice Foundation is selling red and white poinsettia plants. This is an opportunity to support the financial assistance the Foundation provides to area hospice patients who are undergoing financial hardship, while making your home, office or business beautiful for the Christmas season! The plants are from Gerten's and cost \$20 each. Orders are due by October 16th. You may order at the website faribaultpoinsettias.com or by leaving a message at (866)-506-7049. Plants will be delivered to you on December 1st & 2nd.
- 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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**PRAY, HOPE, AND
DON'T WORRY.**

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- ST. PADRE PIO

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