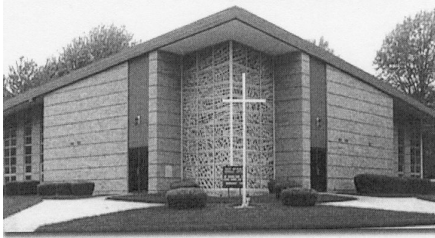


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Name, O Lord!

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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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FROM AN ARTICLE BY BISHOP PATES . . .

Jubilee Year of Mercy

December 8, 2015 — November 20, 2016

Pope Saint John XXIII — December 8 marked the 50th anniversary of the conclusion of the Second Vatican Council, one of the most significant events in the 2000 year history of the Catholic Church.

At the opening session of the council in 1961, Pope John XXIII, who called the council, stated this about mercy, "Now the Bride of Christ wishes to use the medicine of mercy rather than taking up arms of severity. . . The Catholic Church, as she holds high the torch of Catholic truth at this Ecumenical Council, wants to show herself a loving mother to all; patient, kind, moved by compassion and goodness toward her separated children."

Pope Francis — sees this vision accomplished in the Church's exercise of mercy. In so doing, she is revealing the face of Jesus to the world. In the papal letter introducing the Jubilee of Mercy in the first paragraph he boldly proclaims, "Jesus Christ is the face of the Father's mercy. These words might well sum up the mystery of the Christian faith. Mercy has become living and visible in Jesus of Nazareth, reaching its culmination in him. The Father, 'rich in mercy' (Ephesians 2:4), after having revealed his name to Moses as 'a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness' (Exodus 34:6), has never ceased to show, in various ways throughout history, his divine nature. In the 'fullness of time' (Galatians 4:4), when everything had been arranged according to his plan of salvation, he sent his only Son into the world, born of the Virgin Mary, to reveal his love for us in a definitive way. Whoever sees Jesus sees the Father (John 14:9). Jesus of Nazareth, by his words, his actions, and his entire person reveals the mercy of God."

Pope Francis wants each person to realize God's mercy in all its fullness and wants to convey that God's mercy is accessible to all no matter their current circumstances. We can pray like the psalmist with confidence in God's mercy, "Hear my voice, Lord, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me." (Psalm 27:7)

Laudato Si' Encyclical —

The Good News People share from Pope Francis's encyclical, **Laudato Si'** (Praise Be to You).

Ecology also involves protecting the cultural treasures of humanity in the broadest sense. It calls for greater attention to local cultures when studying environmental problems. Culture is more than what we have inherited from the past; it is also, and above all, a living, dynamic and participatory present reality, which cannot be excluded as we rethink the relationship between human beings and the environment. There is a need to respect the rights of people and cultures, and to appreciate that the development of a social group presupposes a historical process which takes place within a cultural context and demands the constant and active involvement of local people from within their proper culture. Nor can the notion of the quality of life be imposed from without, for quality of life must be understood within the world of symbols and customs proper to each human group. (Paragraphs 143-144)



Calendar for the Week of February 1-7

Monday	Feb. 1	10:30 am	School Mass with Bishop Pates
Tuesday	Feb. 2	9:30 am	Communion Service At <i>Elm Crest</i> with Blessing of Throats
Wednesday	Feb. 3	8:15 am 6:30 pm	Communion Service Faith Formation Classes for Kindergarten to Grade 12
Thursday	Feb. 4	7:00 am 12:00 noon	Scripture Study in Parish Office Meeting Room Mass in memory of Anna Marie Arkfeld
Friday	Feb. 5	8:15 am 12:00 noon	School Mass in memory of Ambrose Gubbels First Friday Adoration Benediction
Saturday	Feb. 6	4:00 pm 4:30 pm 5:00 pm	Confessions Rosary Mass in memory of Betty Kohles and Maxine Thielen & Rosemary Reinig
Sunday	Feb. 7	8:30 am 11:00 am 6:00 pm	Mass in memory of Nicky Salvo and Rick Burchett 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.)

LORD
I will
sing
of your
salvation



Grant Eternal Rest, O Lord, To: — Ken Kuster of our parish, and Marie Kohles, sister of Jim Kohles of our parish.

Welcome, Fr. Sherry — of Cross Catholic Outreach who is speaking this weekend at all Masses on behalf of the poor in developing countries. Cross Catholic Outreach was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America.

Blessing Of Throats — will be after the Masses this weekend and during the Elm Crest Communion Service on Tuesday. It has been the tradition of the Catholic Church for many years to seek the intercession of St. Blaise for protection against any ailment of the throat. February 3 is the Feast of St. Blaise.

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.

2015 End Of The Year — Contribution statements are now ready. You can pick up your statement in the box in the back of church after the weekend Masses or at the office during the week.

