PARISH MISSION

St. Michael’s Parish is a welcoming community of Catholic Christians, rich in tradition. We are inspired by the Holy Spirit and guided by the Word of God. We exist as a visible witness of Christ through worshiping, educating, evangelizing and serving.

Mass & Confession Schedule

Mass:
Monday-Thursday: 7:15 am, 5:15 pm
Friday: 7:15 am, 12:10 pm
Saturday: 7:15 am, 5:00 pm
Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 5:00 pm

Confession:
Monday-Thursday: 7:00 am, 4:45 pm
Friday: 7:00 am
Saturday: 7:00 am, 4:45 pm, 7:30-8pm

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” - Jn 20:21

Church Information

Physical Address:
524 5th Ave. N.,
Grand Forks, ND 58203

Telephone:
(701) 772-2624 | Parish Office
(701) 772-2282 | Religious Ed Office
(701) 772-1822 | School Office

Email:
parishoffice@stmichaelsgf.com
bulletin@stmichaelsgf.com
For bulletin announcements Deadline Mondays, 1:00 pm

Clergy:
Fr. Gerard Braun (Pastor)
Fr. Robert Keller
Deacon: John Bredemeier

www.stmichaelschurchgf.com
PARISH INFORMATION

DIRECTIONS FOR ATTENDING MASS

Note: Ushers will be escorting you into the church and seating you. Please maintain 6 feet social distance while waiting to be ushered to your seat.

- **Use main entrance to enter and exit the Church**
  The Courtyard entrance is restricted for those who are unable to navigate the front steps.

- **Wear a Mask** at all times, except when receiving Holy Communion (Masks not required for Children 2 & under)

- **Maintain a distance of 6 feet** with anyone from outside your home

- **Sanitize your hands** when you come in the Church
  Bring your own sanitizer from home if you have

- **Do not congregate on the main steps** after Mass
  (We want a clear path for people exiting the church)

- **Be prepared to attend another Mass** in case the church reaches full capacity

PARISH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

The Parish Office remains closed to the public, however the lobby doors are open to pick up/drop off items.

*The office will close at 12:00 pm each Friday throughout the summer.*

Summer Office Hours
Monday - Thursday, 9:00 am-3:00 pm.
Fridays: 9:00 am to 12:00 Noon.

Elementary Classroom Teacher Position

An elementary classroom teacher fulfills the mission of St. Michael’s Catholic School by planning, guiding, and implementing the learning process of the students for whom the teacher is responsible within the framework of the school’s beliefs, organization, and curriculum. The teacher provides the appropriate learning environment and classroom culture that fosters the development of the whole child through exceptional academics, Christian service, and faith-filled opportunities. The teacher has decision-making responsibilities within essential job functions, in keeping with school policies. The position is hired and evaluated by the principal.

Minimum Qualifications:
Education/Licensure:
Valid North Dakota teaching license
Bachelor’s Degree in Education

Please send resume, letters of recommendation, cover letter, and copy of teaching license to Sara Dudley at sara.dudley@stmichaelsgf.com.
Please call 701-772-1822 with questions.

SCRIP GIFT CARDS PURCHASES

To purchase, please call the Parish Office (701) 772-2624 to see if we have what you need. If we do have the cards on hand, we will have you write out your check or bring the correct amount of cash and do a hand off in the main entrance.

WE ❤️ TO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH YOU!

TEXT MichaelGF TO 84576

OR CONNECT WITH US ONLINE AT
stmichaelsgf.flocknote.com
Blood Drive
The Holy Family KC’s along with the Dak Minn Blood Bank will be hosting a Blood Drive in the Holy Family Social Hall on Wednesday, June 10th from 9 am-3 pm. To maintain social distancing, blood donations will be by appointment only. There is both a DESPERATE & URGENT need for blood donations, so please contact Denny Almer to schedule your appointment. (805) 714-3441.

Catholic Daughters June 15th meeting is cancelled.

