



— CATHOLIC CHURCHES OF —
ST. MICHAEL & ST. MARY



Mary, Mother of the Redeemer; heaven's portal, through which Christ passes from heaven to earth and whose intercession can open the gates of heaven for mortals; star of the sea, guiding us to Christ; the Immaculate Virgin mysteriously giving birth to her own Creator; Virgin before and after Gabriel's annunciation — have mercy on us poor sinners. Amen.

+ *Alma Redemptoris Mater* +

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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
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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
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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time | October 23, 2022

From "Immaculate Conception" by Bartolomé Esteban Murillo (1678)

Imitating Our Immaculate Lady by Seeking Her Intercession

Mary, Mother of the Redeemer

At the Annunciation, the angel Gabriel greets Our Lady in familiar words: *Ave Maria, gratia plena*—Hail Mary, full of grace. Gabriel foretells that Mary “shall conceive and bring forth a son” and “call his name Jesus” (Luke 1:31). From the outset of Saint Mary’s Church renovation, we too are presented with a greeting and invitation for Christ to come into our midst. This invitation transcends the renovation. Christ desires to enter the innermost life of our parish and all we do, most notably in the celebration of the Eucharist. This, the Lord’s true presence among us, is the very crux of our parish life.

As Christ’s Incarnation and Mary’s motherhood were only made possible by the power of the Holy Spirit, Saint Mary’s Church renovation will only be accomplished by the power of the same Holy Ghost. May we respond as Mary did: *Ecce ancilla Domini. Fiat mihi secundum verbum tuum*. Behold the handmaid of the Lord. Be it done unto me according to Your word. Our fiat expresses complete, wholehearted surrender to God’s Most Holy Will.

Heaven’s Portal

Mary is the portal through which Christ passed on His way to earth and the one whose intercession can open the gates of heaven for mortals. We pray the fruit of this renovation will enrich the sacramental reality of Christ’s arrival and dwelling in our midst. May Saint Mary’s Church be a portal like unto Mary herself, that the faithful who pass through her doors may receive a glimpse of heaven’s glories.

Star of the Sea

The name “Mary,” according to Saint Bernard of Clairvaux, “is said to mean ‘star of the sea’ ... Indeed, most aptly is she compared to a star; for as a star sheds its beams without any decay on its parts, so the Virgin brought forth her Son without any damage to her virginity” (*Roman Breviary*).

In solitude and silence, Our Lady conceived in total secrecy. She then returned to the world, to us poor sinners, giving of her Beloved and assuming responsibility for us. Mary is Christ-centered, and she will always lead us to her Son when we seek her aid. May she bless the fruits of this project and ever guide us to Christ as her *Tota Pulchra* proclaims: “Draw me: we will run after thee to the odor of thy ointments” (Canticle of Canticles 1:3).

The Immaculate Virgin

“They all blessed her with one voice, saying: Thou art the glory of Jerusalem, thou art the joy of Israel, thou art the honor of our people” (Judith 15:10). “The Lord possessed me in the beginning of his ways. . . I was set up for eternity, and of old, before the earth was made. The depths were not as yet, and I was already conceived” (Proverbs 8:22-35).

Our Lady’s beauty, preciousness, and holiness were all purposeful, not for God’s vainglory or superfluousness. These virtues of Mary were necessary to create a vessel worthy of the Incarnation of the Word. The gifts of Our Lady, full of grace, were bestowed not for her own sake but for the service of her Son and His mission.

Our efforts to restore beauty, preciousness, and holiness at Saint Mary’s Church are also borne from a humble purpose. We do not seek splendor, quality materials, or a space set apart out of extravagance or pride. We intend to create a worthy vessel for the Transubstantiation of the Eucharist and His dwelling with us in the tabernacle. The renovation of Saint Mary’s Church is not just for her parishioners but for the service of Jesus. Our wholehearted intention is to serve His mission: the salvation of souls.