Holy Door Pilgrimage — Pope Francis has invited the faithful to participate in a pilgrimage to a Holy Door. Last week's bulletin included information about the Holy Doors in the Des Moines Diocese. How do you make a pilgrimage? There is a flier on the tables in the back of church that will give you more details and suggested prayers for your pilgrimage.

Food Pantry Collection — Next weekend, February 6-7

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

Jenny Schwery	Bonnie Peterson	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	Violet Bohr	Keagan Bates
Sr. Bernice Schmitz	Frank Murtaugh	Mary Jo Law
Beverly Coenen	Harry Kloewer	

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.	1st	2Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13	Mk 5:1-20
Tue.	2nd	Mal 3:1-4 Heb 2:14-18	Lk 2:22-40
Wed.	3rd	2Sm 24:2, 9-17	Mk 6:1-6
Thur.	4th	1Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12	Mk 6:7-13
Fri.	5th	Sir 47:2-11	Mk 6:14-29
Sun.	7th	Is 6:1-2a, 3-8 1Cor 15:1-11	Lk 5:1-11

Tithing — January 24	\$ 6,468
Needed each week	7,709
Difference	(1,241)
	() if deficit
Year to date	\$ (8,410)

Portsmouth Knights Of Columbus — are hosting a pancake breakfast on Sunday, February 7, from 8:00-11:00 am at the St. Mary's Parish Hall in Portsmouth. The menu includes: pancakes, biscuits and gravy, French toast, eggs and sausage and drinks. A free will offering will be accepted.

Fair Trade — items are available any time in the parish office.



St. Michael's Faith Formation

WE ARE FAMILY!

Upcoming Dates —

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 31

St. Michael's Girls vs Earling— 1st Game — in Harlan
 St. Michael's Boys vs Earling — 2nd Game — in Harlan
 Games begin at 4:00 pm. Come and support our youth

Catholic Youth Camp Registration — opens January 31 at noon. It is our pleasure to invite you to participate in Catholic Youth Camp. For over 50 years, young people from all over the diocese and beyond have been coming to the St. Thomas More Center to encounter a week of prayer, fellowship, adventure and joy. Join us for summer 2016 as we continue this tradition of faith and fun for students going into 3rd Grade through high school graduates. For those who are 16 or older, you are also invited to be a camp counselor. Visit www.STMcenter.com for more information and to register. There is also an information card on the back tables.

Help Is Available — for Catholic Youth Camp registration fees. The Ladies Guild has again generously agreed to donate \$100 to students who would like to attend camp. Call Veronica at 755-5366 for a special code to use when registering.

Vocations Chalice — was in the home of Gary & Jodi Dozler the week of January 20-27. The Todd & Karla Blum family will have the chalice January 27–February 3. Thank you for continuing to pray for vocations.

Family Enrichment Event — to be held at St. Mary's in Avoca on Saturday, February 20, beginning at 3:15 pm. Deacon Joel and Lisa Schmidt will be presenting the keynote presentation. Join Bishop Pates for Mass at 5:30 pm. All are invited to attend.



Jubilee Year Of Mercy — The Jubilee of Mercy began with the opening of a holy door in Rome and at St. Ambrose Cathedral in Des Moines. How do you see the parallel of opening the Holy Door with opening wide the door of your heart to God?



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How Does A Man Become A Deacon? — A man becomes a deacon through a process of discernment and formation that takes about four or five years. If a man is married, his wife and family must also come to embrace the joys and demands of having a husband and father who is a deacon.

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!

Area Event —

- **Harlan Senior Center** cordially invites you to our *Sweetheart Pancake Breakfast* baked by The Pancake Man on Sunday, February 14, from 8:30 am to 12:00 pm at the Senior Center located in the Therkindsen Activity Center in Harlan. All proceeds go to the Harlan Senior Center.

St. Michael's Spring Fundraiser — is Saturday, March 19, at the Therkindsen Center. Come for dinner, the auction and fun.

Ministry Schedule

Feb. 6-7	Saturday 5:00 p.m.	Sunday 8:30 a.m.	Sunday 11:00 a.m.
1st Lector 2nd Lector	Sharla Rau Joyce Thraen	Paul Kruse J.C. Salvo	Joan Chamberlain Dave Erlbacher
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Cantors			
Ushers	Marcus Klein Sam Wilwerding Leo Goeser Joann Kenkel	Garett Erlbacher Gary Dozler David Jacobs Cletus Schmitz	Eric Schmidt Chloe Schmidt Mark Zaccone Gary Weihs
Feb. 7	E.M. Elm Crest Jan Rau Michelle Custer	E.M. Private Homes Les Blum Jan Blum	Money Counters Robin Powers Beth Klein Madi Doonan Susan Yamada

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