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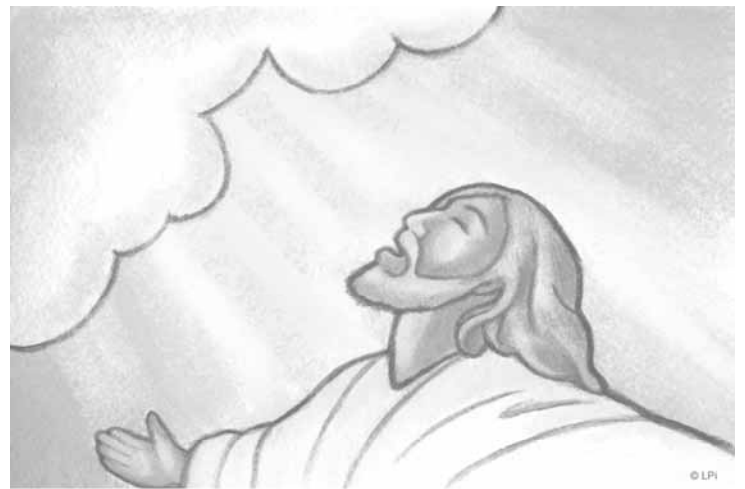
OUR MISSION STATEMENT

For over a century, the Catholic faith community of St. Michael has made a committed effort to nurture and spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ in our everyday lives. We promote our individual faith by word and sacrament and receive fulfillment through church celebration, faith gatherings, and the giving of our time and talents. During continued growth and change, we see the strength of our parish through the involvement of our members from Baptism through life. With the power of the Holy Spirit, we are then dedicated through our faith to reach out to all of God's People.



Readings for
March 19
Third Sunday of
Lent

Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3,
7-8, 12-17
1 Cor 1:22-25
Jn 2:13-25
Scrutinies (Cycle A)
Ex 17:3-7
Rom 5:1-2, 5-8
Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15,
19b-26, 39a, 40-42



Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; then from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them.

- Mk 9:7-8

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday Vigil - 5:00 pm

Sunday - 8:30 & 10:30 am & 6:00 pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturday at 3:45 pm Tuesday 6:00 pm - 6:45 pm

BAPTISM: Call Deacon Don Becker @ 763-428-2386

MARRIAGE: Call the Parish Center for information

NEW PARISHIONERS: Welcome! Please call the Parish Office at 497-2745 to register.

PARISH COUNCIL: Mona Kramer, Chair; Tom Durant, Vice-Chair; Brian Bruner, Secretary; Karen Drimel, Don Legatt, Randy McCabe, Tony Wolf, Mike Nevin & Brenda Stepp



Here is a short meditation from the Magnificent; written by Monsignor Hugh Benson. He reminds us that Christ draws us to Himself through His "beaten humanity" and not just His divinity.

Transfiguration Grace

See how full are the Gospels of this desire of Jesus Christ! There were indeed splendid moments when the God within the humanity blazed out in glory - moments when the very garments that he wore burned radiant in his divinity: there were moments of divine energy when blind eyes opened through creative to created light, when ears deaf to earthly noises heard the divine voice, when the dead burst their graves to look on him who had first given and then restored their life. And there were august and terrible moments when God went apart with God into the wilderness or the garden, when God cried through the lips of desolated humanity, "Why have you forsaken me?" But for the most part it is of his humanity that the Gospels tell us; a humanity that cried to its kind - a humanity not only tempted but also, as it were, specialized in all points like as we are. "Now Jesus loved Martha, and her sister Mary, and Lazarus." "Jesus, looking upon him, loved him" - loved him it seems with an emotion distinguished from that of the divine love that loves all things that it has made; loved him for the ideal which he in particular might yet accomplish, more than for the fact that he merely existed as did others of his kind - loved him as I love my own friend, and as he loves me.

It is these moments, probably, above all others, that have endeared Jesus Christ to humanity - moments in which he displayed himself as truly one of us. It is when he is "lifted up" - not in the glory of triumphant divinity, but in the shame of beaten humanity, that he draws us to himself.

Monsignor Robert Hugh Benson

Monsignor Benson († 1914) was a British convert to Catholicism who is best known for his novels about the faith.

