

The Catholic Community of St. Michael, Farmington

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Weekend Masses

Saturday: 4:30 p.m. **Sunday:** 8:00, 10:30 a.m.

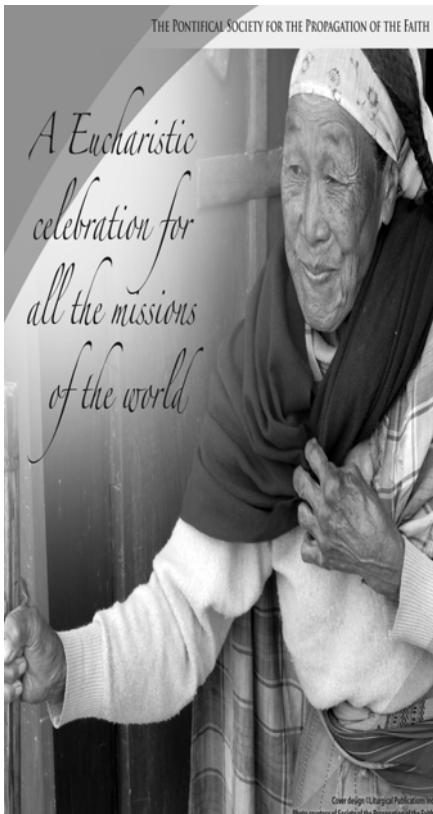
Sacraments

Penance: Individual: Saturday 3:30–4:00 p.m. in the Reconciliation Chapel.

Baptisms: Celebrated one Sunday afternoon per month at 1:00 p.m. Call the office for dates.

Marriages: Your wedding needs to be scheduled with the Parish Office at least six months prior to the celebration date so all necessary preparations for the sacrament can be completed. Please come to the Parish Office to pick up St. Michael's Wedding Guide.

In order to receive the sacraments of marriage or baptism the individual or a parent of the individual must be a registered parishioner.



St. Michael's Mission Statement

To be a welcoming Catholic Community, centered in the Eucharist, inviting all to live the Gospel and grow in faith.



Mass: Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday at 8:00 a.m. in the Chapel.

Word & Communion Service: Thursday & Friday at 8:00 a.m. in the Chapel.

Readings for the Week of October 18, 2009

Sunday: Is 53:10-11/Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45
 Monday: Rom 4:20-25/Lk 12:13-21
 Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Lk 12:35-38
 Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18/Lk 12:39-48
 Thursday: Rom 6:19-23/Lk 12:49-53
 Friday: Rom 7:18-25a/Lk 12:54-59
 Saturday: Rom 8:1-11/Lk 13:1-9
 Next Sunday: Jer 31:7-9/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52
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“But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.” - Mk 10:43-45
 Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 24, 4:30 p.m. - Howard Jenrich
 Sunday, October 25, 8:00 a.m. - Chris Myrom
 10:30 a.m. - Luke Grundman

Ministry Reflection

“*The Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve . . .*”

What changes do I need to make in my life to be a servant to others?

October is Respect Life Month - The greatest gift and blessing is life. St. Michael Parishioners are invited to meet in the Chapel during the month of October on Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. to pray the ProLife rosary together. May God bless all of us in our ministry of life.



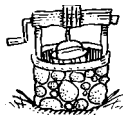
RCIA IS COMING!

As each summer draws to a close, the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) program allows interested adults to formalize their membership in our parish community, by joining the Catholic Church in the Rites of Baptism, Confirmation, and/or First Eucharist. The program started this year on Sunday, October 11, so if you are interested in joining the RCIA and becoming part of the Church, please contact Andy Schwarz through the parish office.

LIVING WELL BOOKSTORE

Store Hours Are:

Saturday: 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
 Sunday: 7:45 a.m. - noon
 Tuesday & Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.



The Bookstore will also be open from 5:30-7:30 p.m. on Sundays and Wednesdays during the LIFE Program. **Come In and Check Us Out!**

DID YOU KNOW.....

