

January 11, 2026



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



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New Office Hours: Tuesday through Thursday 8:30am-3:00pm  
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### January 11, 2026 – The Baptism of the Lord

Jesus is the beloved Son of the Father. He is the light of the nations and Lord of all creation. To him be all glory and praise

**The Baptism of the Lord** on January 11<sup>th</sup> concludes the Christmas Season. Let us celebrate the whole Christmas Season with a growing Faith, Hope and Love. Let us give God "glory" and thank God for the coming of Jesus Christ the Lord, Emmanuel – God with us!



**End of Year Fundraising Appeal Update** Thank you to everyone who has so far contributed to our end-of-year fundraising appeal to replace the parish hall carpet. **As of January 7, 2026, we have so far received \$7,415 of our goal of \$34,000 (21.8%).** Thank you very much for generously supporting this project because the parish hall is an essential space for our church and school activities. If you are still considering donating, please use the envelope you received in the mail, drop it in the collection basket any weekend, or mail it back to the parish office. There are also some envelopes at the gathering space of the church. You can also donate online at [www.stmichaelmahnomen.org](http://www.stmichaelmahnomen.org) and click the GIVE Button, in the drop-down menu, then select Parish Hall Project. May God bless you abundantly and happy new year.

**Our Second Collection Next Weekend** will be the annual collection to support the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa. Although the Church in Africa is growing, many still lack access to basic resources and pastoral care. The Solidarity Fund supports pastoral projects to build the capacity of the Church and foster lasting peace and reconciliation across a continent often marked by division and tension. To learn more, visit [www.usccb.org/africa](http://www.usccb.org/africa). Thank you for your generosity.

### 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.**

Saturday 1/10/26  Team 2	<p><b>4:30 pm Reconciliation at St. Michael's</b></p> <p><b>5:00 pm Mass at St. Michael's:</b> † Betty Thompson by Dave &amp; Nicole Thompson Family</p> <p><u>Sacristan:</u> Joe Kaiser      <u>Servers:</u> Thor, Aksel, Brea and Ivan Askelson</p> <p><u>Lector:</u> Rita LaVoi      <u>Commentator:</u> HELP NEEDED</p> <p><u>Eucharistic Ministers:</u> Michael &amp; Megan Askelson, Bob Spaeth, Nancy LaDoux, HELP NEEDED</p> <p><u>Ushers:</u> Urban Jirik, Michael Askelson, HELP NEEDED</p> <p><u>Cantor:</u> Dave Kochmann, Evan Bruggeman      <u>Pianist:</u> HELP NEEDED</p>
Baptism of The Lord  Sunday 1/11/26  Team 2	<p><b>8:00 am Reconciliation at St. Joseph's</b></p> <p><b>8:30 am Mass at St. Joseph's:</b> For the Parishioners</p> <p><u>Server:</u> Norah Geray</p> <p><u>Lector:</u> Cletus Geray      <u>Commentator:</u> Vickie Anderson</p> <p><u>Gifts:</u> Cletus and Shane Geray, Jeanette Bray</p> <p><u>Eucharistic Ministers:</u> Dan and Deb McNamee, Doug and Yvonne Kersting, JoAnn Kersting</p> <p><b>10:30 am Mass at St. Michael's:</b> † Carol Liebl by Her Family</p> <p><u>Sacristan:</u> Mark Jirik      <u>Servers:</u> Brandon Miller and Dakotah Littlewolf</p> <p><u>Lector:</u> Mark Jirik</p> <p><u>Commentator:</u> Char Spaeth</p> <p><u>Eucharistic Ministers:</u> Mark Jirik, Karen Hanson, Roger and Peggy Francis, HELP NEEDED</p> <p><u>Ushers:</u> Ryan Ennen, Steve Worms, Mark Jirik, HELP NEEDED</p> <p><u>Cantor:</u> Char Spaeth      <u>Pianist:</u> Gina Worms</p>
Monday - 1/12/26	<p><b>No Mass</b></p>
Tuesday 1/13/26	<p><b>8:30 am Mass at St. Michael's:</b> † Carol Liebl by Her Family</p> <p><b>9:30 am Collection Counters:</b> Elmer Schoenborn and Karen Hanson</p> <p><b>3:15 pm Staff Meeting</b></p> <p><b>6:00 pm Advancement Committee Meeting</b></p>
Wednesday 1/14/26	<p><b>10:00 am Mass at Mahnomen Senior Living:</b> For the Parishioners</p> <p><b>6:15-7:00 pm Grades 3-8 Faith Formation Class</b></p> <p><b>7:00-8:15 pm Grades 9 and 10 Faith Formation Class</b></p>
Thursday 1/15/26	<p><b>2:00 pm Bulletin Folder:</b> Eunice Bellanger</p> <p><b>5:30 pm Mass at St. Michael's:</b> For the Parishioners</p> <p><b>6:00 pm Reconciliation</b></p>
Friday 1/16/26	<p><b>8:30 am Mass at St. Michael's:</b> † Urban Neisen by Rita Neisen</p> <p><b>No School</b></p>
Church in Africa Collection  Saturday 1/17/26  Team 3	<p><b>4:30 pm Reconciliation at St. Michael's</b></p> <p><b>5:00 pm Mass at St. Michael's:</b> † Urban Neisen by Rita Neisen</p> <p><u>Sacristan:</u> Tim (Too Tall) Spaeth      <u>Servers:</u> HELP NEEDED</p> <p><u>Lector:</u> Lisa Larson      <u>Commentator:</u> Char Spaeth</p> <p><u>Eucharistic Ministers:</u> Lisa Larson, Marlys Johnson, Tim and Char Spaeth, HELP NEEDED</p> <p><u>Ushers:</u> Don Eveslage, Don Kaiser, Roger Francis, Brian Klinkhammer</p> <p><u>Cantor:</u> Lynn Buschette</p>
Church in Africa Collection  Sunday 1/18/26  Team 3  CLOW in Both Parishes	<p><b>8:00 am Reconciliation at St. Joseph's</b></p> <p><b>8:30 am Mass at St. Joseph's:</b> For the Parishioners</p> <p><u>Server:</u> HELP NEEDED</p> <p><u>Lector:</u> Deb McNamee      <u>Commentator:</u> Joe Buresh</p> <p><u>Gifts:</u> Rita Wolbeck and Shirley Sweep</p> <p><u>Eucharistic Ministers:</u> Jerome and Ann Schoenborn, Yvonne Kersting, Cletus Geray, Rita Wolbeck</p> <p><b>10:30 am Mass at St. Michael's:</b> † Betty Thompson by Dave &amp; Nicole Thompson Family</p> <p><u>Sacristan:</u> Joe Dewey      <u>Servers:</u> HELP NEEDED</p> <p><u>Lector:</u> HELP NEEDED      <u>Commentator:</u> HELP NEEDED</p> <p><u>Eucharistic Ministers:</u> Joe Dewey, HELP NEEDED</p> <p><u>Ushers:</u> Dan Schoenborn, HELP NEEDED</p> <p><u>Cantor:</u> Jill Bisek      <u>Pianist:</u> Gina Worms</p>



