



CATHOLIC CHURCHES OF ST. MICHAEL & ST. MARY



Second Sunday of Advent | December 4, 2022

(From "The Immaculate Conception" by Giovanni Battista Tiepolo, 1767-1768)

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frizen@costm.org | 651-379-1261

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Church of St. Michael
611 South Third Street, Stillwater, MN 55082
info@costm.org | 651-439-4400

Parish Office Hours
Monday - Thursday | 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM
Friday | 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Holy Mass Times
Monday - Friday | 5:30 PM
Monday - Saturday | 7:30 AM
Saturday (Vigil) | 4:30 PM
Sunday | 7:30 AM, 9:15 AM, 11:00 AM, 6:00 PM

St. Mary's Church
423 South 5th Street, Stillwater, MN 55082
fharris@costm.org | 651-439-1270

Parish Office Hours
Monday - Friday | 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Holy Mass Times
Sunday in the Great Hall | 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

St. Croix Catholic School
Sr. Maria Ivana, O.P., Principal
srmariaivana@stccs.com | 651-439-5581

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
Thursdays (7:30 PM), Fridays (1:30 AM, 7:30 AM, & 1:30 PM), & Sundays (9:15 Live).

Safe Environment
Mrs. Judy Greenwood
Safe Environment Coordinator
651-439-4400 (Ext. 231)

Parish Events

CCW Holiday Kick-Off: Tuesday, December 6

CCW members (and those interested in joining CCW), please join us in Rose Hall at 6:30 PM on Tuesday December 6. After our general meeting, we will have a Holiday Kick-Off event including delicious drinks, appetizers, and desserts with cocktail and food demonstrations from Lucky Guys Distillery and Ryan Siess. Please RSVP to Mrs. Erin Lisle at ekflisle@comcast.net by Sunday, December 4 if you plan to attend.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception: Thursday, December 8

The patronal feast day of our nation (and St. Mary's) is December 8, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We look forward to making this feast of Our Lady extra special and experiencing the rich, ancient tradition of our beautiful faith by celebrating the 7:00 PM Holy Mass by candlelight and *ad orientem* (as the celebrant faces east, looking toward the crucifix together with the congregation). A reception will be held after the 7:00 PM Rorate Candlelight Mass in St. Michael's Rose Hall. Please note, both Parish Offices will be closed on December 8 in honor of the Solemnity, and **all Holy Masses for this Holy Day of Obligation will be held at the Church of St. Michael:**

Wednesday, December 7: 5:30 PM (Vigil)

Thursday, December 8: 7:30 AM, 9:20 AM (School Mass), 5:30 PM, 7:00 PM Rorate Candlelight

ButterBraid Pickup: Saturday, December 10 - Sunday, December 11

Don't forget! ButterBraid orders of four or less will be available for pickup after all Holy Masses on Saturday, December 10 and Sunday, December 11 in St. Michael's Rose Hall.

Corporal Work of Mercy Event: Tuesday, December 13

Come join us for an Advent service project as we tie fleece blankets to donate to the residents of the Good Samaritan Home and other local senior care centers. Please bring your sewing scissors and join us at St. Michael's Rose Hall on Tuesday, December 13 from 6:00-8:00 PM. If you would like to help but are unable to attend, please consider donating fleece in 1.5 yard lengths. Donations can be left at the Church of St. Michael (Attn: Mrs. Joan Mellor, Pastoral Minister). We hope to see you there!

Adult Faith Formation - The Trinity, Baptism, and Confirmation:

Wednesday, December 14

Are you looking to brush up on your catechesis or learn about the essential teachings of our Catholic Faith? Please join us from 6:15-7:45 PM in St. Michael's Rose Hall for an edifying presentation by Dr. Michael Rota on the Trinity, Baptism, and Confirmation. (Children are welcome to join, but the presentation will be geared toward adults).



December 20, 2022
**Conscience, Corporations,
and the Common Good**
by Dr. Kenneth Goodpaster

St. Michael's Rose Hall
7:00 PM Social
7:30 PM Presentation
8:15 PM Discussion
8:40 PM Benediction
9:00 PM Departure



Dr. Kenneth Goodpaster

Kenneth Goodpaster earned his A.B. in mathematics from the University of Notre Dame and his Ph.D. in philosophy from the University of Michigan. He taught philosophy at the University of Notre Dame during the 1970s before joining the Harvard Business School faculty in 1980. In 1990, Goodpaster accepted the David and Barbara Koch Endowed Chair in Business Ethics at the University of St. Thomas (MN), introducing a Great Books Seminar for graduate students. His book Conscience and Corporate Culture (Wiley-Blackwell, 2007) received generous praise from reviewers, and he contributed to "Vocation of the Business Leader," issued by the Vatican's Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace (2012), and "Respect in Action: Applying Subsidiarity in Business" (UST Center for Catholic Studies, 2015). He is now Professor Emeritus at the St. Thomas Opus College of Business. Goodpaster's wife, Harriet, is a nationally recognized equestrian and a (retired) software engineer. They have three children, six grandchildren, and a Morgan horse.

