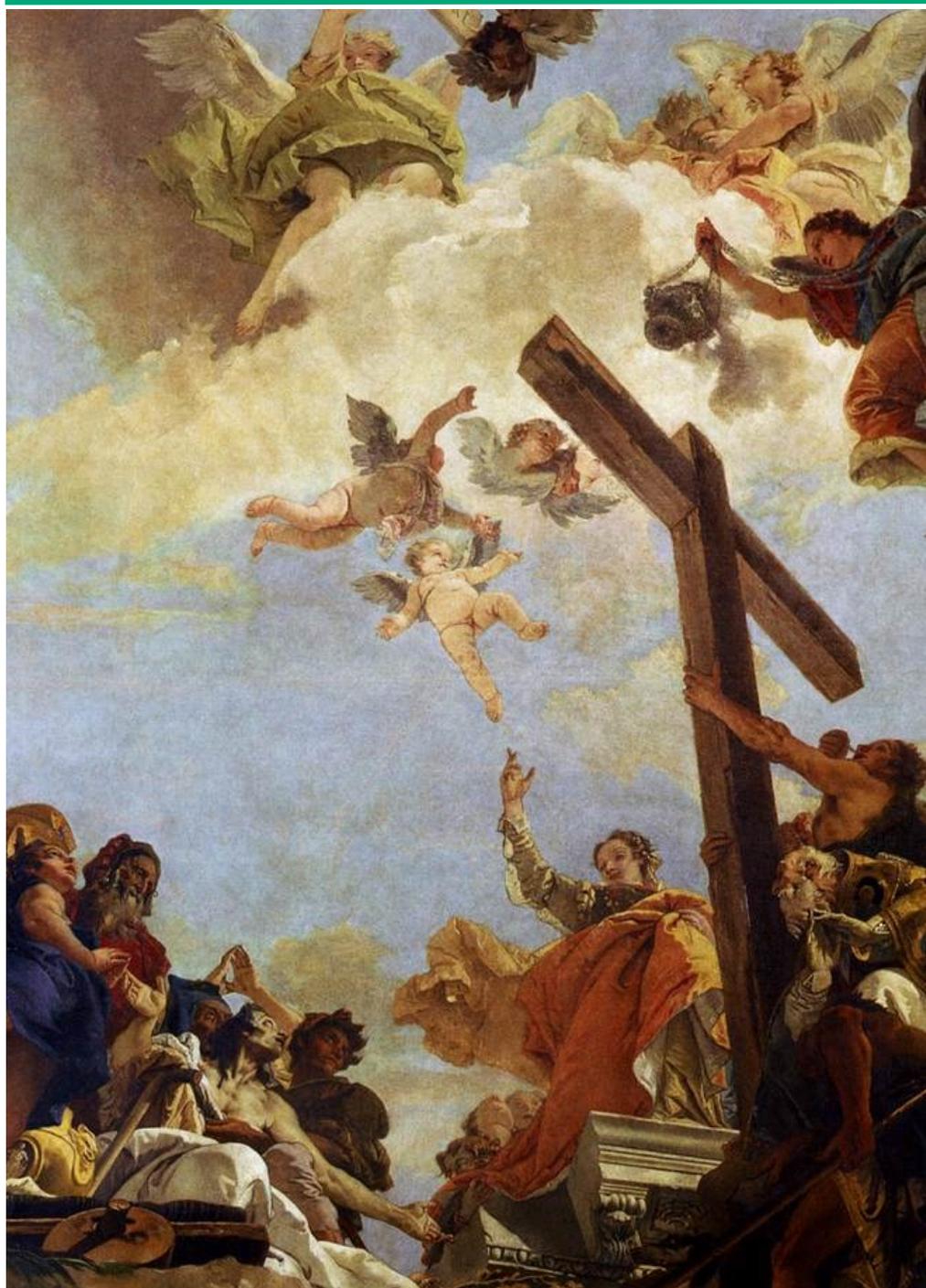




CATHOLIC CHURCHES OF
ST. MICHAEL & ST. MARY



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Church of St. Michael
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Parish Office Hours
Monday - Thursday | 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM
Friday | 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Mass Times
Monday - Friday | 5:30 PM
Saturday (Vigil) | 4:30 PM
Sunday | 7:30 AM, 9:15 AM, & 11:00 AM

St. Mary's Church
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Parish Office Hours
Monday - Friday | 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Mass Times
7:30 AM | Monday - Saturday
8:00 AM, 10:30 AM, & 6:00 PM | Sunday

Sacrament of Penance
Monday - Friday | 5:00 - 5:25 PM (St. Michael's)
Saturday | 8:00 - 8:30 AM (St. Mary's)
Saturday | 3:00 - 4:15 PM (St. Michael's)

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration
St. Faustina Adoration Chapel is located at the Church of St. Michael. Signup for a regular Holy Hour at stmichaelstmary.weadorehim.com.

