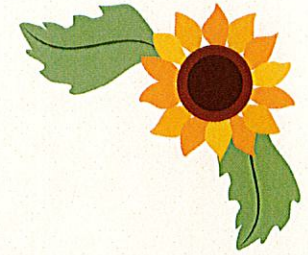




# September 2020

## Church of St. Michael of Morgan

### Calendar of Events



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 8:30 AM Mass	2 8:30 AM Mass	3 Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church 8:30 AM Mass 9–10 AM Holy Hour and Confessions	4 8:30 AM Mass	5 8:30 AM Mass 9–10 AM Holy Hour and Confessions
<i>Fr. Zach on vacation September 3—September 7</i>						
6 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 8—8:15 AM Confessions 8:30 AM Mass	7 Office Closed 	8 The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary 8:30 AM Mass	9 Saint Peter Claver, Priest 8:30 AM Mass <div style="border: 1px solid orange; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">CCD Classes Begin 6:15 pm to 7:30 pm</div>	10 8:30 AM Mass 9—10 AM Holy Hour and Confessions	11 8:30 AM Mass	12 8:30 AM Mass
<i>Fr. Zach on vacation September 3—September 7</i>						
13 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8—8:15 AM Confessions 8:30 AM Mass	14 The Exaltation of the Holy Cross	15 Our Lady of Sorrows	16 Saints Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs <div style="border: 1px solid orange; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">CCD Classes 6:15 pm to 7:30 pm</div>	17 8:30 AM Mass 9—10 AM Holy Hour and Confessions	18	19 8:30 AM Mass
<i>Fr. Steffl on vacation September 15—September 18</i>						
20 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8—8:15 AM Confessions 8:30 AM Mass	21 Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist	22 8:30 AM Mass	23 Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest 8:30 AM Mass <div style="border: 1px solid orange; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">CCD Classes 6:15 pm to 7:30 pm</div>	24 8:30 AM Mass 9—10 AM Holy Hour and Confessions	25	26 8:30 AM Mass
<i>First Communion Interviews</i>						
27 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8—8:15 AM Confessions 8:30 AM Mass 	28	29 Saint Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels 8:30 AM Mass	30 Saint Jerome, Priest 8:30 AM Mass <div style="border: 1px solid orange; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">CCD Classes 6:15 pm to 7:30 pm</div>			

## Church of St. Michael - Liturgical Calendar

Date	Ushers	Lectors	EMOHC	Servers
<b>Sunday, September 06, 2020</b> 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30 AM Mass	Keith Hinrichs Jan Hinrichs Barb Green Todd Green	Pat Wildt	Dave Mathiowetz Ashley Nelson	Abbie Hacker April Hacker Grace Hamre
<b>Sunday, September 13, 2020</b> 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30 AM Mass	Scott Welter Rex Welter Mark Madsen Lynn Madsen	Tom Green	JoAnn Green Kathy Frederickson	Ian Green Macie Green Matthew Zeug
<b>Sunday, September 20, 2020</b> 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30 AM Mass	Myron Mathiowetz Mark Hoffmann Mike Rieke Russ Steffensmeier	Tom Heiling	Denise Kalkhoff Ed Steffl	Hank Heiling Stan Hieling Teresa Larsen
<b>Sunday, September 27, 2020</b> 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30 AM Mass	Scott Hacker Jack Carlson Jim Lueken Arnie Penning	Judy Huiras	Joanne Simonsen Judy Walter	Maryanne Larsen Jaylyn Welter Lauren Welter

\* Ushers, please remember to record a head count for every Mass on the sheet in the ushers room, as this number is needed for diocesan

\* If you are unable to serve on your scheduled weekend, please find your own replacement.

**Thank you for your Ministry!**

+JMJ

August 30, 2020

Dear St. Michael's Parishioners:

I wanted to give you a **few updates** about things that have been brought up recently, and provide it in this insert so that everyone hears the same information.

First, I want to say how **happy we are as priests to be here** to serve you. I have many good memories of my time 10 years ago working with St. Michael's. It is also good, as many of you have noted, that Fr. Sam is able to live in the St. Michael's rectory. If there is anyone who needs a "house visit" or is not able to come to church, please let Fr Sam know. Please let us know of your needs and what you might also desire to see in relation to adult education offerings and how we can continue to make our catechesis programs the very best that they can be!

I share everyone's grief at the loss of the school with its closure last year. Addressing our demographics in rural Minnesota has been a tough thing!

**Regarding the proposed thrift store:**

A little background, to begin. I understand that this was proposed by my predecessor as a potential remedy to the unused space we have in the school now that it is closed, as well as a way to provide hours to the parish secretary, who is no longer needed in a full-time capacity.

As the discussion has progressed over the possibility, the secretary has said that she doesn't feel that it is a good fit for her. It brings me sadness to see that this is causing some unfortunate divisions among people in the parish because of different visions and proposals to how this could be implemented. I have heard some very strongly worded opinions on opposite sides of this.

The issue was discussed at length at last week's administrative council meeting, based on what the members of the council have heard in the way of "feedback" from parishioners. I wanted this to be a decision that the council makes, and not me alone. The biggest questions seem to be "is this a parish project or a community project?" and "where will the money go?" (I want to thank everyone for their feedback, and don't want this to be a matter of winning or losing but doing what is best for the parish!)

As with anything that the parish sponsors, it is always important to ask, "how does this fit into the mission of the parish?" If the project is not a parish project, but is using parish facilities, this brings up issues relating to insurance, liability, the use

of our non-profit status, and how the parish would be reimbursed for providing the facility space, and other things that come with it such as utility costs.

The administrative council decided, after considering these concerns, that we are open to a thrift store, separated from the parish secretary position, but one that would be used to supplement the parish's financial needs, if there is a group that still wishes to pursue the idea, and put together a plan for organization and volunteers. Such a plan *could* of course include providing help for the needy if the proposed store would prove to be a success, but that would be in consideration of other costs the parish would incur to provide space for the proposed store.

The administrative council decided this is the best way to move forward, and I think it is a well-discerned and well-considered decision, that they realize will not make everyone happy and in consideration of our parish's mission and needs.

### **On-Going Stewardship:**

Thanks to everyone for your continued stewardship during this pandemic. In my previous assignment, I was very nervous as to how things would go, especially when we were not allowed to have public Masses. I should have trusted more! Many people have continued their contributions and some have even contributed beyond their normal amounts in order to help us through this difficult financial situation. One of my goals in these upcoming months and years is to continue to work on a deeper appreciation of gratitude for all that we have received from the Lord and how we return that to Him by participating in the Church's mission through providing the Sacraments, preaching the Gospel, and the catechetical programs that we offer.

### **Parish Office:**

Amy Schumacher, who has been parish secretary for the past 5 years has accepted a different position and will be leaving the office at St. Michael's in early September. Thanks to Amy! We will miss your good work for the parish. I am currently looking into how we will fill this position.

Thank you so much and please know of our continued prayers!

Fr. Mark Steffl, Fr. Sam Perez and Fr Zach Peterson