

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.

Requested By Bishop Pates . . . (taken from Apostleship of Prayer, May 2016)

In the words of Pope Francis, Mary is "the true sublime example of woman." It's inconceivable to think of the apostles awaiting the Holy Spirit at Pentecost without Mary praying with them. For it was she who conceived by the Holy Spirit and gave birth to Jesus, the one who called and sent the apostles to continue his work.

Women have, in Pope Francis' words, an "irreplaceable role." Speaking to the Pontifical Council for Culture, he said: "I encourage the contribution of so many women who work within the family, in the areas of teaching the faith, pastoral work, schooling, but also in social, cultural, and economic structures. You women know how to embody the tender face of God, his mercy, which is translated into a willingness to give time rather than to occupy space, to welcome rather than to exclude."

Throughout the world, unfortunately, women are not only excluded but under attack. The pope went on: "The many forms of slavery, of prostitution, of mutilation of the female body, require us to set to work to defeat these forms of degradation which reduce it to purely an object to be sold on the various markets. I would like to call attention, in this context, to the plight of so many poor women, forced to live in dangerous conditions, exploited, relegated to the margins of society, and rendered victims of a throwaway culture."

Perhaps the most common degradation of women is pornography, which the U.S. bishops have said "is so pervasive in sectors of our society that it is difficult to avoid, challenging to remove, and has negative effects that go beyond any one person's actions."

And so we pray with Pope Francis that women may not only be respected, but that their contribution to the good of the family and society may be recognized and esteemed.

Reflect — What qualities and actions of Mary made her "the true and sublime example of woman"?

Scripture — *1 Timothy 5:1-2* Treat older women as mothers and younger women as sisters with complete purity.

Universal Intention — That in every country of the world, women may be honored and respected and that their essential contribution to society may be highly esteemed.

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

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

Blessed Mother Teresa explained her institute of charity and mercy by saying:

Above all, we are religious sisters. We are not social workers, teachers, nurses or doctors. . . The difference between us and social workers is this; they do it for something, but we do it for Someone. We serve Jesus in the poor, and we do all this for Him. Everything we do — prayer, work, sacrifices — we do for Jesus. Our life does not have any other meaning, any motivation other than Him who loves us deeply. Jesus is the only meaning of our life.



**Blessed Mother
Teresa of Calcutta**

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 24, 2016

God gives strength to His people!

*Pray as Jesus himself
taught us to pray*

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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 July 25 - 31

Monday	July 25	——	No Mass
Tuesday	July 26	——	No Mass
Wednesday	July 27	——	No Mass
Thursday	July 28	——	No Mass
Friday	July 29	——	No Mass
Saturday	July 30	4:00 pm 4:30 pm 5:00 pm	Confessions Rosary Mass in memory of Paul Zaccone
Sunday	July 31	8:30 am 11:00 am	Mass for the people of St. Michael's Mass in memory of Irene Green and Mary Poepsel

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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: **Kenia Bautista-Ortiz**, daughter of Tony Bautista and Julie Ortiz of our parish.

Faith Journey Catechetical Institute — Are you a Catholic who wants to grow deeper into relationship with Christ and His Church? Do you want to learn more about the greatest love story in the world, the story of Christ's love for you and how you can return that love? Do you want to be strengthened in your understanding of our Church's teachings? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then the Catechetical Institute is for you! Please contact John Huynh at jhuynh@dmdiocese.org or 515-237-5006 to begin your faith journey into the heart of our faith. More information about this opportunity can also be found at www.facebook.com/FaithJourneyIA or www.dmdiocese.org/about-catechetical-institute.cfm.

Rural Life Mass — Come celebrate rural life with Bishop Pates on Sunday, August 21, at the Brian and Anne Brennan farm in Indianola. Meet at St. Thomas Aquinas Church (210 R63 HWY) beginning at 3:00 pm for free transportation to the farm. Mass will begin at 4:00 pm. Stay for refreshments, dinner served by Iowa Beef Association and guest speaker Colonel Suellen Overton, JAG. For more information contact Ken Bresnan at 515-237-5089 or kbresnan@catholiccharitiesdm.org. The flier on the bulletin board in the entrance to the church also has more information about all the activities.

Annual Anniversary Mass — Join Bishop Pates for his Annual Anniversary Mass praying with couples celebrating milestone anniversaries. On August 13 during the 5:00 pm vigil Mass at St. Patrick's Parish in Imogene, Bishop Pates will celebrate Mass, and couples will be able to renew their wedding vows. A \$10 a plate dinner reception will follow. A certificate of blessing is available with registration for couples celebrating their 5th, 10th, 15th, 25th, and 50 plus wedding anniversaries. Reserved seating will be available for these couples and their families during the Mass. RSVPs are required for dinner. To register, call Adam Storey at 515-237-5056 or email him at astorey@dmdiocese.org.