“The [Christian] would not be able to find Jesus, were it not for Mary. She is the desert oasis harboring the source of refreshing waters. She is also the ‘tabernacle of God most high’. One of the greatest graces you can ever receive is to discover the Marian temple and make your way into it to meet Jesus. He is ever ‘living in Mary’, and you, like the three wise men, will never find one without the other (Ephesians 1:3-6).” (From *The Hermitage Within*, by a Monk)

Parish Events



Pancake Breakfast: Sunday, October 23

After all Sunday morning Masses, your Knights of Columbus Blessed Solanus Casey Council #1632 will be serving a Tri-Parish breakfast (of pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, juice, and coffee) in St. Michael's Rose Hall. All profits will be evenly split and donated to the Tri-Parish Respect Life Committee, Marriage Material, and Options for Women of St Croix Valley. Breakfast will be \$8/Adults, \$6/Children, Free/Children 5 and under; family maximum of \$35. Please stop by our Knights of Columbus displays to learn about our local and global organization and read winning Catholic essays from our contest winners, Miss Elliana Doll from Chesterton Academy and Mr. Noah Jansen from SCCS.

Marian Devotions at St. Mary's: Wednesday, October 26

Join us at 7:00 PM in St. Mary's Church, on the final Wednesday in this month dedicated to the Holy Rosary, to honor Our Lady. *Pray for us, O holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.*

Holy Day of Obligation: Feast of All Saints: Tuesday, November 1

"Whether or not their names are commemorated in the Liturgy, the Church today honors all Saints, those holy souls who during life loved Jesus and strove to imitate Him and to practice His virtues" (from *Saint Joseph Daily Missal*). Please join us for Holy Mass at 7:30 AM (St. Mary's), 5:30 PM (St. Michael's), or 7:00 PM (St. Mary's). Our parish offices will be closed this day in observance of the Solemnity.

Feast of All Souls Mass of Remembrance: Wednesday, November 2

Please join us at the Church of St. Michael for Holy Mass at 5:30 PM (offered at the Church of St. Michael for loved ones from St. Michael, St. Mary, and St. Charles who passed away September 2021-October 2022) and dinner at 6:30 PM. To RSVP for dinner, please contact Mrs. Joan Mellor, Pastoral Minister, at jmellor@costm.org or 651-379-1266. Please note, our 7:30 AM Holy Mass at St. Mary's will also be celebrated in commemoration of All Souls' Day.

Blessing of Graves and Candlelit Procession: Saturday, November 5

During this month dedicated to the Poor Souls, please join us at 7:00 PM on Saturday, November 5 for a Cemetery Blessing and Procession at St. Michael's Cemetery in Bayport (700 5th Ave N, Bayport, MN 55003). Families are encouraged to bring candles and lighters for a candlelit procession as we pray the Rosary for our dearly departed loved ones. We will meet at the altar in the cemetery. Please join us for this spiritual work of mercy!

A special note on indulgences: "Between Noon of November 1 and Midnight [November 2], a person who has been to confession and Communion can gain a plenary indulgence, under the usual conditions, for the poor souls each time he visits a church or public oratory and recites the Our Father, the Hail Mary and the Glory be to the Father six times. . . Also, the faithful who, during the period of eight days from All Saints Day, visit a cemetery and pray for the dead may gain a plenary indulgence, under the usual conditions, on each day of the Octave, applicable only to the dead. . . No matter the particular, local traditions, throughout the Octave of All Saints, our beloved dead should be remembered and prayed for. During our visits to their graves, we spruce up their resting sites, sprinkling them with holy water, leaving votive candles, and adorning them flowers (especially chrysanthemums and marigolds) to symbolize the Eden-like paradise that man was created to enjoy, and may, if saved, enjoy after death and any needed purgation." (From *Fisheaters.com*, "All Souls Day")

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 - 10/16/2022	St. Mary's	St. Michael's
Budgeted Collections	\$136,019	\$484,294
Actual Weekly Collections	\$138,551	\$467,818
Amount Over / (Short)	\$2,532	(\$16,476)

Parish & Community Opportunities

Employment Opportunities

Please visit careers.archspm.org to learn more about joining our team as an Administrative Assistant (PT), Long-Term 3rd Grade Substitute Teacher, K-8 Music Teacher, or First Grade Teacher!

Priest Meal Ministry: October, November, & December Needs

Thank you for generously signing up to bring Fr. Izen and Fr. Barnes a meal at www.CareCalendar.org using **Calendar ID: 215802** and **Security Code: 9368**. Please contact Mrs. Jackie Valerius with any questions at 612-269-7563.

Corporal Work of Mercy Opportunity: Shelter the Homeless: Saturday, October 29

Through October 27, donations of new warm socks and new Thinsulate mittens will be collected at the donation bins located at our parishes. Sign up at <https://bit.ly/3CNUdHw> to join us for packing backpacks with donated items on Saturday, October 29 in St. Michael's Rose Hall from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Thank you for your support! Please contact Mrs. Joan Mellor, Pastoral Minister, at jmellor@costm.org with questions.

