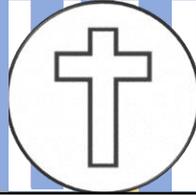


March 8, 2026



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March 8, 2026 – Third Sunday of Lent

Jesus satisfies our thirst for eternal life.
Through his Spirit his grace has been poured into our hearts.
God satisfies the thirst of the Israelites whose hearts had become hardened and rebellious.

Planning for Mission Discernment Videos: Thank you to the parish leaders who attended the Leadership Formation Session this past Sunday, March 1st here at St. Michael's. We will meet again this Sunday, March 8th from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at St. Michael's Parish for prayer, watching video 3 and then discussion.

On Wednesday, March 25th at 6:15 pm, we will have a **Parish Reconciliation Talk and Service.** Fr. Bob Schreiner, Pastor of St. Joseph Church, Red Lake Falls and St. Joseph's Church, Brooks will be the presider and preacher. There will be two other priests in addition to Fr. Bob and Fr. Andrew who will be available to listen to our confessions following the Reconciliation Service. You are all invited to come and seek the Lord in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Even if you do not intend to go to the individual confession, please come and renew your faith and knowledge through the teaching that Fr. Bob will give us.

Breakfast Fundraiser

This Sunday, March 8, 2026, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Waubun Community Center. Menu includes Pancakes, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, Coffee, Orange Juice and Milk. Adults - \$12.00, Children age 5-12 - \$6.00, Preschool - Free

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### St. Michael's PTC Lenten Fish Fry

Fridays during Lent - March 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> - 5:30-7:00 pm.  
\$20.00 per 1 Fillet Meal - Walleye Fillet, Potato, Coleslaw,  
Dinner Roll and Beverage

To-go orders available at the door.  
All proceeds will go to Matching Funds.

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Thursday, March 12th 7:00-8:00 pm – Fr Andrew will be available for Confessions at St. Joseph's Church

<p>Saturday 3/7/26</p> <p>Team 1</p>	<p>9:00 am First Saturday Devotions at St. Joseph's 4:30 pm Reconciliation at St. Michael's 5:00 pm Mass at St. Michael's: † Joyce Klinkhammer by Rodney and Susan McCollum Sacristan: Juanita Zimmerman Servers: Claire, Heath and Malynn Sather Lector: Dave Zimmerman Commentator: Juanita Zimmerman Eucharistic Ministers: Kathy Janisch, Dave Zimmerman, Joe Kaiser, HELP NEEDED Ushers: Don Eveslage, Don Kaiser, Gary Klinkhammer, Joe Kaiser Cantor: Tina Penner</p>
<p>Daylight Savings Time</p> <p>Sunday 3/8/26</p> <p>Team 2</p>	<p>8:00 am Reconciliation at St. Joseph's 8:00 am Stations of the Cross at St. Joseph's 8:30 am Mass at St. Joseph's: † Marjorie "Blaser" Elsinger by Walter and Carol Geray Server: Norah Geray Lector: Cletus Geray Commentator: Deb McNamee Gifts: Shelly Benson and Marlene Klinkhammer Eucharistic Ministers: Jeff Crandall, Rita Wolbeck, Joe Bursch, PauliAnn Neisen, JoAnn Kersting</p> <p>10:00 – 10:15 am Reconciliation at St. Michael's 10:30 am Mass at St. Michael's: For the Parishioners Sacristan: Joe Dewey Servers: Brandon Miller and Dakotah Littlewolf Lector: Joe Dewey Commentator: HELP NEEDED Eucharistic Ministers: Joe Dewey, Karen Hanson, Roger and Peggy Francis, HELP NEEDED Ushers: Ryan Ennen, Steve Worms, HELP NEEDED Cantor: Askelson Family Pianist: Megan Askelson 2:00-4:00 pm Leadership Formation Session for Parish Leaders at St. Michael's Church</p>
<p>Monday - 3/9/26</p>	<p>No Mass - No School – Teacher In-Service</p>
<p>Tuesday 3/10/26</p>	<p>8:30 am Mass at St. Michael's: For the Parishioners 9:30 am Collection Counters: Elmer Schoenborn and Karen Hanson 3:30 pm Staff Meeting</p>
<p>Wednesday 3/11/26</p>	<p>10:00 am Mass at Mahnomen Senior Living: For the Parishioners 6:15 pm Mass at St. Joseph's followed by Soup Supper, Adult Enrichment. Faith Formation</p>
<p>Thursday 3/12/26</p>	<p>2:00 pm Bulletin Folder: Marlys Johnson 5:30 pm Mass at St. Michael's: For the Parishioners 7:00-8:00 pm Confessions at St. Joseph's</p>
<p>Friday 3/13/26</p>	<p>7:15-8:15 am and 9:00-10:00 am Adoration at St. Michael's 8:30 am Mass at St. Michael's w/Students: † Urban Neisen by Rita Neisen 1:00 pm Stations of the Cross at St. Michael's 5:30 – 7:00 pm Fish Fry at St. Michael's</p>
<p>Catholic Relief Services Collection</p> <p>Saturday 3/14/26</p> <p>Team 2</p>	<p>4:30 pm Reconciliation at St. Michael's 5:00 pm Mass at St. Michael's: † Betty Thompson by Dave and Nicole Thompson and Family 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 Cantors: Dave Kochmann, Evan Bruggeman Pianist: HELP NEEDED</p>
<p>Catholic Relief Services Collection</p> <p>Sunday 3/15/26</p> <p>Team 3</p>	<p>8:00 am Reconciliation at St. Joseph's 8:00 am Stations of the Cross at St. Joseph's 8:30 am Mass at St. Joseph's: † Diane "Blaser" Botz by Walter and Carol Geray Server: HELP NEEDED Lector: Joe Buresh Commentator: JoAnn Kersting Gifts: Doug and Yvonne Kersting Eucharistic Ministers: Doug and Yvonne Kersting, JoAnn Kersting, Jerome and Ann Schoenborn</p> <p>10:00 – 10:15 am Reconciliation at St. Michael's 10:30 am Mass at St. Michael's: For the Parishioners Sacristan: Joe Dewey Servers: HELP NEEDED Lector: HELP NEEDED Commentator: HELP NEEDED Eucharistic Ministers: Joe Dewey, HELP NEEDED Ushers: Dan Schoenborn, HELP NEEDED Cantor: Char Spaeth Pianist: Diane Spaeth</p>