Ms. Samantha Bertrand
Adoration Chapel Coordinator
sjkbertrand@gmail.com | 612-615-4393

Valley Access Channel 14: Televised Mass
Our 9:15 Sunday Mass will be broadcast live and rebroadcast on Thursdays (7:30 PM) and Fridays (1:30 AM, 7:30 AM, & 1:30 PM).

Safe Environment
Mrs. Judy Greenwood
Safe Environment Coordinator
jgreenwood@costm.org | 651-439-4400

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time | September 11, 2022

From "The Discovery of the True Cross and St. Helena" by Giovanni Battista Tiepolo (c. 1745)

Parish Events & News



St. Mary's Wild Rice Festival: Sunday, September 11

We hope you can join us *this Sunday* from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM for St. Mary's Wild Rice Festival. You won't want to miss our famous Chicken and Wild Rice Dinner, served from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM in the Great Hall. \$12/Adults, \$6/Kids (4-10), Free/Children 3 and Under. Takeout or Dine-In. Dinner includes local Brine's chicken, Minnesota wild rice, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, fresh vegetables, dinner roll, and pie!

The Wild Rice Festival is filled with activities for everyone, including cake walk, silent auction, carnival games, a bouncy slide, Bingo, football game on the big screen, beer tent, Lucky 7s, bakery booth, country stand, Second Hand Treasures, and more. The

Fall Festivals are a great opportunity for fellowship among parishioners and friends. We hope to see you there! A special thank you to all the volunteers, donors, and supporters of our Fall Festivals. We could not carry on the *longest-standing festival in the St. Croix Valley* without everyone's involvement. We appreciate your generous sharing of time, talent, and hard work to make this weekend a great success!

Blessed Solanus Casey Council #1632 Meeting: Monday, September 12

Our next membership meeting will be Monday, September 12 in St. Mary's Great Hall. Rosary will begin at 6:30 PM followed by 7:00 PM meeting, and concluding with 8:00 PM social time. We will show an excellent video called "*Courage and Conviction: The True Story of Columbus*". We will also vote on our donation resolution for Options for Women St. Croix Valley. Please come and enjoy some fraternal time with your brother Knights!

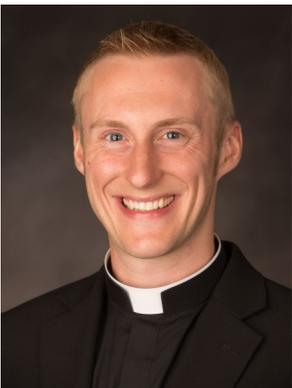
Community Dinner: Saturday, September 17

Come and enjoy dinner on us! Every third Saturday of the month, our tri-parish is serving a free meal from 5:00-7:00 PM at St. Mary's Great Hall. We are so blessed and grateful for all who come to give of themselves in charity and all who come to dine! Last month, 30 volunteers served over 120 delicious dinners to new and familiar faces of our parish and community! Please join us for wonderful food, fellowship, and charity. Learn more about opportunities to help at <https://bit.ly/3D30M9z>. Please contact Mr. & Mrs. Paul or Karen Sisson with any questions at pkssisson1@gmail.com.



Cub Scouts Opening Picnic & Kick-Off Meeting: Monday, September 19

St. Michael's Cub Scout Pack 9132 invites all boys in Grades K-5 and their families to our opening picnic and kick-off meeting on Monday, September 19 at Brekke Park Picnic Shelter from 6:00-7:30 PM. Grilled hotdogs provided; please bring a side dish or dessert to share. For more information and to RSVP, please contact Scoutmaster Jim Thomson at thomson_j@yahoo.com. Visit www.adventureiscalling.org to register for Cub Scouts.



