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Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord | May 29, 2022

From "No. 38 Scenes from the Life of Christ: 22. The Ascension" by Giotto (1266-1337)

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Monday - Friday: 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM
*Closed Monday, May 31
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Mass Times
Monday - Saturday at 7:30 AM
Sunday at 8:00 AM; 10:30 AM; 6:00 PM

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Parish Office Hours
Monday - Thursday: 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM
*Closed Monday, May 31
Friday: 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM
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Mass Times
Monday - Friday at 5:30 PM
Saturday (Vigil) at 4:30 PM
Sunday at 7:30 AM; 9:15 AM; 11:00 AM

Sacrament of Penance

St. Michael's

Monday - Friday	5:00 - 5:25 PM
Saturday	3:00 - 4:15 PM

St. Mary's

Saturday	8:00 - 8:30 AM

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

See stmichaelstmaryweadorehim.com to commit to a regular Holy Hour the St. Faustina Adoration Chapel at the Church of St. Michael.

Samantha Bertrand, Coordinator
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Televised Mass

Our 9:15 Sunday Mass will be broadcast on Channel 18 (Valley Access) on: Wednesdays (5:00 PM and 11:00 PM) | Thursdays (5:00 AM) | Saturdays (9:00 PM) | Sundays (Live at 9:15 AM)

Judy Greenwood
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Parish Events

Presbyteral Ordination: Saturday, May 28

With praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God, the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis joyfully announces the ordination of Samuel Robert Gilbertson, Connor Thomas Z. McGinnis, Joseph Hoan Nguyễn, Michael Patrick Selenski, and John Joseph Utecht to the Sacred Order of Priesthood through the laying on of hands and the invocation of the Holy Spirit by His Excellency The Most Reverend Bernard A. Hebda. Presbyteral ordinations will take place at 10:00 AM on Saturday, May 28 at the Cathedral of St. Paul. All are welcome to this joyous occasion!

100th Birthday for Mrs. Calista Stefanski: Sunday, May 29

Mrs. Calista Stefanski is celebrating her 100th birthday! Please join us from 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM on Sunday, May 29 at St. Mary's Parish Center. We kindly ask for no gifts—we just want to celebrate with you!

Transitional Diaconate Ordination of Mr. Julian Druffner: Sunday, May 29

All are invited to attend the Diocese of Superior's Mass of Transitional Diaconate Ordination for Mr. Julian Charles Druffner, son of Mark and Molly. The Ordination Mass will be held at the Cathedral of Christ the King (1111 Belknap Ave., Superior, WI 54880) at 4:00 PM on Sunday, May 29. A small family gathering will be held after but no formal reception.

Memorial Day Mass at St. Michael's Cemetery: Monday, May 30

Join us for Mass at St. Michael's Cemetery on Monday, May 30! Holy Mass will begin moments upon the conclusion of the American Legion Memorial Day Parade & Program. The program, following the parade, will be held at Hazelwood Cemetery (next to St. Michael's Cemetery). Mass will start around 11:00 AM. Please bring lawn chairs, and plan accordingly as traffic into the cemetery might be limited until the conclusion of the parade and program. If weather is inclement, Mass will be held at St. Charles Catholic Church in Bayport.

Parish Offices Closed: Monday, May 30

Both parish offices will be closed on Monday, May 30 in observance of Memorial Day. In addition to the 11:00 AM Mass at St. Michael's Cemetery, our 7:30 AM Mass at St. Mary's will be celebrated as normal. Please note, there will be **no evening Mass or confessions** at St. Michael's.

Vigil Mass for Pentecost: Saturday, June 4

Fifty days after the greatest Feast of the liturgical year—the Resurrection of the Lord—the Easter season concludes with the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. All are invited to join us for the extended form Vigil Mass for Pentecost at 7:00 PM on Saturday, June 4 at the Church of St. Michael. (This Mass will replace the 4:30 PM Anticipatory Mass, though confessions will still be heard from 3:00-4:15 PM). Dating back to the early Church, this exquisite form of the Pentecost Vigil refers back to the Easter Vigil with additional readings and responsorial psalms highlighting the Holy Spirit's role in the life of the Church. We will pray for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit while celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation for RCIA Candidates at this Mass. Please join us: *Veni, Sancte Spiritus!*

"The Pentecost" by Louis Galloche (1670-1761)

Parish Events & News

Parish Office Summer Hours

Please note, both parish offices will be closed on Fridays throughout the summer from June 10 through August 19. We will hold regular business hours Monday-Thursday and return to normal Friday hours on August 26. We hope all of our parish families have a most blessed summer!

