CATHOLIC CHURCHES OF
St. Michael & St. Mary



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

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

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

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

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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

Sign up for a regular Holy Hour at St. Michael's at stmichaelstmary.weadorehim.com.
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Valley Access Channel 14: Televised Mass

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

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A Word from the Pastor



The Struggle to Build a Culture of Life

Pope Leo issued a letter to honor the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States of America. The letter can be found on the Vatican website.

The Holy Father's letter mentions the importance of maintaining religious freedom.

Scan QR code to read the Holy Father's letter

And he also speaks about the dignity of each and every human life, from the moment of conception until natural death.

It is important for us to reflect on the gift of human life at all stages. Every single person is created in the image and likeness of God, to love and to be loved. A civil society must honor and respect all human life, especially the weakest and most vulnerable. There is an old saying that a society will be judged one day on how it treated its weakest members.

As Catholics, we must do what we can to build a culture of life that respects each and every human person.

Our nation and state have embraced a culture of death. In recent years, we have seen a marked decline that rejects the dignity of each and every human life. While there are, sadly, many examples of this assault on life, I will just include two.

In 2023, Minnesota passed one of the most permissive abortion legislations. Commenting on this legislation, Archbishop Hebda said, "The PRO Act is part of the most extreme abortion legislative agenda in Minnesota history, allowing for abortion for any reason and at any time without any regulation. How disturbing that a pre-born child whose heart is beating, who can feel pain and who may even be viable outside the womb is treated with such disdain."

Many have heard in recent days that the Secretary of Defense intends to live stream an execution. This is yet another sign of the culture of death. The President of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops said, "Our God is the God of life. In no way can [the perpetrator's] actions be condoned, but this decision is a barbaric promotion of a culture of death and must be reconsidered."

Archbishop Coakley recalled the exhortation in St. Paul's Letter to the Romans: "do not repay anyone evil for evil" (Romans 12:17). He added, "The public execution even of one who has done grave harm will only further undermine the moral fabric of our nation and be a blight on the conscience of its people."

Let us pray for a renewal of the culture of life in our state and nation. Let us pray for a renewal to respect and love each and every human person from the moment of conception, until natural death, and everyone else in between. We must not grow weary in this difficult time. Remember that during challenging eras, the Lord always raises up great saints who help to witness his love to the world. Let us allow ourselves to be that light of Jesus, and that witness for the dignity and respect for each and every human life.

Blessed Solanus Casey, pray for us.

Fr Michael Creagan



This year marks the 100th anniversary of World Mission Sunday, a day where Catholics globally unite in prayer and support for the Church's missionary work. With the theme "One in Christ, united in mission" (chosen by Pople Leo XIV), we are invited to pray for missionaries and generously support the Pontifical Mission Societies and their work around the world. You can support this mission via the World Mission Sunday envelopes at the back of Church, by texting "MISSION26" to give by text or give via the QR code above.

"Prayer and Discernment"

- Deacon David Mead

St. Michael's Rose Hall
7:00 PM Social
7:30 PM Presentation
8:15 PM Discussion
8:40 PM Witness Talk
8:45 PM Benediction
9:00 PM Departure

CATHOLIC WATCHMEN
EZEKIEL 22:30

October 20, 2026

All Men Invited!



Deacon Mead grew up in Rice, Minnesota with his parents, three sisters and two brothers. He received a B.S. degree in Chemistry from St. John's Univ. in 1985 and a M.S. degree in Analytical Chemistry from Iowa State Univ. in 1988. He then moved to Chicago and started his first job as a Chemist. He met the love of his life, Kathy, shortly after moving to Chicago and they were married in 1990. A new job brought them to Minnesota in 1999. They have two children, Michael (33) and Haley (30) and three grandchildren, Alice (3), Derek (10 mo.) and Solomon (4 mo.). Deacon Mead was ordained as Permanent Deacon by Bishop Joseph Williams on December 9, 2023 and assigned as Permanent Deacon at St. Michael's & St. Mary's on July 1, 2024.



MCCL "Take it Back" Tour
Tuesday, October 20 - 6:30 - 8:00 PM, Stillwater Library
Margaret River A&B Rooms
Join MCCL, Minnesota's oldest and largest pro-life organization to learn about growing threats to faith, family and life - and what you can do to take our state back. This event is free and open to everyone.



<u>This week, Marian Devotions and Cor Jesu will combine at St. Michael's</u>
Wednesday, October 21 - 6:30 - 8:00 PM
This week Marian Devotions and Cor Jesu will combine. Please join us at St. Michael's on Wednesday, **October 21, from 6:30 - 8:00 PM.** We will be praying the Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help. There will be Adoration, music, and trained prayer teams will be available for personal prayer! **Please join us!**

Red Bird
MINISTRIES
Seven Sorrows & Support
Prayer Meet Up

Red Bird Ministries - Seven Sorrows & Support Prayer Meetup
Thursday, October 22 - 6:30 - 8:00 PM, Church of St. Michael Library
The St. Paul & Minneapolis chapter of Red Bird Ministries invites parents who have lost a child (from pregnancy through adulthood) to join us in praying the Seven Sorrows Rosary. You are welcome to stay and socialize after the rosary. Meeting in the **Church of St. Michael Library.**



Knights of Columbus Tri-Parish Pancake Breakfast
Next Sunday, October 25 - Following ALL morning Masses, St. Michael's Rose Hall
Join us for a delicious pancake breakfast in St. Michael's Rose Hall following all morning Masses! Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, breakfast will include pancakes, eggs, sausage, juice, coffee, and more! Adults $8, children $6, 5 and under free. $35 family max. All profits go to support prolife.



