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St. Michael Catholic Church

Sunday Mass - 8 am

Wednesday Mass - 5 pm

Jerry & Elaine Dummer †

Confessions -
Fourth Sunday of the month after Mass

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 27, 2026

In Today' second reading, St. Paul traces out a simple path for us to follow. It is the path Our Lord himself followed. He summarizes it very well: "Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vanity, rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his interests, but also for those of others."

Everyone, upon hearing those words, experiences a little twinge of rebellion at the thought of it, which speaks directly to todays' Gospel. Why do we say, "yes" and not deliver? Because the thought of obeying and denying ourselves provokes inner rebellion. Mankind's entire history of sin is a history of rebellion, so it's no surprise rebellion is deeply rooted in us.

Our Lord gives us a different example: that of a profound obedience to the Father, and obedience that leads to his death, but also to his glory. It's a difficult path, so it is no surprise we are hesitant at times to take it, but it is the most fulfilling one.

Our Lord in today's Gospel reminds us the true measure of success is not what we say, but what we do. That's the determining factor of whether we let rebellion or obedience triumph in our life. Conversion is not letting inner rebellion due to sin shape our decision and actions. Rebellion can be pretty wild, even exciting, but in the end, it doesn't really lead us anywhere.

The tax collectors and prostitutes, say the opportunity at the coming of Jesus is to squash the rebellion that had been enslaving them even as it had promised to empower them.

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
September 20, 2026

Adult Envelopes:	$	990.00
Loose Plate:	$	71.00

Saints of the week

September 27 - St. Vincent de Paul
September 28 - St. Wenceslaus, St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions
September 29 - St. Michael, St. Gabriel, and St. Raphael
September 30 - St. Jerome
October 1 - St. Therese of the Child Jesus
October 4 - St. Francis of Assisi

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

October 4

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

October 11

Reader:	Charlie Priore
Ushers:	Bruce & Laura Chmelik
Servers:	Serenity Overholt & Mark Mund
EM:	Susan Overholt & Renee Mund

October money counters:
Mary Baier & John Smith

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

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

October 2 - Holy Hour of Reparation 5:30 am

October 8 - Eucharistic Adoration 6:00-6:55 pm
Bible Study 7:00 pm

October 9 - Holy Hour of Reparation 5:30 am

October 13 - Fatima Rosary 7:00 pm

October 15 - Eucharistic Adoration 6:00-6:55 pm
Bible Study 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, 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!

<u>Lord, Renew Your Church Campaign</u>



Through Lord, Renew Your Church, the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis will be taking the next step in ensuring the vibrancy of the Catholic Church for generations to come. By fully embracing our mission of evangelization and seeking to be instruments of renewal, we are establishing a future of unification for an energized church that is prepared to face the challenges of an ever-changing world.

Who will be asked to support the campaign? Every family in the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis will be asked to participate in this historic campaign with a sacrificial gift proportionate to the blessings God has bestowed upon them.

How will the campaign benefit each parish? Parishes will receive 60% of the funds they raise to meet their unique needs. Pastors, along with parish leadership, will identify which local needs to address with campaign funds, such as expanding parish ministries, upgrading facilities and other capital needs.

St. Michael's will begin this Capital Campaign in early 2027. Watch for more information in the coming months.

Father Cory is asking for all parishioners to prayerfully discern being a chair(s) for this Campaign. You will work closely with Father Cory to help achieve the goal for St. Michael's. It would be a time commitment of 7-9 months. Please contact Father Cory at frrohlfing@divinemercy.cc or 507-334-7706 ext. 1014 for more information or to volunteer.

Fall clean up is scheduled for Saturday, October 24 at 9 am.

Please come and help clean up the building site and get it prepared for the winter months. We appreciate all the help we can get. Thank you!

Pregnancy Options Lifecare Center is having their annual Gala on Saturday, October 3 from 5-8:30 pm at the American Legion in Faribault. St. Michael's is hosting a table at the event and there is room for eight people to attend.

If you would like a seat at our table please contact the parish office by 3 pm on Tuesday, September 29. A seat allows you to have dinner and enjoy the keynote speaker. The first eight people to contact the parish office will have the opportunity to attend.

Can you spare a little bit of your time and your talents to help at St. Michael's? **We are in need of ushers, lectors, 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 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.

