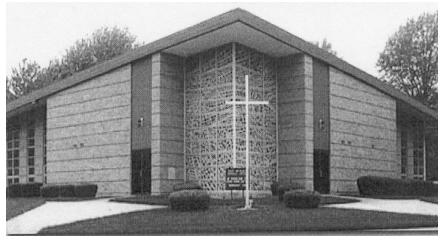


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Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

January 10, 2016

May we be transformed
in the Baptism of Christ!



*You are my beloved Son;
with you I am well pleased.*

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We, the people of St. Michael's Catholic Parish, are many parts, but one body. As a community of believers in Jesus Christ and inspired by the Holy Spirit, we celebrate the sacraments, are challenged by Sacred Scripture and Roman Catholic Tradition, share of ourselves in service to others, and strive to promote the dignity of all human life and justice for all, as we continue toward the eternal glory of God's kingdom.

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4:00 P.M. Saturday or by appointment

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Is celebrated by request. Notify the office.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Contact the office to set a date.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Wedding dates are set after
an initial interview with Fr. John.

FROM THE PASTOR . . .

For most of us, Christmas is long behind us. We have taken down our Christmas trees and ornaments, the bowl games are over, except for the championship game on Monday night, and our youth returned to school this past week. So how is it that we are still celebrating the Christmas season this weekend? It is because according to the Church the Christmas season does not officially end until we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, which is this weekend.

Today's feast marks the transition from Christmas back to Ordinary Time. As we return to Ordinary Time, we move from the events surrounding the childhood of Jesus toward the start of his public ministry. The baptism of the Lord was a powerful moment in his life. Jesus did not need to be baptized because of his sins, but we do. Jesus was baptized so that the whole world could see that the promised Messiah had finally arrived in human history. We can only imagine the look of amazement on John the Baptist's face as he witnessed this great and powerful event.

Just as the voice of God the Father announces that his favor rests upon his Son, so too, the Father's favor and mercy rests upon when we are baptized. God's love and mercy is one of the most powerful blessings we will receive in our lives. In this Jubilee Year of Mercy, as we recall and celebrate the many ways that God's mercy is given to us, we should continually ask ourselves three questions: 1. What is mercy? (Pope Francis states that it is God's forbearance not to punish us for our sins.) 2. How have I experienced God's mercy? 3. How can I share mercy with others?

Let us be thankful that God's mercy has been given to us in our baptism. At the same time, we should strive to live and share mercy with others. May the Jubilee Year of Mercy aid us in our efforts to make our world a more merciful place to live. Thank God for the gift of his

*Peace,
Fr. John*

Growing In Faith?: How do I live out mercy?

Laudato Si' Encyclical —

The Good News People present sections from the concluding chapters of Pope Francis's encyclical, *Laudato Si'* (Praise Be to You).

When we speak of the "environment," what we really mean is a relationship existing between nature and the society which lives in it. Nature cannot be regarded as something separate from ourselves or a mere setting in which we live. We are part of nature, included in it and thus in constant interaction with it. It is essential to seek comprehensive solutions to pollution which consider the interactions within natural systems themselves and with social systems. We are faced not with two separate crises, one environmental and the other social, but rather with one complex crisis which is both social and environmental. Strategies for a solution demand an integrated approach to combating poverty, restoring dignity to the excluded and at the same time protecting nature. (Paragraph 139)



Calendar for the Week of January 11—17

Monday	Jan. 11	—	No Mass
Tuesday	Jan. 12	8:15 am	Mass for the Marcus & Kris Gross Family
Wednesday	Jan. 13	8:15 am 6:30 pm	School Mass in memory of Betty Schmidt and Bernice Anastasi Faith Formation Classes for Kindergarten to Grade 8 Theology of the Body for Grades 9-12 in the Rosman Parish Center
Thursday	Jan. 14	7:00 am 12:00 noon 1:00 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Scripture Study in Parish Office Meeting Room Mass in memory of Kathleen Renze Endowment Advisory Board in Parish Office Meeting Room Finance Council in Parish Office Meeting Room Pastoral Council in Parish Office Meeting Room
Friday	Jan. 15	8:15 am	School Mass in memory of Andy & Gladys Andersen
Saturday	Jan. 16	4:00 pm 4:30 pm 5:00 pm	Confessions Rosary Mass in memory of Catherine Gubbels and Bill Finken
Sunday	Jan. 17	8:30 am 11:00 am 6:00 pm	Mass in memory of Mary Poepsel and Ken Brinker & Bill & Irene Huebner Mass for the people of St. Michael's Spanish Mass



