#### Saint Michael's Parish



#### CHURCH

2001 College Place Harlan, IA 51537

#### **PARISH OFFICES**

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Parish website: www.stmichaelparish.com Diocesan website: www.dmdiocese.org

#### **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 this special year of the Jubilee of Mercy, we hear in today's gospel a beautiful story of God's mercy. This gospel is the encounter of the sinner and the Pharisee. Jesus has been invited into the home of a prominent Pharisee named Simon who is apparently interested in learning more about this mysterious rabbi from Nazareth. During the meal, a woman who is known to be a "sinner" has crashed this meal. She weeps before Jesus and begins to wash his feet with her tears.

A most unusual incident occurs in this story, almost unheard of in any other story about Jesus. Jesus knows the thoughts of Simon and tells him the following parable about a money lender. In the parable the men owe money, one 500 coins and the other man 50 coins. Neither man can repay the money lender. Jesus asks Simon which man was more grateful when the lender forgave the debt for both of them. Then Jesus applies the parable to the present moment, and he gently rebukes Simon for his lack of hospitality compared to what this women has done for him. Jesus then forgives the woman of her sins as the other dinner guests ask, "Who is this that he even forgives sins?"

Are we sometimes like Simon and his fellow dinner guests when it comes to judging others and whether their sins can be forgiven? It can be a rather easy and sad predicament to judge others, especially people who are in frequent bad behavior situations. Jesus is teaching us today that God's mercy and forgiveness knows no bounds. If Jesus is willing to forgive all sinners, who are we to want to hold back forgiveness to others? Lord, help us to not be like Simon and his fellow dinner guests. Thank you for your limitless forgiveness and mercy.

Growing In Faith?: Can I recall a recent moment when I was very grateful to have my sins forgiven?

#### Laudato Si' Encyclical —

The Good News People present sections from the concluding chapters of Pope Francis's encyclical, **Laudato Si**´ (Praise Be to You).

When we ask ourselves what kind of world do we want to leave to those who come after us, we think of its general direction, its meaning and its values. Unless we struggle with these deeper issues, I do not believe that our concern for ecology will produce significant results. But if these issues



are courageously faced, we are led to ask other pointed questions: What is the purpose of our life in this world? Why are we here? What is the goal of our work and all our efforts? What need does the earth have of us? It is no longer enough, then, simply to state that we should be concerned for future generations. We need to see that what is at stake is our own dignity. Leaving an inhabitable planet to future generations is up to us. The issue is one which dramatically affects us for it has to do with the ultimate meaning of our earthly sojourn. (Par. 160)

# **Eleventh Sunday** in Ordinary Time

June 12, 2016

O Lord, hear my voice!



#### **Pastor**

Rev. John Frost 755-5244 Email: jmfrost@harlannet.com

#### **Parish Ministers**

Rev. Mr. Jim DeBlauw Email: stmikedeacon@harlannet.com Rev. Mr. Pat Davitt (retired), 755-5244

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#### **Parish Secretary**

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#### **Retired Priest**

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Sr. Joyce Blum, FSPA, 712-489-2426

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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 June 13 - 19

Monday	June 13		No Mass	
Tuesday	June 14	8:15 am	Mass in memory of Mary "Bea" Masur	Your faith has saved
Wednesday	June 15	8:15 am	Mass in memory of Fr. James Kiernan	you. Go in
Thursday	June 16	7:00 am 12:00 noon	Scripture Study in Parish Office Meeting Room Mass in memory of Barbara Stracke	Peace. △∭2
Friday	June 17	8:15 am	Mass in memory of Pete & Elaine Sheldon	
Saturday	June 18	4:00 pm 4:30 pm 5:00 pm	Confessions Rosary Mass in celebration of Ole & Betty Olson's 70th Wedding Anniversary and in memory of Russ Lefeber, Lois Goetzinger, and Jason Nielsen	Dig
Sunday	June 19	8:30 am 11:00 am 6:00 pm	Mass in memory of Bill & Irene Huebner and Richard Doran, Sr. 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:** — Ed Leinen of our parish; and **Kenneth Escher**, husband of Donna Escher, of our parish.

**Job Opportunities** — Kathy is retiring from the secretary position at St. Michael's as of December 31, 2016. Because this position has evolved over the years, now is a good time to do some restructuring. We are looking for one person to handle the secretary and record keeping duties and one person to concentrate on the financial duties. We are thinking about a full-time secretary and a half-time finance person, but as we are reworking this position, we can be flexible and adjust as necessary depending on who is interested in either of these positions. Benefits are available for full-time employees and possibly for part-time employees. If you are interested, please call the parish office at 755-5244. We would like to begin interviewing as soon as possible so that training can begin for these positions.

**lowa Catholic Radio** — has an opening for an account executive in sales. This is a full-time position that includes training. Experience is not required but preferred. If you enjoy people and like the environment of sales, this may be a great opportunity for you. Call Kim Lehman at 515-202-2517 for more information.

Catholic Charities Refugee Resettlement — welcomes the stranger more than 200 times a year. We provide a basic, furnished apartment, food assistance, school enrollment, job readiness and placement, healthcare access, and basic orientation to start a successful life in lowa. Please be generous to the collection on July 17. Your donations mean food, shelter and clothing to thousands in need in our community each year.

**Food Pantry Collection** — resulted in \$173 and 120 pounds of food or toiletry items. Thanks for being so generous to those in need during these busy summer months.

