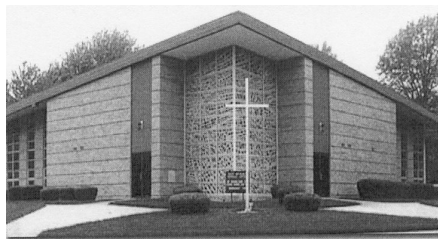


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## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 17, 2016

We believe in the love  
God has for us!



### MISSION STATEMENT

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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Contact the office to set a date.

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an initial interview with Fr. John.

### FROM THE PASTOR . . .

With our weekend liturgy, we finally return to Ordinary Time. Christmas decorations have been taken down and our church looks a little bare, but before you know it the season of Lent will be starting up and shortly Easter will be here.

On the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time, we hear about Jesus performing his first miracle. According to John's gospel, this first miracle takes place at a wedding celebration in the little town of Cana. John, the author, wants it to be very clear to us readers that this first miracle of Jesus is demonstrating that the times are changing. Jesus is announcing to the world that the coming of God's kingdom has now begun.

This weekend also marks the start of my annual winter vacation. I will be heading back to Green Valley, Arizona, for the ninth straight winter. I have been told that the weather down there has been colder and wetter than normal. Blame it on the El Nino weather pattern. During my absence, Fr. Wayne Gubbels will provide Mass coverage next weekend, and the following weekend Fr. Robert Sherry of Cross Catholic Outreach will be here to say the Masses. Please make sure these priests feel welcome. If any deaths occur during my absence, either Fr. Don Bruck or Fr. Dave Smith will deal with these situations. And thankfully, Deacon Jim will be leading weekday communion services while I am away. Thank you to all these gentlemen for covering for me while I am on vacation. May the weather be mild while I am away.

Peace,  
Fr. John

**Growing In Faith?: How willing am I to follow the Lord?**

#### Laudato Si' Encyclical —

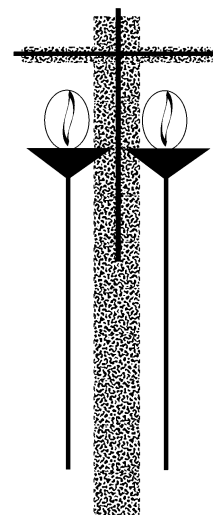
The Good News People present sections from the concluding chapters of Pope Francis's encyclical, **Laudato Si'** (Praise Be to You).

Each organism, as a creature of God, is good and admirable in itself; the same is true of the harmonious ensemble of organisms existing in a defined space and functioning as a system. Although we are often not aware of it, we depend on these larger systems for our own existence. We need only recall how ecosystems interact in dispersing carbon dioxide, purifying water, controlling illnesses and epidemics, forming soil, breaking down waste, and in many other ways which we overlook or simply do not know about. Once they become conscious of this, many people realize that we live and act on the basis of a reality which has previously been given to us, which precedes our existence and our abilities. So, when we speak of "sustainable use," consideration must always be given to each ecosystem's regenerative ability in its different areas and aspects. (Par. 140)



## Calendar for the Week of January 18-24

Monday	Jan. 18	8:15 am	Rosary with the SCCS Students
Tuesday	Jan. 19	9:30 am 6:15 pm	Mass in memory of Sr. Norma Honz at <i>Elm Crest</i> (Fr. Bruck) Knights of Columbus (See note below.)
Wednesday	Jan. 20	8:15 am 6:30 pm	Communion Service with the SCCS Students Faith Formation Vocation Night for Students Grades 4-6 and their Parents Regular Classes for all other Grades
Thursday	Jan. 21	12:00 Noon	Communion Service
Friday	Jan. 22	8:15 am	Communion Service with the SCCS Students
Saturday	Jan. 23	4:00 pm 4:30 pm 5:00 pm	Confessions Rosary Mass for the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Lee & Alice Kenkel
Sunday	Jan. 24	8:30 am 11:00 am 1:00 am	Mass for the people of St. Michael's Mass in memory of Janet Engel and Gene Sibenaller CYO Basketball Games in the Rosman Parish Center



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.)

### **Knights Of Columbus Annual Fish Fry Meeting** —

will be held on Tuesday, January 19, at Gerry Fremi's building located at 101 Market Street. The business meeting begins at 6:15 pm. The fish fry and social meeting for anyone involved with our fish fry will begin at 7:00 pm. For more information, please contact Bob Kesterson at 712-249-5799.

### **Prayers For Our Travelers** —

Please pray for our pilgrims traveling to Nicaragua these next few weeks and for those who are already working in our sister parish. They will be building relationships, friendships and working together with the people of San Pedro Apostol. These pilgrims include: Tim Sullivan, Makenzie Sullivan, Charlotte Willenborg, Tom Zacccone, Orlando Gil, Kevin and Lori Hlavac, Ron Rosmann, Amy Markham, Diane Weihs, Debbie Davis, Joe Zacccone and Michele (Zacccone) Johnson.

### **Facebook Reminder** —

Check the Shelby County Nicaragua Partners Facebook page for current pictures and updates on their projects. See what is happening with the solar panels and baseball equipment distribution. Keep up with the travelers through Facebook.

**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.

### **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. Proceeds will benefit the scholarship fund for future mission trips to Tanzania.
- **St. Patrick 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.

