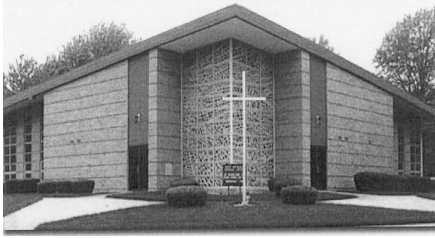


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## Third Sunday of Lent

February 28, 2016

I will give you a new Spirit,  
says the Lord!

Whoever thinks he  
is standing secure  
should take care  
not to fall *First Corinthians*

### 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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### FROM THE PASTOR . . .

In the gospel this Third Sunday of Lent, we hear Jesus tell the parable of the fig tree. Jesus is telling his audience, as well as his followers of today, that we are all special in God's eyes. Because of this specialness, our Heavenly Father is counting on all of us to bear fruit — the fruit of love! At the same time we are being told that our Heavenly Father is very patient with our efforts to bear fruit by how we live and share faith and love with each other. The Father is continually willing to give us second, third and multiple chances to be fruitful and loving people. Lent continues to teach us of God's great mercy and our need to be grateful for God's patience with us.

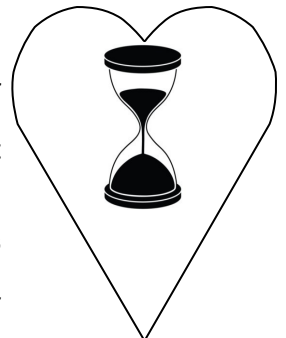
In the gospel, we are told that the fig tree would bear no fruit. The owner says, "Enough, let us cut it down." But on the other hand, the owner's gardener replies, "Sir, please leave it one more year, and I will give it extra care, and if it still bears no fruit, then I will cut it down." In the same way God is patient with us, and God is calling us to be patient with others. To be patient with others; our family, friends, co-workers and others requires much time and effort. If God can be patient with us, why can't we be patient with others? Let us continue to work on practicing the spiritual work of mercy of patience. Patience does make us a better person.

*Peace,  
Fr. John*

**Growing In Faith?: Who can I be more patient with in my life?**

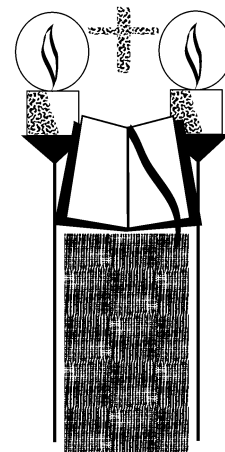
#### Spiritual Work Of Mercy: Patience To All We Meet —

Perhaps you have prayed or have heard it said, "God, please give me patience, and give it to me right away!" We all want others to offer patience to us when we falter, so it should be without question that we offer patience ourselves. But, unfortunately, that is not the way it works at times. That is one reason we are reminded this week in the gospel, in this Jubilee Year of Mercy, to put into practice the Spiritual Work of Mercy of Patience. It is difficult, and sometimes it takes determination, but the rewards of showing patience when all around us seem to be going the opposite way can actually bring peace in our families, to our friends and to everyone we have contact with each day. Practice patience this week for a more peaceful world.



## Calendar for the Week of February 29-March 6

Monday	Feb. 29	—	No Mass
Tuesday	Mar. 1	9:30 am	Mass in memory of Lottie and Ann McDermott at <i>Elm Crest</i>
Wednesday	Mar. 2	8:15 am 6:30 pm	School Mass in memory of Laura Schmitz and Greg Taylor Faith Formation Classes for Kindergarten to Grade 12
Thursday	Mar. 3	7:00 am 12:00 noon	Scripture Study in Parish Office Meeting Room Mass in memory of the deceased members of the William Feser family
Friday	Mar. 4	8:15 am — 12:00 noon 5:30 pm 5:30-7:00 pm	School Mass in memory of Betty Schmidt Eucharistic Adoration Benediction Stations of the Cross Fish Dinner in Rosman Parish Center
Saturday	Mar. 5	4:00 pm 4:30 pm 5:00 pm	Confessions Rosary Mass in memory of Silverius Muenchrath and Ivo & Darrell Coenen
Sunday	Mar. 6	8:30 am 11:00 am 6:00 pm	Mass in memory of Melissa Ann Mikkelsen, Tony Weis & Tom Weis 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.)

**Grant Eternal Rest, O Lord, To:** — Jacob Hartvigsen, nephew of Karla Roecker of our parish.

**Knights Of Columbus Fish Dinner** — will be served every Friday night of Lent from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. The menu this year includes fried and baked fish, French fries and baked potatoes, coleslaw, and macaroni and cheese. **A new item** this year is: fish tacos! Desserts will be provided by the Ladies Guild. Adults \$10, children ages 6 to 10 \$5, children 5 and under are free. There is also a family rate (parents and children) of \$30. Proceeds will help fund college scholarships.

**Thank You From The Knights Of Columbus** — to the Harlan community for their support of our fish dinner events! A special thank you to the **Ladies Guild** for providing dessert, **Hy-Vee Wine and Spirits** for providing limes and picante sauce for the fish tacos, and to **Kirkman Farms** for their generous donation to help defray the costs of the fish dinner events. Thanks also to **Subway** for all of their help and support throughout the years in making the Harlan Knights of Columbus fish dinner events a success. If you or your organization would like to get involved and help in some way, just let any of the Harlan Knights know.  
— Knights of Columbus (In service to one. In service to all.)

