# Saint Michael's Parish



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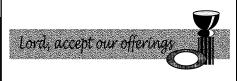
#### MISSION STATEMENT

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.

# Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 3, 2016

Taste and see that the Lord is good!



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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 . . .

Last weekend, Jesus talked about discipleship and the commitment necessary to follow him. Now Jesus sends his disciples out into the world telling them, "The harvest is rich, but the workers are few." Typically when we hear this passage, we immediately think about vocations. But in reality, this message is addressed to every baptized follower of the Lord. Each one of us has a role to play in continuing the work of Jesus Christ. There are countless people who need our love every day. There are the poor, the sick, the lonely and the elderly who could use our help. Jesus is telling everyone to get involved and to reach out and help one another. All of us together make up the ministry of the Lord today.

This week we will celebrate the Fourth of July, Independence Day. We thank God for the liberties we enjoy because of the wisdom and the commitment of our founding fathers. In our communities throughout our great nation, we have many special events which bring us together and unite us in our celebrations of freedom. As families, we gather in our special traditions. I am looking forward to returning home with my family. I want to wish you a very happy holiday, and may we pray that God will help us to use wisely the liberties which have been handed to us by our forefathers. Have a happy Fourth of July holiday!

Peace, Fr. John

Growing In Faith?: How can I be more involved for the Lord?

#### The Saints In Mercy — by Fr. Antonio Sicari, O.C.D.

In regard to the Jubilee Year of Mercy, Pope Francis states, "Our prayer also extends to the saints and blessed ones who made divine mercy their mission in life." The book listed above, expresses how the saints did not limit themselves to witnessing their faith through *works* of mercy; rather, they lived, first of all, *within* mercy, and as a result they expressed the beauty of it in the holiness of their lives. In the next few weeks, we will look at some of these saints and their thoughts, writings, and actions of mercy.

The saints became merciful because they felt awash by Divine Mercy.

St. Faustina Kowalska

Here are excerpts from St. Faustina's prayer of mercy . . .

"I want to be completely transformed into Your mercy and to be Your living reflection, O Lord. May the greatest of all divine attributes, that of Your unfathomable mercy, pass through my heart and soul to my neighbor. Help me, O Lord, that my eyes may be merciful, so that I may never suspect or judge from appearances, but look for what is beautiful in my neighbors' souls and come to their rescue. Help me, that my ears may be merciful, so that I may give heed to my neighbors' needs and not be indifferent to their pains and moanings. Help me, O Lord, that my tongue may be merciful, so that I should never speak negatively of my neighbor, but have a word of comfort and forgiveness for all . . . May your mercy, O Lord, rest upon me."

		ek of July 4		
Monday	July 4		No Mass	
Tuesday	July 5	9:30 am	Mass in memory of Mary Ellen Schmitz and Luella Hull at Elm Crest	
Wednesday	July 6	8:15 am	Mass in memory of Betty Schmidt	LORD
Thursday	July 7	7:00 am 12:00 noon	Scripture Study in Parish Office Meeting Room Mass in memory of Mark Feser	guide
Friday	July 8	8:15 am	Mass in memory of Helen Bissen	our nation
Saturday	July 9	4:00 pm 4:30 pm	Confessions Rosary	in you
		5:00 pm	Mass for deceased members of the Joe & Anna Krantz Family, the Charles & Elma Theulen Family & Fr. Bob Hoefler	ways
Sunday	July 10	8:30 am	Mass in memory of Rick Burchett and Don Poole	
		11:00 am	Mass for the people of St. Michael's	

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.)

May God Bless — Carly Heese and Greg Conry who were married last weekend at St. Michael's.

**Bookkeeper Needed** — The parish is in need of a parttime bookkeeper. Hours and salary are negotiable. Someone with a finance background would be helpful but not essential as we will train for this position.

Family Members Serving In The Military — Please pray for these military personnel currently serving our country.

SGT Jesse Andersen, ARNG
SRA Jaymie Bral, ANG
CPL Sean M. Carey, ARM
SPC Riley Finn, ARM
PO2 Matt Graeve, USN
CAPT David Koesters, JAG
SGT Eric Pitts, ARM
LTCOL Justin Wagner, ANG

1LT Nathan Andersen, ARM CF Nicholas Buman, USN CAPT John Finken, USMC SPC.E6 Danny Goeser, ARNG SRA James Klein, ANG CWO2 Jeff Muenchrath, USN SGT William Reinig, ARM LTJG Chris Willenborg, USN

If you have a family member serving in the military and would like them to be on this list, call the parish office. Names that are underlined are currently or will soon be deployed.



Lord, we pray that we will never take our freedom for granted. May we always remember that our freedom was purchased at a very high price. Our freedom cost others their lives. Lord, bless those who have served and those who continue to serve so that we may maintain our freedom. Meet their needs and watch over their families. Amen. —— Catholic Answers

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

In order to keep this list more current for people going through changing conditions, names will be kept on the list for no more than six months, unless the family specifically requests they be continued for another six months.