Beginning Experience
The B. E. Weekend scheduled for June, 2020, at the Retreat Center in Hankinson has been cancelled.
So the next Beginning Experience Weekend will be this November 20-22, 2020, at Maryvale, Valley City.
For more information please contact Frank (218) 790-4202, Marlene (218) 998-4300, or Jason (701) 840-8951. Also check the website: beginningexperience-easternnd.org,

3rd Annual Rural Life Celebration
Please join the parishioners of St. Philip Neri in Napoleon on Sunday, July 12, 2020 at Frank & Helen Braun Farm, north of Napoleon. Guests may begin to arrive at 1:30pm. Blessing of land, animals, and farm machinery will begin at 1:45pm followed by a 2:00pm Mass on the farm. A meal and entertainment will follow. The farm is located 3 miles North of Napoleon on ND Hwy 3. For more information visit www.fargodiocese.org/rural-life. Please RSVP at: (701) 754-2860 or evangelize@bektel.com. Remember to bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on. You may also bring a container of soil from your fields or garden to be blessed. This event is FREE. We will follow North Dakota state guidelines for COVID-19 protections.

Made for Greatness Men’s Retreat
This July 17-19, the Diocese of Fargo will be hosting this retreat at Stiklestad Lodge near Fort Ransom, ND. Monsignor Gregory Schlesselmann and Father Neil Pfeifer will lead men deep into the heart of God and will equip them to experience anew His transforming power and presence. The cost of the retreat is $200. Men can find out more or register by visiting www.fargodiocese.org/mfg.

Stuck at home?
Make sure to fill out your 2020 Census online. Your answers to the census questionnaire create the data for cities and states to receive federal funding for resources and programs. Data is used to improve roads, create jobs, and so much more.
Respond today at 2020census.gov or call 844-330-2020
Shape your future
Start Here >
United States Census 2020
FIRST READING
And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim. (Acts 2:4)

PSALM
Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. (Ps 104) or Alleluia

SECOND READING
As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. (1 Cor 12:12)

GOSPEL
And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.” (Jn 20:22-23)


GOSPEL MEDITATION
Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

You can feel so small standing by the seashore. The vastness of all that is before you expands much further than your eye can see. What is happening on the other side? As tides continue to ebb and flow, what occurs as they come and go remains largely a mystery and the effects of their presence unknown in your sight. Yet, things are moving and changing as you gaze upon the water, as the thumbprint of their presence is left behind. The greater the wind and wave, the greater the effect. But even a gentle breeze leaves its humble mark upon the seashore on which you stand. The smallest pebble still makes a ripple in the great blue expanse of ocean waters. It doesn't need to be big.

You never know the full impact of your smallest gesture or simplest of words. A yes or no, agree or disagree, here or there, this or that can influence time and history in ways you may never know. The Holy Spirit is like that: fierce and torrential, and then almost still and silent, creating and recreating nonetheless. Coming as a gentle breeze or a gusty wind, God's Holy Spirit continues to move over, around, and into the waters of our lives. The Spirit brings fruit and unknown possibilities to what we humbly bring with us and that same Spirit eventually brings all to fulfillment in Christ.

The first disciples didn't have much. They possessed simple faith and a willingness to go into uncharted territory with a love of their friend-God, humble offerings, and a knowledge that they were not alone. This allowed them to do amazing things with very little. Do you believe that you are being led and that you have a purposeful life? We often do not realize our value because we do not think that the little we have is good enough. How wrong we are! A little flour mixed with water and embraced by a prayer of blessing transforms simple offerings into the magnificent Eucharistic presence of God. If the Holy Spirit can do such amazing things with these humble gifts of the earth, even more can happen with you. Don't underestimate the value of the smile you gave a stranger, the door held open for an elderly widow, the listening ear offered to one who was lonely, the tolerance given to the wounded soul who is angry, and the loving shoulder you offered as a cradle under the head of someone in pain. Modest gifts offered with love can be transformed by the Spirit into wondrous blessings you may never know. It's Pentecost. Trust. You are not alone.
PASTOR’S NOTES

Congratulations to our Third Grade Students celebrating their First Holy Communion and Confirmation with Bishop Folda this week.

