GRAND FORKS, NORTH DAKOTA

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.

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.” - Mt 13:23

Church Information

Mailing Address:
418 N. 6th St.
Grand Forks, ND 58203

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

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PARISH REGISTRATION

Why is it so important that we register in a parish? Isn't it good enough that we go to Mass?

Registration is the official way we join a parish community. Many people think that because they attend a particular parish they automatically belong. At times young adults who have moved away for years think they are still signed up under their parents. But membership requires signing up, formally enrolling yourself in a parish.

Registration is a commitment to a community, a way to be included in the religious, social and ministerial activities of your parish. Your registration affects the parish in many ways. Census numbers can determine how many priests are assigned to a church, what benefits and obligations the community has to the diocese, and how Masses, confessions and devotions are planned and scheduled.

Registration shows you belong. It is also necessary for certain benefits, like scheduling sacraments, obtaining sponsor certificates, and getting donation statements for taxes. Most importantly, it lets the parish count on you, to call on you to assist in its mission.

Registration in your parish is a statement of faith and confidence in the life and work of your parish.

The Diocese of Fargo asks that you register in only ONE parish within the diocese. If you wish to register at St. Michael's, please notify your previous parish of your intent so they can remove you from their roster.

To register in the parish, simply download a registration form from the website (under quick links).

Please mail to the Parish Office (418 N. 6th St., Grand Forks, ND 58203), drop in the collection or email to: lori.beckstead@stmichaelsgf.com

Mass Schedule Temporary Adjustment

While we await Deacon Grossman’s priestly ordination, August 8, 2020, we are making adjustments to our weekly Mass schedule. Here are the short-term, temporary changes:

- Monday 5:15 p.m. Mass—cancelled thru Aug. 10
- Communion Services (with Bishop Folda’s Permission) Tuesdays at the 7:15 a.m. and Wednesdays at the 5:15 p.m. Masses thru August 11
- Together with Msgr. Pilon, several priests from neighboring parishes will be assisting with some of our Masses

Thank you for your understanding with the above accommodations. Again, these schedule changes are only temporary.

PASTOR’S NOTES

I will be away for a five-day retreat
I’m departing on Sunday with my priest support group. Deacon Grossman will be responding to all pastoral calls and special needs, outside of celebrating the Mass, offering the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and Anointing of the Sick. Deacon Grossman will be collaborating with Msgr. Pilon to coordinate any funeral preparations, or emergency anointings as they may come up.

Thank you.

Thank You
Thank you and bless you for your ongoing financial donations and support to St. Michaels during the past months of COVID pandemic.

I understand many people are feeling the pinch due to layoffs and work reduction due to pandemic. 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
WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

July 5, 2020

Weekly Amount Collected .......... $24,455
Weekly Amount Needed ............. $20,925
(To Reach the Weekly Budget Goal)

Weekly Collection .......................... $3,530

Year-To-Date Amount Collected $24,455
Year-To-Date Amount Needed $20,925
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Annual Budget Goal ....................... $1,088,100

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Thank you for your generous hearts!

Focus on the Good

When I was a child, my mother had a set of sculptures resembling three human heads. One head had hands over the ears, one had hands over the eyes, and one had hands over the mouth. Of course, they depicted the phrase, “Hear no evil; see no evil; speak no evil.” I have seen these images repeated many times since then, usually as the monkey heads from a Japanese proverb, which would have probably seemed a little less creepy to me when I was a small child. Apparently, there is no consensus about the full meaning or certain origin of these three images nor the phrase. At the very least, it causes us to reflect on the need to avoid evil and look for the good in things.

As I have lived my life, I have come to believe there are more people who live their lives in a contrary manner to these images. It is not that they seek evil, but it is as if they “see no good, hear no good, and speak no good.” Gossiping is the way they pass the time, and they always seem to find the negative in people and situations. Being a good steward certainly means that we do not seek evil, but more than that, it means that we see the abundance of good things all around us. These gifts of God are big and little, profound and ordinary. By seeing the world in this way, we begin to change our personalities and our overall disposition. We always need to follow a new proverb: see all the good, hear all the good, and speak about the good. Amen.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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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 closes 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.
Closed Friday, July 3rd.

DIRECTIONS FOR ATTENDING MASS

- **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

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Monday, July 13
7:15 am  †Paul Sandell, Rev. John Sandell, M/M Carl Sandell
5:15 pm  NO MASS

Tuesday, July 14

Wednesday, July 15
7:15 am  †Wesley & Joyce Laughery
5:15 pm  COMMUNION SERVICE

Thursday, July 16
7:15 am  †Sharon Bredemeier
5:15 pm  Sp. Int. Terry & Jane Powers

Friday, July 17
7:15 am  †Souls in Purgatory
12:10pm †Dan Scheett

Saturday, July 18
7:15 am  Steve & Arlene Johnson Family
5:00 pm  †Mildred Leddige

Sunday, July 19
7:30 am  Sp. Int. Verna & Ovide Marcotte
9:00 am  †Eugene R. Boehm
11:00 am  Jon & Brenda Helt Wedding Anniversary
5:00 pm  For the People

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