

December 7, 2025



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December 7, 2025 – Second Sunday of Advent

Reform your lives, live in God's peace so that justice may flourish.

Welcome to Fr. Tom Feltman from the Fargo Diocese who is presiding over our weekend Masses at St. Michael's and St. Joseph's while Fr. Andrew is in Italy. Thank you, Fr. Feltman.

Also, **thank you to Fr. Chuck Huck** who is presiding over the Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8th, and also for our Thanksgiving Mass.

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is Monday, December 8th. On this feast day, the Church celebrates the dogma which holds that Mary, from the moment she was conceived, was kept free from original sin and filled with the sanctifying grace normally conferred during baptism so that she could give birth to Christ. The Immaculate Conception is the Patron Feast Day of the United States and a holy day of obligation this year. There will be Mass on Monday, December 8th at 8:30 am at St. Michael's Church.



Feast Of The
Immaculate Conception



Flower/Decorations Collection: This weekend, December 6th and 7th at all Masses, we will be taking up a collection for our annual Christmas Flowers/Decorations. An envelope is included in our packet of Stewardship Envelopes which was mailed home to all registered parishioners for each of our Parish Families. Please complete the section "In Memory/Honor of..." if you are giving your offering on behalf of someone. Thank you.

**Next weekend we will have a special collection for the
Retirement Fund for the Religious**

Advent Reconciliation: On Wednesday, December 17th, at 7:00 pm at St. St. Michael's Church, we shall have our Advent Parish Penance Service followed by individual confessions. There will be extra priests available to assist Fr. Andrew in administering the sacrament. You are all welcome to come and benefit from God's mercy and grace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation on December 17th. For other dates and times for Reconciliation, please see the Parish December Calendar and bulletin.

<p>Christmas Flower Collection</p> <p>Saturday 12/6/25</p> <p>Team 1</p>	<p><u>9:00 am First Saturday Devotions at St. Joseph's</u> <u>5:30 pm Mass at St. Michael's:</u> † Vi Buening by Jim Buening <u>Sacristan:</u> Bev Schoenborn <u>Servers:</u> Claire, Heath and Malynn Sather <u>Lector:</u> Lisa Larson <u>Commentator:</u> HELP NEEDED <u>Eucharistic Ministers:</u> Kathy Janisch, Joe Kaiser, HELP NEEDED <u>Ushers:</u> Don Eveslage, Don Kaiser, Gary Klinkhammer, Joe Kaiser <u>Cantor:</u> Askelson Family <u>Pianist:</u> Megan Askelson</p>
<p>Christmas Flower Collection</p> <p>Sunday 12/7/25</p> <p>Team 1</p> <p>Hospitality After Mass</p>	<p><u>8:00 am Reconciliation at St. Joseph's</u> <u>8:30 am Mass at St. Joseph's:</u> † Clarence Buschette by Rita Wolbeck <u>Server:</u> Norah Geray <u>Lector:</u> Vickie Anderson <u>Commentator:</u> Deb McNamee <u>Gifts:</u> Shelly Benson and Marlene Klinkhammer <u>Eucharistic Ministers:</u> Jeff Crandall, Rita Wolbeck, Joe Buresh, PauliAnn Neisen, JoAnn Kersting</p> <p><u>10:30 am Mass at St. Michael's:</u> † Frank Jirik by Sharon Litzau <u>Sacristan:</u> Fred Houdek <u>Servers:</u> HELP NEEDED <u>Lector:</u> Judy McCollum <u>Commentator:</u> HELP NEEDED <u>Eucharistic Ministers:</u> Judy McCollum, Fred Houdek, Karen Ahmann, HELP NEEDED <u>Ushers:</u> HELP NEEDED <u>Cantor:</u> Dave Kochmann, Evan Bruggeman, Any Choir Members <u>Pianist:</u> Gina Worms</p>
<p>Monday - 12/8/25</p> <p>Immaculate Conception</p>	<p><u>8:30 am Mass at St. Michael's w/students:</u> † Hedwig Liebl by Carol Liebl</p>
<p>Tuesday 12/9/25</p>	<p><u>8:30 am Communion Service at St. Michael's</u> <u>9:30 am Collection Counters:</u> Elmer Schoenborn and Karen Hanson <u>10:00 am Rosary at Mahnomen Senior Living:</u> Bev Schoenborn</p>
<p>Wednesday 12/10/25</p>	<p><u>No Mass at Mahnomen Living Center</u> <u>11:30 am St. Michael's School Christmas Meal</u> <u>1:30 pm St. Michael's School Play Dress Rehearsal</u> <u>2:00 pm Bulletin Folder:</u> Marlys Johnson <u>6:15-7:00 pm FF Class for Grades 3-8</u> <u>No FF Class for Grades 9 and 10</u></p>
<p>Thursday 12/11/25</p>	<p><u>No Mass at St. Michael's</u></p>
<p>Friday 12/12/25</p>	<p><u>No Mass at St. Michael's</u> <u>7:00 pm St. Michael's School Christmas Play</u></p>
<p>Collection for Retired Religious Fund</p> <p>Saturday - 12/13/25</p> <p>Team 2</p>	<p><u>5:30 pm Mass at St. Michael's:</u> For the Parishioners <u>Sacristan:</u> Joe Kaiser <u>Servers:</u> Thor, Aksel, Brea and Ivan Askelson <u>Lector:</u> Rita LaVoi <u>Commentator:</u> HELP NEEDED <u>Eucharistic Ministers:</u> Michael & Megan Askelson, Bob Spaeth, Nancy LaDoux, HELP NEEDED <u>Ushers:</u> Urban Jirik, Michael Askelson, HELP NEEDED <u>Cantor:</u> Lynn Buschette</p>
<p>Collection for Retired Religious Fund</p> <p>Sunday 12/14/25</p> <p>CLOW at Both Parishes</p> <p>Team 2</p>	<p><u>8:00 am Reconciliation at St. Joseph's</u> <u>8:30 am Mass at St. Joseph's:</u> † Ray Kaster by Rose Brunner <u>Server:</u> HELP NEEDED <u>Lector:</u> Joe Buresh <u>Commentator:</u> JoAnn Kersting <u>Gifts:</u> Doug and Yvonne Kersting <u>Eucharistic Ministers:</u> Doug and Yvonne Kersting, Joann Kersting, Jerome and Ann Schoenborn</p> <p><u>10:30 am Mass at St. Michael's:</u> † Mary Klinkhammer by Carol Liebl <u>Sacristan:</u> Mark Jirik <u>Servers:</u> Brandon Miller and Dakotah Littlewolf <u>Lector:</u> Mark Jirik <u>Commentator:</u> HELP NEEDED <u>Eucharistic Ministers:</u> Mark Jirik, Karen Hanson, Roger and Peggy Francis, HELP NEEDED <u>Ushers:</u> Ryan Ennen, Steve Worms, Mark Jirik, HELP NEEDED <u>Cantor:</u> Jill Bisek, Bridget Miller <u>Pianist:</u> Gina Worms</p>



Stewardship of Treasure
For The Week of November 30, 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	\$ 1830.00	\$ 761.00
Youth	\$ 7.00	\$
Plate	\$ 302.00	\$ 155.00
TOTAL	\$ 2139.00	\$ 916.00
 Year-to-date Totals (As of July 1, 2025)	 \$ 61,101.00	 \$ 27,942.00
Thanksgiving	\$ 1,146.00	\$ 30.00
Campaign-Human Development	\$ 20.00	
All Saint's Day	\$ 15.00	

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 14, 2025
Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10
Psalm 146:6-10
James 5:7-10
Matthew 11:2-11



Our sympathy and prayers are with the family of
Joleen "Jo" Beckman
who died Monday, December 1st at Sanford Health in Fargo
A Memorial Service was held on Friday, December 5th at Anderson Family Funeral Home. Burial was at St. Michael's Cemetery.

May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in Peace. Amen

December 7, 2025
2nd Sunday of Advent

"Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire." MATTHEW 3:10

Do you bear good fruit for Jesus? Do you spend time in prayer, or do you waste it with mindless activity? Do you use your talent to help others or are you too busy? Do you use your treasure to support the Church, or do you buy more things that go unused. Our time, talent, and treasure are gifts from God. What we do with these gifts is our gift back to Him. What gifts are you planning to give to the Lord during this upcoming Christmas season?

The "Sunday Mass Devotional"

on KRJM "Gold 101.5 FM" Radio
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After Mass
at St. Michael's
This Sunday





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

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Christmas Wreath Sale

24" Wreaths - \$28.00 each



There are 10 wreaths available and also pies
from our school pie sale.