Parish Events

A Note About Incense

For those with sensitivities to incense during sacred liturgies, please note that incense will **not** be used at the first Mass of each Sunday or Holy Day. We appreciate your understanding as we strive to honor our Lord with the homage and reverence worthy of His Kingship.

End-of-Year Giving: Stock, IRA's and QCD's

Gifts of stock are always appreciated, and there are significant tax benefits available to those who give appreciated stock held longer than a year. Those who choose to donate stock are generally entitled to a tax deduction based on the full fair market value of the stock at the time the gift is made, not just the original cost. Additionally, donors do not incur any capital gains tax when stock is given away rather than sold. Please consider a stock gift when donating to the Church of St. Michael, St. Mary's Church, or St. Croix Catholic School. **If you are considering or planning a gift of stock for 2022, please begin the process by December 10 if possible.** Most transactions take only a few days to process, but some can take a few weeks to pass through the process. Please contact Mr. Paul Kiolbasa of Wealth Management Group at 651-351-0900 for the necessary stock gift account numbers. When making a charitable rollover through IRA Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD), we always recommend that you seek professional advice in these matters. However, if you have any questions for either parish, please contact Mrs. Katie Rolf in our Finance Department at 651-379-1267 or krolf@costm.org.

St. Mary's Church Closed

Saint Mary's Church will remain closed through the completion of the renovation and reopen in late May or early June. All daily Masses and the 6:00 PM Sunday Mass will remain at Saint Michael's at this time while the 8:00 and 10:30 AM Sunday morning Masses will continue in the Great Hall. May this difficulty and sacrifice be offered up as we implore the good Lord to shower His grace and favor on the renovation project. Please contact the Parish Office with any questions.

2023 Liturgical Calendars & Offering Envelopes

The 2023 Liturgical calendars are available at both churches in the atrium. Please help yourself to one copy per family. Thank you to Simonet Funeral Home for sponsoring this beautiful liturgical calendar! The 2023 offering envelopes are also available for pick up in both church atriums. To reduce cost, parishioners using online offering will not have envelopes. Please contact Mrs. Liz Junker at St. Michael's (651-439-4400, Ext. 277) or Mrs. Flo Harris at St. Mary's (651-439-1270), if you don't find envelopes and would like to receive them.

Thanksgiving Contributions

A special thank you to those who generously contributed to our Thanksgiving offertory. We collected \$425 for St. Mary's Care and Share Fund and \$2,608 for St. Michael's Helping Hands Fund. May God reward you for your generosity!

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 - 11/27/2022	St. Mary's	St. Michael's
Budgeted Collections	\$186,617	\$669,763
Actual Weekly Collections	\$192,456	\$641,786
Amount Over / (Short)	\$5,839	(\$27,977)

Parish News & Opportunities

Minnesconsin Young Adult Group Events: December 6-18

In December, we will be hosting an Advent book study (8th and 15th), Drinkin' & Thinkin' (6th), and our Philia Feast (18th) for young adults (ages 18-35) in the St. Croix Valley. Contact minnesconsinyoungadultgroup@gmail.com and join our email list or find us on Facebook. We look forward to seeing you soon!

End of Year Gifts: Saturday, December 31

Ron & Jean Lugge and Liz Junker will be available in St. Michael's atrium on Saturday, December 31 from 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM to collect any last-minute, end-of-year donations for 2022. If you will be out shopping the after-Christmas sales, going to or from work, attending morning Mass or Adoration, they will welcome your loose change, the bills in your wallet, your credit card, or your check. Contributions for St. Mary's, St. Michael's, St. Croix Catholic School, or any of our many parish groups and programs are gratefully appreciated! **All donations to be included on your 2022 statements must be received in-hand or postmarked by the end of day on December 31.**

One More Round of Gloves and Mittens for Advent

A big thank you for the socks and mittens donated for our homeless backpack project with St. Vincent de Paul! We still need 200 pairs of new gloves or mittens (Size L or larger, Thinsulate or similar warmth for brutal cold) to reach our goal. Catholic Charities in St. Paul, SVDP thrift stores in Minneapolis and St. Paul, and Washington County Homeless Outreach Teams are the grateful recipients of our donations. Donation boxes are available at the back entrance of St. Michael's through Advent. Our deepest gratitude!

Adult Grief Support Group for Those Affected by Suicide

We will be offering a 6-week session for adults grieving the loss of a loved one due to suicide. A trained professional will facilitate the sessions and integrate a Catholic perspective. Sessions will begin in December-January depending on group size and schedules. Please contact Mrs. Joan Mellor, Pastoral Minister, at jmellor@costm.org or 651-439-4400 (Ext. 248) to sign up and learn more.