We give praise to God for our forty-three young people from St. Michaels who will celebrate the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation with Bishop Folda on Monday evening June 1. Please remember our young people in your prayers as our Lord pours His Holy Spirit into their souls and gives the gift of His Real Presence in the Eucharist. May God’s grace continue to guide them as they walk with us on the journey ahead. May they join us each week to be nourished by our Lord in the gift of His Eucharist.

We thank Bishop Folda for honoring us with His presence and confirming our young people in the faith of our ancestors. May God’s blessings continue to strengthen him as he shepherds our Diocese walking in the footsteps of the Apostles.

I believe every side of an issue deserves a hearing, and we hear there are several narratives regarding the coronavirus. Let us pray that the Gifts of the Holy Spirit may be used to help us prevail as we struggle to walk this uncharted path together. Let us pray for Understanding and good Counsel backed by true Knowledge and sound Wisdom. Give us Courage to face our challenges remembering that the first foundation of our lives is a holy Fear of the Lord, a true reverence for God. There is nothing outside His domain, from the smallest virus to the greatest global threat of the destructive forces of war. God is our Savior, and in the end nothing will delay the moment we must answer to Him for the purposes and principals we based our lives on.

Congratulations to our Graduating Seniors!

We extend prayers and best wishes to our graduates this year. We celebrated a baccalaureate Mass for them three weeks ago with their families.

We know it has been a challenge for them with the curtailment of many yearend activities, including their graduation ceremonies. Yet, our hearts rejoice with them as they celebrate this milestone on their journey and continue to remember them in our prayers that they may be open to God’s guidance on the road ahead.

St. Michaels offers Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday’s.

We have begun offering Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesdays. With the opening of our churches, we have expanded our hours of Adoration. Exposition begins after the 7:15 Mass and ends at 9:00 p.m.

We are using an online scheduling program—Adoration Pro. The program makes it possible for you sign up for an hour of adoration and helps us keep track of the Adorers. The scheduling program is accessed by going Online at this address: https://adorationpro.org/michaelnd

Thank you St. Michaels for your fantastic support of Bishop Folda and our God’s Gift Appeal.

As of May 22 St Michael’s parishioners pledged $166,187 surpassing our goal of $149,108 by 111%.

Thank you St. Michaels for your wonderful response during these uncertain times. And thank you for your ongoing financial donations and support to St. Michaels parish. God bless you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr Gerard Braun

What to make of these uncertain times with a Pandemic making its way around the globe.

A lot of ink as pen laid down and more news than most of us need to listen too if we want to keep our sanity. Offering my own two cents will hardily make ripple in the backdrop of the title wave of prognostications that has caused a fire storm of media these past three months.

To be frank, I find myself wondering what narratives can be trusted when I hear conflicting facts, figures, and data from several sides of the aisles, and many of them calling upon the authority of science to back them up. Apparently science is not an exact science in some contexts?

Certainly, it is very important to minimize the spread of any deadly thing whatever it may be. However, what I find troubling is the power and the fear this global issue has taken on. I believe some of the practices being advocated seem to be carried to extremes so that they fly in face of common sense. Forgive me for not citing any particular examples above, but I am writing this short note to remind us all that if we allow it, the darker side of fear will take over our daily lives and it will negatively govern how we treat one another. One extreme example last week was where investigators believed a church in Holly Springs Mississippi was deliberately set on fire for not adhering to the lockdown parameters. A note left at the scene said, “Bet you stay at home now you hypocrites.”

“…being a Christian cannot be a little Sunday world in addition to our workaday world, something we build as an addition in some devotional corner of our life; rather, being a Christian is a new foundation, it is transformation that changes us.” Joseph Ratzinger from Teaching and Learning the Love of God
EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP
Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments
We Are Never Alone

My children want my help sometimes, and other times, not so much. I remember being a teenager and young adult myself. At times, I thought I knew everything. I didn't need help because I was just so darn smart. Truth is, I needed to find my own way. I needed to stretch my wings and prove to myself and my family I could fly. I assume that is what is happening with my own children as well. It just seems so different now that I'm the parent.