Blood Drive at St. Mary's Church: Friday, November 11

Please join us at St. Mary's Great Hall from 10:00 AM—4:00 PM for a blood drive. Registration is available online at RedCrossBlood.org. Questions? Please contact Mrs. Maria Gibbons, parish nurse, at mgibbons@costm.org or 651-439-4400 (Ext. 213)

Merry Market: Saturday, November 12

It's Merry Market time again! A mailing has been sent to parish families including information about all the ways to participate in this great event on Saturday, November 12. Please help us kickoff this event by returning your sweepstakes tickets (sending via mail, dropping off at St. Michael's Parish Office, or bringing to Merry Market). Please consider donating items! Bake Sale items can be brought to St. Michael's Rose Hall on Friday, November 11. Donations of quality, handmade craft items are needed! Best sellers include Christmas décor, ornaments, knit and hand-sewn items, practical gifts for the whole family, Catholic-themed items, and sacramentals. We appreciate donations received before Tuesday, November 8. Please drop items off at St. Michael's Parish Office during business hours. For questions, please contact Mrs. Becky Thomson at beckyandjim3@comcast.net. Your gently-used items are also needed for Attic Treasures. (No furniture, clothing, or electronics, please). Beginning the afternoon of Monday, November 7, items can be dropped off in the St. Vincent de Paul trucks located at St. Michael's parking lot.

Giving Tree of St. Michael's and St. Mary's

The parishioners of St. Michael's and St. Mary's have a long history of giving to people in need at Christmastime and throughout the year. Each year, we have assisted more than 500 individuals of all ages from our parishes and community through St. Michael's and St. Mary's Giving Tree programs, including those living at or helped by Good Samaritan Home, Hope House, the Catholic Worker Homes, Project Life, and our St. Vincent de Paul Society. If you are facing financial hardship or are aware of an individual or family having a difficult time, please call Mrs. Flo Harris at St. Mary's (651-439-1270) or Mrs. Joan Mellor at St. Michael's (651-439-4400). **Requests for help must be called in by November 7.** All referral information is confidential. Thank you for helping us reflect the love of Christ by helping others!

It's Butterbraid Time!

St. Michael's and St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women is hosting its annual fundraiser to support a multitude of parish endeavors helping others. Order forms are available with the Merry Market Mailing, by emailing momtreat66@aol.com, or at St. Michael's and St. Mary's parish offices. Butterbraids are frozen and keep for a very long time - consider "stocking up" to make this year's initiative as successful as can be! \$15 for Butterbraids (Strawberry & Cream Cheese, Apple, Cinnamon, Blueberry & Cream Cheese, Raspberry), Caramel Rolls, Cinnamon Rolls, Herb & Cheese, or Bavarian Crème. The **order deadline is Thursday, November 17**. Pickup will be available in St. Michael's Rose Hall after the Vigil Mass on Saturday, December 10 and after all morning Masses on Sunday, December 11. Please note, any orders of five or more Butterbraids will be delivered to your doorstep (within 15 miles of St. Michael's) free of charge on Thursday, December 8!

Parish & Community Opportunities



Mother Teresa Documentary: Wednesday, November 2

On Wednesday, November 2 at 7:00 PM, there will be an encore viewing of “Mother Teresa - No Greater Love” at the Marcus Theater in Oakdale. Produced by the Knights of Columbus, this inspiring, feature-length documentary film is the definitive historical account on the life and legacy of this beloved saint of our times.

In-Home Support Workers Needed

A family belonging to the Church of St. Michael is seeking to hire in-home support workers to help care for their medically complex 4-year-old. No medical background necessary—just a big heart and willingness to learn. To learn more, please email Mr. Andrew Thigpen at athigpen@gmail.com.

November 11, 2022

Calling All Veterans!

St. Croix Catholic School would like to honor our parishioners who are veterans on Veterans Day, Friday, November 11th.

If you are a veteran and are able to join us, please contact Mrs. Maggie Schwartz, Marketing and Development Director, at 651.439.5581 ext. 310.

A simple reception will begin at 2:15 p.m., followed by a short program from 3:00-3:30 p.m. Please kindly RSVP by October 28.