A Fond Farewell from Father Sam Gilbertson

Being here at the parishes of St. Michael and St. Mary these last three months has been an incredible blessing. Thank you! I am surprised by how fast the time went—too fast! You all have inspired me with your faith and love. I have felt so incredibly welcome these months and have been blessed by your generosity! My last day in Stillwater is September 15. I will then spend some time with my family before returning to Rome on September 22. Archbishop Hebda requests that all seminarians who study in Rome return after their first year of priesthood to complete an advanced degree. After one more year at the Angelicum University in Rome, my advanced degree in Dogmatic Theology will be finished! I look forward to being assigned as a Parochial Vicar somewhere in the Archdiocese after returning home in June of 2023! Please keep me in your prayers as I complete my studies. I will always deeply cherish this time with you in Stillwater and the many ways you have

inspired my own faith and growth in holiness. Know of my love for you and be assured of my continued prayers! May God bless you all! In Christ, Father Sam

Eucharistic Devotion in the Byzantine Church by Fr. Cyril Farmer

“O Lord, I believe and profess that you are truly the Christ, the Son of the Living God, who came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the first. Accept me today as a partaker of your mystical supper, O Son of God, for I will not reveal your mystery to your enemies, nor will I give you a kiss as did Judas, but like the repentant thief, I openly profess you: Remember me, O Lord, when you come into your Kingdom. May the partaking of your Holy mysteries, O Lord, be not for my judgment or condemnation but for the healing of my soul and body. O Lord, I also believe and profess that this, which I am about to receive, is truly your most precious body and life-giving blood, which, I pray, make me worthy to receive for the remission of my sins and for life everlasting. Amen.” —Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom



The Holy Eucharist is the center of the entire Byzantine liturgical and spiritual life. The daily cycle of prayers, fasts, and works of charity are seen as either a preparation for the reception of the Eucharist or as a result of receiving the Eucharist. Unlike the Western Church, the Eastern Churches never suffered a Eucharistic controversy. The sacrificial nature and real presence of Christ in the Eucharist was never questioned. As a result, extra liturgical devotions designed to combat these heresies were never developed. Devotion to the Eucharist remained within the Divine Liturgy. A spirituality of “nearness” developed. The Eucharistic table in the East is called the altar, the Holy Table and the Throne. The Artophorion (tabernacle) and Book of Gospel are kept there for two reasons. First, it is the place of sacrifice: Golgotha. Second, it is the place where the Risen Christ resides within the community in both Word and Sacrament: the heavenly throne. Golgotha is close. The throne of the living God is close. The risen Christ is close. The icon screen and the curtain that surround the Holy Table remind us of the nearness of the heavenly realm while retaining its mystery. This space becomes forbidden to all except clergy when they have particular responsibilities there. People bring icons to be placed on the Altar for 40 days so they can be near the Eucharist and, finally, receive a blessing by being touched to the chalice at a Divine Liturgy. Infants are processed around the Holy Table when they are baptized, and the celebrant makes the Sign of the Cross with the child and holds them up in front of the Eucharist. Marriage rings are placed inside or near the Artophorion the night before their marriage so they can be blessed by proximity to the Eucharist. It is common practice for people to fast during the week on Wednesdays and Fridays in preparation for receiving the Eucharist. Acts of charity to the poor, along with acts of forgiveness to those who wronged us, are also seen as Eucharistic devotions.

The Byzantine East along with the Latin West believes the same thing: The Risen Lord is among us and has given himself to us in the Eucharist. His nearness to us is a mystery celebrated and a mystery that is never exhausted!

Michaelmas Eucharistic Procession: Sunday, September 25

Please join our parishes for our 25th annual Michaelmas Vespers and Eucharistic Procession. At this early celebration of the Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael the Archangels, we will join in the evening prayer of the Church and process the Holy Eucharist between our churches. Father Michael Skluzacek will preach 4:00 PM Vespers at the Church of St. Michael. Following Vespers, our Eucharistic Procession will take us three blocks away to St. Mary's Church (423 South 5th Street) for Benediction. Parking is available at either church or the lots at Veterans Memorial (138 Pine Street W). All are invited - We hope you will partake in this beautiful tradition!

Operating Funds

(Weekly collection, EFT payments and gifts used only for operating expenses for Fiscal Year July 1, 2022—June 30, 2023).

