Saint Michael's Parish



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Peace, John

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.

FROM THE PASTOR . . .

In the gospel this weekend, we hear Jesus refer to himself as the "Good Shepherd". In fact, this Fourth Sunday of Easter is known as "Good Shepherd Sunday". Jesus tells the crowd, "I know my sheep, and they follow me. No one shall snatch them out of my hand." He continues, "I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish. No one shall snatch them out of the Father's hand." This is a promise that the Lord is especially making to all who put their faith and trust in him. We are the sheep of the flock of the Lord, and Jesus stands ready to protect us from all harm and evil.

In this month of April, we have been seeing a slow but irregular rise in the temperature. Spring is arriving as the grass is starting to turn green and buds are appearing on the trees and plants. With the arrival of Spring comes the sense of new life growing all around us. The days are slowly getting longer, and we are able to spend more time outdoors. Let us enjoy as fully as possible the promise and hope of Spring with its longer and warmer days.

Growing In Faith?: Do I appreciate the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd?

Laudato Si' Encyclical —

The Good News People present sections from the concluding chapters of Pope Francis's encyclical, **Laudato Si** (Praise Be to You). The encyclical is subtitled, *On Care for Our Common Home*.

The extreme poverty experienced in areas lacking harmony, open spaces or potential for integration, can lead to incidents of brutality and to exploitation by criminal organizations. In the unstable neighborhoods of mega-cities, the daily experience of overcrowding and social anonymity can create a sense of uprootedness which spawns antisocial behavior and violence. Nonetheless, I wish to insist that love always proves more powerful. Many people in these conditions are able to weave bonds of belonging and togetherness which convert overcrowding into an experience of community in which the walls of the ego are torn down and the barriers of selfishness overcome. This experience of communitarian salvation often generates creative ideas for the improvement of a building or a neighborhood. (Paragraph 149)



Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 17, 2016

The Good Shepherd is truly risen!



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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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.

Calendar	for the	Week of	April 18-	-24
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Monday	Apr. 18		No Mass
Tuesday	Apr. 19	9:30 am 7:00 pm	Mass in memory of Mary Ellen Schmitz and Luella Hull at Elm Crest Knights of Columbus in Parish Office Meeting Room
Wednesday	Apr. 20	8:15 am 6:30 pm	School Mass in memory of Cleta Langenfeld Pitts Faith Formation Classes Grades K-12 2nd Grade First Communion Retreat in Rosman Parish Center Scripture Study in Parish Office Meeting Room
Thursday	Apr. 21	7:00 am 12:00 noon 1:00 pm 5:00-7:00 pm	Scripture Study in Parish Office Meeting Room Mass for Sylvan & Bonnie Klein Endowment Advisory Board in Parish Office Meeting Room Myrtue Medical Center Auxiliary Spring Fling Staley's Chicken Dinner in Rosman Parish Center
Friday	Apr. 22	1:00 pm	Note Time — Grandparents Day School Mass in memory of Marge Kramer & Terry Blum
Saturday	Apr. 23	4:00 pm 4:30 pm 5:00 pm	Confessions Rosary Mass for Don & Janice Stowe and in memory of Gale Vandenberg
Sunday	Apr. 24	8:30 am 9:30-11:00 am 11:00 am 7:00 pm	Mass for the people of St. Michael's Knights of Columbus Breakfast in Rosman Parish Center Mass in memory of Paul Zaccone and for the people of our sister parish in Nicaragua Faith Sound Concert in Church

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.)

We Welcome This Child — who was baptized last weekend as the newest member of our parish community: **Colton Allen Goodenberger**, son of Amber Buman of our parish.

Attention All Women — The 87th Annual Convention of the Des Moines Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will be held on Saturday, April 30, at Queen of Apostles Parish Hall in Council Bluffs. The day begins with a continental breakfast at 8:30 am and will conclude at 3:00 pm. Keynote speaker will be Kelly Wahlquist. Kelly is a dynamic and inspiring Catholic author and speaker whose gift of weaving personal stories and scripture together with practical advice allows her audience to enter more fully into what Pope Francis has called us to do to live the joy of the Gospel with missionary zeal. Our title this year is Sowers of Hope and Mercy: Living as Women in the New Evangelization. Cost is \$20 which includes breakfast and lunch. Please send your reservation with a check payable to Des Moines DCCW to Marilyn Alfers, 26345 Sycamore Road, Neola, Iowa, 51559. See the bulletin board in the back of church for more information.

Benefit For Clifford Kruse April 23 — Clifford has been fighting lung cancer for the past year. A silent auction, bake sale, and meal will be held at Gooszman's Westside Lounge in Harlan beginning at noon and ending at 5:00 pm. Anyone wishing to donate for the bake sale or auction can contact Paul Kruse at 579-1914 or Virginia Kruse at 579-9169. Thanks for your prayers.

Catholic Daughters Lifesavers Campaign — The Catholic Daughters will be at the church exits this weekend to accept your donation for those women and children affected by domestic violence. All proceeds will go to the Phoenix House Shelter for abused women and children in Council Bluffs, as well as other similar shelters across lowa. Help "Save a Life" by making a generous donation.