****All Friday 7:45 am masses will be at the Historic Church during the school year****

TEMPORARY DAILY MASS CHANGE

Daily mass will be held at the Historic Church on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday of this week only. The Friday daily mass will still be at the Historic Church as usual.



March 13 - March 19

Monday	7:30 am	† Ray Berning	*Historic Church
Tuesday	7:00 pm	† Keith Elkie	
Wednesday	7:30 am	Rita Pepin	*Historic Church
Thursday	7:30 am	† Stella Kilian	*Historic Church
Friday	7:45 am	†† Mike & Joe Pettit	
Saturday	8:00 am	† Harold Jacobson	
	5:00 pm	Marie Anderson	
Sunday	8:30 am	Anniversary of Eldon & LeAnne	
		† Noah Martin & Family	
	10:30 am	† Bobby Rolsing	
	6:00 pm	Parishioners	



HEAVEN ON EARTH CAMPAIGN

To date our totals are:

\$4,270,288.00	pledged
\$3,771,234.91	collected
\$ N/A	last week

Contributions to Memorial List:

\$790,052.83

Preservation—amt collected:	\$139,050.79
Preservation—amt pledged:	\$ 63,750.00
Dimes for Chimes:	\$ 28,425.09

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Weekend	\$N/A
Kids Envelopes.....	N/A
ACH	N/A
Plate	N/A
Fuel.....	N/A
Total	\$N/A

Finance Corner

"the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patient endurance, kindness, generosity, faith, mildness and chastity."
Gal 5: 22-23

During the Lenten season let us be mindful of the fruits of the spirit.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY



Sunday, March 12

Morning Sunday School
 All Day Christ Renews His Parish (Women's Retreat)
 3:00 pm ECFL (Parish Center)

Monday, March 13

7:00 pm REYAC Meeting (Sunroom)
 7:00 pm RCIA (Gathering Space)
 Evening RE Classes

Tuesday, March 14

7:30 pm Finance Committee Meeting (Gathering Space)

Wednesday, March 15

Afternoon/Evening RE Classes
 Afternoon Children's Choir

Thursday, March 16

7:00 pm Liturgy Committee Meeting (Sunroom)
 7:00 pm Bible Study (Gathering Space)

Friday, March 17

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross (Historic Church)

Saturday, March 18

4:30 pm Spring "Fun"-Raiser Chicken Dinner
 (Gathering Space)

Sunday, March 19

Morning Sunday School
 1:00 pm Spring "Fun"-Raiser Turkey & Ham Bingo
 (Parish School Cafeteria)
 3:00 pm ECFL (Parish Center)

Saturday, March 18

5:00 pm - Joseph

Sunday, March 19

8:30 am - Adult Choir
 10:30 am - Joseph & Patti Drury
 6:00 pm - Christian Pop Group



Omelet Breakfast

An omelet breakfast benefit for Jeremy Frenz Hanson (son of Becky Hanson, primary teacher at Hanover Elementary) is taking place on Sunday, March 12th, 9.a.m. – 1 p.m. at Hanover City Hall, 11250 5th Street NE, Hanover. The omelet breakfast costs \$6.00 per adult/\$3.00 per child and includes made to order omelets, hash browns, sausage, toast and juice/coffee. Proceeds from this event will help defray medical costs for Jeremy who suffers from a rare condition most closely identified as Jarcho-Levin syndrome. It is a birth defect that affects his bone growth, most specifically to his chest area.

I am resigning from my position as administrator at St. Michael Catholic Church as of the end of February for personal, family and health reasons.

Thank you for your support over the past years.

Jim

Thank you Fr. Michael, Fr. Rudolph, Deacons Maynard and Don, and Barb Olson for their visits and prayers. I want to thank my family and friends for their prayers, visits, many get well cards, flowers and food brought to our home.

God bless all of you!

Tish Dick

Spring Fun-raiser....March 18-19

Please plan to join us for Chicken dinner **Saturday, March 18 4:30-7:30 pm**. Dinner with all the fixin's Adults \$8.00 and Children (4-11) \$5.00. Picture taking with Karen Weber Photography during dinner or while you wait. **Raffles and Bake Sale Saturday and Sunday. Ham and Turkey BINGO Sunday, March 19 1-4 pm** in the Catholic School cafeteria. Raffle drawings at 4 pm. Grand Prize \$1000!!! Turn in your tickets.