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	Bonnie Peterson

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	2Cor 4:7-15	Mt 20:20-28
Tue. 26th	Jer 14:17-22	Mt 13:36-43
Wed. 27th	Jer 15:10, 16-21	Mt 13:44-46
Thur. 28th	Jer 18:1-6	Mt 13:47-53
Fri. 29th	Jer 26:1-9	Jn 11:19-27
Sun. 31st	Eccl 1:2, 2:21-23	Col 3:1-5, 9-11 Lk 12:13-21

Titithing — Date July 17	\$ 6,569
Needed each week	7,308
Difference	(739)
	() if deficit
Year to date	\$ (1,753)

Your Donations To Catholic Charities At Work —

Wanda (name changed) graduated from a Catholic Charities financial literacy program that gives participants the opportunity to work on personal change and move toward self-sufficiency. Wanda had her first child at 18 and dropped out of school. She thought selling drugs would help, but she was arrested. Suddenly she had no income, no diploma and a felony on her record. She decided to set things right and contacted Catholic Charities, which helped Wanda to secure a part-time job, work toward finishing her education, and even get her felony expunged. Wanda believes God has her on a "new journey", and she intends to stay on it.

Catholic Charities Envelopes — were attached to the bulletin last weekend. If you choose, it is not too late to donate to this collection. You can drop your envelope in the collection box at Mass. Thanks.



St. Michael's Faith Formation

WE ARE FAMILY!

- Faith Formation classes resume September 14.

Catechists Needed — for classes this fall. If you can give two hours a week to children of the parish, please call Veronica at 402-490-7217, or email her at stmikere@harlannet.com. We need help in grades 5, 6, 8, 9, and 10.

Current Catechists — Please pick up teaching material in the office if you are moving into a new grade. Call Veronica if you have questions.

What can we learn from the Bible about families?

Five Lessons from Scripture for Families (#4)

Jesus Welcomes Children. — The New Testament stories of Jesus welcoming the children to be blessed pushes back against long held cultural values of the low social status of children. Children are the ultimate symbol of powerlessness. However, Jesus' insistence that the children should not be denied his blessing, tells us (and them) that children have inherent value and that we adults should be inspired by and want to protect the innocence of childhood. Parents consistently mediate between Jesus and children. In each scriptural account, it is the parents who are rebuked by the disciples. Yet, Jesus repeatedly responds to their requests for healing. The Gospel accounts present a God who responds to parents in time of joy and distress.

(Adapted from Family Bible Study in *America* magazine.)

Local World Youth Day Celebration — Can't make it to Poland for World Youth Day? We have a sideside celebration planned right here in Iowa. Come by St. Patrick Church at Irish Settlement next weekend, on Saturday, July 30, for a daylong retreat. Teaching session features Dr. William Stevenson. There will be time for confession, adoration, play, eating and more. For more information, contact Sherri at 515-237-5058.



Jubilee Year Of Mercy — Pope Francis says, "God's anger lasts but a moment, his mercy forever." How long do you hold on to anger? Is it possible to lessen the time that we are angry and begin to forgive sooner?



Vocations Corner

Family Life — can build values integral to a strong vocation whether to priesthood, religious life or marriage. Teaching your children to value commitment, service and prayer will help them make strong vocation decisions as adults and live out those vocations with success and fulfillment.

Nicaragua College Scholarships — As the Catholic communities of Shelby County, we are called to walk in solidarity with the whole human family. If you were thinking about sponsoring a student from Nicaragua but haven't gotten around to it, now is the time. It is a five year commitment at \$300 a year for five years. If you are interested in this scholarship program, please make your check payable to Nicaragua/Scholarship and bring it to the parish office, or mail your check to St. Michael's Church, 1912 18th Street, Harlan, Iowa 51537. Thank you to all members of the parish communities who have already allowed 20 students from our sister parish in Villa Sandino in Nicaragua to attend college.

St. Mary's Parish Picnic July 30-31 At Portsmouth —

- Pitch Tournament, Saturday, July 30, at 1:00 pm
- Sand Volleyball Tournament, Saturday, at 2:30 pm
- Free Dance with "Ridge Riders", Saturday, 8:00 pm-Midnight
- Staley's Chicken Dinner, Sunday, from 4:00-7:00 pm
- Auction, Sunday, at 6:30 pm

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