Helping the Priests Who Have Helped Us

Did you know there is a home for retired priests of the Archdiocese? This is an opportunity to share your gratitude by supporting the men who have ministered to you and your family for many decades!

The Leo C. Byrne Residence offers 29 individual apartments for priests who have reached retirement age, most of whom continue to actively serve parishes and organizations around the Archdiocese.

The GRATITUDE Capital Campaign Renovation Project (coordinated by the Catholic Community Foundation) will fund work required to bring the entire Byrne Residence to a level of security and efficiency suitable for the safety and well-being of each resident priest.

We ask for your support of this much needed renovation. Please make your check payable to: CCF / Byrne Residence and mail to:

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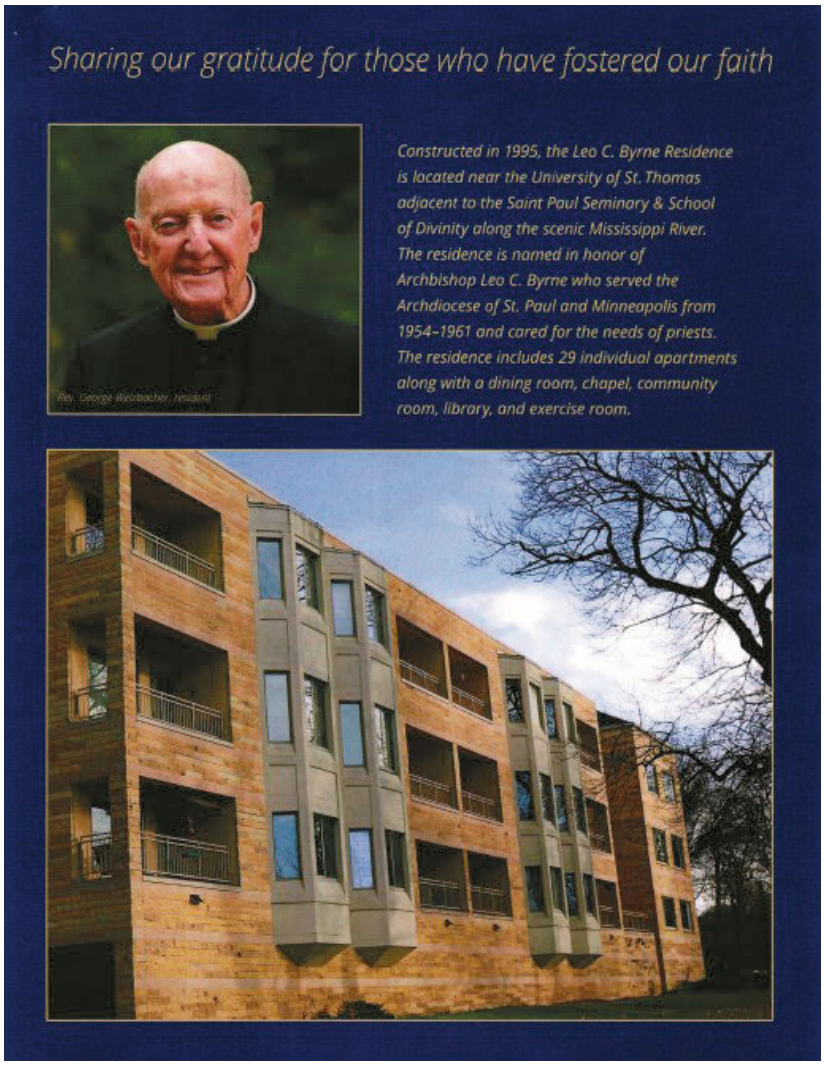
To donate online, visit the CCF website at www.CCF-MN.org/ByrneResidence.

Please note, we will not run pledges or donations through our parishes. We encourage anyone who wishes to participate to pick up an envelope at your parish next weekend (June 4 - 5) and mail your donation directly to CCF or donate online. Thank you for your generosity toward our beloved retired priests!



