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 worshipping, educating, evangelizing and serving.

Thank You to Tim Shea’s Nursery & Landscaping (Tim & Darlene Shea) for the donation of the beautiful flowers planted outside the church entrances. Your generosity is appreciated!

June 7, 2020

GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY SON. —JN 3:16

PARISH MISSION

Church Information

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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.

WE ♥ TO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH YOU!

TEXT
MichaelGF
TO 84576

OR CONNECT WITH US ONLINE AT
stmichaelsgf.flocknote.com

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.
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-easterndnd.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@bkel.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

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United States’ Census 2020
WORSHIP & MEDITATION

FIRST READING
Thus the LORD passed before him
and cried out: “The LORD, the LORD,
a merciful and gracious God,
slow to anger and rich in kindness
and fidelity.” (Ex 34:6)

PSALM
Glory and praise for ever!
(Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 (52b))

SECOND READING
Mend your ways, encourage one
another, agree with one another, live in
peace, and the God of love and peace
will be with you. (2 Cor 13:11b)

GOSPEL
God so loved the world that he gave
his only Son, so that everyone who
believes in him might not perish but
might have eternal life. (Jn 3:16)

GOSPEL MEDITATION
Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A well-choreographed dance can be truly inspirational. Each movement and step are
interconnected, each contributing a piece of the unfolding artistic story. The beholder
is caught up in the rhythms, music, and gestures, realizing that none are dispensable
and all are necessary. The same is true of the Divine Dance of the Trinity. Each
Person plays a part, using unique gestures and movements that are connected to the
other Divine Partners. They tell a story of love. Every movement and step is born of
love and flows on into eternity. The Divine Dance never ends.

God the Creator powerfully, yet with gentle love, leads. Creating and recreating,
birthing and sustaining. He dances with the compassionate, incarnate Son, guided by
the breath of the Holy Spirit. They are three distinct Persons but move as One. On
one hand, the cascading flow of their Presence appears motionless, yet on the other,
flows and moves with effortless attention. They share one heart, one goal, and one
purpose and invite all of creation to join in their dance, their joy.

The energy of the Trinity flows through all created things. It is a dance of the heart,
nor of the mind. It has to be experienced, not dissected, and contemplated, not
understood. We stand in awe of the Divine Dance and find ourselves watching in
amazement all that God creates and sustains. The dance continues in the majesty of
a mountain, the power and wonder of an ocean, and the vastness of the universe. It
moves in the cry of a newborn infant and in the soul of one who has been forgiven. It
flows in the cry for justice and in the wounds of the oppressed. It circles through the
changing of seasons, the cycles of birth and death, and the wisdom that one acquires
when they love God.

The Dance never ends. Its movements and rhythms go on forever. The Trinitarian
Dance sustains all things, endures all things, and brings hope. You are invited
to dance. Don’t just watch as if you were simply a spectator. Join in the dance
and move as they move.

SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2020 | THE MOST HOLY TRINITY
The wrongful death of George Floyd and the unrest that has rocked our nation calls us to speak out against injustice and racial fears while lifting up our hands in prayer.

We have been saddened and horrified by the brutal treatment and wrongful killing of George Floyd by a Minneapolis police officer. In the wake of this cruel act we have witnessed peaceful protests against systemic racial injustice, but also saddened by the uncontrolled outbreak of violence, vandalism and more killing.

Archbishop José H. Gomez of Los Angeles, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) expressed the US bishops’ sentiments in his article: “The killing of George Floyd was senseless and brutal, a sin that cries out to heaven for justice,” the US bishops’ president wrote, sharing the “outrage of the black community and those who stand with them in Minneapolis, Los Angeles, and across the country,” “the cruelty and violence” that Floyd suffered “does not reflect on the majority of good men and women in law enforcement, who carry out their duties with honor”. They “trust that civil authorities will investigate his killing carefully and make sure those responsible are held accountable,” see the Cardinal Gomez article at: https://www.vaticannews.va/en/church/news/2020-06/usccb-statement-gomez-condemn-killing-george-floyd.html

Cardinal Gomez words ring true: “the cruelty and violence” that Floyd suffered “does not reflect on the majority of good men and women in law enforcement, who carry out their duties with honor”.

This past week our Grand Forks community, and the larger Law Enforcement and Civic Community from North Dakota and several neighboring states joined in prayer in honoring the sacrifice and remembrance of fallen Grand Forks police officer Cody Holte who was killed in the line of duty while protecting our community. May our Lord bless Cody’s family as they suffer this great loss of a husband and father. May God watch over and protect our Law Enforcement community.

As Catholics adhering to and proclaiming the teachings of Jesus Christ, our hope and salvation, we must speak out against all these evils that attack Life. We are a Pro-life people from Conception to Natural Death—that includes speaking out against all the cruelty and racial hatred which is also anti-life.

In the face of the recent troubling developments, we must take more seriously our need to call upon the mercy of God to help transform our fractured world and wounded human nature. Prayer and worship of our God, who gave His life for us on the cross, are indispensable if we really want to bring change to our world. I invite all us to join in prayer before our Lord, both at Mass, and to come before Him in the BlessedSacrament at Eucharistic Adoration this week. Let us put into action what we profess with our lips—let us beseech our Lord for His grace and protection. Amen.