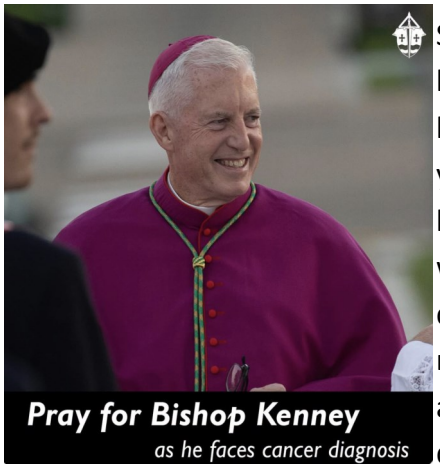
•The Faribault Area Hospice Foundation is selling red and white poinsettia plants. This is an opportunity to support the financial assistance the Foundation provides to area hospice patients who are undergoing financial hardship, while making your home, office or business beautiful for the Christmas 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.

•Gol Lutheran Church will have their Harvest Luncheon on Sunday, October 18 from 10:30 am - 1 pm. Menu: vegetable beef & barley soup, barbecues, calico beans, potato salad, pie, coffee, and milk. Take outs available by calling/text Julie at 507-491-3505. Silent auction, gift baskets, pictures, antiques/collectibles, etc.

•Holden Lutheran Church will host their All Saints Dinner on Sunday, November 1 from noon-2 and 4:30-6:30 pm. Menu: meatballs and gravy, pulsa, scalloped potatoes, carrots, cranberry relish, lefse, fruit soup, rommegrot, and bakings. Cost: $20 adults, $10 children 5-12, and 4 and under free. Cash or check only. To go meals available but reservations are preferred by calling 507-789-6677 or email: holdendinner@gmail.com.

•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!

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.

St Michael

Statement of Financial Position

Annual Parish Financial Report (APFR)

June 30, 2026

	Year Begin Balance	Year to Date Change	Year to Date Balance
Assets			
Parish Operations			
1 1040.06P CD#3379	0.00	23,078.00	23,078.00
1000.01P SSB-Kenyon	18,217.27	(4,497.18)	13,720.09
1020.01P St. Michael's Parking Lot	26,427.54	(26,206.55)	220.99
1040.01P CD 11903	11,317.73	0.00	11,317.73
1040.03P CD 12302	4,537.22	0.00	4,537.22
1040.05P BELL TOWER SAVINGS-SSB-KENYON	6,869.25	(6,869.25)	0.00
1100.03P MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR	(99.33)	365.00	265.67
Parish Operations Totals:	67,269.68	(14,129.98)	53,139.70
Cemetery Operations			
1000.01C St Michael's Cemetery Account	13,251.12	2,397.48	15,648.60
1040.01C Cemetery CD #6814	4,989.58	0.00	4,989.58
1040.02C Cemetery CD # 11035	5,338.68	0.00	5,338.68
1040.03C Cemetery CD #6406	2,986.61	0.00	2,986.61
1040.04C CEMETERY CD #13518	12,000.00	0.00	12,000.00
Cemetery Operations Totals:	38,565.99	2,397.48	40,963.47
Total Assets:	105,835.67	(11,732.50)	94,103.17
Liabilities			
Parish Operations			
2100.00P Accounts Payable	1,139.19	(560.16)	579.03
2162.00P Holy Land Collection (CFM)	(170.00)	0.00	(170.00)
Parish Operations Totals:	969.19	(560.16)	409.03
Total Liabilities:	969.19	(560.16)	409.03
Net Assets			
Parish Operations			
3000.00P Unrestricted Net Assets	68,358.27	0.00	68,358.27
3100.00P Net Assets - With DR (Temp)	18,018.80	0.00	18,018.80
Parish Operations Totals:	86,377.07	0.00	86,377.07
Cemetery Operations			
3000.01C Unrestricted Net Assets- Cemetery	18,489.41	0.00	18,489.41
Current Period Changes to Net Assets	0.00	(11,172.34)	(11,172.34)
Total Net Assets:	104,866.48	(11,172.34)	93,694.14

	Year Begin Balance	Year to Date Change	Year to Date Balance
Total Liabilities & Net Assets:	105,835.67	(11,732.50)	94,103.17

FREE IN-PERSON CLASS

BREAKING DOWN BARRIERS TO BRAIN HEALTH

FOR YOUTH \ TEENS

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 21

6:30 - 7:30 pm

IN PERSON:

St. Michael's Catholic Church
108 Bullis St
Kenyon, MN 55946

This is a one-hour class for middle school students that discusses mental health, mental illnesses, suicide prevention, and how to break down the barriers people face to getting mental health care.

Students will learn the warning signs of mental illness and suicide and what they can do to help themselves or a friend.