Human beings need help. We need community, and we need to rely on one another. At Pentecost, we reflect on Jesus sending to the Church a helper, the Holy Spirit. God interacting with us in this manner means we are never truly alone. We focus most of the time on the Spirit of God as the assistance we need, and we do need Him for sure. However, since it is that very same Spirit that turned us into “Church” from a band of people looking to carry on after Jesus’ ascension, at Pentecost we gained more than divine help: we gained each other.

Today, the Church needs help in a profound way. We need to lean on the Holy Spirit to blow through the Church with a profound renewal. But we cannot forget that we have been given each other to lean on as well. We are a gift to each other, and together with the Spirit’s help, we are the Body of Christ here on earth. We must be strong and stand for one another. If we do that, this Pentecost will bear fruit that will be with us for many Pentecosts to come.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Our parish is grateful for your continued support. Thank you!

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WHY DO WE DO THAT?
Catholic Life Explained:
Tithing vs. Stewardship

Question:
What is the difference between tithing and stewardship?

Answer:
Both tithing and stewardship are part of a spiritual way of life that calls us to use all of our resources for the service of the Gospel. Everything we are and everything we have comes from God. Offering back to God what He has given us is part of how we worship and give thanks to God.

Tithing is the practice of giving back 10 percent of what we earn. It comes from the Old English word for “ten.” The first Scriptural example of tithing came from Abraham who gave a tenth of his possessions to the priest Melchizedek. He did so as an act of thanksgiving to God.

Stewardship as a way of life calls us to use well all that we have and all that we are, placing all things in service of others and God. Stewardship helps us see the good we can accomplish by making God and our spiritual life the most important values in our life. Whatever we accumulate in this life stays here. We can’t take it with us! Both tithing and stewardship help us remember that nothing is mine or even ours ... all belongs to God.
WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

May 24, 2020
Weekly Amount Collected .......... $17,765
Weekly Amount Needed .......... $20,924
(To Reach the Weekly Budget Goal)

Weekly Collection Deficit ($3,159)

Year-To-Date Amount Collected $948,794
Year-To-Date Amount Needed $983,436
(To Reach the Annual Budget Goal)

Year-To-Date Collection Deficit ($34,642)

Annual Budget Goal ..................... $1,088,057

Give Online with WeShare

https://stmiichaelsgf.weshareonline.org/

Mailing address: St. Michael's Parish Office, 418 N. 6th St., Grand Forks, ND 58203

It’s not how much we give, but how much love we put into giving. ~Mother Teresa

Thank you for your generous hearts!

MASSE INTENTIONS

Monday, June 1
7:15 am †Debbie Kosmatka
5:15 pm †Bob Brooks

Tuesday, June 2
7:15 am †Kirk Rongen
5:15 pm †Conner Sander

Wednesday, June 3
7:15 am †Penny Flack
5:15 pm †Jake Sattler

Thursday, June 4
7:15 am †Toni (Elston) Jellison
5:15 pm †Bill Leddige

Friday, June 5
7:15 am †Delmar & Rita Martin
12:10 pm †Larry Griggs

Saturday, June 6
7:15 am Sp. Int. Dennis Narlock
5:00 pm Francis Bushaw Family

Sunday, June 7
7:30 am †Dec. Mem. Chris Freidt Family
9:00 am †Sharon Bredemeier
11:00 am For the People
5:00 pm †George & Tim Sattler

LITURGICAL LIFE

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK
Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading
The birth of the Church occurs with the descent of the Holy Spirit onto the Apostles. Luke presents this as an experience of unity. How do you see your faith community promoting unity of mind and spirit?

Second Reading
Paul speaks to the Christians in Corinth of the gifts and benefits of the Holy Spirit for believers. What Spirit-driven gifts do you possess?

Gospel Reading
John tells us how the resurrected Jesus gave the gift of the Holy Spirit directly to the disciples, empowering them to forgive sins. How often do you use the gift of forgiveness?