Bakers needed:

For the all-parish bake sale Saturday, March 18-19. Please share your favorite family recipes with the rest of your church community. We will price your baked goods. Just drop them off Saturday, March 18 in the Gathering Space or before AM masses on Sunday, March 19.

WORKERS still needed:

Please call the Spring Chair people ASAP Groups 4, 5, & 7 or anyone who can help. Chicken Dinner....Steve Long 497-2681
 Bingo....Linda Borchardt 497-3591 or 497-7817
 Raffle....Carol Reis 497-4278
 Bake Sale....Joan Barthel 497-2127

St. Michael Foundation Spring Dance

The St. Michael Foundation will be holding their annual Spring Dinner & Dance Fundraiser on Saturday, March 18, 2006 at the Albertville Parish Center. Social hour begins at 6:30, a chicken dinner catered by Russell's starts at 7:00, followed by a dance from 8:00 – 11:00 with music by the Blazers. This will be a fun evening, so bring your family and friends and help support developmentally disabled people from your community. Some of the activities your donations make possible for these people are community outings such as camping, bowling, fishing, dancing, mini golfing and many educational programs. Thanks to your support, the St Michael Foundation is celebrating more than 20 years of "People Helping People".

Please continue to keep our Service Men and Women in your prayers: Parishioners John Jackson, Sr., Nick Rice and relatives of parishioners: Ben Anderson, Blake Meyer, Lance Meyer, Kyle Lindemer, Andrew Cellini, Jesse Borchart, Joshua Hensel and Jacob Frenz

Please also remember the following people in your prayers:

Joe Murray	Janice Kasper	Joe Jirsa
Mary Alice Zachman	Janine Swanson	Lorena Zachman
Susie Pundt	Ellen Bible	Timothy Peterson
Duane Eggert	Danny Trobaugh	Ralph Tholl
Ellen Lefebvre	Rita Pepin	Nicholas Walters
Florence Weber	Audrey Morrell	Roger Bloms
Isabelle Dayon	Kathleen Webskowski	Janet Paulsen
Kevin Tice	Don Kasper	Al Kunkel
Brian Mingo	Gordy Schumm	Lanora Barthel
Robbie Fryer	Rose Hackenmueller	Carter Botz
Harold Graczyk	Cami FreemanWaaq	Tish Dick
Bridget O'Donnell	Betty Bermel	Ken Eull
Shirley Dvorak	Sally Ronning	Roger Sirois
Steve Beauchemin	Isabelle Barthel	Sarah Condon
Adam Webskowski	Michel Maske	Kalee Condon
Lester Behncke	Ralph Rattray	Ruth Cornell
Garry Roehl	Bernice Lenneman	
Nicole Wojciechowski	Richard Kammerer	
John Hedlund	David Kammerer	
Elda Warne	Mike Cummings	

Also please lift up in prayer our RCIA catechumens and candidates who are preparing to receive the sacraments of baptism, confirmation and Eucharist, and entrance into the full communion of the Catholic Church. (Their photos and names are on a poster in the gathering space.)

Baptism Class Change

Baptism class will be held on **Thursday, April 6th** at 7:00 pm in the Sunroom.

Hospitality Weekend

There will **not** be cookies and/or rolls after the masses next week in lieu of the Spring Fundraiser.

Attn: Extraordinary Ministers of Communion (including Homebound and weekday Ministers)

The Archdiocese requires that Extraordinary Ministers (including Homebound Ministers) be commissioned every three years in order to continue serving in this ministry for our parish. A letter has been sent to those ministers who need to be re-commissioned this year. If you think it has been 3 years or more since you have been commissioned and did not receive a letter, please contact Cindy at the parish center ASAP.

Curious Catholics

1 Corinthians 14:34-35 states that it is disgraceful for women to speak in church. Why is this and why don't we follow it today?

