



## ST. MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

EST. 1872

GRAND FORKS,  
NORTH DAKOTA

### PARISH MISSION

St. Michael's Parish is a welcoming community of Catholic Christians, rich in tradition.

We are inspired by the Holy Spirit and guided by the Word of God.

We exist as a visible witness of Christ through worshiping, educating, evangelizing and serving.

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The lobby doors are open to pick-up/drop off. Please call ahead or email to place a Scrip order! (lori\_stmikes@yahoo.com)

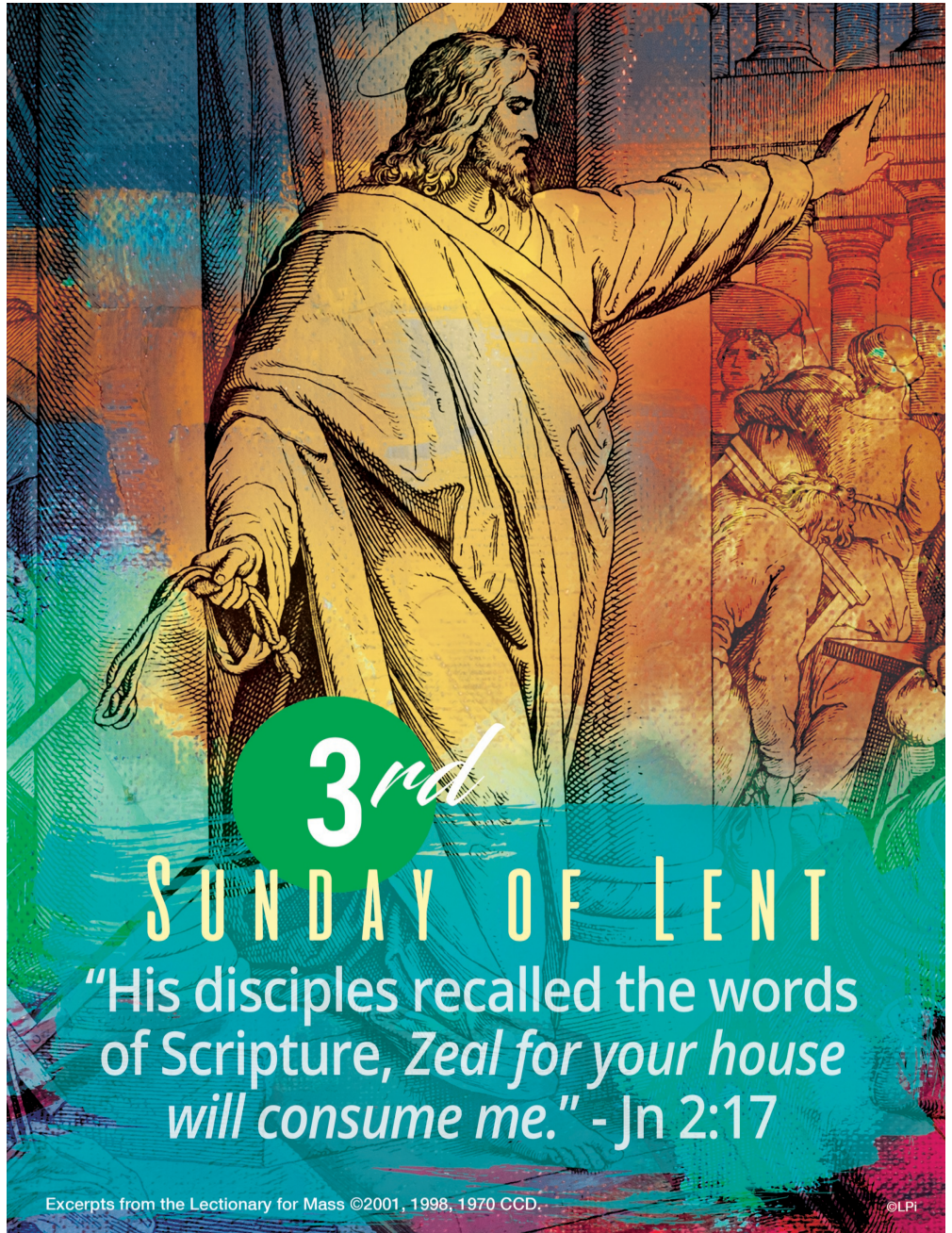
#### Office Hours

Monday-Thursday:

8:00 am to 4:30 pm

Fridays: 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

March 7, 2021



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SUNDAY OF LENT

"His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, *Zeal for your house will consume me.*" - Jn 2:17

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### Church Information

#### Mailing Address:

418 N. 6th St.  
Grand Forks, ND 58203

#### Physical Address:

524 5th Ave. N.  
Grand Forks, ND 58203

#### Telephone:

(701) 772-2624 | Parish Office  
(701) 772-2282 | Religious Ed. Office  
(701) 772-1822 | School Office

#### Email:

parishoffice@stmichaelsgf.com  
bulletin@stmichaelsgf.com  
For bulletin announcements Deadline Mondays,  
1:00 pm

#### Clergy:

Fr. Gerard Braun (Pastor)  
Fr. Jered Grossman  
Deacon: John Bredemeier

[www.stmichaelschurchgf.com](http://www.stmichaelschurchgf.com)

## Mass Schedule

**Daily Mass:** Mon.-Thurs. 7:15 am/5:15pm  
Friday: 7:15am, 12:10pm  
Saturday: 7:15am

**Weekend:** Sat, 5:00 pm;  
Sun, 7:30, 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 5 pm

## Reconciliation

Monday-Saturday 7:00 am. (before daily Mass)  
Monday –Thursday 4:45 pm; (before daily Mass)  
Fridays: 11:50 am to 12:05 pm (before Mass)  
Saturday 4:00-4:50 pm & 7:30-8:00 pm

## Live Stream

<https://www.stmichaelschurchgf.com/live-stream>  
<https://www.facebook.com/St.MichaelsChurchGF/>  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNZjxzBU6jL9JQsYDEljg>

## Divine Mercy Chaplet

Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet with us, after our daily 7:15 a.m. Mass. Via livestream directly after the 7:15 am Mass..

## Daily Rosary

Monday through Saturday 6:40 am  
Join us at the church or follow us via live stream. The video will be available for you to pray anytime during the day.

## Tuesday Eucharistic Adoration at St. Michael's Each week on Tuesdays, 8:00 am—9:00 pm

*Please check our Master Calendar, available on our website, to see if a funeral or another event has been scheduled.*

<https://www.stmichaelschurchgf.com/parish-calendar>  
If interested in signing up for a weekly commitment, please do so at the following website:  
<https://adorationpro.org/michaelnd> - click on “Weekly Commitment” and choose a time.

## Marriage Preparation

Contact a priest at least 6 months in advance of the wedding date at 772-2624.

## Annulment & Marriage Validation

If you are divorced and remarried, or never married in the Catholic Church, call the Parish Office and speak to a priest to learn more about this process with the Diocesan Tribunal.

## Joining the Catholic Church

If you are hoping to become Catholic, please contact Fr. Grossman. He will meet with you, discuss the process and help you get started on your journey to becoming Catholic.

## Membership and Registration

Welcome! We're glad you joined us today!  
If you are new to the area or to St. Michael's Church, and are interested in learning more about our parish, or would like to become a registered member of our church, please fill out the registration form on our website: [stmichaelschurchgf.com](http://stmichaelschurchgf.com).

*If you have questions about registration, email:  
[lori\\_stmikes@yahoo.com](mailto:lori_stmikes@yahoo.com).*

## Address/Phone number Updates

Please help! If you are moving away, or have address or phone number updates, please email:  
[parishoffice@stmichaelsgf.com](mailto:parishoffice@stmichaelsgf.com).

# Divine Mercy Chaplet

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We pray the Chaplet right after the morning Masses Monday thru Saturday. So, usually at 7:45 or so. Please join us either in person or on our livestream through our website. It is continued from the morning Mass stream. Hope you can participate sometime. There are red colored *How to Pray the Divine Chaplet* pamphlets available at the main entrance of the church on the pamphlet wall.

## Rosary

We pray the rosary every weekday M-Sat at 6:40 a.m. However if you cannot make it at the time to pray along, you can look for the recording on our site for that day and pray anytime at your convenience.

## Tuesday Adoration 8:00 am-9:00 pm

Sign up for an hour or show up when your schedule allows. Each Tuesday in the church. <https://adorationpro.org/michaelnd> - click on “Weekly Commitment” and choose a time.

*Please check our Master Calendar, available on our website, to see if a funeral or another event has been scheduled.*

## Stations of the Cross

Fridays of Lent, 11:30 am and 7:00 pm

## Blue Envelope Sunday March 7th

Today (the *first* Sunday of the month) is "Blue purchase the altar breads. Blue Envelopes can be found at the entrances of the church or you can use a plain white envelope and write "Blue Envelope" on the front. Thank you for your support.

