

The Catholic Community of

St. Michael, Farmington

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Weekend Masses

Saturday: 4:30 p.m. **Sunday:** 8:00, 10:30 a.m.

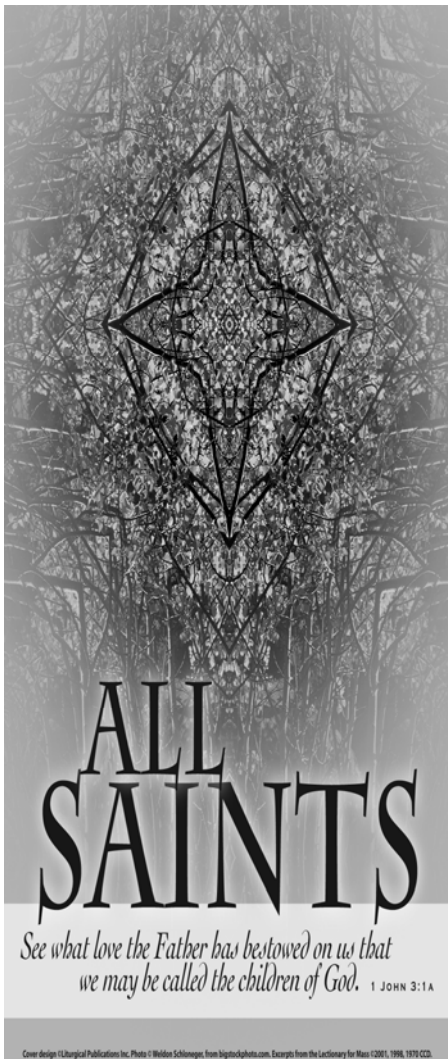
Sacraments

Penance: Individual: Saturday 3:30–4:00 p.m. in the Reconciliation Chapel.

Baptisms: Celebrated one Sunday afternoon per month at 1:00 p.m. Call the office for dates.

Marriages: Your wedding needs to be scheduled with the Parish Office at least six months prior to the celebration date so all necessary preparations for the sacrament can be completed. Please come to the Parish Office to pick up St. Michael's Wedding Guide.

In order to receive the sacraments of marriage or baptism the individual or a parent of the individual must be a registered parishioner.



St. Michael's Mission Statement

To be a welcoming Catholic Community, centered in the Eucharist, inviting all to live the Gospel and grow in faith.



Mass: Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday at 8:00 a.m. in the Chapel.

Word & Communion Service: Thursday & Friday at 8:00 a.m. in the Chapel.

Readings for the Week of November 1, 2009

Sunday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a
 Monday: Wis 3:1-9/Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40
 Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b/Lk 14:15-24
 Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10/Lk 14:25-33
 Thursday: Rom 14:7-12/Lk 15:1-10
 Friday: Rom 15:14-21/Lk 16:1-8
 Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Lk 16:9-15
 Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

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“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
 ...Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.”
 - Mt 5: 3, 9
 Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

Mass Intentions

Monday, November 2, 8:00 a.m. - Jack Jolley
 Saturday, November 7, 4:30 p.m. - Craig Henry
 Sunday, November 8, 8:00 a.m. - Louise Suedkamp
 10:30 a.m. - Howard Jenrich

Ministry Reflection

How do I show mercy and compassion, particularly toward others who I believe have wronged me or have not done things my way?

Ecumenical Prayer Service at Trinity Care Center

Nov. 8 at 3:00 p.m. I will be conducting an Ecumenical Prayer Service at Trinity Care Center in Farmington. I know the children in our LIFE programs will be talking about the various ministries at St. Michael’s. This is one of our ministries and I would invite any children and adults who would like to be a part of this service to let me know as soon as possible and I will tell you how you might help that day! You can call me (Sandy Glau) 651-463-5228 or sglau@stmichael-farmington.org. Since this is close to Veterans Day, there will probably be a patriotic theme to the service.

LIVING WELL BOOKSTORE

Store Hours Are:

Saturday: 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
 Sunday: 7:45 a.m. - noon
 Tuesday & Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.