St. Michaels offers Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday’s. Our parish offers Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Tuesday. Exposition begins after the 7:15 a.m. Mass, ending at 9:00 p.m. All are welcome to pray.

If you wish, you may also make a weekly commitment to prayer by going on-line to—Adoration Pro. This program makes it possible for you sign up for an hour of adoration every week. The scheduling program is accessed by going online at this address: https://adorationpro.org/michaelnd

Congratulations to our young people celebrating their Confirmation this Sunday.

This past week forty of our young people celebrated the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation with Bishop Folda on Monday evening June 1.

This Sunday we welcome our older students who prepared to receive Confirmation at our Easter Vigil but were delayed due the pandemic. We hold them in our prayers that God’s grace continue to guide them as they mature in their faith and walk with us on the journey to meet Christ the Lord. We pray they accompany us each week to be nourished by our Lord in the gift of His Eucharist.

I appreciate this quote that I recently read from a parent: As a parent, I formulated a mantra to say to a child who was not so thrilled with a request: “you might not like it, you might not agree with it, and you might not understand it, but you have to obey it!”

In a much less dictatorial style, I think God says to us in any difficult moment: “you might not like it, you might not agree with it, and you might not understand it, but trust me! I am the God who loves you infinitely more than you can imagine and all I want is for you to be with me forever.”

With this unwavering trust in his Father, Jesus faced the cross, and with this same trust, we too can face our crosses each day.

Thank you for your ongoing financial donations and support to St. Michaels parish. God bless you.

I know many of our people are feeling the pinch due to layoffs and work reduction. In the midst of these times it especially heartwarming to see so many still offering their donations to help support your parish. Thank you and God bless.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Fr Gerard Braun
EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP
Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments
We Are Never Alone

Where is that guy with the rainbow wig holding a “John 3:16” sign in the end zone at NFL football games? Younger readers may not have any idea what I am talking about! You used to see this guy on TV all the time wearing “Jesus Saves” shirts and holding his sign. Most thought he was a harmless guy, but now he is serving multiple life sentences for taking hostages at a hotel near LAX in 1992. His name is Rollen Stewart and he believed — and continues to believe while in prison — that Jesus’ second coming is imminent. His extreme actions were meant to make people take notice and listen to him. Now he sits behind bars, and most in the world see his name as nothing more than an answer to a trivia question.

It is a sad story when people hurt others or use extreme methods in the name of God. Mr. Stewart’s belief that simply getting people to listen to his message is the most important step in their salvation is misguided. His poor stewardship should stand in stark contrast to our good stewardship. Our actions, seasoned at times with our words, should be the evidence people need to see the transformative power of Jesus Christ. We do believe that he is indeed coming again. But once you have committed yourself to him and live in his life on earth, when he returns is not our main concern. We are ready whenever that time comes, and hopefully, we can help others be ready as well by our example.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING
Our parish is grateful for your continued support. Thank you!

SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2020 | THE MOST HOLY TRINITY
**WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP**

**May 31, 2020**
Weekly Amount Collected .......... $10,932
Weekly Amount Needed .......... $20,924
(To Reach the Weekly Budget Goal)
**Weekly Collection Deficit** ( ($9,992)

Year-To-Date Amount Collected $959,726
Year-To-Date Amount Needed $1,004,360
(To Reach the Annual Budget Goal)
**Year-To-Date Collection Deficit** ( ($44,634)

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

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

Thank you for your generous hearts!

**LIVE THE LITURGY**

**Inspiration for the week**

Today we celebrate the Divine dance, a perfectly choreographed interplay of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Together they dance and move as one though three unique Persons with distinctive, yet harmonious, patterns and steps. They provide a mirror into our soul. Within each one of us, the Divine dance continues, and the music of God's love continues to inspire, sustain, and recreate us with every step and melody. Can you hear the music that the Triune God is playing? Where is the dance leading you? Our minds can never truly understand or know God. But our hearts can seek and find Him. From beginning to end, God is one and, at the same time, Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier. God's holy Trinitarian dance is calling you to hoiness. Join in and dance!

**BECAUSE HE Loves Us**

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday, June 8**
7:15 am †Adrian Watercott
5:15 pm †Orfilia Castro Villarreal

**Tuesday, June 9**
7:15 am †Mary Loeffler
5:15 pm †Bill Schmisek

**Wednesday, June 10**
7:15 am †Pamela Eagen
5:15 pm †Aurelia Byzewski

**Thursday, June 11**
7:15 am †Dec. Mem. Of John Roche & Lyle Wyman Families
5:15 pm †Anna LeClerc

**Friday, June 12**
7:15 am †Sharon Bredemeier
12:10 pm †Alvin Janorschke

**Saturday, June 13**
7:15 am Jim Laturnus
5:00 pm †Mildred Leddige

**Sunday, June 14**
7:30 am †Florian Kosmatka
9:00 am For the People
11:00 am †LeRoy Knutson
5:00 pm †George & Tim Sattler

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**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, 4-4:50 pm, 7:30-8pm