## Baptism Information

Parents, attendance at one pre-baptism class is required to have your child baptized at St. Michael's.

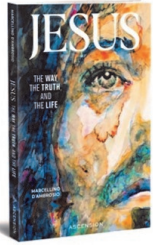
We suggest attending class during the months of pregnancy so you will be all set once your child is born as classes are only offered one time per month. If you have attended the class within 5 years, a new class is not needed. Please read more on our website for instructions on scheduling a baptism.

### The next class is:

**Sunday, March 7th** at 10:00 am . Meet in the church basement, history room. Registration not required.

Please visit our website to read more about baptism.  
<https://www.stmichaelschurchgf.com/baptism>

## 10-Week Bible Study



Meets Mondays **beginning March 8, 7:00-8:30 pm**, St. Michael's Church basement. This Cost is \$30.00 and includes books, study materials and online video access.

We need a count for the books, so please contact Deacon John by texting or calling (701) 314-0207.

## Altar Server Training:

Students grades 4 & up invited to join us on Wednesday, March 10th, 3:30-4:30 pm in the church.

## Knights of Columbus Council 1260

We're honored to announce the selection of Brian Kvidt and his wife, Rhonda, as our Family of the Month for February. The recognition focuses on devout families that serve as an inspiration to our parish, and community by supporting and strengthening Christian Family Life. Congratulations to the Kvidt family!

Our next Council meeting will be held this **Thursday, March 11th, 7:00pm** in the St. Kateri Room in the Pastoral Center. Members are encouraged to attend and bring a prospective member or interested guest.

**DID YOU KNOW?** New members can sign up online. Go to: <https://www.kofc.org/secure/en/join/join-the-knights.html>

## "God's Mercy"

Presented by Ron Vasek



**March 20th | 8:30 am-12:00 pm**  
St. Michael's Church Basement.

*Recommended for High School age and up*

**March 15:** We will explore the Old Testament references to Christ and the Sacraments.

**March 16:** Listen to Ron's testimony of conversion and explore how we can look inward where we are building walls between Christ and ourselves.

**March 17:** We will explore how we can break down the walls between Christ and ourselves through Adoration and Reconciliation. There will be an opportunity for reconciliation.

*Ron and Patty Vasek, St. Michael's Parishioners, were married Oct. 24, 1975 and have 5 children and 12 grandchildren. Ron and his wife Patty have worked on and directed TEC (Teens Encounter Christ), and Quest since 1988 serving on more than 65 retreats. Ron has been involved in Cursillo, Koinenia, and REC (Residents Encounter Christ jail ministry). Ron completed his Masters of Divinity classes in Deaconate studies. Ron and his son Ken own and operate Spare Husband Handyman Services in East Grand Forks since 1999.*

## Job Posting: Music Educator

St. Michael's Catholic School is seeking an elementary music teacher for the 2021-22 school year. The desired candidate supports the mission of St. Michael's Catholic School and provides engaging, meaningful, and joyful music education to students in preschool through fifth grade. The teacher leads and manages the classroom and curriculum to ensure student success.

Bachelor's degree and valid ND elementary music teaching license or ability to obtain license. Qualified candidates should send a cover letter, resume, transcripts and three letters of recommendation to Principal Sara Dudley [sara.dudley@stmichaelsgf.com](mailto:sara.dudley@stmichaelsgf.com)



# Diocese of Fargo God's Gift Appeal 2021



**Diocesan Goal: \$3,354,712 | St. Michael's Goal: \$151,597**

Last weekend was our parish Commitment Weekend for the 2021 God's Gift Appeal. If you have not yet completed your card, please prayerfully make your pledge and bring to the Parish Office. OR visit the website and make your pledge/donation online: <https://www.fargodiocese.org/godsgiftappeal>

# COMMUNITY

## KC's Breakfast at St. Mary's

St. Mary's KC Council #10837 is hosting a breakfast on Sunday, March 7<sup>th</sup> from 8:00am to 12:00pm to benefit St. Joseph's Social Care and Thrift Store. Menu to include biscuits and gravy, pancakes, waffles, ham, scrambled eggs, and hash browns. DINE-IN SERVICE will be available. COVID precautions including social distancing and sanitization will be implemented. Take-out meals will be available as well.