WHAT A CHAPLET IS? One might hear this term referred to maybe more so in a Church or Christian gathering. The term Chaplet is used commonly to designate Roman Catholic prayer forms which use prayer beads, but are not necessarily related to the Rosary. Some of these chaplets have a strong Marian (devotion to Mary) connotation, others are more directly related to Jesus or the Saints. Chaplets are considered “personal devotionals,” and there is no set form and, therefore, they vary considerably. While the usual five decade rosary may be referred to as a chaplet, often chaplets have fewer beads than a traditional rosary and a different set of prayers. Common chaplets may include:

- Chaplet of Divine Mercy, using ordinary Rosary beads of five decades
- Chaplet of the Sacred Heart, consisting of 33 small beads, 6 large beads, a centerpiece, a Crucifix and a Sacred Heart Medal
- Chaplet of the Precious Blood, consisting of 33 beads in 7 groups
- Chaplet (Rosary) of the Seven Sorrows of Mary, made up of 7 groups of 7 beads. Also known as the Dolour beads.
- Chaplet of Saint Anthony, made up of 13 sets of 3 beads
- Chaplet of Saint Joseph, which is divided into 15 groups of 4 beads consisting of 1 white and 3 purple beads
- Chaplet of Saint Patrick, made up of 12 beads symbolizing the 12 perils of St. Patrick
- Chaplet of the Way of the Cross, made up of 15 groups of 3 beads, etc.
- And then there is: Chaplet of Saint Michael the Archangel, comprising 9 groups of 4 beads each, consisting of 3 Hail Marys and 1 Our Father in each. (Each of the 9 groups is said in honor of 1 of the 9 choirs of Angels.)
- Plus many more

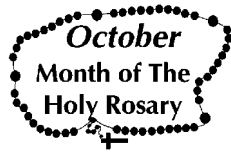
September 29 was a day of devotion to the 3 Angels named in the Bible: Michael, Gabriel and Raphael. The Chaplet of Saint Michael is a chaplet attributed to a private revelation by Saint Michael to the Carmelite nun Antonia d’Astonac in 1751. The chaplet was approved by Pope Pius IX in 1851. The chaplet consists of 9 salutations, 1 for each choir of Angels. An Our Father and 3 Hail Marys are said on each decade. It concludes with 4 Our Fathers, honoring Saints Michael, Gabriel, Raphael and the Guardian Angel. The chaplet is begun with an act of contrition and is concluded with a prayer to Saint Michael. It is said to provide great benefits for those who pray it often, among those: the continuous assistance from Saint Michael the Archangel and the company of one Angel of each of the 9 celestial choirs when approaching communion.

I didn’t know that...did you?

...ABOUT YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH?

Unable to Get to Mass on the Weekend?

It has come to our attention that many people who were used to watching EWTN are no longer able to access that channel on their televisions – thus missing many of their favorite religious shows – one of them being the celebration of the Mass. St. Olaf Catholic Church (downtown Minneapolis) broadcasts their Sunday mass on MCN cable channel 6 at 8:00 p.m. Sundays or 10:00 a.m. Mondays.



Walking With Hope, In The Midst of Grief

The topic for Tuesday, Oct. 20, is *“The Spiritual Journey of Hope Through Grief”* and will be presented by Rev. Kevin Fox (Faith Methodist) and Rev. Jamie Thompson (Lord of Life). This is the third in the Farmington Ministerial Grief seminars held here at St. Michael’s – 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. If you have any questions, you may contact Sandy Glau, 651-463-5228 or sglau@stmichael-farmington.org.

Rainbows Program for Children

The *Rainbows* program is a support group curriculum for children ages pre-k through 8th grade who have suffered a significant loss, either through death, divorce, or other painful transition. This program began Thursday, Oct. 8 from 6-7:15 p.m. at All Saints Catholic Church in Lakeville. It will continue weekly for 14 weeks, excluding holidays. If you are interested in participating, please contact Celeste Rekieta at 952-322-3343 or Mary Baatz at 952-469-6460. You may also contact Sandy Glau for more information.

Armful of Love - Community Action Council’s “Armful of Love” program invites you and your family to participate in sharing the joy of the holiday season. Dakota County families who are economically unable to provide gifts for their children may call 952-985-4065 to schedule an eligibility appointment.