It is unlikely that St. Paul, who wrote these words under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, meant that women should have no vocal role at all in church. For example, elsewhere he refers to women prophesying in church (1 Corinthians 11:5) and to them teaching other women (Titus 2:4). St. Paul also upheld the equal dignity and worth of men and women when he wrote that "there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus" (Galatians 3:28). At the same time, equal dignity and worth does not mean identity of roles. St. Paul probably meant that women were not supposed to have a public teaching role at Mass, in other words, give the homily. This is still the practice of the Church. Because Christ chose only men to be the first priests (the apostles), the Church has always ordained men and not women to be priests and deacons, and only priests and deacons are authorized to give homilies at Mass. At the same time, women have had many important positions in the Church, many influential saints have been women and most employees of parishes in this country are women. Another possibility is that St. Paul was addressing a situation in the church in Corinth in which some women were causing a distraction by talking out loud to their husbands during Mass. – Fr. Rudolph

Towards The Triumphant Cross Revitalize Your Lent!

A retreat morning will be offered on Saturday, April 1 (No Joke!) in the basement of the Historic Church from 9 - 11:30 am. Join us as we reflect on lent and prepare ourselves for the Triumphant Cross. This morning of reflection will be hosted by Rod Allers, a seminarian studying at the St. Paul Seminary. Space is limited. Reserve your spot now by calling the Parish Office at 763-497-2745.

Attn: Liturgical Ministers

*You're invited to a Lenten Morning of Reflection on the Liturgy of the Word with Archbishop Harry J Flynn on **Saturday March 18, 2006 from 9:30 -11:30 am at the Nativity of Our Lord in St Paul.** This morning of reflection will be especially helpful to **Readers and Cantors** to deepen their understanding of their service to our church. *Pre-registration is required. To sign up or for more information, please contact Cindy at the parish center by **March 13.****

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

If you are not aware of what Adoration is or have questions regarding this beautiful time of prayer and reflection please contact one of the listed coordinators below. You can sign up for any hour that fits your schedule, Sunday 7:00 pm through Friday 11:00 pm. We have a particular need, currently, to fill or support the prayer partners on the following hours:

<u>Day</u>	<u>Hour</u>	<u>Contact</u>	
Monday	1:00AM	Mike Nevin	497-1326
Monday	2:00AM		
Wednesday	12:00AM		
Friday	12:00AM		
Friday	2:00AM		
Thursday	8:00AM	Audrey Welter	497-2255
Thursday	10:00AM		
Thursday	11:00AM		
Friday	10:00AM		
Tuesday	7:00PM	Bonnie Webb	420-9398
Friday	7:00PM		
Friday	8:00PM		

If you would prefer to have an afternoon hour (12:00 pm - 5:00 pm), please contact Arlene Hanly at 763-497-4169.

**St. Michael Council of Catholic Women
Spring Salad Luncheon**

Saturday, April 1, 2006. 12:00 pm at St. Michael Catholic Church. More information to follow next week.

ATTENTION ALL MARRIED COUPLES

You are invited to an evening out with your spouse! Saturday evening April 1st in the gathering space at St. Michael's Church. The evening will begin with a social hour at 6:30 pm with dinner at 7 pm. The theme is "Keep Your Heart in Your Marriage." The evening will include a catered sit-down dinner and special guest speaker Jennifer Silvera. Her husband was killed in September 2005 and her words of love, loss and courage are sure to inspire every married couple. We will end with a marriage blessing and renewal of vows. The cost of a ticket is \$35 per couple. Tickets are limited to the first 50 couples and must be purchased before the event. For ticket information call Cindy Rohr (763)428-3446 or mail your check to: Cindy Rohr 22141 138th Ave N. Rogers, 55374. Checks made payable to St. Michael Catholic Church. Please write "Cana Dinner" on the memo line.

Do you have an used truck you would like to donate?

St. Michael Catholic Church is looking for a used truck. If you have a truck you would like to donate, please call the Parish Office at 763-497-2745.

Upcoming Parish Elections

Open Positions:

- 3 Education Advisory Committee Positions
- 3 Parish Council Positions
- 4 Religious Education Youth Advisory Committee Positions

All are three year terms

Procedures:

- March 12 - Father will explain the sign up procedures at Masses
- March 19 - Nomination Sunday - Please nominate yourself or someone you think would be a good candidate
- March 26 - Last day to submit nominations
- April 7 - Last day to submit biography to the Parish Center
- April 16 - Biographies and pictures of candidates will be published
- May 6-7 - Parish Elections

Cafe Accordion Orchestra



world beat music from the kennedy era

Historic Church of St. Michael Concert Series
22 North Main Street, St Michael, MN