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Clifford Kruse	Violet Bohr	
Jenna Blum	Edgar Tunende	
Marilyn Fox	Jenny Schwery	
Jake Hastert	David Updike	
Harry Nollen	Eilene Thorell	
Gary Kenkel	Arden Riley	

Jose Leal Martha Anastasi Zane Coenen Alice Carev Jan Davitt 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.	4th	Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22	Mt 9:18-26						
Tue.	5th	Hos 8:4-7, 11-13	Mt 9:32-38						
Wed.	6th	Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12	Mt 10:1-7						
Thur.	7th	Hos 11:1-4, 8c-9	Mt 10:7-15						
Fri.	8th	Hos 14:2-10	Mt 10:16-23						
Sun.	10th	Dt 30:10-14 Col 1:15-20	Lk 10:25-37						
<b>Tithing</b> — June 26 \$ 6,710									
	-	Needed each week	7,709						
		Difference	(999)						
			() if deficit						
		Year to date	\$ (22,336)						

Your Donations To Catholic Relief Services At Work Adam Barnabas is 16-months old and has just been diagnosed with the mosquito-borne disease, malaria. Every year, 438,000 people die from malaria, most of them children. Thanks to CRS malaria prevention program in Benin, children like Adam are being given a lifesaving treatment. The program aims to help more than 25,000 in Benin and treatments are free.



### St. Michael's Faith Formation

WE ARE FAMILY!

• Faith Formation classes resume September 14.

What can we learn from the Bible about families?

#### **Five Lessons for Parents**

The Bible is my favorite book. It provides deep moral auidelines, tells the history of the Israelites and witnesses to the Messiah, Jesus Christ. What it doesn't do is give parents a step by step set of instructions on how to raise their kids! There are some who try, but crossing the cultural boundaries over time is tricky. So just what do the Scriptures say to parents today? 1) Families are complicated. From Cain's jealousy which ends up as murder, to Abraham's infidelity that sets two mothers against one another it is easy to see that families are complex and far from perfect. Biblical families are characterized more by intrigue than wholesomeness. But there are important lessons. To these chaotic families God pledges loyalty and enduring presence — even amidst the jealousy, infidelity and thievery. These vices do not interfere with God's will, which often works in spite of our own efforts. (Adapted from Family *Bible Study* in this month's America magazine.)

Part 2 next week

**Catholic Charities Phoenix House** — assisted 1,197 victims of domestic violence in 2015. The shelter provided for 264 women and children victims of domestic violence. Staff and volunteers provide counseling service, advocacy in the court system, and response to hospitals for sexual assault victims. Phoenix House serves a nine county area in western lowa through acts of mercy through comforting the afflicted and visiting the sick and imprisoned. Please be generous to the Catholic Charities collection on July 17. Your donations mean food, shelter, and clothing to thousands in need in our community each year.

**Final Annual Diocesan Appeal Update** — Thanks to several people sending an additional donation and several new donors, we have surpassed our goal of \$53,146 and have reached \$53,450. The excess will be returned to St. Michael's. Thanks to all!



**Jubilee Year Of Mercy** — God "desires our well being and he wants to see us happy, full of joy and peaceful," said Pope Francis. He goes on to say this is the path all Christians must follow. To do this, he says "We are called to be merciful to each other."



**Jesus Commanded Us** — to pray for vocations with His words, "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest." (Matthew 9:37-38) Take on prayer for vocations as your personal effort to increase the number of priests, sisters, brothers and lay ministers.

**The Eucharistic Miracles Of The World** — St. Patrick's Parish in Neola is hosting The Eucharistic Miracles of the World display from July 8 to July 12 at St. Patrick Parish Hall. Come to this mini-pilgrimage and learn about the real presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. There will be multiple first class relics to venerate, many saints and Marion Apparitions to learn about and lots of sacramentals to purchase. Food will so be available. This event is being sponsored by Spirit Catholic Radio. See the bulletin board in the back of church for more information. On most days, the display will be open from 10:00 am to 9:00 pm.

**Christ Our Life Catholic Conference** — at Wells Fargo Arena in Des Moines will be held September 24-25. Keep watching the bulletin for more information about the world-class speakers or see the bulletin board in the back of church. Tickets are available in the parish office.

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#### **Ministry Schedule**

July 9-10	Saturday 5:00 p.m.	Sunday 8:30 a.m.	Sunday 11:00 a.m.
1st Lector 2nd Lector	Leo Kloewer Elaine Sprague	Sandy Wingert J.C. Salvo	Jane Klein Joan Schechinger
Eucharistic Ministers	Jan Blum (T) Duane Fahn Joyce Thraen Ron Muenchrath Britney Bengford Marvin Bissen Gwen Kaufman	Pat Lee (T) Richard Lee Bill Wingert Sandy Wingert Ethel Defenbaugh Nancy Jacobs Maxine Kwapiszeski	Shari Heese (T) Makayla Tremel Sherry Bierl Jenna Hucka Jane Klein Joni Larsen Cindy Pattee
Servers	Jayden Gessert Jenna Gessert Roberta Golden	Abby Alberti Ben Alberti Darbi Argotsinger	Madi Doonan Clara Schmidt Robert Schmidt
Musicians			Chris Larsen
Cantors			Beth Klein
Ushers	Don Stowe Sam Wilwerding Joe Zaccone Lin Brinker	Tom Schmitz Bev Schmitz Chuck Buhman Ethel Defenbaugh	Eric Schmidt Chloe Schmidt Caitlin Yamada Lauren Blum
July 10	<b>E.M. Elm Crest</b> Jan Rau Michelle Custer	E.M. Private Homes Joyce Rodenborn Leo Kloewer	<b>Money Counters</b> Mary Illg Mary Jensen Marilyn Fox

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