Warrior to Citizen Event at St. Michael’s

Tuesday, Oct. 20, 7-8:30 p.m. in our Social Hall, St. Michael’s is “hosting” an educational opportunity for you to learn about the challenges faced by returning veterans and their loved-ones, understand the changing face of MN troop deployments (the “new normal”), and hear about how you can provide support to all veterans. Colonel Kevin Gerdes and Staff Sergeant John Kriesel will be speaking at this event. If you would be able to provide some bars or cookies, please contact Sandy Glau 651-463-5228 or sglau@stmichael-farmington.org. If you would be able to help serve refreshments during the break, would you please let Sandy know also.

Peace Bulletin Board - There is a “peace” bulletin board in the area between the Gathering Space and the Social Hall. If you have a loved one serving in the military, you may post the information on the form provided. You may also include a picture if you’d like to do so. Some of the forms that are presently on the bulletin board are out of date. If you have one that is there that is out of date, would you please remove it or update the information. If you have any questions about this bulletin board, you may contact Sandy Glau.



The Directories Are Here!

We are pleased to announce that the directories have arrived! If your picture is in the directory, you will find a directory with your name on it in the Gathering Space. **Oops!** As you look through the directory, you may notice under the **Mass Times** that the Sunday masses (8:00 and 10:30) were inadvertently left out.

Music Ministry Schedules to be announced at a later date.



St. Michael’s is making plans for our third annual **Mystery Dinner Theater!** We need actors! If you would like to be one of our fearless actors, even if you have done it before, please call Keith Reed at 651-261-1954, even if you only have questions. We need guests! Put **NOVEMBER 7** on your calendar for a **REALLY** fun evening! More information will follow.



FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT ON OCTOBER 30TH



Join us for our first Family Movie Night of the new school year featuring the movie “*Monster House*”!
Date: Friday, October 30th
Time: 7:00 pm

The movie is FREE, so bring along the whole family and invite your friends and neighbors to join us!

*Wear your costume and get a Halloween Treat!

Salvation Army’s “Coats for Kids”

The Salvation Army is having their annual “*Coats for Kids*” program and is collecting new and gently used children’s coats, hats, mittens, gloves, boots, and snow pants. There is a large barrel in the Gathering Space for you to drop off your items. Please wash coats prior to donating. All new or gently used coats will be most appreciated! The coat distribution will be October 29 10:00 a.m.- 8:00 p.m. at Eastern Lutheran Church (corner of Pilot Knob and Cliff Road – Eagan). For more information you may call 651-322-3510 or Sandy Glau 651-463-5228.



Rambling River Center -The Rambling River Center will have their grand opening ribbon cutting (6:00 p.m.) on Monday, Oct. 19 from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. at 325 Oak Street. Tours and refreshments will be available during this time. All are welcome to be a part of the ceremony and be in the picture! Thank you to Charlie Weber who spent many hours getting the Center ready!

Please Put on Your Fall Calendar!

As we look forward to Advent this year, why not give yourself and your family the gift of a deeper faith? God invites us to come to Him just as we are, wherever that may be...

We are very excited to announce a **PARISH MISSION RENEWAL** lead by Fr. Jim Van Dorn of the Franciscan Retreat Center in Prior Lake. Fr. Jim is well known all over the United States for his inspirational Parish Missions. This Mission is for everyone...adults, teens, and children, so be sure to bring along the entire family!

Dates for St. Michael’s Parish Mission Renewal:
Sunday: November 29th: “Overview of the Pascal Mystery”
Monday: November 30th: “Letting Go and Letting God”
Tuesday: December 1st: “Healing”
Wednesday: December 2nd: “Commissioning”

We look forward to seeing you at the Parish Mission Renewal later this Fall!



Baptism Preparation Class - The next class will be held on Tuesday, November 10, 2009, 7:00-8:30p.m. Since this class is held every other month parents are urged to attend during pregnancy. Participation in this class is necessary before baptism can be scheduled. Prior registration is required. Call the parish office at 463-3360.

Thank you to all who contributed monetary donations and food to the **Food Shelf** last weekend. Please continue your donations as they are greatly needed throughout the year.