Stewardship of Treasure  
For The Week of January 4, 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	\$ 21,179.00	\$ 1765.00
Youth	\$ 3.00	\$ 6.00
Plate	\$ 334.00	\$ 30.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 24,513.00</b>	<b>\$ 1801.00</b>
<b>Year-to-date Totals</b> (As of July 1, 2025)	<b>\$ 94,363.00</b>	<b>\$ 34,189.00</b>
Thanksgiving		\$ 10.00
Retired Religious	\$ 100.00	\$
Christmas	\$ 150.00	\$ 525.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 485.00	\$ 225.00

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

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*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.

**The “Sunday Mass Devotional”**

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**Violet Kochmann**  
will be celebrating her  
**100<sup>th</sup> birthday.**

An Open House to  
celebrate with her will be  
on Saturday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 1:00-3:00 pm at

the Mahnomen Senior Living  
(Former Assisted Living).

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No gifts or cards necessary -  
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**Gifts & Memorials Given**

**St. Michael's School**

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† Jayne Thompson by Bob and Diane Spaeth  
† Jayne Thompson by Karen Hanson  
† Jayne Thompson by Dan and Lisa Schoenborn  
† Jayne Thompson by Ray Bisek  
† Jayne Thompson by Eunice Bellanger  
† Jayne Thompson by Keith and Rita LaVoi

**St. Michael's Cemetery**

† Jayne Thompson by Ron and Jane Kemper  
† Joleen Beckman by Ron and Jane Kemper

**January 18, 2026**

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-10

Corinthians 1:1-3

John 1:29-34

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Website: [www.stmichaelschool.org](http://www.stmichaelschool.org)

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

**Cheryl Hendrickson, Fosston**

### No School

Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup> - Teacher Work Day

Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup> - Teacher In-Service

### **Faith Formation Classes for grades 3-10**

**Wednesday - January 14, 21, 28**

3<sup>rd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade: 6:15 - 7:00 pm

9<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> grade: 7:00 - 8:15 pm



### 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!

#### 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](http://www.crookston.org/reasonforhope)

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

#### **March for Life**

Saturday, January 24, 2026

12:00 Noon

Beltrami County Courthouse

### Retreat Opportunities For Middle-School and High School Youth

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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