This class is designed to be interactive and developmentally appropriate for middle /high school aged students

For more information, contact:
JoAnn: faithformation@stmichaelskenyon.net

Charities Review Council MEETS STANDARDS

CHC CREATING HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES





Keynote: Lauren Muzyka

40th Anniversary Gala

PREGNANCY OPTIONS LIFECARE CENTER

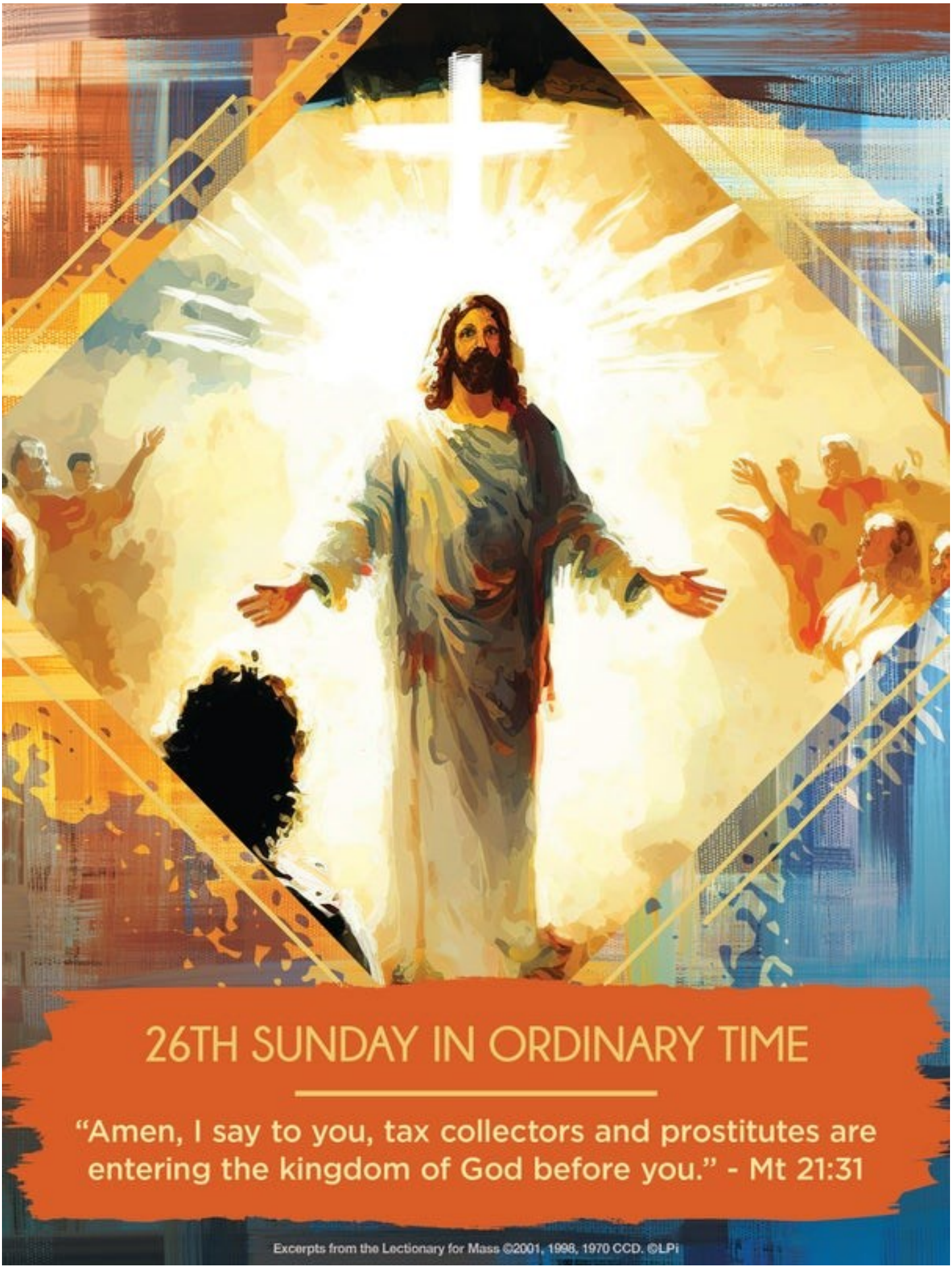
October 3, 2026

5pm to 8:30pm

American Legion, Faribault

An evening to honor 40 years of life saving work.
Enjoy gourmet cusine and
look back at the moments
that shaped our journey
Let's toast to the future together

www.friendsofpregnancyoptions.org



26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you." - Mt 21:31

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