Sunday Mass is televised on cable TV (HMU Channel 15 at 4:00 pm on Sunday, Monday, and Wednesday, on Mediacom Channel 18 at 4:00 pm on Monday, and on FMCTC Channel 48 at 4:00 pm on Monday and Friday.)

Jubilee Year of Mercy — In recognition of this Jubilee Year of Mercy declared by Pope Francis, we have added another box to our weekly bulletin. We will include in this box a statement and question that comes from the pope's Bull of Indiction entitled "*Misericordiae Vultus*" (meaning "The Face of Mercy"). A bull is a common name given to certain important decrees issued by the Holy Father. The name comes from the Latin *bull*a (seal) since a lead or waxen seal was affixed to the decrees to authenticate them. This bull is the fundamental document of the Holy Year that outlines the overall spirit and intention for the Jubilee, as well as the spiritual fruits that are hoped to be gained. The bull opens with the declaration, "Jesus is the face of the Father's mercy. These words might well sum up the mystery of the Christian faith." The logo is the official logo for the Jubilee Year of Mercy.



Jubilee Year Of Mercy — Pope Francis said, "We need constantly to contemplate the mystery of mercy." Why do you think mercy is a mystery?

Charlotte's Travels Continue — with the organization Unbound, formerly known as the Christian Foundation for Children and Aging. She is visiting their sponsored child, Soyla. Many of St. Michael's parishioners are sponsoring children or an elderly person through this organization. Good news stories continue as Charlotte is passing on the story of a 7th Grade boy who had throat cancer when he was two. He was sponsored when he was four, so he got medical help. Now he is cancer free and his dream is to be a doctor. With his sponsor's help, he may pursue his dream. One woman has two special needs children so she couldn't work outside her home. She attended a class on cake decoration given by Unbound and now has a good business.

Remember The Sick In Your Prayers And By Your Notes Or Visits —

Jenny Schwery	Mike Wohlhutter	Betty Markham
Zane Coenen	Helen Schmitz	Marge Gubbels
Eunice Blum	Fr. Dave Polich	Helen Blum
Mary Tepe	Charlie McNair	Kelly Gaer
Darlene (Dar) Kenkel	Bernice Stracke	Clifford Kruse
Dwayne Stolz	Rhonda Wendt	Keagan Bates

Please call the office with names of those who are sick, or in need of our prayers. And please call when their names can be removed.

Readings For The Week —

Mon.	11th	1Sm1-8	Mk 1:14-20
Tue.	12th	1Sm 1:9-20	Mk 1:21-28
Wed.	13th	1Sm 3:1-10, 19-20	Mk 1:29-39
Thur.	14th	1Sm 4:1-11	Mk 1:40-45
Fri.	15th	1Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a	Mk 2:1-12
Sun.	17th	Is 62:1-5 1Cor 12:4-11	Jn 2:1-11

Tithing — January 3	\$ 10,701
Needed each week	7,709
Difference	2,992
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Year to date	\$ (7,184)

Food Pantry Collection — resulted in \$390.65 (close to the highest total ever) and approximately 130 pounds of food or toiletry items. Thanks for your generosity in making this happen.

Advent Giving Ornament Project — All items were taken to West Central Development for distribution. The response to this project was amazing. Your generosity continues to give as the needs extend beyond the Christmas season. Thanks for your donations.



St. Michael's Faith Formation

WE ARE FAMILY!

Upcoming Dates —

- Jan. 13 6:30 pm Classes for Kindergarten to Grade 8
Theology of the Body for Grades 9-12
- Jan. 20 6:30 pm Vocations Night for students and their
parents in Grades 4-6 Meet in the Rosman
Parish Center
Regular classes for all other grades
- Jan. 27 6:30 pm Classes for Kindergarten to Grade 12



Follow Us — *St. Michael's Faith Formation*

CYO Basketball — Sunday, January 10

St. Michael's Boys vs Portsmouth — 1st Game — in Portsmouth
St. Michael's Girls vs Portsmouth — 2nd Game — in Portsmouth
Games begin at 1:00 pm. Come and support our youth.