Stewardship of Treasure
For The Week of March 1, 2026

*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	\$ 1650.00	\$ 951.00
Youth	\$ 1.00	\$
Plate	\$ 251.00	\$ 143.00
TOTAL	\$ 1902.00	\$ 1094.00
Year-to-date Totals (As of July 1, 2025)	\$ 122,566.00	\$ 44,631.00

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

We Especially Remember:

Sharon Houdek, Jim Krajsa, Chad Blaser, Mike Neisen, Trey Beauchamp, Richard Pavlish, Reed Bjerk, Jeri Lynn Jaeger, Keith Francis, Sue Voit, Jessica Halvorson, Molly Houdek, Sandy Haddeland, Allen Neisen, Mike McCollum, Connie Bruggeman, Linda Noll, Theresa Thielen, Rita Kaiser, Amy Houdek, Mary Monahan, Al Beach, April Jirik, Lucy Johnson, Nan Christopherson, Ernie Stock, Maggie Lerud, 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 List, please call the Parish Office at 218-935-2503.

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 12

Please join us at St. Joseph's Church for a movie about St. Faustina. The Congregation of the Marians of the Immaculate Conception presents "DIVINE MERCY – NO ESCAPE." It is the hope of the Congregation of Marians at Eden Hill, Stockbridge, Massachusetts that many more people will find their way to God's Mercy.

Movie: 2:00 pm

Prayer of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy: 3:00 pm

Adoration: 3:00 – 4:00 pm

Lenten Liturgy and Hospitality Schedule
6:15 Mass or Stations followed by Soup Supper, Adult Enrichment, FF grades 7-11

March 11th – Mass at St. Joseph's
March 18th – Stations of the Cross at St. Joseph's
March 25th – Penance Service at 6:15 pm
(NO Soup Supper)
April 1st – Stations of the Cross at St. Michael's

Palm Braiding

You are all invited to Palm braiding class after the Palm Sunday Masses on ***March 29th***. Learn several unique styles of braiding from our local parishioners and a few guests. Braiding will be held after the morning Masses at both parishes. Hospitality will also be served. We look forward to seeing you there.



Mercy Novena
(begins April 3)

A novena is a nine-day prayer. The Divine Mercy Novena will be prayed again this year at the following times at St. Joseph's except for one night:



Good Friday, April 3: 3:00 pm (Day 1)

Holy Saturday, April 4: 8:30 am (Day 2)

Easter Sunday, April 5: 8:00 am (Day 3)

Mon-Tues, April 6-7: 7:00 pm (Days 4 and 5)

Wed, April 8: 6:45 pm (at St. Michael's) (Day 6)

Thurs-Fri, April 9-10: 7:00 pm (Days 7-8)

Sat, April 11: 8:30 am (Day 9)

(If you cannot come every day, please get a copy of the novena at Mass on Good Friday and pray the novena at home.)