## Catholic Daughters

Meet March 15th, 7:00 pm, St. Mary's Church basement starting with the rosary, followed by Lenten Program. Masks/social distancing recommended.

## RENASCENT

*A concert to bring us together from darkness to light.*



*Friday, March 12, 8pm*

*St Michael's Catholic Church*

*All tickets \$20.*

[gfchorales.org](http://gfchorales.org)

All tickets are \$20 and available at <https://app.arts-people.com/index.php?ticketing=gfcho>.

Seating capacity is limited to allow for safe social distancing and COVID-19 protocols will be followed. For more information visit [gfchorales.org](http://gfchorales.org).

## Worldwide Marriage Encounter Virtual Weekend

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is offering a Virtual Weekend on **March 19-21, 2021**. Grow deeper in your marriage from the comfort of your own home! For more information, call Rob & Angie at (701) 347-1998 or apply at [ndwwme.org](http://ndwwme.org).



experience a virtual marriage encounter... we'll come to you!



Give your marriage the time and attention it longs for.

March 19-21, 2021

Apply at: [www.ndwwme.org](http://www.ndwwme.org)

Questions? Call: (701) 347-1998

## 4 Congratulations to the School Scrip Raffle Winners

Date	Prize	Winners Name
1-Feb	\$50.00	Joe Quinn
2-Feb	\$50.00	Deb Hodny
3-Feb	\$50.00	Becky Kaiser
4-Feb	\$50.00	Casey Hutton
5-Feb	\$50.00	Rich Thompson
6-Feb	\$100.00	Danny Spicer
7-Feb	\$100.00	Jacki Spicer
8-Feb	\$50.00	Joe Quinn
9-Feb	\$50.00	Katie & Mike Danielson
10-Feb	\$50.00	Mark & Mary Stoick
11-Feb	\$50.00	Angie Garceau
12-Feb	\$50.00	Kaila Kowalski
13-Feb	\$100.00	Chris Spicer
14-Feb	\$100.00	Joe Or Angie Amundson
15-Feb	\$50.00	Janice Lamberson
16-Feb	\$50.00	Mary Prigge
17-Feb	\$50.00	Joe Quinn
18-Feb	\$50.00	Sonja Brandt
19-Feb	\$50.00	Nathan Clough
20-Feb	\$100.00	Jerrilyn Walstad
21-Feb	\$100.00	Gladys Wockovich
22-Feb	\$50.00	Roxanne Metelmann
23-Feb	\$50.00	Stacey Dahl
24-Feb	\$50.00	Stacey Dahl
25-Feb	\$200.00	Mary Prigge
25-Feb	\$200.00	Lisa Caskins
25-Feb	\$200.00	Summer Solseng
25-Feb	\$200.00	Chris Spicer

1st Place Top Seller		\$50.00 ea	Tie - Gehrz Family & Montgomery Family
2nd Place Top Seller		\$25.00 ea	Tie - Duffy Family & Kowalski Family
3rd Place Top Seller		\$25.00	Wilmer Family
Early Bird Winner	Feb 1st	\$50.00	Jonathan Stone

Thank you for supporting St. Michael's School!

## **Congratulations and God's blessing upon Lori's retirement.**

Lori Beckstead has faithfully served St. Michaels as parish secretary for the past 44 years. Her loyalty and devotion to the people of our parish has been a blessing for which we are profoundly grateful.

Lori has served a generation of our people at St. Michaels as they walked on their journey with Christ. Her attentiveness to the needs of our people and her persistence in assisting the church through times of change and adversity have been a blessing to the priests and laity alike. She will be missed, even as we pray God's blessings upon her as she begins the next part of her journey in Christ.

**We are hosting an Open House for Lori on Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, from 1:00–3:00 p.m. at our Pastoral Center. Please stop by to offer your congratulations, best wishes, and gratitude for Lori's service to our community. Thank you Lori and God bless you.**

## **If you missed it, it's still possible to take it in.**

If you missed Fr. Kyle Metzger's 3 spiritual reflections at our Parish Mission this past week—it is still possible to listen to him on St. Michael's Live Stream. All three of Fr. Metzger's presentations were wonderful and profoundly spiritual, and I highly encourage everyone to give him a listen. His third presentation especially helps to grasp the truth of the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Again, go to St. Michaels Parish Website and check out our Live Stream archives. <https://www.stmichaelschurchgf.com/>

**Diocesan and Parish Consecration to St. Joseph.** During this 'Year of St. Joseph,' our Bishop will be consecrating our Diocese to St. Joseph, and St. Michaels will join in consecrating our parish to this Holy Patron of families and of the Universal Church. The consecration will take place on the Feast Day of St. Joseph, March 19.