**St. Michael's Spring Fundraiser** — is scheduled for Saturday, March 19, at the Therkidsen Center. Dinner will be served at 6:00 pm with the auction to follow.

**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.

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

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Fr. Dave Polich	Clifford Kruse	Violet Bohr
Charlie McNair	Mary Jo Law	Bernice Stracke
Keagan Bates	Frank Murtaugh	Sr. Bernice Schmitz
Trent Smith	Jose Leal	

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.	29th	2Kgs: 5:1-15ab	Lk 4:24-30
Tue.	1st	Dn 3:25, 34-43	Mt 18:21-35
Wed.	2nd	Dt 4:1, 5-9	Mt 5:17-19
Thur.	3rd	Jer:7:23-28	Lk 11:14-23
Fri.	4th	Hos 14:2-10	Mk 12:28-34
Sun.	6th	Jos 5:9a, 10-12	2Cor 5:17-21
			Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

<b>Tithing</b> — February 21	\$ 6,652
Needed each week	7,709
Difference	(1,057)
	( ) if deficit
Year to date	\$ (10,090)

**Invite Them Back** — Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Church in Glenwood is hosting a soup supper and presentation by Sr. Theresa Aletheia Noble, FSP, on Thursday, March 10. Mass will be at 6:00 pm, the soup supper at 6:30 pm, with the presentation beginning at 7:00. Sr. Theresa will speak about her life as a former atheist and share her story of returning to the Church as well as useful tips for anyone who would like to reach out to friends and family who have left the faith. Call 712-527-5211 to RSVP and see the bulletin board flier for details.



## St. Michael's Faith Formation

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### Upcoming Dates —

- 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  
 Meet in the church.  
 Mar. 16 6:30 pm Classes for Grades K-12  
 Mar. 23 **No Classes Holy Week** Please take advantage of the beautiful liturgical traditions of the Triduum — Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday.



**'LIKE' Us On Facebook** — Daily Lenten reflections are being posted in addition to the weekly contemplation on the Sunday Gospel. Notes and news are also posted when necessary. Find us at [www.facebook.com/stmichaeldefenders](http://www.facebook.com/stmichaeldefenders) or search St. Michael's Faith Formation Harlan.

**CRS Rice Bowls** — Our students are encouraged to act in solidarity with the poor by eating a meal once or twice a week of just rice and put their contributions in the rice bowl all through Lent. Rice bowls should be brought back to class the Wednesday after Easter.

### Shelby County Catholic School News

SCCS "Go For The Green Raffle" tickets are on sale for \$10. 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. Purchase tickets at Shelby County Catholic School.

**Hungering For A Healthy Start** — The next stop on our CRS Rice Bowl journey is the African nation of Rwanda where we are reminded to care for the unborn by working to end child malnutrition. Studies have shown that the nutrition children receive in their first 1,000 days — from the womb until their second birthday— can mean the difference between a promising future and a life of poor health and limited opportunities. Odette started working with Catholic Relief Services before she gave birth. She participates in classes on farming and preparing nutritious meals from her crops. Thanks to CRS, her daughter, Olga, is growing up strong and healthy. Your donations are making a difference.

**Vocations Chalice** — will be in the home of Todd and Jackie Alberti the week of February 24 to March 2.

**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. 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. A similar service will be held at St. Boniface on Sunday, March 6, at 1:00 pm.

### Ministry Schedule

Mar. 5-6	Saturday 5:00 p.m.	Sunday 8:30 a.m.	Sunday 11:00 a.m.
<b>1st Lector</b>	Harry Nollen	Bonnie Kenkel	Gary Weihs
<b>2nd Lector</b>	Sharla Rau	Paul Kruse	Marcus Gross, Jr.
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<b>Cantors</b>			
<b>Ushers</b>	Randy Greer Geraldyn Greer Les Blum Jan Blum	Jackie Coenen Scott Koppold Michelle Koppold Maxine Kwapiszeski	Dan Schechinger Brook Schwery Lauren Blum John Erlbacher
<b>Mar. 6</b>	<b>E.M. Elm Crest</b> Joyce Rodenborn Leo Kloewer	<b>E.M. Private Homes</b> Janice Calhoon Nancy Jacobs	<b>Money Counters</b> Joe Tunender Sherry Krantz Bill Coldwell

**Baby Shower** — The Catholic Daughters will be sponsoring a baby shower during the month of March. New or good condition items are requested. Gifts of diapers are always needed. A basket will be in the back of church for your donated items which will be taken to West Central Community Action in Harlan. Thanks for your generosity.

**Food Pantry Collection** — is next weekend. Along with the list of regular items to donate, please remember West Central is still collecting items that are easy to prepare for middle school students. These items include fruit cups, applesauce cups, peanut butter and jelly, Nutella, fruit and cereal bars, Ramen noodles, juice, boxed meals and microwave meals. Thanks for thinking of the kids.



**Jubilee Year Of Mercy** — St. Thomas Aquinas says God's mercy is not a sign of weakness but rather a sign of his omnipotence. Some say the hardest words to say in the English language are "I'm sorry." Do you feel strong when you're seeking mercy? What about when you're offering mercy?



Vocations  
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**Vocation Boom's** — weekly TV show can be seen on EWTN three times a week. It airs Sundays at 11:00 am, Tuesdays at 2:30 am, and Thursdays at 5:30 pm (all times are Eastern.) Tune in or set your DVR to watch it at a more convenient time. *Vocation Boom* features cardinals, bishops, priests, deacons and laypeople all of whom share a passion for promoting vocations.

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