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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grades K-12

Register TODAY!
Convenient online payment available!

Cost: $70.00 per student
($150 family cap)

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Information on the front page under “News”

Church Information

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1:00 pm

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

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**WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP**

**August 2, 2020**
Weekly Amount Collected .......... $16,356
Weekly Amount Needed .......... $20,925
(To Reach the Weekly Budget Goal)
**Weekly Collection Deficit ............... ($4,569)**
Year-To-Date Amount Collected $ 90,322
Year-To-Date Amount Needed $104,625
(To Reach the Annual Budget Goal)
**Year-To-Date Collection Deficit ........ ($14,303)**
Annual Budget Goal ......................... $1,088,100

https://stmichaelsgf.weshareonline.org/
Mailing address:  St. Michael’s Parish Office,
418 N. 6th St., Grand Forks, ND 58203

Thank you for your generous hearts!

**EMPLOYMENT**

**Parish Office Administrator**
St. Catherine’s Parish in Valley City ND, is currently accepting applications for a Parish Office Administrator, working 32 hours per week with benefits. The successful candidate will have an accounting background with previous work experience, strong communication and organizational skills with attention to detail, computer skills, and be welcoming and hospitable. Ability to maintain confidentiality and an understanding of the Catholic Faith are essential. Submit cover letter, resume and three references to Monsignor Skonseng - dennis.skonseng@fargodiocese.org. Position open until filled.

**St. Anne’s Living Center**
Amidst the crazy situation in our world today, we know that our elderly loved ones’ safety, health and happiness are a top priority! At St. Anne’s, our staff work diligently to ensure these for our residents, providing nutritious homemade meals, nursing services, housekeeping/laundry services, and activities. We have vigilant COVID-19 prevention measures in place and are working hard to balance all the needs of our residents: emotional, spiritual and physical. We do have the opportunity for daily Mass as well.

If you are looking for a safe, caring living environment for yourself or an aging loved one, check out St. Anne’s. You can visit us online (www.stannesguesthome.org) or call us at 701-746-9401.

**MEMORIALS**

**St. Michael’s Church**
Thank you for your donations to St. Michael’s!

In Memory of Ronald Norling, Sr. by Bruce & Cheryl Hest

**RCIA**

Catholic and Non-Catholic Adults
Do any of these apply to you?
- I am a Catholic who would like a refresher course in the Catholic Faith
- I was baptized Catholic, but never received the sacraments
- I am an adult who has never been Confirmed
- I am interested in becoming a Catholic

Look into RCIA, “Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.”

RCIA classes will begin October and run throughout Easter.

Please contact Fr. Grossman for more information.
Email: jered.grossman@fargodiocese.org.

**Rosary Leaders Needed**
Great news! We will be restoring our 3:00 pm Daily Rosary at St. Michaels beginning Monday, August 17th.

The Rosary will be streamed online at 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

We are seeking volunteers who would be willing to lead the rosary on a weekly basis. Two or three volunteers for each day would help insure a healthy rotation.

Please email Deacon John Bredemeier (john.bredemeier@stmichaelsgf.com) or call him (701) 314-0207.
Congratulations Fr Grossman!
As God’s people united in faith, hope, and love, we give thanks for the three young men ordained to the priesthood this weekend. We congratulate Fathers Jered Grossman, Riley Durkin, and Eric Seitz.

Reflecting on the priesthood in his letter, Gift and Mystery, St. John Paul II emphasized two essential truths on the Priesthood.

The priestly vocation is a mystery of divine election, and therefore a gift which infinitely transcends the individual. As I look back, I am constantly reminded of the words of Jesus to his Apostles: “You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide” (Jn 15:16). In meditating on these words, a priest becomes more aware of the mysterious choice that God has made in calling him to this service, not because of his talents or merits but in virtue of God’s “own purpose and the grace which he gave us” (2 Tm 1:9).

St. John Paul II

I ask us to please remember these young men and all priests in our daily prayers. Let us implore our Lord to strengthen them for ministry. May God bless His priests with faithful hearts to serve God’s Church with love and devotion. Amen.

I will be joining Fr. Grossman to concelebrate at his first Mass at St. Cecelia’s parish in Harvey on Sunday August 9th at 3:00 p.m.

Thank you for your gifts to help support St. Michaels during the past months of the virus.
I know folks are feeling the pinch due to layoffs and work reduction resulting from the pandemic. During these times it especially heartwarming to see so many continue to offer their donations in support of your parish. Thank you and God bless you.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.
Please consider spending some time before our Lord in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Along with All-Day Adoration on Tuesday’s from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., We will also continue to host our monthly First Friday Exposition Adoration of our Lord. America and our human race needs prayer.

Many in our world ignore and even snub the notion of prayer. Yet, seeking God’s grace is the primary means that will save us. Generations of our ancestors have had to learn this singular truth—that it is God who saves, not man.

Today it is our turn to grasp the truth of how utterly reliant we are upon God. Our arrogant neglect of God is becoming epidemic. Thankfully, God’s infinite love is too great to allow us to fall so far as to never be able to turn back. We pray that our souls will find humility to acknowledge Him and flee to His mercy. Reading and praying the Scripture can help us understand the truth of our need for God. Again, I ask us to make time for prayer during these anxious times when false beliefs become more toxic to our lives and our families.

St. Michaels hosted three teams for Bishop’s Folda’ annual Putt 4 a Purpose Charity Golf event.
We are grateful to members of our parish and friends who joined us to help support diocesan vocations at the Putt 4 a Purpose charity golf scramble on Monday August 4. We did not bring home the trophy for first place this year, but we had a lot of fun trying. The highlight was Fr. Jered Grossman (hiding top row left) winning the prize for longest putt of the day! A 28 ft. putt!


Due diligence for the security of St. Michaels Church buildings and grounds.
I do not believe in fanning the flames of fear, but I am concerned for the preservation of our sacred worship space and beautiful heritage of our faith community. Considering the troubling vandalism that we are witnessing in pockets around the nation and world, we have felt it best to lock up our church after the 5:15 Mass, except for Tuesday’s Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9:00 p.m. Thank you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Fr Gerard Braun
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

Wedding Banns

August 22:
  Courtney Hancock & Elizabeth Gruman

August 28:
  Mark Bresnahan & Jordan Mager

August 29:
  Tyler Thomas & Alex Jelinek

PARISH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

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

*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.**

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, August 10
7:15 am †Jennifer Buckley
5:15 pm †Albertus & Carol Kresel

Tuesday, August 11
7:15 am †John Keegan
5:15 pm †George & Tim Sattler

Wednesday, August 12
7:15 am Spec. Int. Blake & Emily Kvidt
5:15 pm †Bill Schmisek

Thursday, August 13
7:15 am †Sharon Bredemeier
5:15 pm †Dan Hill

Friday, August 14
7:15 am †Gelene Harrison
12:10 pm †Sergio & Eleanor Gambucci

Saturday, August 15
7:15 am †Gerald Altendorf
5:00 pm †Mildred Leddige

Sunday, August 16
7:30 am For the People
9:00 am †Eugene R. Boehm
11:00 am †John D.E. Friend
5:00 pm †Elizabeth Alvarado

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