**Congratulations to our students who celebrated their first First Holy Communion and Confirmation this past week.** God invites us to live our life with the grace of His love bestowed upon us through His Sacraments. Sacraments are a way by which God touches our soul with His love to strengthen us as we follow the path of His truth and life.

We experience our human relationships being strengthened by a person's smile, their kind words, their caring touch. It is just so with God's Sacraments. They are a tangible means receiving the mysterious touch of God veiled in His hidden presence in the Sacrament. People need relationships. Above all, we need the one relationship that will save us from eternal emptiness—we need our Lord whose love on the Cross saves us.

We pray that our children who received Christ for the first time in the Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist, will continue to keep their lives open to this great gift of His Divine presence. We pray that all our people will remain in the Lord as they avail themselves of His Divine Presence in this most Holy Sacrament.

## **Thank you Bishop Folda and thank you St. Michaels parishioners!**

I invite us to unite in prayer for Bishop Folda. We are grateful to God for calling him to be the Shepherd of our Diocese as he guides us on the path to Christ.

I also encourage us to offer Bishop Folda our material support with a gift to the annual God's Gift Appeal. This annual appeal supports the mission and ministry of our Bishop, whose authority to shepherd goes back to the line of the apostles Jesus chose to help guide and govern His Church through the power of His Holy Spirit. We were blessed with the Bishop's presence this past Friday as he celebrated Confirmation and First Communion with our young people. Please be generous and thank you for your kindness and support. God bless you.

**WALKING WITH MOM'S IN NEED.** Pregnant and parenting moms in need are in our parishes, and neighborhoods. As Pope Francis reminds us, our parishes need to be "islands of mercy in the midst of the sea of indifference." Everyone in our parish community should know where to refer a pregnant woman in need.

In order to assess, expand, and better communicate resources to local pregnant moms and families in need, our parish is joining a nationwide effort from March 19, 2021 to March 19, 2022 entitled: "**Walking with Mom in Need: A Year of Service.**" We invite all parishioners to join us as we embark on this *Year of Service*. Please be tuned in for upcoming information on how we can help. To learn more about this nationwide initiative, please visit [www.walkingwithmoms.com](http://www.walkingwithmoms.com).

*Peace in Christ,*

*Fr. Gerard Braun*

# EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

## Parents Just Don't Understand

Anybody remember the old rap song by the Fresh Prince, aka Will Smith, "Parents Just Don't Understand?" As we grow up, it is sometimes a struggle for us to imagine that our parents understand us. It can seem impossible that Mom and Dad remember the stress of exam week or peer pressure. We never saw them as children; we never saw their disappointed faces when they weren't invited to a party, or their dashed hopes at a bad test grade. We never saw them homesick their first week of college or nervous to ask their crush to Homecoming.

We're often the same way about God. We gripe about what He asks of us. "He doesn't understand sin — he's all-good," we think. "He doesn't understand temptation — He is perfect."

In Scripture, God can be very much a father, telling us what we can and cannot do. And yet, in His divine genius, He is sometimes simply a man at a well, asking for a drink.

For me, it turns out I didn't need to tell my parents anything about what I was going through as a kid — they knew already. What I needed was for them to tell me what to do, and how to do it.

Similarly, we don't need to tell God about human nature. We need God to tell us about His nature. He's good enough to ask us for a drink, to enter into our humanity. But we have to remember, for our own sakes, to have the humility to ask Him for something, too — the water that will quench our eternal thirst.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS  
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# MEMORIALS

***Thank you to the following for their donations to St. Michael's Church.***

**In Memory of Audrey Shea** Given by:  
Patricia McLeod, Timothy & Darlene Shea, Terrence & Ronda Stromsodt, Trish Stromsodt, Olive Swen, Beverly Clayburgh, Raymond & Leslie Durkin, Scott & Carol Eldien, Karen Voecks,

# LIVE THE LITURGY

## INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

With our world in such constant turmoil and conflict, it makes such good sense to return to the simple directives given in the Ten Commandments. God's unassuming guidelines provide the perfect recipe for ordering our relationships with God, others, and even ourselves. But yet, we are so quick to glance beyond them and even remove them from public view because we foolishly believe we can create something better. Arrogance runs far deeper in the members of our society than we can ever imagine. Lent is a perfect time to call ourselves back to our foundations and the basic relationships that comprise our lives. It is also a time to remember that Jesus is the true sign of God's presence. Everything he says and does, including his suffering and death, is a sign of the God who sent him. The anger we witness when Jesus exhorts those in the temple to stop making his Father's house a marketplace can equally be seen in his anger and frustration over humanity's constant mission to turn God's creation into a secular world. We have a lot of work to do for sure.

# LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday & Sunday, March 13 & 14

## Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

- 5:00 pm \*Linda Brown, Renee Fee, Amanda Leavy
- 7:30 am \*Lori Swinney, Shaaron Pringle, Jeannette Weiler
- 9:00 am \*Marina Kojic, Bernie Altendorf, Catherine Brown
- 11:00 am \*Ed Finch, Amy Dallum, Bernie Dallum
- 5:00 pm \*Analiza Caoili, Laura Cobb, Collin Voeller

\*denotes Sacristan

## Proclaimer, Cantor, Accompanist

- 5:00 pm Dana Boucher, \_\_\_\_\_, Jeffrey McGee
- 7:30 am Ron Wilkening
- 9:00 am Dan Juve, St. Michael's Choir
- 11:00 am Nathan Fix, Emily White, Arleen Norton
- 5:00 pm Thomas Presnell, Patty Hughes, Sheri Swen

## Hospitality

- 5:00 pm \*\*Joe Leddige, Jerry Rolland
- 7:30 am \*\*\_\_\_\_\_, Jim Laturus, Willie Huot
- 9:00 am \*\*\_\_\_\_\_, Nate Bertram, Darwin Kvislen, Lawrence Foerster
- 11:00 am \*\*Lori Foley, Raymond Gehl
- 5:00 pm \*\*

\*\*denotes lead minister

## Altar Servers

- 5:00 pm Maureen Dorsher, Jude Senger
- 7:30 am
- 9:00 am Joshua Juve, Grant Lahr, Gabriel Schneibel
- 11:00 am Peter Dallum, Levi Dalum, Finley Wesley
- 5:00 pm Arienne Caoili, Anna Kaiser

# WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

## Stewardship Giving for Feb 28, 2021

Weekly Amount Collected	\$13,745
Weekly Amount Needed	\$20,925
(To Reach the Weekly Budget Goal)	

**Weekly Collection Deficit (\$7,180)**

Year-To-Date Amount Collected	\$716,914
Year-To-Date Amount Needed	\$732,375
(To Reach the Annual Budget Goal)	

**Year-To-Date Collection Deficit (\$15,461)**

Annual Budget Goal \$1,088,100

*Thank you for your generosity!*

## WeShare Onling Giving

Sign up for Online Giving with WeShare.-

<https://stmichaelsgf.weshareonline.org/>

# MASS INTENTIONS

## Monday, March 8

- 7:15 am †Jim Votava, Sr.
- 5:15 pm †Irving Traiser

## Tuesday, March 9

- 7:15 am †Teresa & Charles Solheid
- 9:30 am Mass at Valley Eldercare on Columbia
- 5:15 pm †Betty Litzinger

## Wednesday, March 10

- 7:15 am †David H. Mata
- 5:15 pm †Dave Henderson

## Thursday, March 11

- 7:15 am Vanyo & Beaton Families
- 8:45 am Int. for Jeannie Strande
- 5:15 pm †Howard & Cleo Kelly

## Friday, March 12

- 7:15 am †Dick Bonlie
- 12:10 pm †Richard Anderson

## Saturday, March 13

- 7:15 am Int. of Adam & Kaylie Streitz Family
- 5:00 pm †Ralph Carter

## Sunday, March 14

- 7:30 am For the People
- 9:00 am †John Smith
- 11:00 am †Marvin Heil
- 5:00 pm †Int. for Julie Mykleseth



# Mass Intention Requests

## To schedule Mass intentions:

- Fill out the yellow “mass intention” envelope (find these in church entrance)
- OR
- Email: [parishoffice@stmichaelsgf.com](mailto:parishoffice@stmichaelsgf.com)
- OR
- Put a list in the Parish Office Drop box (located in the entrance of Pastoral Center).
- OR
- Mail your list to the Parish Office, 418 N. 6th St., GF, ND 58203

*Please note, the schedule is currently filled until July.*

The stipend is \$10.00 per Mass. Be sure to indicate whether the person is living or deceased. Include your email address or phone #. Thank you!