Saint Michael's Parish



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2001 College Place Harlan, IA 51537

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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.

Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 24, 2016

The Lord has worked wonders for us!



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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.

FROM THE PASTOR . . .

On this Fifth Sunday of Easter, we hear Jesus in the gospel giving his disciples the command to love. Jesus is teaching them, as well as us today, that we are to love each other as Jesus loves us. By our efforts to live in profound love with each other we are to become a sign to the world of how much God's love for us is visible and real in our lives. It is through the living example of our love for one another that we become capable of bringing converts into the Christian community — into the Church.

This weekend at the two Sunday morning Masses, the Knights of Columbus have asked to take the minister responsibilities and are calling these Masses "Celebrating Knighthood". At these two Masses, they want the parish to know of their ongoing work to promote and assist masculine spirituality. The purpose of the Knights of Columbus is to help Catholic men to be, "Better Catholics, Better Fathers and Better Husbands". We are very fortunate to have an active KC Council which is engaged in so many parish activities. They want you to know about the activities they provide for our parish, and they invite you to join them for breakfast in the Rosman Parish Center between the Masses this Sunday. I am personally grateful for all that our KC Council is doing for St. Michael's Parish, and I thank them for taking seriously the command in today's gospel to "Love one Another". Knights of Columbus, thank you for your faithful and loving service to St. Michael's Parish. You are indispensable to our parish.

Growing In Faith?: How do I try to love others?

St. Isidore The Farmer — St. Isidore lived in the 12th century and today is the patron of farmers and rural communities. He had a strong faith and a strong work ethic on the farm. He worked for a wealthy land owner in Spain. As he walked behind the plow he continued to pray to God. He rose early in the day to attend daily Mass. Some of his fellow workers complained that he was late to work at times because he lingered around church to perform many tasks. But, his work was always completed. Some say they saw angels behind mysterious oxen helping him plow. We live in a blessed rural community dependent upon God. We will honor St. Isidore's Feast Day with a Mass on Thursday, May 12, at 7:00 pm. The Mass will be in the church unless a farmer would like to volunteer their farm. Call the rectory for more information.





Please bring a small container to be filled with holy water that you can use to bless your farm or garden.

Calendar for the Week of April 25—May 1

Monday	Apr. 25	8:15 am	Rosary with the SCCS students in Church
Tuesday	Apr. 26	8:15 am	Mass in memory of Edwin "Bud" Skalla
Wednesday	Apr. 27	8:15 am 6:30 pm	School Mass in memory of Helen Bissen Faith Formation Classes Grade K-12 First Communion Practice for Grade 2 in Church
Thursday	Apr. 28	7:00 am 12:00 noon	Scripture Study in Parish Office Meeting Room Mass in memory of Mark Feser
Friday	Apr. 29	8:15 am	School Mass in memory of Laurence & Nell Schmidt
Saturday	Apr. 30	4:00 pm 4:30 pm 5:00 pm	Confessions Rosary Mass in memory of Pete Gubbels and Norbert "Nub" Kloewer
Sunday	May 1	8:30 am 11:00 am 6:00 pm	Mass for the people of St. Michael's Mass in memory of Gussie Molony and Tiny Schmidt with First Communion 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: — Melvin Coenen of our parish.

Fr. John "Wants You" — actually he "would like" you to \odot consider becoming a Knight. See the bulletin insert for more information. Thank you Fr. John for your support of the Harlan Knights of Columbus!

Altar Server Appreciation Dinner — will be held on Wednesday, May 4, from 6:00 –7:00 pm at the Pizza Ranch. This is one way that we can thank our servers for helping with our liturgies. St. Michael's Parish appreciates your time and talent.

Annual Diocesan Appeal Update — Thanks to you we are making progress! We now have 160 donors and have reached 78.53% of our goal. We have donated or pledged \$41,735 of our \$53,146. However, we are not there yet. We need to pay all of our assessment. We still need to raise \$11,411. If you have not made a donation or a pledge, please take a card in the back of church and send it to the office or put it in the collection basket as soon as possible. We need everyone's help to make this goal. Thanks to all who have given so generously.

Catholic Daughters — would like to thank all those who supported the *Lifesaver Campaign* conducted last weekend. All donations help abused women and children in our diocese. Thank you for being so generous to this important cause.

Your Donations To Catholic Relief Services At Work — In Mumbai, India, there is a shelter for girls that provides a range of services to help combat human trafficking. Some girls at the shelter were trafficked into Mumbai from rural India, and others are from poor areas of the city. Thanks to CRS and partner, Prerana, the girls can complete their education and receive services to prepare for a brighter future. You can learn more at CRS.org/you-did-it-for-me.