Sparks and Flames — will be leading the music with the Church, Wind & Fire Adult Band at the 11:00 Mass on January 24. Come and enjoy the music as our young people help us to celebrate our liturgies.

Save The Date — St. Michael's Dinner/Raffle/Auction will be held on Saturday, March 19, at the Therkildsen Center. Mark your calendar now and plan to attend this fun parish fundraiser.

Jubilee Year Of Mercy — planning committee is being formed to determine projects and activities for this special year declared by Pope Francis. If you are interested in being a part of this committee contact the parish office as soon as possible.

Alzheimer's Support Group — will meet Monday, January 11, at 9:30 am at the Harlan Senior Center located within the Therkildsen Activity Center.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter — In today's gospel we read, "He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." Bring the Holy Spirit into your marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are February 12-14 in Ankeny and May 13-15 in Dubuque. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at www.iowa-wwme.org or call 563-927-4352.



Vocations
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Nuns And Sisters — Nuns are usually considered to be women religious who have professed solemn vows of poverty, chastity and obedience and live a life of prayer and penance within cloistered communities. Sisters are women religious who also have taken traditional religious vows but are engaged in active ministries among the public. They often live in a convent.

Shelby County Catholic School News

Catholic Schools Week — annual open house and pancake breakfast will be held on Sunday, January 31. Breakfast will be served from 9:00 am until 12:30 pm. Mark the date now and come celebrate the opening of Catholic Schools Week with us.

Mass With Bishop Pates — will be celebrated on Monday, February 1, at 10:30 am at St. Michael's Church.

Area Events —

- **Immanuel Lutheran Church** in Harlan, is sponsoring their annual Aebleskiver/Frikadeller Dinner and Danish Bake Sale on Saturday, January 23, from 5:00-7:00 pm. A free will offering will be accepted. The proceeds will benefit the scholarship fund for future mission trips to Tanzania.
- **St. Patrick's Parish in Neola** is hosting their annual dinner and auction on Saturday, January 30. Mass will begin at 4:00 pm. A Staley's Chicken dinner starts at 4:30 pm with the live auction to follow at 6:00 pm. Dinner cost is \$10.
- **St. Patrick's Parish in Neola** invites everyone to listen to their guest speaker, Neal Gremaud, on Saturday, February 6, at 10:00 am. Neal leads prayers every 13th of the month at the Shrine of the Miraculous Medal in Perryville, Missouri. He will be speaking about Mother Mary's messages to us. Lunch will be served after the talk in the parish hall. Call Kathy Graeve at 402-680-4370 for more information.
- **St. Mary's Parish in Avoca** is hosting an adult faith family presentation on Saturday, February 20, beginning at 3:10 pm. Deacon Joel and Lisa Schmidt will give the keynote presentation entitled, *Pray, Work, Rest and Play: A Rule of Life for Families*. The day will end with Mass at 5:30 pm. Reservations can be made by emailing St. Mary's Church at smpavoca@walnutel.net or call 712-307-6279.

Ministry Schedule

Jan. 16-17	Saturday 5:00 p.m.	Sunday 8:30 a.m.	Sunday 11:00 a.m.
1st Lector	Steve Finn	Rhonda Buck	Joan Schechinger
2nd Lector	Sharla Rau	Bonnie Kenkel	Rob Kloewer
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Musicians	Rod Carlson	Peg Lantz	
Cantors	John Rosman	Sarah Schumacher	
Ushers	Joe Klein Don Stowe Lin Brinker Alice Kenkel	Joe Wageman Chuck Buhman Gary Dozler Dale Swanson	Tom Powers Caitlin Yamada Madi Doonan Gary Klein
Jan. 17	E.M. Elm Crest Steve Finn Susan Finn	E.M. Private Homes Roger Thomsen Pat Thomsen	Money Counters Betty Leuck Leo Goeser Les Blum

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