CATHOLIC CHURCHES OF
St. Michael & St. Mary



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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time | October 25, 2026

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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
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



Exercising our right to vote and forming our consciences

It is a gift to live in a nation where we have the right to vote. Oddly enough voter turnout of eligible voters does not always reflect the joy of this gift. While a presidential election in Minnesota might bring about 76% of total voters, a mid-term election might only bring around 60% of eligible voters. The Catechism of the Catholic Church (paragraph 2240) reminds us of the moral obligation to exercise the right to vote.

Our Catholic faith also teaches us that preparing to vote also requires a well-formed conscience rather than just personal feelings or partisan loyalties. A well-formed conscience can be developed through careful study of the teachings of our Church.

A great starting point is to familiarize ourselves with the Catholic Social Teachings. This is not meant to be a "cafeteria" where we pick and choose what we like or dislike. Rather the Catholic Social teachings are built upon each other and emanate from the respect for all human life from the moment of conception until natural death and everything else in between.

- Life and Dignity of the Human Person: All human life is sacred (from the moment of conception until natural death and everything else in between). The dignity of the person is the foundational moral vision for society. People are valued over things. If we do not begin with respecting each and every human life, everything else will fall apart.
- Call to Family, Community, and Participation: Humans are social by nature. The family is the central social institution, and people have a right and duty to participate in society for the common good.
- Rights and Responsibilities: Every person has a fundamental right to life and to those things required for human decency, paired with responsibilities to one another, their families, and the larger society.
- Option for the Poor and Vulnerable: A basic moral test of any society is how its most vulnerable members are treated. The poor and marginalized deserve a preferential concern.
- The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers: The economy must serve people, not the other way around. Workers have the right to productive work, fair and just wages, and safe conditions.
- Solidarity: We are one human family. This is a firm commitment to the common good and peace, transcending national, racial, and economic differences.
- Care for God's Creation: The goods of the earth are gifts. Humans are called to be stewards and protectors of the planet for future generations.

Visit the US Bishops website for more information about these themes.

Scan the QR code to view the US Bishops Website

The Catechism of the Catholic Church is another good resource to learn more about the issues facing our elections and choices today.

Scan the QR code to view the Catechism of the Catholic Church

Blessed Solanus Casey, pray for us!

Fr. Michael Creagan

VETERANS EVENTS

Sunday, November 8, 11:00 AM Mass - We will honor veterans. Veterans, active-duty and reserve are encouraged to wear service uniforms or may pin small decoration or other emblems on civilian clothes. A reception in Rose Hall will follow. Call the parish office for more information.

Wednesday, November 11 - SCCS School Veterans Event - Contact the school for more information.



Knights of Columbus Tri-Parish Pancake Breakfast
Today, 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 pro-life causes.



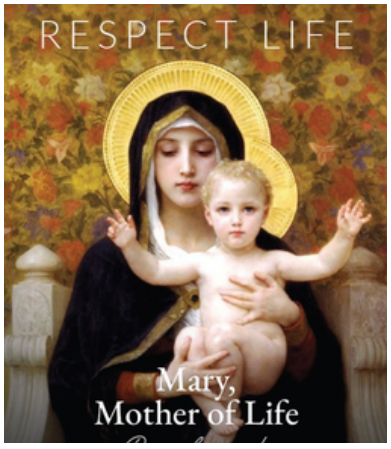
Marian Devotions at St. Mary's
Wednesday, October 28 - 7:00 - 8:00 PM
Please join us at St. Mary's on **Wednesday, October 28, from 7:00 - 8:00 PM.** We will be praying the Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help. Trained prayer teams will be available for personal prayer! **Please join us!**

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

Bereavement Ministry for those Experiencing Grief & Loss: Every First Wednesday
Wednesday, November 4 - 4:00 - 5:15 PM, St. Michael's, Teresa Benedicta Room
Our next meeting is Wednesday, November 4 from 4:00 - 5:15 PM in the St. Teresa Benedicta room at St. Michael's to gather in support for one another as we journey through our experience of losing a loved one. This ministry - In the Shelter - is facilitated by Connie Ryan Oakes, and includes time for prayer, informal discussions, and listening. No registration required. Join as you are able.



Respect Life Month: ***Monday, November 16, 1:00 – 3:00 PM***
Board Room at St. Michael's Church.
As October comes to a close, it is worth remembering that life is more than a slogan, more than just a single month. The tri-parish Respect Life Committee meets all year responding to this Mission Statement: "Relying on God's inspiration and guidance, we seek to witness the truth of the Catholic Church on the controversial bioethics and 'life issues' of the day, to understand her reasons for these teachings, to share the truths with those who would listen and to help rebuild a Culture of life." Join us - once, or monthly - to learn, and perhaps do more. **The next meeting is Monday, November 16, 1:00 – 3:00 PM in the Board Room at St. Michael's Church.**

MERRY MARKET IS SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14!

Merry MARKET
Churches of St. Michael and St. Mary Stillwater MN

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!

DONATIONS ARE NEEDED:

- New and Unused items for Silent Auction due by Friday, October 30 - Silent auction items can be dropped off at the St. Michael's parish office. For questions about the silent auction, contact ***Stephanie Eckerman at sjeckerman@hotmail.com or 651-283-6096.***
- Quality Handmade Crafts - Crafts can be dropped off at the St. Michael's parish office.
- Gently Used Items for Attic Treasures - Items *(no furniture, clothing or electronics, please)* can be dropped off **beginning the week of November 9.**
- Baked Goods for the Bake Sale - Baked goods can be dropped off in Rose Hall **beginning November 13.**

PRE-ORDER BUTTER BRAIDS.

