

December 1, 2024



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ST. MICHAEL'S & ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCHES MAHNOMEN, MINNESOTA



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First Sunday of Advent

We must be on guard for the Day which is to come when all will be fulfilled. As we await the coming of Christ, let us love one another, observing his covenant and decrees.

“What is Advent?” Beginning the Church's liturgical year, Advent (from, "*ad-venire*" in Latin or "to come to") is the season encompassing the four Sundays (and weekdays) leading up to the celebration of Christmas. The Advent season is a time of **preparation** that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and to the anniversary of Our Lord's birth on Christmas. From the earliest days of the Church, people have been fascinated by Jesus' promise to come back. But the scripture readings during Advent tell us not to waste our time with predictions. Advent is not about speculation. Our Advent readings call us to be alert and ready, not weighted down and distracted by the cares of this world (Lk 21:34-36). Like Lent, the liturgical color for Advent is purple since both are seasons that prepare us for great feast days. Advent also includes an element of penance in the sense of preparing, quieting, and disciplining our hearts for the full joy of Christmas. Advent devotions including the Advent wreath, remind us of the meaning of the season." [From USCCB]

Please see our December calendar for the dates and times for the Masses, the Rosary, and Reconciliation in our parishes to help you prepare spiritually for the birth of Jesus Christ. There are also some Advent Resources available in the Gathering Space (The Word Among Us and Living Faith). Help yourselves as needed.

Our Second Collection this weekend will be for the support of the ministry and work done in the Red Lake Nation through St. Mary's Mission and School. The school, founded in 1888, provides a quality pre-school-6th grade Catholic education in a safe and healthy environment where children are immersed in learning, surrounded by the strength of the community's faith. The parishes and parishioners of the Diocese of Crookston are the single largest and most consistent block of contributors to the well-being and stability of the Mission without which, this extraordinary school could not exist. This weekend before Mass we will watch the 2024 St. Mary's Mission Appeal video. You can also view the video at www.Crookston.org/smma and support the Mission by responding to the mail you receive in your homes. Thank you for your generosity.

Congratulations to the following students who will be celebrating their First Reconciliation on Wednesday, December 4th at 3:30 pm here at St. Michael's.