Contact Tina at the School if you are
interested. 218-935-5222

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



Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)

December 14: St. Joseph's and St. Michael's

Online Evening Prayer with Young Adults

Young adults ages 18+ are invited to pray online
together with other young adults and School Sisters of
Notre Dame from across the U.S. and Canada on
Tuesday, December 16 at 7 p.m. CT.

(Please note this is a week earlier than usual due to
Christmas!) Learn more and register for the
Zoom link at ssnd.org/events/12-16-25/.

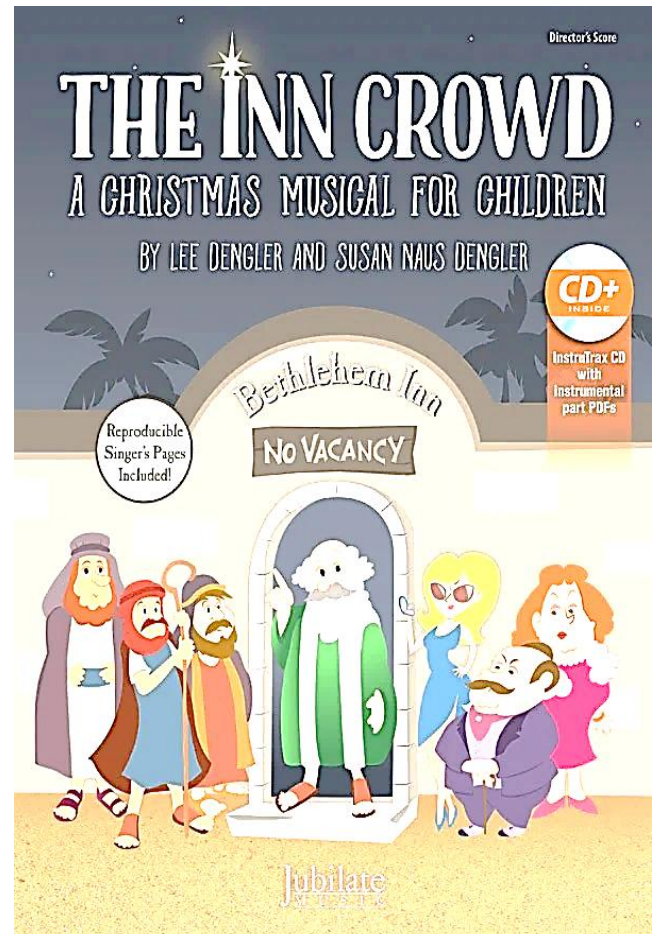
St. Michael's School Christmas Play

Friday, December 12, 2025

7:00 pm

St. Michael's Church

All are welcome for the Annual St.
Michael's School Christmas musical!
This year we present "The Inn Crowd", a
story about the travelers, shepherds and
people of Bethlehem who were present at
the Inn during the birth of Christ.





Gifts & Memorials Given

St. Michael's School

- † Joyce Klinkhammer by Keith and Rita LaVoi
† Dolores Ahmann by Keith and Rita LaVoi
† Dolores Ahmann by Allen & Cindy Zimmel
Donation by Kelly Markert

St. Michael's Capital Campaign

- † Dolores Ahmann by Bob and Diane Spaeth

St. Michael's Cemetery

- † Dick Andring by Peggy Noll
† Dolores Ahmann by Mike and Brenda Neisen

St. Michael's Church

- † Dolores Ahmann by Lloyd and Sandy Maydole
† Dolores Ahmann by Pat Collison
† Gary Litzau by Marlys Johnson
† Rena Bruggeman by Marlys Johnson
† Carol Liebl by Marlys Johnson
† Claire Cook by Marlys Johnson
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† Joyce Klinkhammer by Marlys Johnson
† Dick Andring by Marlys Johnson
† Tim Voss by Marlys Johnson
† Dolores Ahmann by Marlys Johnson
† Pat Schoenborn by Rhonda Pahlen – donated a
Christmas wreath from St. Michael's School
Wreath Sale to be hung at the church

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.

Pastoral Visitation: If you desire a home visit, communion for the homebound, or the Sacrament of the sick, please call the office at 935-2503.

We want to be part of your life.

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
Crookston

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.



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).



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