

# 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.



Give  
Thanks

*In all circumstances,  
give thanks,  
for this is the  
will of God for you  
in Christ Jesus.*

1 THESSALONIANS 5:18

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## 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.  
**Thursday, Thanksgiving Day, at 9:00 a.m. in the Church.**  
**NO Word & Communion Service on Friday.**



The Parish Office will be closed **Thursday & Friday** for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

**Readings for the Week of November 22, 2009**

Sunday: Dn 7:13-14/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37  
 Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Lk 21:1-4  
 Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Lk 21:5-11  
 Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Lk 21:12-19  
 Thursday: Dn 6:12-28/Lk 21:20-28  
 Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Lk 21:29-33  
 Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/Lk 21:34-36  
 Next Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12---4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36  
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So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." - Jn 18:37  
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**Mass Intentions**

Monday, November 23, 8:00 a.m. - Jake Eilen  
 Thursday, November 26, 9:00 a.m. - Howard Jenrich  
 Saturday, November 28, 4:30 p.m. - Jacque Devney

**Ministry Reflection**

What can I do to bring Christ's kingdom to my part of the world?



**RCIA HAS BEGUN!**

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 start of the program this year was 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!**

Dear Parishioners,

As you may know the past few months our prayers have been with Naomi Stout, our Music Minister, and her family during the difficult time of her pregnancy, hospitalization, and the loss of her expectant baby, Alexander.

Last Friday (11/13/09) Naomi in a letter of resignation informed us that she would not be able to return back to the parish after her medical/family leave ends on Nov. 23, 2009. The parish and I thank Naomi for her wonderful music ministry and pray for her family during this very difficult time.

The parish is in the process of finding a new director of music for the parish. We are currently accepting all applications to fill this parish position. I also thank all our parishioners for your understanding and prayers during this time.

God bless,

Fr. Dennis

**DID YOU KNOW...**

**WHAT THE PRECEPTS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH ARE?**

There are different lists of precepts of the Catholic Church, but following is the current list from the Catechism. And what exactly is a "precept"? Precepts are duties that the Catholic Church requires of all the faithful.

**CONFESSION** - "You shall confess your sins at least once a year." We only need to take part in the Sacrament of Confession if we have committed a mortal sin, but the Church urges us to make frequent use of the sacrament and, at a minimum, to receive it once each year in preparation for fulfilling our Easter Duty.

**EASTER DUTY** - "You shall receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season." Since the Sacrament of Holy Communion binds us to Christ and to our fellow Christians, the Church requires us to receive it at least once each year, sometime between Palm Sunday and Trinity Sunday (the Sunday after Pentecost Sunday).

**FASTING AND ABSTINENCE** - "You shall observe the days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church." Today, the Church requires Catholics to fast only on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, and to abstain from meat on the Fridays during Lent. On all other Fridays of the year, we may perform some other penance in place of abstinence.

**SUPPORT THE CHURCH** - "You shall help to provide for the needs of the Church." We don't necessarily have to tithe (give ten percent of our income), if we can't afford it; but we should be willing to give more if we can. Our support of the Church can also be through donations of our time, and the point of both is not simply to maintain the Church but to spread the Gospel and bring others into the Church, the Body of Christ.

**ABOUT OUR CATHOLIC FAITH**

**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.



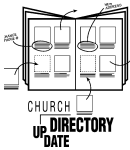
Father Dennis and the Staff wish you a very Happy Thanksgiving!

### Parish Pastoral Council Request

Due to family commitments and personal matters two members of the Pastoral Council submitted their resignations recently. This is a call to ALL Parishioners over the age of 18 to prayerfully consider serving as a member of this Council. Over the years we have become a very diverse community in age, gender and culture. The current openings have two years remaining on a three-year term. Meetings are on the fourth Monday of each month and last no longer than two hours.

As a Council, this body serves as an advisory board to Father Dennis, working together to carry out the vision and mission of St. Michael's Parish.

Applications are available in the parish office as well as on our website, [stmichael-farmington.org](http://stmichael-farmington.org). Please feel free to contact Laura Pitzen, chairperson, at 651-460-2569 with any questions.



**Parish Pictorial Directories** - If you had your picture taken for the directory, you will find a directory with your name on it in a container on the credenza outside the office area. Please pick up your directory as soon as possible. If you did not have your picture taken but would like a copy of the directory, there are directories available in the parish office or the bookstore for \$5.00.

### Remembering Those Who Have Died

November is the month set aside to remember those who have gone before us in death. You are invited to bring a picture of a loved one for display throughout the month. These will be on display in the area near the Vigil Lights and the Remembrance Book. Be sure to have your picture labeled on the back with a contact name and phone number. You may include the name of the person(s) in the Remembrance Book, also. There will be a limited number of small frames available if you do not have the photo in a frame. If you have any questions, you can contact Sandy Glau 651-463-5228 or [sglau@stmichael-farmington.org](mailto:sglau@stmichael-farmington.org).



### VBS CORNER - *The High Seas Expedition*

Summer VBS dates will be July 12-15. This is a **change** in the dates. We are looking for people to join our VBS Committee. If you are interested, please contact Shelley Mills at [kandsmills@frontiernet.net](mailto:kandsmills@frontiernet.net) or Janee Rivard-Johnson at [janeerj@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:janeerj@mpls.k12.mn.us). Our first committee meeting will be on Monday, Jan. 5, at 6:30 in classrooms 9 & 10.