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

Jenny Schwery	Bonnie Peterson	Mary Tepe
Harry Kloewer	Kelly Gaer	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	Jose Leal	Marilyn Fox
Edgar Tunender	Martha Anastasi	Zane Coenen

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	Acts 11:1-18	Jn 10:1-10
Tue.	19th	Acts 11:19-26	Jn 10:22-30
Wed.	20th	Acts 12:24—13:5a	Jn 12:44-50
Thur.	21st	Acts 13:13-25	Jn 13:16-20
Fri.	22nd	Acts 13:26-33	Jn 14:1-6
Sun.	24th	Acts 14:21-27 Rev 21:1-5a	Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

<u>Tithing</u> — April 10	\$ 6,419	
Needed each week	7,709	
Difference	(1,290)	
	() if deficit	
Year to date	\$ (11,532)	

Celebrating Knighthood — Come help us celebrate our faith by attending one of the Sunday Masses next weekend, April 24. A community breakfast will be served from 9:30–11:00. See the insert for more information. We look forward to seeing you there.

Who Are These Men They Call Knights? Why Are They Knights? — See this bulletin insert to find out why some of our men at St. Michael are members of the Knights of Columbus



St. Michael's Faith Formation

WE ARE FAMILY!

Upcoming Dates -

6:30 pm 2nd Grade First Communion retreat for Apr. 20

students and parents in the gym

Classes for K-1, 3-12

Grades 10 and 11 meet in the church for a

combined class

Apr. 27 6:30 pm First Communion practice in the church

Last Classes of the Year for all grades Special event planned for Grades K-9

First Communion Mass 11:00 am

May 1 11:00 am Senior Baccalaureate Mass May 15

Fall Registration — Parents are asked to COME INTO THE SCHOOL on any Wednesday in April to update information and pay tuition. \$30 per student or \$110 family maximum

New Family Registration — If your children will be attending Faith Formation classes for the first time, please pick up a registration form at the back of church or come to the parish office to register.

Congratulations — to two Faith Formation students who will receive their First Communion on Sunday, April 17. Ashley and Aiden Hall have been receiving private instruction all year. Aiden was baptized in December, and then they both participated in First Reconciliation in March. They are looking forward to receiving Jesus in the Eucharist. May God bless them and their family.

Missing A Sacrament? — If you or your children have missed a sacrament for any reason, please call the parish office to discuss private instruction.

Faith Sound Concert — will be at St. Michael's this Sunday, April 24, at 7:00 pm. Come and enjoy the music and Christian witness from these talented young people!



Jubilee Year Of Mercy — Pope Francis says the message of mercy is to reach everyone. No one should be indifferent to the call to experience mercy. What holds you back from asking for mercy? What keeps you from offering mercy to others?



Vocations

World Day Of Prayer For Vocations — is observed on "Good Shepherd Sunday", which this year is April 17. The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers for his harvest." (Matthew 9:38) As a climax to a prayer that is continually offered throughout the Church, it affirms the importance of faith and grace in

all that concerns vocations. Please pray that more young people will hear and respond to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life or societies of apostolic life.

Shelby County Catholic School

Save The Date — Saturday, June 11, is the annual SCCS Golf Tournament held at the Rosman Glendale Golf Course beginning at 10:00 am. Please save this date with plans for a fun-filled day of golf followed by a steak dinner. For details and to sign up your team, call the school office at 755-5634.

Area Events

- Fifteen Decade Rosary for Life will be this Sunday, April 17, from 1:30-2:30 pm at St. Boniface in Westphalia.
- Catholic Daughters Court of St. Katherine will meet at 7:00 pm on Thursday, April 21, at St. Joseph's Hall in Earling. Guests are welcome to attend.
- Myrtue Medical Center Auxiliary Staley's Chicken Dinner in the Rosman Parish Center this Thursday, April 21



Thanks To The Knights Of Columbus for leading the liturgies and taking the ministry responsibilities at the "Celebrating Knighthood" Masses next Sunday. St. Michael's Parish appreciates your service. 4th Degree Honor Guard will be provided by: Gary Klein, Les Blum, Dan Schechinger, Marvin Bissen, Keith Schwery, John Amdor, Kenneth Arkfeld, Dan Fowler, and Dave Waldschmidt.

Ministry Schedule

Apr. 23-24	Saturday	Sunday	Sunday
	5:00 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
1st Lector	Lin Brinker	J.C. Salvo	Jayme Arkfeld
2nd Lector	Steve Finn	Gary Weihs	Paul Kruse
Eucharistic Ministers	Phil Koesters (T) Chris Tepe Joyce Thraen Duane Fahn Gwen Kaufman Jane Klein Clare Klein	Richard Lee (T) Miguel Mena Ron Muenchrath Ray Chipman Steve Mores Dcn. Jim DeBlauw Fr. Paul Koch	Phil Koesters (T) Miguel Mena Kevin Hlavac Leo Kloewer Austin Kesterson Dcn. Jim DeBlauw Fr. Paul Koch
Servers	Wyatt Fahn	Bob Kesterson	Bob Kesterson
	Cole Fahn	Roger Bissen	Roger Bissen
	Roberta Golden	Phil Markham	Phil Markham
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Cantors	Denise Bennett Diane Coffin	Paul Schmidt Rob Kloewer Mike Bierl	Paul Schmidt Rob Kloewer Mike Bierl
Ushers	Gerry Freml	Cletus Schmitz	Cletus Schmitz
	Joe Zaccone	Jeremy Kruse	Eric Schmidt
	Rodney Bengford	Tom Lawler	Tom Murtaugh
	Lisa Bengford	Gerry Freml	Joe Zaccone
Apr. 24	E.M. Elm Crest Dottie Bauer Marian Buman	E.M. Private Homes Mike Wilwerding Traci Wilwerding	Money Counters Juliene Johnson Maxine Kwapiszeski Ron Muenchrath

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