

November 30, 2025



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November 30, 2025 – First Sunday of Advent

Let us rejoice in the Lord's peace, let us live honorably as we await his return.



Happy New Liturgical Year! This weekend we celebrate the First Sunday of Advent, which marks the beginning of a new church year 2026. In this new lectionary circle, Year A, our Sunday Gospels will be mostly taken from the Gospel of Matthew. Advent, derived from the Latin word *adventus*, which means coming or arrival, is a season of hope and preparation for the coming of Jesus into our hearts and homes. We prepare to celebrate the birthday of Jesus on Christmas

Day but most importantly we prepare for the Second Coming of Jesus Christ at the end of time. As we light the first candle on our Advent Wreath, remember that we are called to be the light of the world, dispelling darkness with love and hope.

Please see our December calendar for the dates and times for the Masses, Reconciliation, the Rosary and School Christmas Program. May you have a blessed Advent Season.

11-Day Jubilee Pilgrimage to Italy: Fr. Andrew and 17 other people from our two parishes and neighboring parishes are leaving for an 11-day pilgrimage to Italy. They will fly out of Minneapolis airport on Monday, December 1st and will visit Venice, Florence, Padua, Assisi and Rome. They will return on Thursday, December 11th. Fr. Andrew will be back at the parish on Friday, December 12th. This pilgrimage was organized to honor Jane Kozitka's 44 years of teaching at St. Michael's School. Next weekend, Fr. Tom Feltman from Fargo Diocese will preside over all the weekend Masses. In case of any sacramental emergency, Fr. John Cox, OMI and Fr. Solomon Gaja, OMI from the White Earth Catholic Parishes will be available to serve. Please pray for our pilgrims for a safe and stress-free trip.

The St. Mary's Mission Appeal collection is this weekend. Thank you for your generous gift to the ministry and mission of St. Mary's Mission on the Red Lake Reservation. Your gift helps students grow in wisdom, virtue, and faith. The lives of children and their families are meaningfully impacted through your prayers and support. You may continue to give through the parish, the mailing you received, or online at www.northlandccf.org/SMMA.

St. Mary's Mission Appeal Saturday 11/29/25 Team 2 (Rotation)	5:00 pm Mass at St. Michael's: Healing for David Nelson by Ray and Sandy Klinkhammer Sacristan: Joe Kaiser Servers: Thor, Aksel, Brea and Ivan Askelson Lector: Rita LaVoi Commentator: HELP NEEDED Eucharistic Ministers: Michael & Megan Askelson, Bob Spaeth, Nancy LaDoux, HELP NEEDED Ushers: Urban Jirik, Michael Askelson, HELP NEEDED Cantor: Dave Kochmann, Evan Bruggeman, and Choir Members Pianist: HELP NEEDED
St. Mary's Mission Appeal Sunday 11/30/25 CLOW at Both Parishes Team 2 (Rotation) Hospitality	8:00 am Reconciliation at St. Joseph's 8:30 am Mass at St. Joseph's: For the Parishioners Server: Wyatt Geray Lector: Rita Wolbeck Commentator: Cletus Geray Gifts: Steve and Kathy Haider Eucharistic Ministers: Jerome/Ann Schoenborn, Dan/Deb McNamee, Doug Kersting, Rita Wolbeck 10:30 am Mass at St. Michael's: † Fr Rick Lambert by Marlys Johnson Sacristan: Mark Jirik Servers: Brandon Miller Lector: Mark Jirik Commentator: Eucharistic Ministers: Mark Jirik, Karen Hanson, Roger and Peggy Francis, Melissa Netland Ushers: Ryan Ennen, Steve Worms, Mark Jirik Cantor: Jill Bisek Pianist: Gina Worms
Monday - 12/1/25	No Mass
Tuesday 12/2/25	8:30 am Communion Service at St. Michael's 9:30 am Collection Counters: Doris Eiyneck and Karen Hanson 10:00 am Rosary at Mahnomen Senior Living
Wednesday 12/3/25	No Mass at Mahnomen Living Center 2:00 pm Bulletin Folder: Eunice Bellanger 6:15-7:00 pm FF Class for Grades 3-8 No FF Class for Grades 9 and 10
Thursday 12/4/25	No Mass at St. Michael's 5:30 PM St. Michael's School Family Fun Night
Friday 12/5/25	No Mass at St. Michael's Parish Office Closed
Christmas Flower Collection Saturday 12/6/25 Team 1	9:00 am First Saturday Devotions at St. Joseph's 5:30 pm Mass at St. Michael's: † Vi Buening by Jim Buening Sacristan: Bev Schoenborn Servers: Claire, Heath and Malynn Sather Lector: Lisa Larson Commentator: HELP NEEDED Eucharistic Ministers: Kathy Janisch, Joe Kaiser, HELP NEEDED Ushers: Don Eveslage, Don Kaiser, Gary Klinkhammer, Joe Kaiser Cantor: Askelson Family Pianist: Megan Askelson
Christmas Flower Collection Sunday 12/7/25 Team 1	8:00 am Reconciliation at St. Joseph's 8:30 am Mass at St. Joseph's: † Clarence Buschette by Rita Wolbeck Server: Norah Geray Lector: Vickie Anderson Commentator: Deb McNamee Gifts: Shelly Benson and Marlene Klinkhammer Eucharistic Ministers: Jeff Crandall, Rita Wolbeck, Joe Buresh, PauliAnn Neisen, JoAnn Kersting 10:30 am Mass at St. Michael's: † Frank Jirik by Sharon Litzau Sacristan: Fred Houdek Servers: HELP NEEDED Lector: Judy McCollum Commentator: HELP NEEDED Eucharistic Ministers: Judy McCollum, Fred Houdek, Karen Ahmann, HELP NEEDED Ushers: HELP NEEDED Cantor: Dave Kochmann, Evan Bruggeman, Any Choir Members Pianist: Gina Worms



Stewardship of Treasure
For The Week of November 23, 2025

*Thank you to all who are using envelopes or mailing your stewardship offering to the parish office.
Your Gifts Are Greatly Appreciated!*

	<u>St. Michael's</u>	<u>St. Joseph's</u>
Adult	\$ 1177.00	\$ 1412.00
Youth	\$	\$ 2.00
Plate	\$ 339.00	\$ 124.00
TOTAL	\$ 1516.00	\$ 1538.00
Year-to-date Totals (As of July 1, 2025)	\$ 58,962.00	\$ 27,026.00
All Saint's Day		\$ 525.00
Thanksgiving		\$ 25.00
Military		\$ 25.00
Campaign-Human Development	\$ 453.00	\$ 390.00

YOUR PRAYERS ARE NEEDED - Please pray for those in need for their healing & peace.
We Especially Remember:

Jeri Lynn Jaeger, Keith Francis, Sue Voit, Shirley Sweep, Caleb Stock, Jayne Thompson, Jessica Halvorson, Molly Houdek, Sandy Haddeland, David Nelson, Nick Buck, Allen Neisen, Mike McCollum, Connie Bruggeman, Sonny Saice, Jeannie Hanson, Casey Bristlan, Delores Miller, Linda Noll, Theresa Thielen, Rita Kaiser, Amy Houdek, Mary Monahan, Al Beach, April Jirik, Lucy Johnson, Norene Kersting, Nan Christopherson, Ernie Stock, Maggie Lerud, Brittany Hinks, Joe Thompson, Mary Jirik, Joyce Sponskowski, Alan Beach, Cole Houska

And all recipients of the Catholic Daughter Prayer Blankets.

To add or remove someone from our Parish Prayer Chain, please call the Parish Office at 218-935-2503.

December 7, 2025
Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 11:1-10
Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17
Romans 15:4-9
Matthew 3:1-12

November 30th
Hospitality

You're Invited...

This Sunday – November 30th at 4:00 pm
Catholic Daughters
Ecumenical Christmas Party

The Catholic Daughters Organization will once again be hosting their annual Ecumenical Christmas Party on Sunday, November 30th in the basement of St. Michael's Parish.
Everyone is welcome.

We will begin at 4:00 pm with Christmas Goodie Basket assembly followed by a potluck meal, gift exchange (if you'd like) and a celebration of the Christmas Spirit.

For additional information please contact Paige @ 218-766-6739 or Megan @ 218-234-3526.

November 30, 2025
1st Sunday of Advent

"Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come." MATTHEW 24:42

People who have had health issues or near-death experiences generally have a greater appreciation for each day being a gift from God. The rest of us usually take for granted that we will be around tomorrow. But when you start to look at each day as a gift, you realize all the little miracles that happen daily and you begin to see God's active presence in your life. You grow in gratitude, each day, for all that we have been given.