We can't wait to see you there!

Scan the QR Code for all the event details!



THROUGH THE FLAMES - WORLD PREMIERE
A Musical Tribute to Martyrdom
Sunday, November 1, at 3:00 PM, Holy Cross Catholic Church (Minneapolis)
Join us on All Saints Day, Sunday, November 1, at 3:00 PM at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Minneapolis for the world premiere of Through the Flames: A Musical Tribute to Martyrdom. Created by composer Samuel Backman and soprano/poet Elena Zolnick, this dramatic new song cycle for soprano and organ brings to life the extraordinary stories of six saints and martyrs from across centuries and cultures. Experience a powerful musical celebration of courage, sacrifice, faith, and heavenly triumph.
Free and open to the public!
www.samuelbackman.com/through-the-flames



Winter Faith Camp 2027: "As the Stars"
February 12-15, 2027
Join with youth from our parishes and others around the Archdiocese at Trinity Woods for Winter Faith Camp: a four-day retreat filled with faith and fun for high school students. This weekend provides an amazing opportunity to grow in our relationship with our Lord via Mass, Confession, Adoration, breakout sessions, and more!
Registration is now open!

Scan QR Code to Register

Parish Events

Called to Be Holy: Living Faith in Everyday Life
Friday, November 6, 8:30 AM – 1:00 PM (lunch included from 12:00 - 1:00 PM)
Emmaus Hall - Saint John's University, (Collegeville)
What does it truly mean to be holy—and how are we called to live that holiness today? Explore the meaning of holiness as revealed in Scripture: not simply an ideal of personal perfection, but a shared calling rooted in relationship with God. Together, we'll reflect on how God's presence within us transforms who we are, shaping lives marked by attentiveness, compassion, and communion with others. Discover how holiness becomes a living, shared reality—flowing from God's Spirit within us and drawing us into life as a truly holy people. **Free event – In-Person.**
Registration is required: www.theologyday.com, 320-363-3560 or theologyday@csbsju.edu.

St. Joseph Business Guild's Quarterly Dinner meeting
Thursday, November 19 - 5:00 PM - Holy Family Catholic Church
All are invited to the St. Joseph Business Guild's next quarterly dinner meeting at Holy Family Catholic Church, on November 19! The Guild is all about Catholics helping Catholics build an economy that puts first the kingdom of God. This evening's focus, in keeping with our "America at 250" theme, is on media and culture: it's the air we breathe and the water we swim in, and we ignore it at our peril. **$17.76; free for clergy, unemployed, and students. RSVP and learn more at sjbusinessguild.org**

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

St. Croix Catholic School

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Lord Renew Your Church Campaign Update





ST. MICHAEL'S
GOAL: $2,560,000
$2,388,371
PLEDGED TO DATE
93% TO GOAL!



ST. MARY'S
GOAL: $670,000
$602,847
PLEDGED TO DATE
90% TO GOAL!

Thanks to the generous hearts of our Parish Community, **St. Michael has received $2,388,371 in pledges** out of its $2,560,000 goal, which is **93%** of the way there! **St. Mary's has received $602,847 in pledges** out of its $670,000 goal, which is **90%** 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 Portion: What is an Endowment?
Just like how you personally save for the future, so must the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis. Endowments are invested funds, meaning that they will grow over time and be used to support our Church for this generation and beyond. By raising funds today, we help build a stronger, more vibrant Catholic Church for years to come. $62M of the Lord, Renew Your Church campaign will be used to create endowments dedicated to improving Catholic education, supporting faith formation initiatives, providing for those in need, and caring for and training our clergy.

Holy Mass Intentions

Monday, October 26
7:30 AM: †Alfred Pribble
5:30 PM: †Morty Rossini

Tuesday, October 27
7:30 AM: The Souls in Purgatory
5:30 PM: †Jerry Schuerman

Wednesday, October 28
7:30 AM: Jim Thiesen
5:30 PM: †Patsy Schweickart

Thursday, October 29
7:30 AM: †Albert Roettger
5:30 PM: †Gordon Moosbrugger (B)

Friday, October 30
7:30 AM: Recently Deceased
5:30 PM: †Amy Campbell

Saturday, October 31
7:30 AM: Eugene Thompson (B)
4:30 PM: The Crea and Alfveby Families Living & Deceased

Sunday, November 1
7:30 AM: The People of St. Michael's
8:00 AM: The People of St. Mary's
9:15 AM: The William Klein Family
10:30 AM: †Bob Kranz
11:00 AM: †Astrid Brown
6:00 PM: The Ladies of CCW

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

In Your Charity, Please Pray For:

New Parishioners

Shannon Mosio - *Church of St. Michael*
Andrea Simon - *Church of St. Michael*
Brennan Martin - *Church of St. Michael*
Kylie Rogers - *Church of St. Michael*

(7/1/26 - 10/18/26)	St. Mary's	St. Michael's
Budgeted Collections	$155,924	$527,023
Actual Collections	$153,884	$531,845
Amount Over / (short)	($2,040)	$4,822
Actual as % of Budgeted Collections	99%	101%

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