



Divine Mercy Area Faith Community

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Dear Parishioner and Friend of St. Mary's,

It's that time of year when we usually begin selling *CALENDAR RAFFLE* tickets. This particular fundraiser generates approx. \$20,000.00 for St. Mary's Church and School.

We are so grateful to everyone who supported this fundraiser in the past and we appreciate you considering your first purchase of a ticket as well! We are also very grateful to our dedicated volunteers who have sold tickets over the years.

Each calendar is sold for \$25.00 with the following prizes:

- Daily prize for 302 days: \$25.00
- First day (July 1) and the last day (June 30): \$200.00 each
- Christmas: \$150.00
- Each Sunday: \$50.00
- Last day of each month: \$100.00.
- 12 bonus prizes on special days: \$25.00 (in addition to the regular daily prize)

Every ticket stub drawn is put back in the raffle drum to allow you to win more than once. The total prize money for our Calendar Raffle is \$12,000.00. A limited amount of 1,500 tickets are available to sell.

We encourage you to support this fundraiser by using the form below and returning it with payment before June 26, so it reaches us before the raffle drawing on July 1.

Thank you!

The Calendar Raffle Committee: Chris Heiderscheidt, Pat Hoffmann, Jim Fischer, Mike Helget, Matt Grausam

Name: _____
(Gambling board requires the entry must be 18 years or older.)

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____ **Phone:** _____

Number of Calendar(s): _____ x \$25 = _____ **Provide names/addresses for extras if differ.**

Patrons: If you are using this form instead of contacting your usual seller, please provide their name here: _____

Check payable to St. Mary's Church OR with Credit Card:

Name of cardholder: _____

Credit Card # _____ Exp. Date ____/____ CVV code _____

Please return this to St. Mary's Parish, 636 1st Ave N, Sleepy Eye MN 56085

Thank you!

*The Divine Mercy Area Faith Community is called to form disciples in the love of Christ
by bringing others to His mercy through Word, Worship and Service.*

What is the Origin of the St. Michael Prayer?

FATHER RAY RYLAND

On Oct. 1, 1884, Pope Leo XIII had a deeply disturbing mystical experience at Mass. He had just finished celebrating in his private chapel with a group of cardinals when he suddenly stood transfixed in front of the altar. For perhaps 10 minutes he stood there as if in a trance, his face drained of color. Then he went to his office and composed a prayer to St. Michael. He told his staff the prayer should be offered throughout the Church.

He explained that he had heard two voices in the vicinity of the tabernacle. He believed they were the voices of Our Lord and of Satan. Pope Leo heard Satan boast that he could destroy the Church in 75 or 100 years, if given the opportunity. Then he heard Our Lord give Satan permission to try. (This sounds somewhat similar to what we read in Job 1.)

The prayer which Pope Leo XIII composed was 10 times the length of the version we use today. Until 1964, the prayer was said together at the end of most parish Masses. Thirty years later, in an address, Pope John Paul II revived use of the prayer. He said, "Although the prayer is no longer recited at the end of Mass, I ask every one not to forget it and to recite it to obtain help in the battle against the forces of darkness and against the spirit of the world." The pope clearly intended that we should offer this prayer in our homes as well. The prayer, by the way, is as follows:

