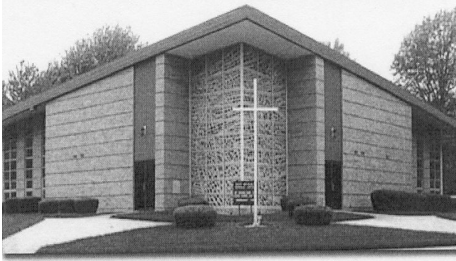


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We, the people of St. Michael's Catholic Parish, are many parts, but one body. As a community of believers in Jesus Christ and inspired by the Holy Spirit, we celebrate the sacraments, are challenged by Sacred Scripture and Roman Catholic Tradition, 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.

FROM THE PASTOR . . .

On this Second Sunday of Lent, we reflect on the vastness of God's love for each of us. Though we frequently miss the mark in life through our sins, God continues to shower us with his love and mercy. Through Christ, and the life of the Church, our lives are filled with blessings as numerous as the stars in the night sky. Like Abraham in today's first reading, we are called to realize that this promise of love is "made by the Lord" and is not dependent upon our human status or effort. We are invited to respond faithfully to the love that God offers us.

In the second reading, we are told that if we can say "yes" to the Lord's call, then we are capable of embracing the life which St. Paul finds in God's promise of a new form for our earthly bodies. Even today, we are surrounded by the "enemies of the cross of Christ", but St. Paul encourages us to stand firm in the Lord. God's love and mercy for us gives meaning to our lives whether we are filled with joy or suffering.

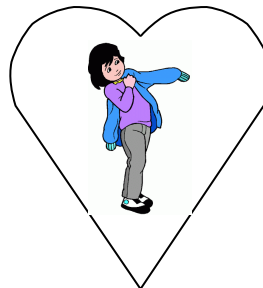
Finally, in the transfiguration story of the gospel, the author Luke helps us realize that God is always with us, even in our "passages" of life. Today we see Jesus transfigured before his disciples but we know that he is headed towards Jerusalem and ultimately to his passion, death and resurrection. Likewise we are spiritually sharing in Jesus' journey to Jerusalem, and we call it Holy Week.

In the gospel today, we are told that Jesus' appearance becomes transfigured, that his clothing becomes white as snow. This observation leads us into this week's Corporal Work of Mercy, to clothe the naked. We have an abundance of clothes. How willing are we to share some of our surplus clothing with the poor? As we reflect on the Corporal Work of clothing the poor, we could resolve to share the clothes that we no longer wear or just plain have forgotten in the back of our closets. Let us attempt to clothe the poor.

*Peace,
Fr. John*

Growing In Faith?: What clothing will I share with the poor?

Corporal Work Of Mercy: Clothe The Naked — Our world pretends to cover its evils with a wardrobe of materialism, secularism, commercialism and all the other unhealthy isms. We sometimes marvel at the superficial trappings of this "wardrobe" in both the secular and ecclesiastical sectors while ignoring the absurd spiritual nudity and moral nakedness that we all exhibit from time to time. The Corporal Work of Mercy of clothing the naked is not just about throwing some clothes on the physically naked, but rather in striving to dress ourselves in the purest garments of mercy toward others as often as we can. What good do the finest, most expensive clothes do when they cover our failure to show mercy to those in need of clothing?



Second Sunday of Lent

February 21, 2016

Redeem us, Lord,
from our distress!



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4:00 P.M. Saturday or by appointment

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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.

Calendar for the Week of February 22-28

Monday	Feb. 22	7:00 pm	SCCS Board of Education in Harlan
Tuesday	Feb. 23	8:15 am 7:00 pm	Mass for Patricia Dotzler Liturgy Committee in Parish Office Meeting Room
Wednesday	Feb. 24	8:15 am 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	School Mass in memory of Marcus Gross, Sr. & Don Gross Faith Formation Classes for Kindergarten to Grade 8 Grades 9-12 Parish Mission (and adults) with Jon Leonetti in the Church
Thursday	Feb. 25	7:00 am 12:00 noon 7:00 pm	Scripture Study in Parish Office Meeting Room Mass in memory of Edwin "Bud" Skalla Parish Mission with Jon Leonetti at St. Joseph in Earling
Friday	Feb. 26	8:15 am 5:30 pm 5:30-7:00 pm 7:00 pm	School Mass in memory of Pete & Elaine Sheldon Stations of the Cross Knights of Columbus Fish Dinner in Rosman Parish Center Parish Mission with Jon Leonetti at St. Mary in Panama
Saturday	Feb. 27	4:00 pm 4:30 pm 5:00 pm	Confessions Rosary Mass in memory of Vince & Mary Ann Blum and Randy & Carol Musich
Sunday	Feb. 28	8:30 am 11:00 am	Mass for the people of St. Michael's Mass in memory of Irene Green and Albert Frederick



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.)

St. Michael's Spring Fundraiser — is scheduled for Saturday, March 19, at the Therkildsen Center. Dinner will be served at 6:00 pm with the auction to follow. If you are planning to donate a new item for the auction, please have it to the office by March 9. Items will not be accepted after this date, as the auction list will need to be completed. Thanks.

Fundraiser Raffle Tickets Now Available — Prizes this year include a \$1,500 Travel Voucher from Four Seasons Travel (Cash Option \$1,000), one \$750 cash prize and two \$500 cash prizes. Tickets are \$20 each or six for \$100. Call Spike Kloewer at 755-5509 or come to the parish office to purchase your tickets now for a chance to win one of these great prizes. Dinner tickets at \$13 each will be available at the door the night of the fundraiser.

Hungering To Give Back — This week Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl takes us to Laos, where Hongkham is using her love of cooking to provide for her family and feed an entire school. Hongkham lives in Laos with her husband and their five boys. When her husband got sick, the family had to sell their land to pay for medicine and didn't have enough to eat. Hongkham needed a way to help her family. Her children's school, where CRS works with students and families, needed a chef. Hongkham volunteered and now receives some food each month to take home to her family. CRS provides lunches to students, which keeps them in school so they can learn to read and write.

Rice Bowl's Local Connection — 75% of your donation supports Catholic Relief Services around the world. 25% supports local hunger and poverty alleviation efforts in our diocese. Each year St. Michael's applies to Catholic Charities for a grant given through the Rice Bowl Donations. This year, \$1,000 was received for the Shelby County Ministerial Association. Your donations do make a difference. Thanks for helping those in need.

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

Jenny Schwery	Bonnie Peterson	Jacob Hartvigsen
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Beverly Coenen	Fr. Dave Polich	Clifford Kruse
Violet Bohr	Charlie McNair	Mary Jo Law
Bernice Stracke	Keagan Bates	Frank Murtaugh
Sr. Bernice Schmitz	Trent Smith	

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.	22nd	1Pt 5:1-4	Mt 16:13-19
Tue.	23rd	Is 1:10, 16-20	Mt 23:1-12
Wed.	24th	Jer 18:18-20	Mt 20:17-28
Thur.	25th	Jer 17:5-10	Lk 16:19-31
Fri.	26th	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a	Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Sun.	28th	Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15 1Cor 10:1-6, 10-12	Lk 13:1-9

Tithing — February 14	\$ 10,300
Needed each week	7,709
Difference	2,591
	() if deficit
Year to date	\$ (9,033)

Surge Of The Heart — Shelby County Mission begins this week on Wednesday, February 24, at St. Michael's. Our presenter is international Catholic speaker and author Jon Leonetti. Although Wednesday night will specifically be addressed to high school students, adults are also welcome to attend. Thursday, February 25, the topic will be *God's Dream for Your Life* at St. Joseph in Earling. Friday, February 26, the talk is entitled *Living God's Dream*. Each session begins at 7:00 pm. Each will be a different presentation.



St. Michael's Faith Formation

WE ARE FAMILY!

Upcoming Dates —

- Feb. 24. 6:30 pm Classes for Grades K-8
 7:00 pm Grades 9-12 meet in the church for the Parish Mission Presentation, *Who is God and Why Love Him?*, by Jon Leonetti
- Mar. 2 5:00 pm St. Michael's Youth Council meeting with pizza in the parish center
- 6:30 pm Classes for Grades K-12
- Mar. 9 6:30 pm Classes for Grades K-2
 Healing Service Grades 3-12 with families

Catholic Youth Camp Codes — The Guild has provided us with more help for camp fees. Call Veronica for a discount of \$100 per camper. Camp weeks are filling fast.

CRS Rice Bowls — All faith formation families were given a Rice Bowl for Lent. Challenge your family to fill it to the brim!

Help Update Our Library — We have old DVDs and VHS tapes that are very out of date. Some were produced in the 80's and 90's! Watch here for ways to "Bring New Life to the Library."



Follow Us — St. Michael's Faith Formation

Shelby County Catholic School News

Little Wildcat Basketball Clinic will be held on Saturday, February 27, in the SCCS school gym. Registration is from 9:00-9:30 am. The clinic runs from 9:30-10:30 am. Please enter through the north door. This is a free admission clinic for all children ages 3-5 years old. Call the school at 755-5634 with any questions.

SCCS "Go For The Green Raffle" tickets are on sale for \$10 per ticket. The winning ticket holder will receive half the money collected. The drawing will be held on March 17, the Feast of St. Patrick, at St. Mary's Hall in Panama following 9:00 am Mass at St. Mary's Church. To purchase your tickets stop by the Shelby County Catholic School.

Area Events

- **Fifteen Decade Rosary for Life** is this Sunday, February 21, from 1:30-2:30 pm at St. Mary's in Portsmouth.
- **St. Patricks Church in Neola** is hosting speaker Doug Barry on Wednesday, February 24, at 7:00 pm. His topic is spiritual warfare.
- **St. Alberts Catholic School in Council Bluffs** is hosting a Comedy Night on Saturday, March 19, from 6:00-9:30 pm, in St. Alberts Auditorium. The opening act is local comedian Dee Dollen. The main act is comedian Kristofer Covi. The ticket price is \$40 per couple or \$25 for singles and includes snacks and drinks. To purchase tickets email sacomedynite@gmail.com by March 13.

Remember — to check page four of the bulletin each week to see information about our sister parish in Nicaragua. Look in the upper right hand corner. Also, check out our bulletin sponsors.

Flames — and the Church, Wind & Fire Band will be leading the music on Sunday, February 28, at the 11:00 Mass. The music will begin about fifteen minutes before Mass.

Ministry Schedule

Feb. 27-28	Saturday 5:00 p.m.	Sunday 8:30 a.m.	Sunday 11:00 a.m.
1st Lector	Leo Kloewer	Sarah Devine	Madi Doonan
2nd Lector	Elaine Sprague	Deann Irlmeier	Julia Sorfonden
Eucharistic Ministers	Britney Bengford (T) Kathy Hull Phil Koesters Gwen Kaufman Joyce Thraen Chris Tepe Volunteer needed	Bill Wingert (T) Sandy Wingert Ed Reinig J.C. Salvo Deann Irlmeier Nancy Jacobs Jim Kohles	Brianna Boldan (T) Michelle Custer Bob Kesterson Julie Kesterson Sherry Bierl Rob Kloewer Tami Kloewer
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Musicians			Church, Wind & Fire
Cantors			Flames
Ushers	Marcus Klein Sam Wilwerding Leo Goeser Joann Kenkel	Garett Erlbacher Gary Dozler Dave Jacobs Cletus Schmitz	Eric Schmidt Chloe Schmidt Mark Zaccone Gary Weihs
Feb. 28	E.M. Elm Crest Roger Thomsen Pat Thomsen	E.M. Private Homes Dennis Mumm Joyce Mumm	Money Counters Juliene Johnson Maxine Kwapiszeski Ron Muenchrath

Jubilee Year Of Mercy Healing Service — is scheduled at St. Michael's on Wednesday, March 9, at 6:30 pm. At this service, we will celebrate the sacrament of anointing of the sick with special emphasis on spiritual healing. The Sacrament of Anointing includes the forgiveness of sins. This service is not a Mass and is not a general absolution reconciliation service, although priests will be available after the service for individual confession. In this Jubilee Year of Mercy, Pope Francis has asked us to take a new and deeper look at mercy. This service calls anyone who is seeking healing of any kind and gives us all an opportunity to experience God's mercy in our lives. There will also be a similar service at St. Boniface in Westphalia on Sunday, March 6 at 1:00 pm.



Jubilee Year Of Mercy — Pope Francis hopes the "balm of mercy reaches everyone, both believers and those far away, as a sign that the Kingdom of God is already present in our midst" How do you take advantage of healing that accompanies mercy? How do you offer this healing to others.



Vocations Corner

Already Dedicated — to him through Baptism, the person who surrenders themselves to the God they love above all else thereby consecrates themselves more intimately to God's service and to the good of the church.

— Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 931

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