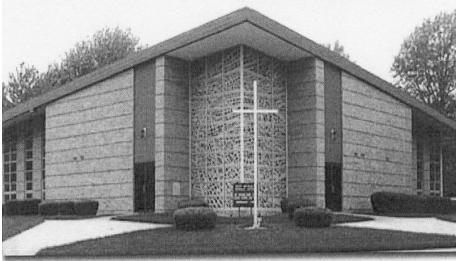


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We, the people of St. Michael's Catholic Parish, are many parts, but one body. As a community of believers in Jesus Christ and inspired by the Holy Spirit, we celebrate the sacraments, are challenged by Sacred Scripture and Roman Catholic Tradition, share of ourselves in service to others, and strive to promote the dignity of all human life and justice for all, as

FROM THE PASTOR . . .

This weekend we hear the very familiar and popular story of the Good Samaritan. We are told of a gentleman who has been attacked by robbers, and that three different travelers came upon him. The first two travelers, a priest and then a Levite are very devout and religious Jewish figures, and yet, they offer no help or assistance to this gentleman. Then comes the third traveler a Samaritan, who is not Jewish, and he is the one who gives aid to this injured gentleman. At the conclusion of the story, Jesus asks the Jewish lawyer, "Which of these three persons was a neighbor to this victim?"

The Jewish lawyer seeks to justify himself before Jesus. He desires to know how he can inherit everlasting life. Jesus informs him that it is not enough to live by "The Golden Rule", but that one's love must be shared with the stranger as well as with one's neighbor. This is where the teaching of Jesus can become very difficult for us today. Like the lawyer, we often stumble in reaching out to the stranger or to the person who is different from us. Jesus is attempting to teach us that in reality there are no strangers, especially in his Father's Kingdom. In God's eyes, all of us are neighbors to each other, and we should be willing to give aid to any person no matter who they might be. Only by God's grace and love can we strive to be a neighbor to all humanity. May God help us all to be neighborly to one another.

*Peace,
Fr. John*

Growing In Faith?: Who is my neighbor?

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

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

Here is a section of a letter written by St. Therese of the Child Jesus regarding God's judgement day.

"I know one must be very pure to appear before the God of all holiness, but I know, too, that the Lord is infinitely just; and it is this justice which frightens so many souls that is the object of my joy and confidence . . . I expect as much from God's justice as from His mercy. It is because He is just that He is compassionate and filled with gentleness, slow to punish, and abundant in mercy, for He knows our frailty, He remembers we are only dust. As a father has tenderness for his children, so the Lord has compassion on us (Psalm 103:8, 13-14). . . This is, Brother, what I think of God's justice; my way is all confidence and love. I do not understand souls who fear a Friend so tender. — (Letter 226)



St. Therese of Lisieux

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 10, 2016

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SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

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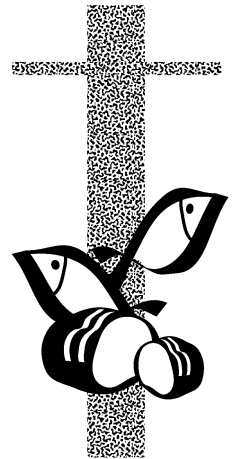
Contact the office to set a date.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Wedding dates are set after
an initial interview with Fr. John.

Calendar for the Week of July 11-17

Monday	July 11	—	No Mass
Tuesday	July 12	8:15 am	Mass in memory of Harvey Leinen
Wednesday	July 13	8:15 am	Mass in memory of Bettie Anderson
Thursday	July 14	7:00 am 12:00 noon	Scripture Study in Parish Office Meeting Room Mass in memory of Edwin "Bud" Skalla
Friday	July 15	8:15 am	Mass in memory of Mary "Bea" Masur
Saturday	July 16	4:00 pm 4:30 pm 5:00 pm	Confessions Rosary Mass in memory of Joe Flies and Mike Blum
Sunday	July 17	8:30 am 11:00 am 6:00 pm	Mass for the people of St. Michael's Mass for the Michael Petsche, Sr. Family 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: — Clifford Kruse of our parish; and Chuck Jacobs of our parish.

We Welcome This Child — who was baptized last weekend as the newest member of our parish community: **Arden Caroline Riley**, daughter of Michael and Jocelyn Riley.

St. Michael's New Parish Secretary — will be Brenda Blum starting on August 9. We thank Brenda for her years of service to Shelby County Catholic School, and we welcome her to the St. Michael Parish staff. Kathy and Brenda will be working together in the office over the next few months.

Catholic Charities Collection Envelope — is attached to this bulletin. Over the past several weeks, information about this collection and how the donations will be used has been in our bulletin. In summary, your donations will provide support for victims of domestic violence, food assistance and shelter for the poor, affordable mental health counseling, outreach to immigrants and many other services to vulnerable populations through the 23 counties of our diocese. If you would like to give to this collection, please make your check payable to St. Michael's. We will gather the donations and send them to Des Moines. Thanks for your compassion and generosity.

Your Donation To Catholic Charities At Work — Molly (name changed) was six when she and her two sisters entered foster care. Her mother had died four years earlier, the pain of which sent her father down a destructive path using drugs, abusing his children, and ending in prison. Catholic Charities Family Service in Molly's town placed her sisters and her with a foster family. The stability gave them the support they needed to grow. Molly has finished college. She is a grade school teacher now. She also volunteers with Catholic Charities helping older foster children transition into college. Molly is grateful to the Catholic Family team and wants to pay it forward saying, "Now I get to be the one to cheer a youth on."