The Bookstore will also be open from 5:30-7:30 p.m. on Sundays and Wednesdays during the LIFE Program. **Come In and Check Us Out!**

DID YOU KNOW...

THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER IS DEDICATED TO ALL SOULS

By tradition, the Catholic Church dedicates each month of the year to a certain devotion. In November, it is the Holy Souls, those faithful Christians who have died and gone before us but who still must atone for their sins.

Our prayer for all souls is a requirement of Christian charity, and it helps us to call to mind our own mortality.

One of the most commonly recited of Catholic prayers for all the souls is this beautiful prayer that can be said to close our prayer of grace at meals:

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

ABOUT YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH

Service of Remembrance and Healing

A “Service of Remembrance and Healing” will be Monday, Nov. 2, 2009 at 7:00 in our Chapel. We will be remembering, in a special way, those from our parish who have died this past year. However, anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one through death is invited to this service. You are invited to bring a picture or a memento of your loved one(s) to be used during the service. There will also be time to remember those **ambiguous losses** in our lives (for ex: loss of a job, loss of a home, miscarriage, divorce, health). We will be offering prayers and support as a Church family as we pray for healing. Refreshments will follow the service. If you have questions, you can contact Sandy 651-463-5228 or sglau@stmichael-farmington.org.

Remembering Those Who Have Died

November is the month set aside to remember those who have gone before us in death. You are invited to bring a picture of a loved one for display throughout the month. These will be on display in the area near the Vigil Lights and the Remembrance Book. Be sure to have your picture labeled on the back with a contact name and phone number. You may include the name of the person(s) in the Remembrance Book, also. There will be a limited number of small frames available if you do not have the photo in a frame. If you have any questions, you can contact Sandy Glau 651-463-5228 or sglau@stmichael-farmington.org.

RCIA IS COMING!



As each summer draws to a close, the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) program allows interested adults to formalize their membership in our parish community, by joining the Catholic Church in the Rites of Baptism, Confirmation, and/or First Eucharist. The start of the program this year was on Sunday, October 11, so if you are interested in joining the RCIA and becoming part of the Church, please contact Andy Schwarz through the parish office.

Armful of Love - Community Action Council’s “Armful of Love” program invites you and your family to participate in sharing the joy of the holiday season. Dakota County families who are economically unable to provide gifts for their children may call 952-985-4065 to schedule an eligibility appointment.



Walking With Hope, in the Midst of Grief

The topic for Tuesday, Nov. 3 is: "Hope ...Planning For The Financial Demands Of Grief" and will be presented by Luther Hagen (Financial Advisor). This is the fifth in the Farmington Ministerial Grief seminars held here at St. Michael's - 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. If you have any questions, you may contact Sandy Glau, 651-463-5228 or sglau@stmichael-farmington.org.

Thank You/Can You Help?

Thank you to all those who donated bars or cookies for the "Warrior to Citizen" event we hosted at St. Michael's recently. Thank you, too, to those who helped serve the refreshments. The talks by Col. Kevin Gerdes and SSGT John Kreisel were very powerful and uplifting. Presently, the "Warrior to Citizen" group is working with a family (full time working mom with four children ages 10, 8, 8, and 4) - living in Lakeville - whose husband is deployed and should be coming home in December. The mother is overwhelmed and the volunteers have been providing meals - a group takes a week at a time. If you think you would like to help with this, you can contact Sandy Glau 651-463-3360 or sglau@stmichael-farmington.org for more information.

Parish Pastoral Council Request

Due to family commitments and personal matters two members of the Pastoral Council submitted their resignations recently. This is a call to ALL Parishioners over the age of 18 to prayerfully consider serving as a member of this Council. Over the years we have become a very diverse community in age, gender and culture. The current openings have two years remaining on a three-year term. Meetings are on the fourth Monday of each month and last no longer than two hours.

As a Council, this body serves as an advisory board to Father Dennis, working together to carry out the vision and mission of St. Michael's Parish.

Applications are available in the parish office as well as on our website, stmichael-farmington.org. Please feel free to contact Laura Pitzen, chairperson, at 651-460-2569 with any questions.