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

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.	13th	1Kgs 21:1-16	Mt 5:38-42
Tue.	14th	1Kgs 21:17-29	Mt 5:43-48
Wed.	15th	2Kgs 2:1, 6-14	Mt 6:1-6, 6-18
Thur.	16th	Sir 48:1-14	Mt 6:7-15
Fri.	17th	2Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20	Mt 6:19-23
Sun.	19th	Zec 12:10-11; 13:1 Gal 3	:2629 Lk 9:18-24

Tithing — June 5	\$ 9,972
Needed each week	7,709
Difference	2,263
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Year to date	\$ (19,433)

#### Are You Longing to Integrate Prayer And Action? -

Engaging Spirituality is a spiritual deepening process for adults who hunger for intimacy with God, while practicing love of neighbor. Engaging Spirituality invites small groups of participants to open a sacred space of listening and sharing from the heart, while looking at the needs of the world together. For more information visit <a href="https://www.centerforsocialministry.org">www.centerforsocialministry.org</a>, contact Susie Tierney at the Center for Social Ministry, 515-782-3054.



#### St. Michael's Faith Formation

WE ARE FAMILY!

- St. Michael's is not offering a summer faith formation program this year, but check out the library of religious videos for summer family formation. This library is located in the parish office meeting room.
- Faith Formation classes resume September 14.

#### Catholic IQ Quiz

- 1. Which Gospel writer has a winged ox as a symbol?
- 2. What is the date of the birthday of Mary?
- 3. What is proper name of the dogma that Mary was born without sin?

1) Luke—see Revelation 4:6-9 2) September 8 3) Immaculate Conception

#### St. Mary's Parish Picnic June 17-18 At Panama —

- Auction, Friday, June 17, beginning at 7:00 pm
- Pancake Party, June 18, 8:30-11:00 am, Panama Fire Hall
- Mass at 4:00 pm Saturday, June 18
- Chicken Dinner with dressing, June 18, 4:30-7:30 pm
- Taxi Driver Band, June 18, 9:00 pm-1:00 am
- Both days Bingo, Duck Races, Lil' Midway
- Check the bulletin board in the back of church for a list of all the activities and stands

**Christ Our Life Catholic Conference** — Jesse Romero is calling on us to be culture warriors for Christ. This former LA County Deputy Sheriff and U.S. Kickboxing Champion declares the power of spiritual warfare as he joins ten world-class speakers and musicians at Wells Fargo Arena in Des Moines on September 24-25. Tickets are available in the parish office at a cost of \$25 for the entire weekend. Check out the bulletin board in the back of church for when Jesse will be speaking and for the entire schedule.



**Jubilee Year Of Mercy** — Silence is golden. Pope Francis says, "In order to be capable of mercy, therefore, we must first of all dispose ourselves to listen to the Word of God. This means rediscovering the value of silence in order to meditate on the Word that comes to us. In this, way, it will be possible to contemplate God's mercy and adopt it as our lifestyle."



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Have You Heard Of Serra Clubs? — That is Serra Clubs, not Sierra Clubs! The mission of Serra is to pray for, foster and affirm vocations. It seeks to help the faithful understand that each person has a vocation and especially to help vocations to priesthood and Vocations religious life. Serra is named after St. Junipero Serra who started a series of missions in California to bring Catholicism to them. Their website is serraus.org.

#### **Area Events**

- Fifteen-Decade Rosary for Life will be this Sunday, June 12, from 1:30-2:30 pm at St Joseph's in Earling.
- Alzheimer's Support Group meets Monday, June 13, at 3:00 pm. at the Harlan Senior Center located within the Therkildsen Activity Center.
- Catholic Daughters, Court of St. Katherine, will meet this Thursday, June 16, at 6:30 pm in the Earling Parish Hall. At this meeting the Daughters will have installation of officers and the induction of new members. The ceremony will be led by our chaplain, Fr. Guthrie Dolan. We urge members of our Court to plan to attend in order to give support to these women. Our next meeting will be in August.
- Christ the King Catholic Church, 654 S 86th Street in Omaha will host speaker Steve Ray on Wednesday, July 13, at 7:30 pm. Listen to Steve share, inspire and teach how to bring the faith to others. Tickets are \$5. Call 402-571-0200 for more information.

The Eucharistic Miracles Of The World — St. Patrick's Parish in Neola invites you to come to a mini pilgrimage and learn about the real presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. Spirit Catholic Radio in Omaha is sponsoring this display to be held in St. Patrick's Parish Hall, Friday, July 8, to Tuesday, July 12. For more information see the bulletin board in the back of church or call St. Patrick's parish office at 712-485-2124.

Your Faith Has Saved You; Go In Peace — Jesus want us to have peace in our lives and our marriage. Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends on October 21-23 in Cedar Falls or December 2-4 in Iowa City. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at www.iowa-wwme.org or call 563-927-4352.

#### **Ministry Schedule**

June 18-19	Saturday	Sunday	Sunday
	5:00 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
1st Lector	Elaine Sprague	Paul Kruse	Makala Tremel
2nd Lector	Steve Finn	Rhonda Buck	Joan Schechinger
Eucharistic Ministers	Kathy Hull (T) Phil Koesters Connie Kohles Shayla Leinen Ron Muenchrath Jane Klein Chris Tepe	Roger Bissen (T) Dea Ann Bissen Bill Wingert Sandy Wingert J.C. Salvo Alan Kenkel Jo Kenkel	Brian Gubbels (T) Pam Gubbels Bob Kesterson Julie Kesterson Makayla Tremel Janice Calhoon Sherry Bierl
Servers	Jayden Gessert	Kara Rueschenberg	Emma Calhoon
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	Volunteer needed	Kyia Rueschenberg	Kaylee Mumm
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Cantors			Mike Bierl
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	Les Blum	Scott Koppold	Tom Murtaugh
	Jan Blum	Michelle Koppold	Dan Schechinger
	Gerry Freml	Maxine Kwapiszeski	Mark Zaccone
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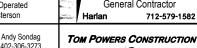
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