Cameron Jirik, Greyson LaFrinere, Lily Safar

<p>Saturday 11/30/24</p> <p>St. Mary's Mission Appeal</p> <p>Team 2 (Rotation)</p>	<p><u>4:30 pm Reconciliation at St. Michael's</u> <u>5:00 pm Mass at St. Michael's: For the Parishioners</u> Sacristan: Joe Kaiser Servers: Thor, Aksel, Brea and Ivan Askelson Lector: Rita LaVoi Commentator: HELP NEEDED Eucharistic Ministers: Urban Jirik, Bob Spaeth, Nancy LaDoux, Michael Askelson Ushers: Urban Jirik, HELP NEEDED Cantor: Dave Kochmann, Evan Bruggeman, Keith Francis Pianist: HELP NEEDED</p>
<p>Sunday 12/1/24</p> <p>St. Mary's Mission Appeal</p> <p>Team 1</p> <p>Hospitality After Mass At St. Michael's</p>	<p><u>8:00 am Reconciliation at St. Joseph's</u> <u>8:30 am Mass at St. Joseph's: † Otto Crandall</u> by Evelyn Crandall Server: Wyatt Geray Lector: Joe Buresh Commentator: Rita Wolbeck Gifts: Ted and JoAnn Kersting Eucharistic Ministers: Cletus Geray, Rita Wolbeck, PauliAnn Neisen, Joe Buresh, Dan McNamee</p> <p><u>10:30 am Mass at St. Michael's: † Vi Geray Beuning</u> by Al Tschida Sacristan: Fred Houdek Servers: HELP NEEDED Lector: Judy McCollum Commentator: HELP NEEDED Eucharistic Ministers: Judy McCollum, Fred Houdek, Karen Ahmann, Jason and Tina Starkey Ushers: HELP NEEDED Cantor: Askelson Family Pianist: Megan Askelson</p>
<p>Monday - 12/2/24</p>	<p><u>No Mass</u></p>
<p>Tuesday 12/3/24</p>	<p><u>8:30 am Mass at St. Michael's: † Vi Beuning</u> by Jim Beuning <u>9:30 am Collection Counters:</u> Victor and Doris Eiyneck <u>10:00 am Catholic Daughters Rosary at Mahnomen Senior Living:</u> <u>5:30 pm Catholic Daughters Christmas Party</u> <u>7:00 pm St. Michael's Parish Council</u></p>
<p>Wednesday 12/4/24</p>	<p><u>10:00 am Mass at Mahnomen Senior Living: † Andrew & † Beryl Wambach</u> by Bruce & Beth Slette <u>3:30 pm First Reconciliation at St. Michael's</u> <u>6:00 pm Faith Formation Meal Gr 7-11</u> <u>6:30 pm Faith Formation Classes Gr 7-11</u></p>
<p>Thursday 12/5/24</p>	<p><u>2:00 pm Bulletin Folders:</u> Patti Vizenor <u>5:30 pm Mass at St. Michael's: † All Deceased Eveslage Family</u> by Marina Bruggeman <u>6:00 pm Reconciliation</u></p>
<p>Friday 12/6/24</p>	<p><u>8:30 am Mass at St. Michael's: † Glenn Hanson</u> by Karen Hanson <u>9:00 am Eucharistic Adoration</u> <u>10:00 am Benediction</u></p>
<p>Saturday 12/7/24</p> <p>Collection for Retired Religious Fund</p> <p>Team 1</p>	<p><u>9:00 am First Saturday Devotions</u> <u>4:30 pm Reconciliation at St. Michael's</u> <u>5:00 pm Mass at St. Michael's: For the Parishioners</u> Sacristan: Juanita Zimmerman Servers: Claire, Heath and Malynn Sather Lector: Dave Zimmerman Commentator: Juanita Zimmerman Eucharistic Ministers: Kathy Janisch, Dave Zimmerman, HELP NEEDED Ushers: Don Eveslage, Don Kaiser, Gary Klinkhammer, HELP NEEDED Cantor: Tina Penner</p>
<p>Sunday 12/8/24</p> <p>Collection for Retired Religious Fund</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: † Jerry Winkler</u> by Mary, Kenny, Chris, McCayla and Justin Server: Norah Geray Lector: Kathy Haider Commentator: JoAnn Kersting Gifts: Dan and Deb McNamee Eucharistic Ministers: Ann and Jerome Schoenborn, Jim Krajsa, Gletus Geray, Deb McNamee</p> <p><u>10:30 am Mass at St. Michael's: † Dick Noll</u> by Dick's Family Sacristan: John Darco Servers: Brandon Miller and Dakotah Littlewolf Lector: John Darco Commentator: Peggy Darco Eucharistic Ministers: John and Peggy Darco, Karen Hanson, Roger and Peggy Francis Ushers: Ryan Ennen, Steve Worms, HELP NEEDED Cantor: Jill Bisek Pianist: Gina Worms</p>



Stewardship of Treasure

For The Week of
November 24, 2024

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	\$ 2285.00	\$ 1486.00
Youth		
Plate	\$ 339.00	\$ 438.00
TOTAL	\$ 2624.00	\$ 1924.00
Campaign for Human Dev	\$ 366.00	\$ 420.00

The Catholic Daughters
Ecumenical Christmas Party

will be held on Tuesday, December 3, 2024 beginning at 5:30 pm in St. Michael's Church Basement.

You can bring a guest, your favorite potluck item to share and if you so wish, an exchange gift with a \$10-15 value. Beverages will be provided.

Holiday of Hope Open House

All are invited to a Holiday of Hope Open House at the Anderson Family Funeral Homes.

Sunday, December 8, 2024

Twin Valley from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm
Mahnomen 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm.

Everyone is welcome to enjoy holiday refreshments while gathering information on simple, creative, and empowering ways to manage the holiday season when you are missing someone special. Personalized ornaments will be given to every family we have served this year as well as a variety of resources.

Please call our offices in Twin Valley at 218-584-5166 or in Mahnomen at 218-935-9000 for more information.

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

We Especially Remember:

JoAnn Revier, Irene Neisen, Amanda Bray, Connie Bruggeman, Ann Schoenborn, Laura Andring, Marlene Klinkhammer, Norene Kersting, Gabe Brisbois, Nan Christopherson, Ernie Stock, Jade (Liebl) Fritz, Maggie Lerud, Earl Schlick, Brittany Hinks, Vickie Oberkramer, Betty Schoenborn, Joe Thompson, Josh Laughery, Mary Jirik, Joyce Sponskowski, Lily Thronson, Beck Gieseke, Joyce Klinkhammer, Alan Beach, John Stall, Nick Buck, Colleen Borgrud, Sue Backes, Christie Haverkamp, Cole Houska, Sonya Hanson, Sue Voit, Nina Fischer, Allan Neisen

And all recipients of the Catholic Daughter Prayer Blankets.