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

Trent Smith	Violet Bohr	Jose Leal
Jenna Blum	Edgar Tunender	Martha Anastasi
Marilyn Fox	Jenny Schwery	Zane Coenen
Gordon Nelson	David Updike	Alice Carey
Harry Nollen	Eilene Thorell	Jan Davitt
Gary Kenkel	Arden Riley	

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. 11th	Is 1:10-17	Mt 10:34 — 11:1
Tue. 12th	Is 7:1-9	Mt 11:20-24
Wed. 13th	Is 10:5-7, 13b-16	Mt 11:25-27
Thur. 14th	Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19	Mt 11:28-30
Fri. 15th	Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8	Mt 12:1-8
Sun. 17th	Gen 18:1-10a Col 1:24-28	Lk 10:38-42

Tithing — July 3	\$ 7,767
Needed each week	7,308
Difference	459
	() if deficit
Year to date	\$ 459

Our new fiscal year began on July 1. The numbers listed above in our weekly tithing report represent contributions for the first weekend in our new fiscal year. To meet the tithing budget that was set by the finance council and approved by the pastoral council, our weekly need for 2016-2017 is \$7,308. As you can see, for the first weekend in the fiscal year, we were \$459 over the weekly need. This is our starting point for each weekend until next July 1. Each weekend's report will add to or subtract from this first \$459. You can watch each week to see how we are doing. In looking at the 2015-2016 budget, you donated 93.47% of what was needed to hit the budgeted amount for Sunday Collections. That is really close. Thanks, again, for your generosity to your parish.



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 Gospel challenges families. The vocation of the family is inwardly directed toward its members and outwardly directed towards mission in the world. Even though it is difficult to get uncooperative children and teens to church consistently, it is the vocation of the family to engage in meaningful work toward the social good. In the Gospels, Jesus clearly and repeatedly rejects commonly held familial obligations. At times he pits true discipleship and family allegiance against one another. But Jesus wants us to realize to whom we are loyal. St. John Chrysostom wrote that parents are to educate and raise Christian children, not because they are bound by biological ties, but because Christians are called to serve their neighbors. Children are simply the parents' closest neighbor in need! Scripture suggests that when families become too inwardly focused (busy schedules, etc.) they are failing their Christian obligations and failing to be Christian families. (Adapted from *Family Bible Study* in America magazine.)

Area Events

- Alzheimer's Support Group** will meet Monday, July 11, at 3:00 pm at the Harlan Senior Center located within the Therkidsen Activity Center.
- Fifteen-Decade Rosary for Life** will be Sunday, July 17, from 1:30-2:30 pm at St. Peter's in Defiance.

Save The Date — Rural Life Mass with Bishop Pates on Sunday, August 21, at the Brian and Anne Brennan farm in Indianola. More information will follow in future bulletins.

Food Pantry Collection — resulted in \$303.87 plus approximately 135 pounds of food or toiletry items. Anytime we get over \$300, that is a really good collection. Thanks for being so generous with those in need in our county.

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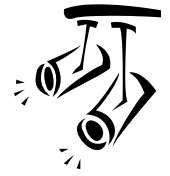


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World Youth Day — Over 50 young adults will leave for Poland next week to represent our diocese at World Youth Day with Pope Francis. If you are not one of them, and you are between the ages of 18 and 35, you are encouraged to participate in a stateside celebration just south of Des Moines on Saturday July 30. It's a great way to experience Pope Francis' message and enjoy fellowship with other young adult Catholics, all while gathered in the site of St. John Paul's visit to Iowa. This one day retreat will feature a multicultural coffeehouse, video from Krakow, engaging talks and discussion, outdoor recreation, a prayer walk, reconciliation, adoration and weekend Mass. For tickets and more information, visit www.facebook.com/dmdiocesewyd or email troberts@dmdiocese.org.



Jubilee Year Of Mercy — Pope Francis calls us to open "our hearts to those living on the outermost fringes of society." How can we do that?



Vocations Corner

On The Camino — Can you imagine walking several miles for 33 days straight through the towns, fields and mountains of northern Spain? You can join in spirit five of our seminarians making this trek on the Camino de Santiago. Jim, Ben, Reed, Alex and Nick are sending us their reflections and videos sharing points of interest, anecdotes and the little ways in which they are drawn closer to God. Check out their blog at www.vocationsonline.org/blog.

Ministry Schedule

July 16-17	Saturday 5:00 p.m.	Sunday 8:30 a.m.	Sunday 11:00 a.m.
1st Lector	Steve Finn	Tom Schmitz	Petsche Family
2nd Lector	Joyce Thraen	Cheryl Andersen	Petsche Family
Eucharistic Ministers	Phil Koesters (T) Connie Kohles Leo Kloewer Virginia Kruse Shayla Leinen Cheryl Long Joan Chamberlain	Julie Juhl (T) Jo Kenkel Betty Leuck Doug Baker Mary Baker Richard Lee Pat Lee	Petsche Family (T)
Servers	Mike Clemons Caitlin Clemons Volunteer needed	Kara Rueschenberg Mitchell Rueschenberg Kyia Rueschenberg	Petsche Family
Musicians			Petsche Family
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