THANKSGIVING CLOTHING DRIVE

On the weekend of Saturday, Nov. 21 and Sunday, Nov. 22 St. Michael's invites you to bring kindly used clothing to the gathering space for our Thanksgiving Clothing Drive. On Monday, Nov. 23, St. Vincent DePaul will pick up the items for inner city poor. Thank you! For more information, call 651-463-7810.



THANK YOU! We would like to thank Del & Nicki Stapf for donating an 18 cu. ft. refrigerator for the children's nursery. Not only did they donate the refrigerator, they picked it up, delivered it and took away the old one. Thank you both for your generosity and support of St. Michael's!

Annual Sausage Supper, Oct. 25, at St. John the Baptist Parish located off Hwy. 52 on 190th St. in Vermillion. Coordinated by Vermillion KC Council and St. John's Home & School Association. 10 a.m. Mass - Serving 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Join Bishop Piche and Priests for Life at a conference for teens, parents and adults during Respect Life Month. *"Be Not Afraid: Building a Culture of Life and Love"* will be hosted at St. John the Baptist in New Brighton on October 30 and 31. Fr. Peter West from Priests for Life will be our main presenter. Bishop Piche will celebrate our opening Mass. Over twenty Pro-Life groups come together for this event. Register at totustuusevo.com or call 612-418-5375.

Welcome

We extend our hearts in a warm St. Michael's welcome to you, whether long term residents or newly arrived in the parish. We thank God that you are with us. If you are not registered, please fill out this form. Place it in the collection basket, drop it off at the parish office, or mail it to the office.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

- Request registration information
- New Address New Phone

Financial Update

	September 2009	YTD This Year	YTD Last Year
Contributions:	\$46,277	\$145,390	\$158,950
Expectation:	\$52,467	\$153,055	\$160,965
Surplus/(Deficit):	(\$6,190)	(\$7,665)	(\$2,015)
Scrip Proceeds: (Since Inception)	\$14,472		
Purchases:	(\$10,738)		
Balance:	\$3,734		

Purchases include: digital camera, video projector, NCYC donation, microphones, nursery toys, projector screen, laptop, 2nd video projector

Remember St. Michael's Parish in your Last Will & Testament. It is easy and it does not have to be a dollar amount. It can just be a certain percentage of one's estate. Our legal name is "The Church of St. Michael of Farmington, Minnesota". Questions? Call Fr. Dennis at 651-463-3360 or email him at dthompson@stmichael-farmington.org.

Cathedral Restoration Collection - Thank you to all who participated in the second collection that was taken up for the St. Paul Cathedral Restoration at all the Masses on September 19 & 20. Contributions from St. Michael's parishioners amounted to \$1,386.41.



"All You Can Eat" Dad's Belgian Waffle Breakfast - Sunday, Oct. 25, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Rambling River Center, 325 Oak St., Farmington (new location) Join us at the Rambling River Center for our "All You Can Eat" Belgian Waffle Breakfast. We will be serving sausages and Belgian Waffles with butter, whipped cream and 9 choices of syrup. Don't miss this delicious opportunity to support the Rambling River Center. Everybody is welcome. Cost: Adults: \$6/\$7 at door; Kids: \$4/\$5 at door. Kids ages 5 and under FREE. Tickets on sale now at the Rambling River Center. **All proceeds to benefit the Rambling River Center.**

At the Masses on October 31/November 1, a second collection will be taken up for the Saint Paul Seminary. With 37 men in formation for our Archdiocese, the future is bright for the priesthood in our local Church. All funds collected through this appeal will directly benefit our seminarians through the Seminary's *I Will Give You Shepherds* campaign. For more information or to make a gift online, visit www.saintpaulseminary.org.

VISITATION SCHOOL TO HOLD OPEN HOUSE FOR GRADES 9-12 - Convent of the Visitation School, located at 2455 Visitation Drive in Mendota Heights, will hold an **Upper School Open House on Thursday, Oct. 29, at 7:00 p.m.** This informational Open House is planned for prospective families interested in grades 9-12 at Visitation. For more information, please contact the Admissions Office at 651-683-1707 or visit our website at www.visitation.net. An overview of the school programs, philosophy and curriculum will be presented. Families will also have the opportunity to tour the facilities and speak with faculty, students, administrators and current parents. Financial grant and transportation information will also be available.