7/1/2022 - 9/4/2022	St. Mary's	St. Michael's
Budgeted Collections	\$85,656	\$295,630
Actual Weekly Collections	\$88,489	\$288,849
Amount Over / (Short)	\$2,833	(\$6,781)

Faith Formation Opportunities

Urgent Need for Catechists and Assistants for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is seeking catechists and assistants for the Wednesday 4:30 – 6:00 PM session. Sessions begin September 20, and training will be provided prior to the start of classes. Please contact Mrs. Jenny Ostrom at 651-351-3175 or jostrom@costm.org to learn more about this opportunity. Thank you for prayerfully considering serving the youth of our parish community.

Engage & Renew
A 4-Part Formation Series
for Married or Engaged Couples



7:00-9:00 PM January 10
September 13 March 14
November 8 St. Michael's Rose Hall



Engage & Renew Marriage Formation: Tuesday, September 13

Looking for an opportunity to nurture your marriage? Please join us for Engage & Renew! This 4-part formation series will give you the resources and encouragement to engage and renew your fidelity to the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony through thoughtful presentations, edifying conversation, and camaraderie with others in your state of life. Join us Tuesday, September 13 from 7:00-9:00 PM in St. Michael's Rose Hall. Please contact Mr. Corey Manning, Director of Faith Formation, with questions at cmanning@costm.org.



Interested in Becoming Catholic?

Missing one of the Sacraments (like Confirmation)? Do you (or does someone you know) have an unbaptized child over the age of 7? St. Michael's offers an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about the Catholic faith through a program called RCIA. Sessions focus on Holy Scripture, the Liturgy, and Holy Mass, while preparing individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. Separate sessions are held for children and youth. Please join us with your questions, insights, and desire to receive all the Lord has for you! If interested, please contact Mr. Corey Manning at cmanning@costm.org or 651-379-1272.



Time to Register for a Walking With Purpose (WWP) Women's Scripture Study!

WWP offers small-group Scripture studies on Monday nights (October 3 through mid-April) for women of all ages in any season of life. There is no actual walking involved! Our studies are designed to give you what you need to encounter and walk with Christ personally through the pages of the Bible and to discuss weekly lessons in the company of great women. Those new to WWP are encouraged to take our 22-week study called "Opening Your Heart" while all past participants will be diving into the Old Testament in a study called "Beholding His Glory / Beholding Your King" (two books) with options for a full or half-year study. To learn more, register, or join our mailing list, please visit <https://bit.ly/3Rny9s9> or scan the QR code to be taken directly to our registration page. You can also visit with us directly after Masses at St. Michael's the weekend of September 10-11!



Parish Women: Let's Gather!

Adult women of all ages are invited to a "Connect & Reflect" evening hosted by the Walking with Purpose Scripture Study group. Join us on Monday, September 12 at 7:00 PM in St. Michael's Rose Hall where we will watch a video from the "Truth with Handles: The Conversation" YouTube series (features three Catholic women discussing faith and Church teachings). This episode is about approaching our faith with a sense of awe and wonder. We will also provide information on our upcoming studies beginning October 3rd. No need to RSVP; just come as you are! Questions? Email Mrs. Becky Thomson at beckyandjim3@comcast.net.



More Parish Events & News

St. Mary's CCW Band: Wednesday, September 21

Starting September 21, St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women (CCW) Band will begin meeting in Room B from 6:00 - 7:00 PM on the third Wednesday of each month. All existing and any new members are welcome to join! Please contact Ms. Kim Barnhart at kim.barnhart2@gmail.com or Ms. Barbara Hall at barbara.hall2@centurylink.com for more information.

Sister Parish Weekend: Saturday, September 17 & Sunday, September 18

Come and hear what your donations have accomplished in Bwambo Village, Tanzania! Before Masses, volunteer missionaries from St. Michael's and St. Mary's will update the parishes on developments of the student tuition program and other projects. We are deeply grateful for all you have done for Bwambo Village and Immaculate Conception Church. Your donations (made by cash or check) for Sister Parish programs this upcoming year are most appreciated. Following each Mass, a special Donut Sunday will be hosted by Sister Parish committee members who will sell coffee and answer any questions you might have about the mission!

Community Wellness Screenings and Foot Care Clinic: Thursday, September 22

Join the St. Croix Valley Faith Community Nurse Program at Trinity Lutheran Church in Stillwater from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM on Thursday, September 22. Registrations and payment must be completed online at www.healthpartners.com/about/classes-events/ (type "foot" under name of event). We will also offer a wellness portion from 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM (no appointments needed), including free blood pressure, balance and fall screenings, memory screenings, and blood glucose testing. Questions? Contact Mrs. Maria Gibbons, parish nurse, at mgibbons@costm.org.