FALL FESTIVAL NEWS

Thank you to everyone who made our Fall Festival a wonderful success! It was an incredible week-end of food, faith and fun that would not have been possible without the hard work, effort and donations of so many people. Revenue from the Fall Festival was \$26,312.50 with expenses of \$7,705.42, leaving us a profit of \$18,607.08.

Many thanks also go to our Fall Festival Committee for all of their hard work and dedication. We had an amazing group of people step forward this year to be part of this committee. Special thanks goes to each of them—Steve & Heidi Cunningham, Joe & Brenda Oeth, Deb Pack, Michael Clements, John & Deb McElroy, Delores McElroy, Allie Kelzenberg, Phil & Laura Ramthun, Nicole Sasso, Jennifer Hassenstab, Kurt & Caroll Kelzenberg, Tony Sasso, Pam Gantner, Joe Folz, Jeff Keopp, Jeanne Stanek and Allie Boyer-Meyerhofer. How true it is that many hands make light the work!

If you are interested in helping chair the Fall Festival in 2010 we would love to have you join us! Please contact Dottie Knutson at the parish office at 651-463-4224 with any questions.

Music Ministry Schedules to be announced at a later date.



HELPERS NEEDED!

We need people to help serve for the **Mystery Dinner** on Saturday, November 7, and for cleanup after. Contact Bernie May (651-463-2290) if you are available to help in any way.

Missing a Jacket/Bowl/Backpack/Cap?

It seems as if we've been accumulating a variety of jackets, bowls, caps, a "Bob the Builder" backpack and a variety of other things these past several months. Items can be found in the coat room. Anything that isn't "claimed" by mid-November will be taken to Goodwill or will be put with items for our Thanksgiving Clothing Drive.



Peace Bulletin Board

There is a "peace" bulletin board in the area between the Gathering Space and Social Hall. If you have a loved one serving in the military, you may post the information on the form provided. You may also include a picture if you'd like to do so. Some of the forms that are presently on the bulletin board are out of date. If you have one that is there that is out of date, would you please remove it or update the information. If you have any questions about this bulletin board, you may contact Sandy Glau.

Rainbows Program for Children

The *Rainbows* program is a support group curriculum for children ages pre-k through 8th grade who have suffered a significant loss, either through death, divorce, or other painful transition. This program began Thursday, Oct. 8 from 6-7:15 p.m. at All Saints Catholic Church in Lakeville. It will continue weekly for 14 weeks, excluding holidays. If you are interested in participating, please contact Celeste Rekieta at 952-322-3343 or Mary Baatz at 952-469-6460. You may also contact Sandy Glau for more information.

Please Put on Your Fall Calendar!

As we look forward to Advent this year, why not give yourself and your family the gift of a deeper faith? God invites us to come to Him just as we are, wherever that may be...

We are very excited to announce a **PARISH MISSION RENEWAL** lead by Fr. Jim Van Dorn of the Franciscan Retreat Center in Prior Lake. Fr. Jim is well known all over the United States for his inspirational Parish Missions. This Mission is for everyone...adults, teens, and children, so be sure to bring along the entire family!

Dates for St. Michael's Parish Mission Renewal:
Sunday: November 29th: "Overview of the Pascal Mystery"
Monday: November 30th: "Letting Go and Letting God"
Tuesday: December 1st: "Healing"
Wednesday: December 2nd: "Commissioning"

We look forward to seeing you at the Parish Mission Renewal later this Fall!



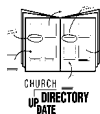
Baptism Preparation Class - The next class will be held on Tuesday, November 10, 2009, 7:00-8:30p.m. Since this class is held every other month parents are urged to attend during pregnancy. Participation in this class is necessary before baptism can be scheduled. Prior registration is required. Call the parish office at 463-3360.

Thank you to all who contributed monetary donations and food to the **Food Shelf** last weekend. Please continue your donations as they are greatly needed throughout the year.



Save Money and Save Time!