**Hospitality for the Parish Mission** - It's hard to believe our Parish Renewal Mission is just weeks away! We're looking for **several** people willing to provide bars or cookies following the mission each evening (Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup>- Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>), as well as a few additional people to help with serving refreshments. If you can help out please contact Charlotte Vicars at (651) 463-7349 or Dottie Knutson at (651) 463-5224 or [dknutson@stmichael-farmington.org](mailto:dknutson@stmichael-farmington.org).

### Are You Missing Any of These Items?

Unless the following items are claimed, they will be added to the Thanksgiving Clothing Drive collection that is ending this weekend: a variety of bowls, caps/hats, a "Bob the Builder" backpack and other odds and ends. We also have a 3T navy blue "Old Navy" hooded sweatshirt, a Med 10/12, a size L brown plaid hooded "L.A. Kitty" jacket, a women's black "Fleet Street" fall/spring jacket, and a "The Children's Place" XL (14) jean jacket. These items can all be found in the coatroom area between the Gathering Space and the Social Hall. The smaller items can be found in a green tub - other items are either on hangers or on the shelves in the coatroom.



We will be collecting Christmas gifts again this year and distributing them to people who would not otherwise receive a gift. Most gifts can be purchased for \$5 to \$25. Gifts will go to local military families in need, Farmington Food Shelf, Catholic Charities and Little Brothers, Friends of the Elderly.

For the next two weeks, there will be an insert in the bulletin listing items that are needed. You may choose a tag from the tree in the gathering space for a "specific" gift OR any item from the list of gifts needed by the other agencies. Be sure to look at both sides of the insert. There is a great need this year for grocery (Cub, Econo Foods, Rainbow, Target) gift cards. Please consider using SCRIP, which is available in the gathering space.

**Bring your UNWRAPPED gift no later than 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, December 13.**



### JOIN US FOR OUR CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY!

**What:** Lunch including sloppy joes, chips, carrots, and a drink

**When:** Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009

**Where:** St. Michael's Social Hall

**Time:** 11:30 am-1:30 pm

**Cost:** Free Will Offering

Have fun decorating a Christmas cookie, create Christmas crafts, and more (including a special visit from Santa!)

### 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, January 12, 2010, 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.



The next community **Blood Drive** will be **Monday, December 7, from 1:00-7:00 p.m. at the Church of St. Michael, 22120 Denmark Ave., Farmington.** Sixteen year olds can now donate blood, but they **MUST** have a parental consent form signed. These forms will be available on site December 7 in the Social Hall. Call Marlene Beeny at 651-460-6083 for an appointment.

**ALTAR SERVERS**

A BIG thank you to all of you who helped at the Knights of Columbus pancake breakfast in Oct. The proceeds from that breakfast will be used for the Servers. The KC's are planning to take the Servers to the Twins game in the new open stadium in the spring. **Here is the way it works:** Beginning Dec. 1, 2009 and ending May 2, 2010, you need to serve at a mass as often as you can. Be sure to sign up in the Ministry Book in the gathering space. Those of you who are actively serving mass will be invited to the game. Be sure to get your name on a mass time. We wouldn't want you to miss out on this exciting adventure. If you have any questions contact Joanne Weber (651-460-6809)/ [jsweber@charter.net](mailto:jsweber@charter.net).

These days it is not hard to imagine having to choose between rent or health care, food or transportation, household bills or clothing for your children. For many Americans these choices are forced by a recent layoff, pay freeze, retirement fund decrease. More than ever, Catholic Campaign for Human Development needs your support in today's collection. Thank you for your generosity.

**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**

	<u>October 2009</u>	<u>YTD This Year</u>	<u>YTD Last Year</u>
Contributions:	\$50,200	\$195,590	\$207,293
Expectation:	<u>\$52,947</u>	<u>\$206,002</u>	<u>\$213,245</u>
Surplus/(Deficit):	(\$2,747)	(\$10,412)	(\$5,952)
Scrip Proceeds:	\$14,979		
(Since Inception)			
Purchases:	<u>(\$10,738)</u>		
Balance:	\$4,241		

*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](mailto:dthompson@stmichael-farmington.org).**

**Finance Council Seeks Members**

The Finance Council is currently seeking parishioners to volunteer for membership. Experience in finance or management is helpful, but not required. Members serve a three year term, and the Council meets the third Tuesday of each month. Please contact Mark Wood at 952-210-2193 (cell) or at [mark.wood@cna.com](mailto:mark.wood@cna.com) if you are interested in serving the parish by ensuring we are good stewards of our physical and financial assets.

**DARTS and the Knights of Columbus Council 2400**

In the November 2009 "DARTS" newsletter, the following was included: "Since 2001, the Farmington Knights of Columbus Council 2400 has held a spring pancake breakfast to raise money for DARTS. Why? They hope the proceeds can help offset some of the expense of a DARTS bus parked in Farmington that provides rides for parishioners to St. Michael's Church. A 'thank you' connection all around." Perhaps you are unaware that we have drivers who use the DARTS bus to pick up parishioners every Saturday for the 4:30 mass! This is such a wonderful service and we are most grateful to all involved in this ministry! If you are unable to drive to mass, you may contact Dick Gerten 651-463-7422 for a DARTS driver to pick you up.



**Thanksgiving Day Meal at Farmington Lutheran Church** -The youth group at Farmington Lutheran Church (20600 Akin Rd) will be hosting a **Thanksgiving Day Community Meal**, Thursday, Nov. 26. The meal will be from noon to 1:30 p.m. All are welcome!

If you would like to help with food donations, set-up/clean up, serve, etc. you may contact Arlan Olson 651-463-4100 ext 207.

**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.