Operating Funds:

(Weekly collection, EFT payments and gifts used only for operating expenses for Fiscal Year July 1, 2021—June 30, 2022).

7/1/2021 - 5/22/2022	St. Mary's	St. Michael's
Budgeted Collections	$396,650	$1,568,310
Actual Weekly Collections	$450,083	$1,667,856
Amount Over / (Short)	$53,433	$99,546

Parish News

Thank You for Supporting Mother's Day Flower Sales!

A special thank you to everyone who helped make our Mother's Day Flower Project a success. We raised more than $600 which will be donated to pro-life causes in our area.
—Mrs. Mary Herrlein, Coordinator

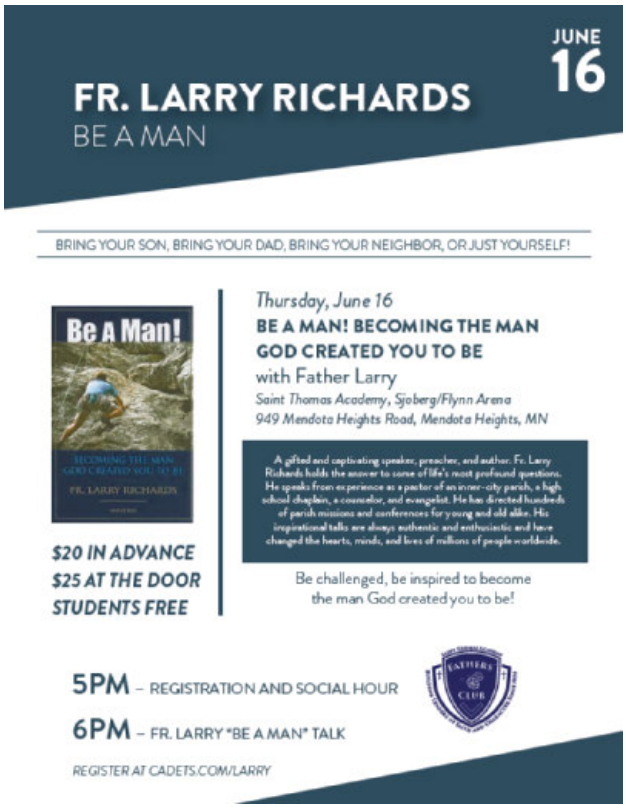
Employment Opportunities

Please visit careers.archspm.org for more details, and share with someone you think might be a good fit for these opportunities!

- Custodian, Full-Time 3-10 PM
- Faith Formation Administrative & Communications Assistant
- Music Teacher, K-8

What Would You Like to Tell Pope Francis?

In spring 2021, Pope Francis announced that the Catholic Church would engage in a synodal process that includes "listening to all of the baptized" in every diocese around the world. What would you like to share with Pope Francis? Now is your chance to say what you think the Catholic Church needs to focus on today. Take the survey at archspm.org/vaticansurvey



Blessing of a Child in the Womb

Saturday, June 4

First Saturday of every month after the 7:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's Church

All expectant parents, families and others are invited to

Pray with us

As we celebrate the

Rite of the Blessing of a Child in the Womb

Please come to the front near the St. Mary's statue after Mass.
Our clergy will pray this blessing for all expectant parents, their families and others.

Clergy will also bless items such as Rosaries, medals and other religious objects at this time.

Sponsored by the Respect Life Committee of the Catholic Churches of St. Mary/ St. Michael/St. Charles made possible by our willing, generous clergy.

Living Your Baptismal Vocation for Single Catholics

Single and Catholic? We know about the married and religious vocations, but what about the baptismal vocation we all have? Join us this June for a 4-week online interactive series that will help equip you to more fully discover and effectively live your baptismal vocation! Capacity is limited. For more information and to register visit: nationalcatholicsingles.com/mission-possible-living-your-baptismal-vocation/

Fr. Larry Richards - Be A Man: Thursday, June 16

A gifted and captivating speaker, preacher, and author, Fr. Larry Richards will be at St. Thomas Academy (Mendota Heights) on Thursday, June 16, at 5:00 PM. Fr. Larry will challenge and inspire you to become the man God created you to be. All men and boys 13+ are welcome to join. $20 in advance; $25 at the door; students free. Register at cadets.com/larry.