To add to or remove someone from our Parish Prayer Chain, please call the Parish Office (218-935-2503)

Gifts & Memorials Given



St. Michael's School

- † Butch Klinkhammer by Bob and Diane Spaeth
- † Melvin Haider by Debra Hand
- † Melvin Haider by Dean and Diane Omberg
- † Melvin Haider by Eunice Bellanger
- † Melvin Haider by Karen Hanson
- † Melvin Haider by Melvin Haider Family

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- † Melvin Haider by Pat Collison

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- † Jerry Winkler by Mike and Brenda Neisen
- † Jerry Winkler by Steve and Kathy Haider
- Donation by Carol Geray
- Donation by Helen Spaeth
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St. Joseph's Church

- † Jerry Winkler by Bob and Diane Spaeth



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 Calendar Winner of \$50.00

Diane Schultz - Cambridge MN

Pie Sale



Thank you to everyone who came out to help with the St. Michael's School Pie Sale! Thank you to all of the school parents and parishioners who worked Friday night, Saturday and Sunday. Thank you to everyone who peeled apples, cut rhubarb, sold pies, mixed and rolled dough, filled, baked and

boxed pies, and the clean-up crew. Also, thank you to Joe Swiers for the use of his trailers for the pie and wreath sale. **You were Amazing!**

We made a total of 760 pies: 318 pumpkin, 234 apple, and 208 strawberry/rhubarb. Pies sold for \$12.00 each for a total of \$9,120.00. Preliminary expenses total \$2,740.48 for a total profit of \$6,379.52.

We would like to send a huge St. Michael's School "Thank You!" to the anonymous donor who covered the expenses of the dough rolling machine purchased this year. It made a world of difference.

St. Michael's School purchased pies to give: 3 pies to Stan Gunderson in appreciation for donating parking lot snow removal; 3 pies to the Sisters of Mount Saint Benedict for their Thanksgiving meal; and 11 pies to the Mahnommen Nursing Home for their Thanksgiving meal.

We give thanks for all of you!

December 1, 2024

1st Sunday of Advent

"But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." (LUKE 21:28)

We celebrate Advent each year in preparation for the birth of Jesus, His first coming, as we await His second coming. What will you do differently this Advent season to grow in friendship and love with Jesus? How will you inspire others to do the same? Start by sharing your God story with others, especially those that are closest to you. Invite and accompany them on their faith journey this Advent.

Belated Happy Birthday to Virgie Neisen who turned "100" on November 23rd.

December 8, 2024

Second Sunday of Advent

Baruch 5:1-9

Psalm 126:1-6

Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11

Luke 3:1-6

Motorcycle Raffle

Congratulations to:

1st Place Winner (Motorcycle)
Megan Askelson of Waubun, MN

2nd Place Winner (\$2,500 Cash)
Jason Brevik of Williston, ND

3rd Place Winner (Scooter)
Evan Lindblom of Greendale, WI

A total of 163 tickets were sold for a profit of \$16,300 less the \$2,500 cash prize. \$13,800 will be deposited into the Faith Family Future Capital Campaign Endowment Fund.

Thank you to Dave and Marilyn Bauer for the donation of the motorcycle.

HELP NEEDED

We are in need of immediate help with snow removal (snow blowing) for St. Michael's School and St. Michael's Church. Loren is physically unable to do snow removal at this time and most likely throughout the winter.

Snow removal needs to be started between 6:00-6:30 am on school days and Mass days and takes a couple hours to complete. Compensation will be provided.

Snow Removal Duties Include: Use of Parish Lawn Tractor

School: Blow snow and brush sidewalks around school, sidewalk in front of school parking lot and sidewalk from Jefferson Avenue north 1 block. Blow snow off basketball court and garage driveway. Shovel steps at East and West doors. Salt steps and sidewalks if needed.

Church: Blow snow and brush sidewalks around Church and Parish Office. Blow snow off Fr. Andrew's driveway. Shovel steps at the Parish Office. Salt steps and sidewalks if needed.

Please let the school office or parish office know if you are able to help us out.

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 935-5115.

We want to be part of your life.

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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