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

Fr. Dave Polich Charlie McNair Keagan Bates Trent Smith Edgar Tunender Clifford Kruse Mary Jo Law Bernice Strack Frank Murtaugh Jose Leal Marilyn Fox Zane Coenen	
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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.	25th	1Pt 5:5b-14	Mk 16:15-20
Tue.	26th	Acts 14:19-28	Jn 14:27-31a
Wed.	27th	Acts 15:1-6	Jn 15:1-8
Thur.	28th	Acts 15:7-21	Jn 15:9-11
Fri.	29th	Acts 15:22-31	Jn 15:12-17
Sun.	1st	Acts 15:1-2, 22-29	
		Rev 21:10-14, 22-23	Jn 14:23-29

 Tithing — April 17
 \$ 5,555

 Needed each week
 7,709

 Difference
 (2,154)

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 Year to date
 \$ (13,686)

Food Pantry Collection — will be held next weekend, April 30-May 1. Just as a reminder, items that are needed are listed here: soups, crackers, fresh or boxed potatoes, pasta, pasta sauce, rice/pasta sides, canned tuna or chicken, peanut butter, canned fruits or fruit cups, breakfast items such as cereal, pancake mix, muffin mix, PopTarts, protein bars, juice, toilet paper, laundry soap, dish soap and shampoo. Thanks for giving generously to this monthly collection.



St. Michael's Faith Formation

WE ARE FAMILY!

Upcoming Dates —

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

May 1 11:00 am First Communion Mass May 15 11:00 am Senior Baccalaureate Mass

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.

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!



<u>**Like Us On Facebook**</u> — Find us at www.facebook.com/stmichaeldefenders.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter — Jesus tells us not to let our hearts be troubled because he has given us His peace. We also have the Holy Spirit to lead and guide us and our marriage. Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekends on May 13-15 in Dubuque, October 21-23 in Cedar Falls or December 2-4 in lowa City. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at www.iowa-wwme.org or call 563-927-4352.



Jubilee Year Of Mercy — Pope Francis notes God's endless mercy when he quotes Psalm 136, "For his mercy endures forever." God's mercy goes beyond our lifetime. The Holy Father says it "breaks through the dimensions of space and time, inserting everything into the eternal mystery of love." Are there times when you feel more merciful than others?



Vocations Corner **Vocations Chalice** — has been with the Faith Formation families for the past several months. Now that classes will be ending this week, the chalice will be available for any parishioners. There is a sign up sheet on the table in back of church for when you or your family can take the chalice into your home. A suggested prayer book accompanies the chalice, but you are certainly welcome to use your own prayers.

Shelby County Catholic School News

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.

Retirement Reception — Former students, parents, family and friends are invited to celebrate with Betty Foxhoven 44 years of service in Catholic schools. A reception will be held in Betty's honor in St. Joseph's Hall in Earling on Sunday, May 8, from 10:30-12:00 noon. Mrs. Foxhoven began teaching at St. Mary's of Panama-Portsmouth in 1970. In 2001, she left SCCS to work at St. Albert Schools in Council Bluffs, where she had been teaching until now. Come thank her for her service and wish her well.

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. The title of this year's convention 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.

Ministry Schedule

Apr. 30-Ma	y 1 Saturday	Sunday	Sunday
	5:00 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
1st Lector	Leo Kloewer	Sarah Devine	Makayla Tremel
2nd Lector	Kathy Hull	Rhonda Buck	Joan Schechinger
Eucharistic Ministers	Pam Gubbels (T) Brian Gubbels Leo Kloewer Kathy Hull Connie Kohles Shayla leinen Cheryl Long	Ed Reinig (T) J.C. Salvo Doug Baker Mary Baker Maxine Kwapiszeski Roger Bissen Dea Ann Bissen	Jordyn Moser (T) Jenny Moser Makayla Tremel Bob Kesterson Julie Kesterson Rob Kloewer Tami Kloewer
Servers	Molly Gubbels	Matthew Devine	Trey Gross
	Mike Clemons	Joseph Devine	Elle Gross
	Caitlin Clemons	Elizabeth Devine	Kaylee Mumm
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	Joe Zaccone	Dale Swanson	Madi Doonan
	Rodney Bengford	Dave Jacobs	Gary Klein
	Lisa Bengford	Gary Dozler	Bob Hastert
May 1	E.M. Elm Crest Dan Schechinger Joan Schechinger	E.M. Private Homes Tom Schmitz Bev Schmitz	Money Counters Joe Tunender Sherry Krantz Bill Coldwell

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San Pedro de Apostòl (Sister Parish)

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