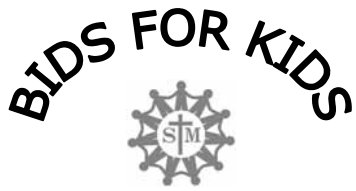
7:30 pm - Saturday, March 25

Information: 763-497-2745

Tickets: \$10 adults/\$8 Seniors - *In Advance*
\$12 Adults and \$10 Seniors - *At the Door*

Ticket Outlets:
Coborn's Super Store, Albertville - 763-428-9900
Coborn's Super Store, Elk River - 763-441-1400
Parish Office, St. Michael - 763-497-2745

www.cafeaccordion.com OR www.churchofsaintmichael.org



The St. Michael Catholic School
Presents:

"Sail into Summer"

The Bids For Kids Fundraiser is a Live
and Silent Auction
with a dinner and dance benefiting
the children of the
St. Michael Catholic School.

Saturday, May 20, 2006
5 PM – Midnight

St. Michael/Albertville Ice Arena
Dinner Catered by Broaster Catering

Tickets (per person)
\$40 - purchased before April 21
\$45 - purchased after April 21
(Tickets on sale to the public after 2/11)

The Bids For Kids Acquisitions Committee is now accepting
auction item donations. Please contact Stacy Hageman at
763-241-4821 or Buymeat@comcast.net for more informa-
tion.

Visit "Bids For Kids" at the school website:
stm Catholicschool.org
for donation and ticket forms.

Rally for Marriage at the State Capitol

Join thousands of other Minnesotans on **Tuesday, March 21st from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** at the state capitol to demonstrate your support for the Minnesota Marriage Amendment, affirming marriage as the union of one man and one woman. Urge your family members, friends, neighbors and fellow church members to attend this important event! ***Our legislators need to see you and hear from you!*** For more information, visit the website of the Archdiocesan Office for Family, Laity, Youth and Young Adults: www.archspm.org/family, or call 651-291-4488.

Youth Ministry

All youth ministry information and permission slips are available on the Church Website: we are currently updating with spring and summer information

Jr. High Youth Ministry

Friday fun nights:

All those in 6-8 grade who want to have a great time getting closer to Jesus!

Friday, March 31 from 7- 10 pm at St. Michael's: In memory of John Paul the Great, a night dedicated to remembering his tremendous life!

Friday, April 7 from 7-10 p.m. at St. Albert's: the Passion.

Sr. High Youth Ministry

Dove Missions Trip: Thank you to all who have donated for the Dove Missions trip so far. There will be 16 adults and teens going from our parish to help serve our Sister Parish and its community in the Dominican Republic. Currently we have collected over \$19,016 towards this awesome mission from donors, fundraising, and payments. We are still in need of \$1,784 total to pay for this mission. Your help is still needed and appreciated. Also, Please pray for our Mission. We leave Friday, March 17 and will return Friday, March 24.

Next Lifeline Mass, Saturday, April 1 come and experience an awesome Mass and program at the NET center in West St. Paul. Permission slips are available on line. The Bus leaves St. Michael New Church parking lot at 3:30 pm and returns around 11 p.m. This ministry is open to all those in 8-12 Grade!

The Teen Mass and life night this month are Sunday, March 12 and our life night theme is the Internet and Sunday March 26 a great social night, bring a friend. We hope all Sr. youth will take advantage of this powerful opportunity to grow in your faith.

Next Sr. High Girls Group and Guys Basketball Mon. March 27 and April 10th from 7-9 p.m. The girls will meet in the Church of St. Albert's youth room. All Sr. High girls are invited to be a part of this ministry. Guys Basketball meets in St. Michael Parish School Gym for those in 8-12 grades.

Steubenville Summer Youth Conference is filling up: Registrations are being taken. Currently there are only 15 spots left. Final payment is due May 1st. After this point we will not be able to take anyone else. Please sign up early for this one.

Buying stock in youth update:

On behalf of the youth we would like to thank all the parishioners who bought stock in the youth. We currently have raised \$3000 towards our minimum goal of \$7000. Your generosity will be truly life changing for our youth. Please pray for our Summer Ministry events that teens draw closer to Christ and his Church. We are still taking donations to meet our goal over the next month. Please mail or drop off your donation to the Parish office.

John O'Sullivan Youth Minister