### **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
Sr. Bernice Schmitz		

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. 18th	1Sm 15:16-23	Mk 2:18-22
Tue. 19th	1Sm 16:1-13	Mk 2:23-28
Wed. 20th	1Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51	Mk 3:1-6
Thur. 21st	1Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7	Mk 3:7-12
Fri. 22nd	1Sm 24:3-21	Mk 3:13-19
Sun. 24th	Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 1Cor 12:12-30	Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

<b>Tithing</b> — January 10	\$ 6,225
Needed each week	7,709
Difference	(1,484)
	( ) if deficit
Year to date	\$ (8,668)

### **Your Donations To Catholic Charities At Work** —

John (name changed) lived in a home run by Catholic Charities for people with developmental disabilities. His job was to retrieve and distribute the mail. Opening the mailbox one day, he found a baby inside. John brought the baby to the group manager of the home. Years later there was a knock on the door of that home. A young lady was looking for John, who had passed away. She wanted to thank him for saving that baby, for saving her life. In 2014, Catholic Charities agencies provided supervised living services in group homes for 2,230 adults with mental illnesses.



## St. Michael's Faith Formation

WE ARE FAMILY!

### Upcoming Dates —

- Jan. 20 6:30 pm Vocations Night for students in Grades 4-6 and their parents — Meet in the Rosman Parish Center  
Regular classes for all other grades
- Jan. 27 6:30 pm Classes for Kindergarten to Grade 12  
Faith Formation Advisory Board will meet in the music room.
- Feb. 3 6:30 pm Classes for Kindergarten to Grade 12
- Feb. 10 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Mass; No Classes



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

### CYO Basketball — Sunday, January 17

St. Michael's Girls vs Panama — 1st Game — in Harlan  
St. Michael's Boys vs Defiance — 2nd Game — In Harlan

### CYO Basketball — Sunday, January 24

St. Michael's Boys vs LYO — 1st Game — in Harlan  
St. Michael's Girls vs Westphalia — 2nd Game — in Harlan  
Come support our youth.

**Sparks and Flames** — will lead 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. The singing will start fifteen minutes before Mass.

**Adult Faith Family Presentation** — Join Bishop Pates and St. Mary's Parish in Avoca as they host an adult faith family presentation Saturday, February 20, 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*. Their presentation is for families in every state and situation, including those without children and new parents to grandparents. The day will end with Mass at 5:30 pm. Reservations can be made by emailing St. Mary's Church at [smpavoca@walnutel.net](mailto:smpavoca@walnutel.net) or by calling 712-307-6279.



**Jubilee Year Of Mercy** — Pope Francis said, "Mercy is the ultimate and supreme act by which God comes to meet us." Those are powerful words, "ultimate and supreme." Why does Pope Francis put such emphasis on mercy?



**Vocations Corner**

**What Is A Deacon?** — A permanent deacon is a man ordained — like bishop or priest — to serve as Christ Jesus who "came not to be served but to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many" (Mark 10:45). The word deacon comes from the Greek word for service: diakonia.

## 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. Come celebrate the opening of Catholic Schools Week with us.

**Kindergarten Information Night** - SCCS Kindergarten Information Night will be held on Tuesday, February 2, from 6:30-7:30 pm in the school gym. Parents and prospective kindergartners for the 2016-2017 school year are invited to attend. While parents attend an informational session in the SCCS gym, the children will participate in various activities in the kindergarten room. Kindergartners must be 5 years old by September 15, 2016.

**Little Angels Preschool** — is now taking applications for the 2016-2017 school year. Two programs are available - Monday, Wednesday and Friday 8:00 am - 12:00 pm and Tuesday and Thursday 8:00 am - 1:30 pm. Preschoolers must be 4 years old by September 15, 2016. If you are interested in enrolling your preschooler, please call Shelby County Catholic School at 755-5634. Space is limited, so enroll your child now!

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

**Fifteen-Decade Rosary For Life** — will be this Sunday, January 17, from 1:30-2:30 pm at St. Peter's Church in Defiance.

**Please Remember To** — return your tithe pledge card for 2016. This information is helpful for those planning the yearly budget.

### Ministry Schedule

Jan. 23-24	Saturday 5:00 p.m.	Sunday 8:30 a.m.	Sunday 11:00 a.m.
<b>1st Lector</b> <b>2nd Lector</b>	Lee Kenkel Family Lee Kenkel Family	Cheryl Andersen Sarah Devine	Makayla Tremel Joan Chamberlain
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<b>Servers</b>	Ethan Tepe Jonathan Tepe Stephen Leinen	Matthew Devine Joseph Devine Elizabeth Devine	Reilly McMurphy Keyton Francis Matthew Sorfonden
<b>Musicians</b>	Lee & Alice Kenkel Family		Church, Wind & Fire
<b>Cantors</b>	Lee & Alice Kenkel Family		Sparks & Flames
<b>Ushers</b>	Joe Klein Don Stowe Lin Brinker Alice Kenkel	Joe Wageman Chuck Buhman Gary Dozler Dale Swanson	Tom Powers Caitlin Yamada Madi Doonan Gary Klein
<b>Jan. 24</b>	<b>E.M. Elm Crest</b> Cheryl Andersen Sherry Bierl	<b>E.M. Private Homes</b> Jan Rau Michelle Custer	<b>Money Counters</b> Scott Koppold Michelle Koppold Sherry Krantz

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