Training for all Liturgical Ministers:

Jeff Wiegrefe, Liturgy Coordinator from St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Moorhead will be here for training of the Liturgical Ministers. This includes Sacristans, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Altar servers, Ushers and Commentators. All are encouraged to attend one of the following sessions. Food will be served.

April 11: 9-11 am at St. Joseph's

April 18: 9-11 am at St. Michael's

Journey with us to prepare for Easter

Take time to reflect and grow by listening to Real Presence Radio. Our local programming offers prayerful conversations, teachings, and stories that help you enter the season with intention.

Tune in on **98.3 FM / 1280 AM in Fargo** or listen online at **RealPresenceRadio.com**.

3rd Sunday of Lent

"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again."
JOHN 4:13

Jesus reminds us that material things, even something as basic as water, can never satisfy us over the long run. When we build our lives around material possessions we will always want more, and no amount will ever satisfy our desire. True joy and peace only come when we follow Jesus - when we become more "God-centered" and less "self-centered."

March 15, 2026
Fourth Sunday of Lent

Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a
Psalm 23:1-3a, 4-6
Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9,
13-17, 34-38

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"Putting the Pieces Together" Women's Lenten Retreat

All women are invited to attend the Women's Lenten Day Retreat "Putting the Pieces Together" on Saturday, March 14th held at St. Joseph's Church in Ada from 9:30 am-2:00 pm.

The guest speaker is Bobbi Mercil from Holy Rosary, Detroit Lakes. Just like putting the pieces of a puzzle together, we will spend time reflecting on how we attempt to put the pieces of our lives together on our own and the struggles that it can bring. But when we allow God to be the center of the puzzle, the pieces come together in ways that can bring more joy to our lives.

Please **register by March 11th** by calling/texting 218-784-8566 or e-mail adastjoseph@gmail.com. Lunch will be provided. This is for single, married, widowed and teenage women. Registration and a light breakfast begin at 9:00 am. Lunch is provided. A \$10.00 registration fee is requested.

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Annual Women's Wisdom Day
Saturday, April 18th at 10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon
St. Ann Church, Waubun

We invite the adult women of our local churches for an ecumenical morning of fun, fellowship, and reflection. This year's theme is "A Woman of Faith is a Gift from God". Our speaker Denise Bentley. The cost is \$12 for brunch prepared by Shirley. Seating is limited.

For reservations, please contact Carol Bettels, 473-2577, **no later than April 10th.**



St. Michael's School News

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**No School on Monday, March 9th
Teacher In-Service**



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Michael's School students
at 1:00 pm every Friday
during Lent for the
Stations of the Cross

Faith. Family. Future St. Michael's School Capital Campaign Update

St. Michael's School's Faith Family Future Endowment Campaign is still marching on...

At present, we have received in pledges and gifts, **\$2,775,000.00** from **340** donors. Of this amount **\$2,036,400.00** has been paid into our Endowment Fund. Over the last 12 months we have had an average return of **12% interest**, giving us an **Endowment fund balance of \$2,488,000.00!**

At present, we are letting the funds grow, not taking any of the interest earned to supplement our school budget. We still want to reach our \$3,000,000.00 goal, so if you haven't made a gift or pledge to this fund, or you want to raise your pledge, there is still time. When we reach it, we are going to celebrate! Thank you for all you do to support St. Michael's School financially and in prayer.

Tina Penner, Development Director

Retreat Opportunities For Middle-School and High School Youth

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.

Upcoming classes for Religious Formation for 3-10 grades:

Wednesday, March 11: 6:15 pm Mass/Soup and
Sandwich/Class (7:15 to 8:00 pm) at St. Joseph's

Wednesday, March 18: 6:15 pm Stations/Soup and
Sandwich/Class (7:15 to 8:00 pm) at St. Joseph's

Wednesday, March 25: 6:15 pm Penance Service
at St. Michael's (no soup supper)

Sunday, March 29th Attend Mass at either St. Joseph's
or St. Michael's and Palm braiding class after Mass.

Wednesday, April 1: 6:15 pm Stations/Soup and
Sandwich/Class (7:15 to 8:00 pm) at St. Michael's

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If you or someone you know has been the victim of sexual misconduct on the part of a priest, deacon, or individual representing the Diocese of Crookston, its parishes, or its schools, your first call should be to law enforcement. In addition, the diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator is available at 218-281-7895 (24-hour confidential number).

Sacraments

Baptisms: Please call the parish office for baptismal preparation, and to set a date for baptism.

Reconciliation: 4:30 pm Saturdays at St. Michael's - 8:00 am Sundays at St. Joseph's or anytime by appt. with the Pastor

Marriages: Congratulations! Please contact the parish office as soon as possible (ideally, at least six months in advance) so that we can work with you to prepare for your marriage.

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