<u>Knights of Columbus BOOYAH!</u>
Knights of Columbus have nearly sold out of Booyah (less than 60 quarts remaining)! If you want another quart of Booyah *or more*, please see one of our Knights of Columbus members.

snowpants corduroys snowsuits coats pants long sleeved tees underwear socks vests

As you are doing your fall cleaning, please consider donating items to the Winter Clothing Drive sponsored by the **Society of St. Vincent de Paul – St. Croix Valley Conference, the first two weeks of November (November 1-14, 2026).**

- Needs are for all sizes of new socks, new underwear and gently-used and new coats and winterwear (long-sleeved).
- Collection boxes will be located at the church entrances.
- Donated items will be distributed to the needy through the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Stores in St. Paul/ Minneapolis and will also benefit Stillwater area homeless.

Another way to put our faith into action!

sweaters jackets mittens gloves scarves stockings leggings boots flannels hoodies caps

MERRY MARKET IS SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14!

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL

611 THIRD STREET SOUTH, STILLWATER, MN 55082

ATTIC TREASURES · CRAFTS/BOUTIQUE · BAKE SALE & BUTTER BRAIDS · CONCESSIONS FEATURING CHICKEN WILD RICE SOUP · CUPCAKE WALK & MORE!

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DONATE TO THE MERRY MARKET SILENT AUCTION UNTIL FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30!

Consider donating *NEW* and *UNUSED* items for our Silent Auction! Donations must include your name, a description of the item, and the value. ***Silent auction items can be dropped off at the parish office by Friday, October 30.*** *For questions about the silent auction, contact Stephanie Eckerman at sjeckerman@hotmail.com or 651-283-6096.*

Employment Opportunities

Please visit careers.archspm.org to learn more about joining our team!

Current openings include:

- PT Substitute Teachers at St. Croix Catholic School

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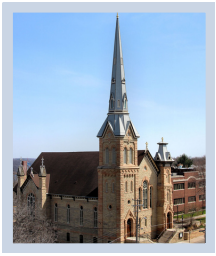
CELEBRATING 170 YEARS OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION IN THE ST. CROIX VALLEY

Thank you to everyone who joined us in celebrating 170 years of Catholic education in the St. Croix Valley! It was a beautiful day filled with school tours, alumni connections, and shared memories—including the special sight of an alumnus walking our hallways with family and reminiscing about their own years at the school. Moments like these are a wonderful reminder of the lasting impact Catholic education has on generations of families. We are so grateful to our parent and student volunteers, as well as to our dedicated staff, alumni, parishioners, and families who helped make the celebration so special!

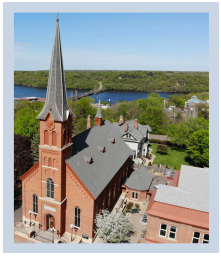
Lord Renew Your Church Campaign Update

LORD, RENEW YOUR CHURCH





ST. MICHAEL'S
GOAL: $2,560,000
$2,345,321
PLEDGED TO DATE
91% TO GOAL!



ST. MARY'S
GOAL: $670,000
$575,847
PLEDGED TO DATE
86% TO GOAL!

Thanks to the generous hearts of our Parish Community, **St. Michael has received $2,345,321 in pledges** out of its $2,560,000 goal, which is 91% of the way there! **St. Mary's has received $575,847 in pledges** out of its $670,000 goal, which is 86% of the way there! Our parishioners continue to give generously!

We are deeply grateful for those who have already contributed to our goal. If you have not been specifically invited to participate in this historic campaign, please prayerfully consider your participation until you receive more information. Thank you for joining us on this journey.

Archdiocesan Initiative: Caring for our Clergy
$25M of the Lord, Renew Your Church campaign will be used to fully fund the priest pension plan, support clergy wellness and training, assist seminarians with educational opportunities, and more. By supporting our clergy, we honor their commitment to serving God and His people and recognize the invaluable contribution our clergy make to the life and mission of a Church seeking to be renewed.

Holy Mass Intentions

Monday, October 19
7:30 AM: †Arlyn Christ
5:30 PM: Anna Regnier

Tuesday, October 20
7:30 AM: †Gloria Alatoma Mendez
5:30 PM: Quentin Muehleck (B)

Wednesday, October 21
7:30 AM: †Ron Lugge
5:30 PM: †Charles Richardson Fuller

Thursday, October 22
7:30 AM: †Raymond Bennett
5:30 PM: Sr. Clare Dominic

Friday, October 23
7:30 AM: †William Gfrerer
5:30 PM: Mark Aggerbeck (B)

Saturday, October 24
7:30 AM: †Bill O'Brien
4:30 PM: The People of St. Michael's

Sunday, October 25
7:30 AM: †Judith Folkerth
8:00 AM: †Margaret Pribble Soliz
9:15 AM: Richard Townsend
10:30 AM: †Timothy Ives (B)
11:00 AM: †Neil Bealka
6:00 PM: The People of St. Mary's

† (Deceased)
(H) Healing
(A) Anniversary
(B) Birthday
(L&D) Living & Deceased

In Your Charity, Please Pray For:

Newly Baptized

Avery Fedie - *Church of St. Michael*
Aurora Napstad - *Church of St. Michael*
John Regan - *Church of St. Michael*
Harper King - *Church of St. Michael*

(7/1/26 - 10/11/26)	St. Mary's	St. Michael's
Budgeted Collections	$146,766	$490,031
Actual Collections	$141,736	$477,754
Amount Over / (short)	($5,030)	($12,277)
Actual as % of Budgeted Collections	97%	97%

Operating Funds

Weekly collection, EFT payments and gifts used only for operating expenses for Fiscal Year July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027. If you give electronically and would like to increase your donation, please call the office.

Donate to the Parishes