St. Croix Catholic School

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

A photograph of a woman wearing a dark blue polo shirt with the St. Croix Catholic School logo, sitting at a table and interacting with a young child. They are looking at a worksheet with stars on it. The background shows a classroom setting with shelves and a whiteboard.

Showcase
& SHADOW DAY

NOVEMBER
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Tour our school & shadow a Knight!



Showcase **Preschool-Grade 8**
Option to Shadow **Grades 3-7**

Register by Nov. 1

St. Croix Catholic SCHOOL
SCHOLARS. DISCIPLES. LEADERS.

Around the Community

Cub Scouts Halloween Party: Monday, October 24

All young men in the parish (Kindergarten – 5th grade) are invited to the annual Cub Scout Halloween party on Monday, October 24 from 6:45-8:00 PM at St. Mary's Upper Hall! Join us for games, wear your costume, and bring a carved pumpkin to participate in our contests! Siblings are welcome to join in the fun too! This event is hosted by St. Michael's Cub Scout Pack 132. Please contact Mr. Jim Thomson at thomson_j@yahoo.com with questions.

Wreath & Poinsettia Online Orders for Pack 132

St. Michael's Pack and Troop 132 will sell 24" standard wreaths from Gertens at both parishes during weekend Masses before and after Thanksgiving (November 19-20 & 26-27). Online orders will be available if you would like to purchase poinsettias, larger wreaths, doorstep charmers, hanging greenery baskets and garland. Our Scouts will deliver to you personally if you live within five miles of the parish. Please note, **orders must be placed by Thursday, October 20**. To place an order, visit www.gertensfundraising.com, enter **Store ID #637**, make your selections, and pay online with a credit card. If you know a Scout from our troop/pack, put his name at the end of your order to give him credit or type in SCOUT MICHAEL for tracking purposes. Please contact Mrs. Becky Thomson at beckyandjim3@comcast.net with any questions. We appreciate your support as all proceeds go towards Scout programs, events, and camps which develop our boys into men of great character.

Fall Cleanup at Peace House: Saturday, November 5

Please join us from 9:00 AM–12:00 PM at Mary Queen of Peace House (a Catholic Worker Community Home dedicated to housing and giving respite to women and children in transition and crisis living situations). No skills necessary. Any helping hands (ages 12+) are welcome. Feel welcome to bring gloves, rakes, clippers, etc. Breakfast treats and coffee will be provided. Please **sign-up to help** at <https://bit.ly/3SbPUKq>, and contact Mrs. Margaret Simmet at margsimmet@gmail.com with any questions.



Holy Mass Intentions

Monday, October 24

7:30 AM: Scott Johnson (B)

5:30 PM: † Leo McAlpine

Tuesday, October 25

7:30 AM: † Floyd & Elizabeth Walinski

5:30 PM: The Roger Roettger Family

Wednesday, October 26

7:30 AM: † Annie Olson

5:30 PM: † Marilyn Gelhar

Thursday, October 27

7:30 AM: St. Anne's Society

5:30 PM: † Paul Boxler

Friday, October 28

7:30 AM: † Joseph & Gloria Nash

5:30 PM: Jeanne Corcoran

Saturday, October 29

7:30 AM: † Amy Campbell

4:30 PM: † Elizabeth Hebaus

Sunday, October 30

7:30 AM: Norma White Delfosse

8:00 AM: † Robert Kranz

9:15 AM: The People of St. Michael's

10:30 AM: Bob & Ann Newlander (50th A)

11:00 AM: † Ed Simonet Jr.

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

† (Deceased)

(A) Anniversary

(B) Birthday

(H) Healing

(L&D) Living & Deceased

In Your Charity, Please Pray For:

In Sympathy

George Pagnucco—*The Church of St. Michael*

New Parishioners

Zachariah & Kimberly Meyers with their children Grace, Oliver, Amelia, and Penelope—*The Church of St. Michael*

Louis Peltier—*The Church of St. Michael*

Cole & Brigitte Sorenson—*The Church of St. Michael*

Newly Baptized

Penelope Lynne Meyers (Daughter of Zachariah & Kimberly)—*The Church of St. Michael*

Audrey Rose Peltier (Daughter of Vincent & Sarah)—*The Church of St. Michael*

Welcome Back

Eric & Nikki Zawislak with their children Gianna, Anabelle, and Evangelina—*The Church of St. Michael*