Faith United Methodist Church, 710 8th St., Farmington is "hosting" a seminary - "Learn 3 Quick Steps to Quick Healthy Meals that will Save you Time and Money". This seminar will take place November 12 from 10:00 a.m. - noon. To pre-register please contact Evie 651-480-7735. This event is free and is offered through the "Simply Good Eating Program" U of M Extension Dakota County.



The Directories Are Here!

We are pleased to announce that the directories have arrived! If your picture is in the directory, you will find a directory with your name on it in the Gathering Space. The directories will be moved to a table outside the office area after this weekend. **Oops!** As you look through the directory, you may notice under the Mass Times that the Sunday masses (8:00 and 10:30) were inadvertently left out.

THANKSGIVING CLOTHING DRIVE

On the weekend of Saturday, Nov. 21 and Sunday, Nov. 22 St. Michael's invites you to bring kindly used clothing to the gathering space for our Thanksgiving Clothing Drive. On Monday, Nov. 23, St. Vincent DePaul will pick up the items for inner city poor. Thank you! For more information, call 651-463-7810.



Welcome

We extend our hearts in a warm St. Michael's welcome to you, whether long term residents or newly arrived in the parish. We thank God that you are with us. If you are not registered, please fill out this form. Place it in the collection basket, drop it off at the parish office, or mail it to the office.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Request registration information

New Address

New Phone

Financial Update

	<u>September 2009</u>	<u>YTD This Year</u>	<u>YTD Last Year</u>
Contributions:	\$46,277	\$145,390	\$158,950
Expectation:	<u>\$52,467</u>	<u>\$153,055</u>	<u>\$160,965</u>
Surplus/(Deficit):	(\$6,190)	(\$7,665)	(\$2,015)
Scrip Proceeds:	\$14,472		
(Since Inception)			
Purchases:	<u>(\$10,738)</u>		
Balance:	\$3,734		

Purchases include: digital camera, video projector, NCYC donation, microphones, nursery toys, projector screen, laptop, 2nd video projector

Remember St. Michael's Parish in your Last Will & Testament. It is easy and it does not have to be a dollar amount. It can just be a certain percentage of one's estate. Our legal name is "The Church of St. Michael of Farmington, Minnesota". Questions? Call Fr. Dennis at 651-463-3360 or email him at dthompson@stmichael-farmington.org.

As a parish and as an Archdiocese, we are committed to praying for, encouraging, and supporting vocations to the priesthood and religious life. We are blessed with a vibrant, growing seminary community. Each year more men are responding to God's call to pursue a vocation to the priesthood, and as the number of seminarians at The Saint Paul Seminary continues to rise, so does strength of its program of formation. Our Church needs more good and holy priests, and the seminary is prepared to meet that need. Please be as generous as you can in today's collection, and keep our seminarians in your prayers. For more information or to make a gift online, visit www.saintpaulseminary.org.

BINGO, BINGO, BINGO

Bingo night is back at St. Mathias (Hampton) Church Basement Saturday, November 7, from 6:00-9:00 p.m.!!! All ages are welcome. Prizes for kids and adults! Come hungry . . . we will be selling pizza, popcorn, pop, treats and bake sale items. Bring your family, friends, and neighbors for a FUN night of BINGO!!



ANNUAL CRAFT, QUILT AND BAKE SALE

Farmington Lutheran Church, 20600 Akin Road, Farmington (Just north of Farmington Middle School)

Saturday, November 7, 2009 - 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Coffee & Rolls available at 9:00 a.m.

Lunch from 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Everyone Welcome!!

The O'Shaughnessy's Woman of Substance Series Presents **Riverdance Vocalist Katie McMahon's Annual Celtic Christmas Show** - Saturday, December 12, at 7:30 p.m. This celebration of Christmas features traditional music from the Emerald Isle, European caroles and lullabies and is perfect for the entire family. McMahon will be joined by her band, carolers and the Corda Mor Irish dancers; she says the performance will be "A magical evening of Christmas carols, Irish dance and stories from Ireland - think of it as a mixture of Riverdance and your very favorite Christmas carols."