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A Weekend of Joy – Reception of the Sacraments

Eighty-three children in the tri-parish community recently received the Sacraments of Reconciliation & First Eucharist. The children's year-long preparation culminated in a 2-day retreat followed by First Holy Communion.

On Friday evening, children and parents attended a self-guided reconciliation retreat. Families enjoyed working at stations around the Education Center at St. Mary's. This time of preparation included reading and meditating on Holy Scripture, reflecting on the rites of Reconciliation & Baptism, and taking time for an examination of conscience. The retreat concluded beautifully with children and parents receiving the sacrament of God's love and mercy and renewing their Baptismal promises.

The following morning, our children gathered at St. Michael's for their First Communion retreat. They heard a presentation on the Origin of the Eucharist before spending time in Eucharistic Adoration. At the retreat's conclusion, our children rehearsed their First Communion Mass alongside our priests and many volunteer catechists.

On May 1st, children and families gathered for the First Holy Communion Mass. Our priests delivered wonderful homilies, and the sound of the choir filled the church on this most special day when the children received Jesus for the first time.

We are grateful for the parents who support their children in their faith journey and have entrusted their children to the faith formation department. Our deepest gratitude to the many volunteer catechists, assistants, and special committees who helped make this weekend a prayerful and memorable time for the First Communicants and their families.

Worship and Liturgy

May 30 - June 5 Mass Intentions

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

St. Mary's Church

Mon. 7:30 AM	† Ronne Razal
Tues. 7:30 AM	Ellie Marie Kessler
Weds. 7:30 AM	† Mary Margaret Simonet
Thurs. 7:30 AM	† Marcia Cortilet (A)
Fri. 7:30 AM	The Sick of the Parish
Sat. 7:30 AM	† Bill Reuter (A)
Sun. 8:00 AM	Adrianna Christ
10:30 AM	The People of St. Mary's
6:00 PM	† Phyllis & Jim Simonet Family (A)

Church of St. Michael

Mon. 5:30 PM	No Evening Mass - Memorial Day
Tues. 5:30 PM	Sarah Wilder
Weds. 5:30 PM	† Lucy Alfveby
Thurs. 5:30 PM	† Scott Hebaus (B)
Fri. 5:30 PM	The Sick of the Parish
Sat. 4:30 PM	† Albert Kalka
Sun. 7:30 AM	The People of St. Michael's
9:15 AM	† Ivan Begovic
11:00 AM	† Suzanne Kline Osvatic

Please hold our parishioners in your prayers:

RCIA Candidates Preparing for Confirmation on the Vigil of Pentecost

St. Croix Catholic School Staff, Students, & Families

Deacon Sam Gilbertson & All Who Will Be Ordained to the Sacred Order of Priesthood This Weekend

Family Matters

Resources for Family and Friends of Those Struggling with SSA

There is much confusion concerning the Catholic Church's response to persons who experience same-sex attraction and gender dysphoria. We know our call and mission to love, to will the good of the other. What does this look like in real life, especially in these situations? This question is especially relevant for parents with children struggling with these topics. As a parent, you don't have to choose between the Church and your child. It is possible to have a loving and supportive relationship with your children or young adults while not embracing beliefs contrary to the Faith. Please reach out to missiontolove@costm.org for resources, prayer, and support. All communication will be kept confidential.

Archdiocesan Marriage Day: Saturday, June 11

Join us at 10:00 AM on Saturday, June 11 to celebrate the beautiful mystery of the mutual self-gift between a man and a woman in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony with Holy Mass, celebrated by Bishop Joseph Williams, at the Cathedral of Saint Paul. Those celebrating their silver and golden anniversaries in the 2022 calendar year will be honored in a special way. To submit your request for a special certificate, please contact the Office of Marriage, Family and Life at mfl@archspm.org or 651-291-4488. Deadline for requests is May 30.

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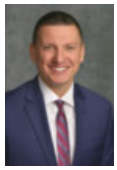

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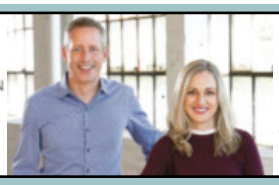

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