We Are Hiring: Come Join Our Team!

Please visit careers.archspm.org for more details about joining our team as a First Grade Teacher!

St. Croix Catholic School

Serving the parishes of St. Michael, St. Mary, and St. Charles | SCCS Office: 651-439-5581 | www.stcroixcatholic.org



We were overjoyed to welcome our preschool students to their first week at Ark of Angels Preschool. God blessed us with perfect weather to enjoy our new outdoor play equipment in the green space. We look forward to a wonderful year of learning and growing!

Miss Jean, Miss Sarah & Miss Kassy





You are invited to pilgrimage to
**Our Lady of
 Guadalupe Shrine**
 in LaCrosse, Wisconsin

Join us for a day of prayer and reflection for the unborn.
 Bring your rosary!



Wednesday, Oct. 5
 8 am - 6:30 pm

\$30.00 each^ (includes lunch)

--Comfy coach bus w/restroom,
 handicapped accessible, wi-fi--

10:30 arrive-1/2 mile walk uphill to church*
 11-tour / 11:45-rosary/confessions / 12:15 Mass
 lunch in church basement / 2-Devotionals, Adoration
 3:30-Downhill* / 4-Departure

RLC is providing snacks, waters, prayer materials, for the trip.



Deadline: Wed. September 21

Parish disclaimer form required to sign when boarding

Wear comfy shoes for much walking *shuttle service available
Leave from St. Mary's parking lot promptly at 8 am, gather at 7:30 am

Sponsored by the Tri-Parish Respect Life Committee

^Scholarships available: Mary Lou Junker: 651-439-1297 or Ann Manthey: 651-343-9525

Oct. 5 Shrine Pilgrimage Registration (parish disclaimer form when boarding bus)

Name(s): _____ Enclosed \$ _____ (ck payable to St. Michael's)

Address/City/St/Zip: _____

Email: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Box lunch provided: Turkey on Sourdough, water, -goodies from RLC. If not ok, contact Mary Lou or Ann

Send to: ATTN: Oct. 5 Pilgrimage, Church of St. Michael, 611 3rd St S, Stillwater, MN 55082

Support St. Vincent de Paul on Monday, September 19!



We are pleased to announce a fundraising event with our friends at the Milwaukee Burger Company to assist our St. Croix Valley—St. Vincent de Paul Conference in its mission of charity toward our neighbors in need. Please join us Monday, September 19 between 3:00 and 9:00 PM at the Milwaukee Burger Company (2420 Gateway Ct, Hudson, WI, 54016).

The Milwaukee Burger Company will share profits from sales in this timeframe with the St. Vincent de Paul Conference for its charitable works in the Valley. All sales will include dine-in and takeout orders and beverages. We invite you to join us, connect with friends, and support our charitable works. May God bless you!

In Sympathy

Jim Friedrich - *The Church of St. Michael*

Roger Johnson - *St. Mary's Church*

Newly Baptized

Matthew Chee Nou Chan
 (Son of John Chan & Mai Thao)
The Church of St. Michael

Áine Renée Loso
 (Daughter of Joseph & Mary Loso)
The Church of St. Michael

New Parishioners

Bonita (Bonnie) & Jeff Crisp
The Church of St. Michael

Holy Mass Intentions

Monday, September 12

7:30 AM: † Gerald Nolde

5:30 PM: † Ivan Begovic

Tuesday, September 13

7:30 AM: † David Wicker

5:30 PM: † Ernesto Argiro

Wednesday, September 14

7:30 AM: † Patricia Backman

5:30 PM: Fr. Jack Donahue (B)

Thursday, September 15

7:30 AM: Kim Barnhart (B)

5:30 PM: † Bill & Terry Treacy

Friday, September 16

7:30 AM: Fr. Jack Donahue

5:30 PM: † Sarah Rooker

Saturday, September 17

7:30 AM: † Betty Nolde

4:30 PM: The People of St. Michael's

Sunday, September 18

7:30 AM: † Diana Olson

8:00 AM: † Betty Nolde

9:15 AM: † Larry Houlton

10:30 AM: Ross & Jean Schrankler (A)

11:00 AM: † Donald & Barb Vizanko

6:00 PM: The People of St. Mary's

† (Deceased)

(A) Anniversary

(B) Birthday

(H) Healing

(L&D) Living & Deceased