The "Sunday Mass Devotional"

on KRJM "Gold 101.5 FM" Radio
Can be heard from 1:00-1:30pm every Sunday
Cost is \$42.00

(Please Consider sponsoring or donating)

Today's "Sunday Mass Devotional"

In Memory of Anthony Schoenborn

By Joan Schoenborn and Family



St. Michael's School News

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To contact the school office

Please call: 218-935-5222

Website: www.stmichaelschool.org

Congratulations to this week's
Calendar Winner Of \$50.00

Wayne Ahmann

Christmas Wreath Sale

24" Wreaths - \$28.00 each



"Ornament Painting Night"

Community Family Fun Night

Thursday, December 4, 2025

5:30-7:00 p.m.

St. Michael's School

All supplies will be provided!

Supper will be served!

Open to all families with Children Ages

Birth through Elementary

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Gifts & Memorials Given

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† Dick Andring by Manley and Vangie Hillstad

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† Sherrill Spaeth by Allen & Cindy Zimmer

Donation by Kelly Markert

St. Michael's Capital Campaign

† John Spaeth by Cheryl Spaeth

St. Joseph's Cemetery

† LeRoy and Corrine Sanden by Brian Sanden

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)

November 30: St. Joe's and St. Mike's

December 14: St. Joe's and St. Mike's



No Faith Formation Class for Grades 9 and 10 on December 3rd and 10th

Retreat Opportunities for High School Students

Are you a high school student who desires to learn more about your faith? Have you had an encounter with the Lord that you desire to deepen? These 'The Reason for Hope' retreats are for you!

Advent Retreat:

December 13-14, 2025

2:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Nazareth Retreat House

620 Summit Ave

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Lent Retreat

March 7-8, 2026

2:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Nazareth Retreat House

620 Summit Ave

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For more information and to register, visit:

www.crookston.org/reasonforhope

Or see the poster on our parish bulletin boards
to scan the code.

Retreat Opportunities For Middle-School and High School Youth

Wednesday, December 17, 2025: 7:00 pm

St. Mary's Catholic Church, Fosston

Wednesday, January 28, 2026: 7:00 pm

Holy Rosary Catholic Church, Detroit Lakes

Wednesday, March 11, 2026: 7:00 pm

St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Moorhead

Wednesday, April 29, 2026: 7:00 pm

St. Bernard's Catholic Church, Thief River Falls

For more information, please see the posters
on our bulletin boards.

A BIG Thank You to all our friends and parish families of St. Michael's and St. Joseph's, parish staff, school staff, students & community members.

It was a true privilege and honor to serve as Faith formation coordinator, Parish Staff member & substitute teacher for St. Michael's School. The experience of serving the parish and school communities has been such a rewarding blessing! From getting to know so many parishioners, staff and students while serving on various committees was all full of cherished memories.

As many of you know I retired after 30 years of teaching and decided to "help out" at the parish office. The rest is history and as a result Fr. Dave, Fr. Raul and Fr. Andrew kept me quite busy 😊 with never a dull moment. There was always lots of fun and laughter filling many of our days. One of the best rewards for us has been watching the students grow in their faith formation journeys. . . all the way from pre-school to confirmation and beyond.

John & I have always wanted to be active participants at any parishes we have been members of. Whether we were Lectoring, sacristan, commentating, ushers, cantors or teachers. Not one opportunity that God placed before us was ever considered a burden or inconvenience, but ALWAYS brought great joy to both of us.

Someone once said, "Starting something new is scary and ending is sad. But it's all the times in between that creates the most beautiful memories." John and I have recently been asked to be part of a new Faith Formation journey & experience and to be part of a Parish Leaders Team and Adult Faith Formation projects. We look forward to the challenge.

Many have probably thought we have "abandoned the parish," but in reality, we have just made a small move in the community. We are still willing to help out when able or to fill in as subs. Remember that we are just a phone call away.

So again, we want to thank you from the bottom of our hearts to all the St. Michael's and St. Joseph's Parish Communities. And a Special Thank You to the Parish Staff and Confirmation Students for the beautiful signed card, the breath taking angel and sun catcher gifts. All were extremely thoughtful. The Blessings & prayers over us at Confirmation will be forever cherished and warmed our hearts. It was the greatest gift ever.

Best wishes and continued prayers to you all.

God's Blessings,
John & Peggy Darco

Lutefisk and Meatball Supper

SATURDAY, DEC. 6

4:00P - 7:00P

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**Drawings will be held at
Immanuel's Annual
Lutefisk/Meatball Supper
on Saturday, December 6**

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