Respect Life Down Syndrome Doll Winners

During October's Respect Life Committee Display, many entered their names at each parish to win this Down Syndrome doll. We are delighted to announce the lucky winners who will each receive a doll, booklet, and three handknitted outfits (made by a friend of the committee). Congratulations to Lina Busch (St. Charles), Kylie Gibbons (St. Mary's), and Lilly Lutterman (St. Michael's)!



Employment Opportunities

Please visit careers.archspm.org to learn more about joining our team! Current opportunities include:

- Administrative Assistant, PT | The Church of St. Michael
- 3rd Grade Substitute Teacher, 2023 March-May | St. Croix Catholic School
- K-8 Music Teacher | St. Croix Catholic School

Christmas Tree Lights at the Church of St. Michael

St. Michael's Environment Committee is seeking assistance decorating our beautiful church this Christmastide. We need a few individuals to string lights on two tall trees in our sanctuary the weekend of December 17-18. If you wish to learn more or could refer us to a professional, please contact Mrs. Ann Tomek at 651-208-6218 or amtomek@yahoo.com.

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

St. Michael's and St. Mary's Christmas Giving Tree Programs provide an opportunity for you to reach out to parishioners and community members in need. Gift requests for individuals are written on ornament tags. These tags are hung on garland in the Atrium and along the choir loft stairwell at St. Michael's and on the giving tree in the atrium at St. Mary's. Each tag represents a gift request (approximate value of \$25).

Please fill the request, and return the gift in a *gift bag* with handles. Attach the ornament tag to the bag. Some of our ornaments have an envelope attached to it. These ornaments are asking for a monetary donation toward a specific request (i.e. a jacket or boots) or they are requesting a gift card. In addition to the items noted on the tags, we are most grateful for extra games, books, art kits, gift certificates for groceries, gas, etc. We add these items to the individual bags.

During office hours, we ask you to drop off all gift bags and envelopes (with their tags attached) to the Parish Office. After office hours and/or during Sunday Mass times, gift bags may be dropped off at the designated box in the atrium at St. Michael's or under the tree at St. Mary's. Envelopes, with their attached gift tags, should be placed in the Sunday Collection Basket. Please do not leave any envelopes in the drop-off box or under the tree.



St. Croix Catholic School

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



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*Preschool- 8th Grade
New Student Applications
for the 2023-2024
school year!*



*Admissions Portal open
through January 13!*



Around the Archdiocese

Light in the Darkness Presents *Inner Healing*: Friday, December 9



Light in the Darkness Presents “Inner Healing”

A three-night prayer, healing and reflection series that is steeped in truth and beauty. Join us as we invite the light of Christ to shine into the dark places in our hearts where we are in desperate need of his healing love.

Each night's content builds upon each other, and you are encouraged to attend all three nights, but are most welcome to attend as you are able - the healing power of God's love is waiting for you!

Where: **St. Peter's Catholic Church**
1405 Sibley Memorial Hwy, St. Paul, MN 55150

When: **7:00 - 9:00 PM**
December 9th, 2022
January 13th, 2023
February 10th, 2023



www.DarknessLit.com

Advent Lessons and Carols: Saturday, December 10

Join us at 7:00 PM at Holy Cross Church (Minneapolis) for Lessons & Carols, a musical celebration combining seasonal carols, choral music, and Scripture readings. Though the tradition is English in its origins, Holy Cross's observance of it has a delightfully Polish flare, featuring beloved kolędy and even a couple of readings in Polish! This program features choral music by Palestrina, Wood, Manz, Goldschmidt, Carter, as well the premiere of a new carol by Holy Cross Director of Music, Samuel Backman. Free and open to the public.

Holy Mass Intentions

Monday, December 5

7:30 AM: † Patty Young

5:30 PM: † Jim & Mary Ann Mechler

Tuesday, December 6

7:30 AM: † Margaret Bieber

5:30 PM: † Ernesto Argiro

Wednesday, December 7

7:30 AM: J. Alfred Schamble Family

5:30 PM: † Roger Neeser

Thursday, December 8

7:30 AM: The People of St. Mary's

9:20 AM: SCCS Intention

5:30 PM: The People of St. Michael's

7:00 PM: † Donavin & Judy Schmitt

Friday, December 9

7:30 AM: † Alfred Pribble

5:30 PM: † Roger Neeser

Saturday, December 10

7:30 AM: † Westin Justen

4:30 PM: † John & Margaret Ogren

Sunday, December 11

7:30 AM: † Helen & Mac Faust

8:00 AM: † Maneta Mikulak

9:15 AM: † Sarah Rooker

10:30 AM: † Doris Schultz

11:00 AM: The People of St. Michael's

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:**

100th Birthday: December 10

Mrs. Marguerite (Peg) McHugh
The Church of St. Michael

New Parishioners

Spencer & Camille Neu-Tompkins
The Church of St. Michael

Nicholas Scovil
The Church of St. Michael