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.

FROM THE PASTOR . . .

I returned last week from a wonderful two week vacation in Colorado. The weather was very warm and occasionally muggy, much like here. We played some outstanding golf courses around Colorado Springs and Denver, and after a slow start, my golf game gradually improved to the point where I was happy with my game. It was a fantastic trip, and I was sorry to see it come to an end.

In this weekend's gospel, we hear Jesus utter some words that seem out of character for him. He tells his disciples, "I have come to light a fire on the earth. How I wish the blaze were ignited!" What Jesus is trying to teach us is that we, his followers, are called to make a positive difference in our world. We do this through our acts of love; our works of mercy. What are some of the ways in which we can light a fire of love and mercy?

One example that immediately comes to mind is the work of the Knights of Columbus. In so many ways, they have been active over the years in doing various acts of love and mercy. In fact this weekend they are hosting a Family Fun Day from noon to 4:00 pm in the Rosman Parish Center. This is a wonderful way for our parish family to come together and support and enjoy family life. All the food and activities are FREE! So come join us this afternoon for the Family Fun Day celebration.

A second example of lighting a fire of love and mercy is the work of the St. Michaels Ladies Guild. They have helped families in need, they assist our Faith Formation Program, and they do so many other activities to help the growth and well-being of our parish.

Thank you to these two organizations and many other groups in our parish who help us to light a fire of love and mercy here in Harlan and Shelby County! May all of us in our own ways strive to be fire lighters of love and mercy for the Lord!

Growing In Faith?: How might I light a fire of love and mercy today?

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

"Wealth at the Service of Poverty"

Of German origin, Friedrich Joseph Haass was invited to practice his medical profession in Russia where he became the head physician of the Moscow prison hospital system. He carried out his mission with true and total mercy for the prisoners. A description of someone who knew him follows:

He would walk down the rows of the unfortunate prisoners, stop before each individual and ask after his need — he never sermonized them; he spoke kindly to them. The gave them manage he brought them all sorts of possessing for the in-



Friedrich Joseph Haass

them — he gave them money, he brought them all sorts of necessaries for the journey, and gave them devotional books. He scarcely ever talked about the particular crimes of any of them, but listened if any volunteered information on that point. All the convicts were equal for him, and he made no distinction. He spoke to all as to brothers, and every one of them looked upon him as a father. He continued these acts of mercy up to his very death.

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 14, 2016

With the Lord there is mercy and forgiveness!

Ask in the name of JESUS

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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 August 15 - 21

Monday	Aug. 15		mmaculate Conception Mass in memory of Kathleen Renze
Tuesday	Aug. 16	9:30 am 7:00 pm	Mass in memory of Luella Hull and Mary Ellen Schmitz at Elm Crest Knights of Columbus in Parish Office Meeting Room
Wednesday	Aug. 17	8:15 am	Mass in memory of Gary Gross
Thursday	Aug. 18 1	7:00 am 2:00 noon	Scripture Study in Parish Office Meeting Room Mass in memory of Mark Feser
Friday	Aug. 19	8:15 am	Mass in memory of Pete and Elaine Sheldon
Saturday	Aug. 20	2:30 pm 4:00 pm 4:30 pm 5:00 pm	Rosary
Sunday	Aug. 21	8:30 am 11:00 am 6:00 pm	Mass in memory of Jean Elder Ethridge 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.) Sunday Mass is also available on demand by accessing the Harlan Knights of Columbus channel on YouTube.

We Welcome This Child — who was baptized last weekend as the newest member of our parish community: **Carter John Osborn**, son of Kevin and Jahde Osborn of our parish.

Mass In Spanish! You Are Invited. — Están invitados... Next Sunday, August 21, at 6:00 pm. Come join us! ¡Los esperamos!

New Chair People — are needed for the St. Michael's Spring Fundraiser/Auction. The current committee is well organized and willing to assist the new committee. We would like to continue with this important fundraiser, so we need new people to get involved. If you are willing to help, please call the parish office as soon as possible at 755-5244.

Not A Knight Yet? — We'd love for you to learn more about what the Harlan Knights of Columbus do as we strive to become better Catholics, better fathers, and better husbands. Please let Rick Dotzler (579-2335), Orlando Gil (712-240-0624) or any Knight know that you are interested.

Knights Of Columbus — regular business meeting is Tuesday, August 16, at 7:00 pm in the parish office meeting room. See you there!

The Family Of George Esquivel — would like to give the parish an update on his health following his stroke in May of 2015. He is doing much better but is still working on his ability to speak. As former parishioners, they ask for your continued prayers.

New To Parish — Please stop by or call the parish office to register so that we can update our records, and please Introduce yourself to Fr. John after Mass. We hope you will become an active part of St. Michael's.

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

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Trent Smith	Violet Bohr	Jose Leal
Gary Kenkel	Edgar Tunender	Martha Anastasi
Marilyn Fox	Jenny Schwery	Curt Coenen
Gordon Nelson	David Updike	Alice Carey
Harry Nollen	Eilene Thorell	Arden Riley
Bonnie Peterson	Kathy Carl	George Kintner
Kenny Kenkel	•	•

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.	15th	Rev 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab			
		1Cor 15:20-27		Lk 1:39-56	
Tue.	16th	Ez 28:1-10		Mt 19:23-30	
Wed.	17th	Ez 34:1-11		Mt 20:1-16	
Thur.	18th	Ez 36:23-28		Mt 22:1-14	
Fri.	19th	Ez 37:1-14		Mt 22:34-40	
Sun.	21st	Is 66:18-21	Heb 12:5-7, 11-13	Lk 13:22-30	

<u>Tithing</u> — August 7	\$ 7,153
Needed each week	7,308
Difference	(155)
	() if deficit
Year to date	\$ (3,179)

Food Pantry Collection — resulted in \$193 and approximately 150 pounds of food or toiletry items. The food pantry tells us that they often see a greater need for food during summer vacation when children do no have access to school meals. A family with two children must provide more than 200 extra meals during the summer months, which is an extremely difficult situation for most low-income families. Thanks for your help in enhancing the quality of life for those in need.



St. Michael's Faith Formation

WE ARE FAMILY!

Faith Formation classes resume September 14.

Fall Registration For Faith Formation — is starting. If you did not preregister last spring, please call the office to update your information and pay the fee of \$30 per child or \$110 maximum per family.

New Faith Formation Families — must fill out a registration form that is available at the back of church. We can also mail one to you if you call the office, or you can stop by the office to fill out the form and pay.

<u>Catechists Are Still Needed</u> — Please consider the future of the Church. WE NEED FAITHFUL WITNESSES TO OUR FAITH! We are called to "Go and Make Disciples"! Just two hours a week will change the life of our youth. All parishioners are asked to consider this important ministry.

Beginning Experience — is for people who are widowed, divorced or separated. How do you deal with the grief, loss and pain? How do you cope? Beginning Experience can help; you do not have to suffer alone. We know how you feel, we have gone through the same things you are going through. Join us for three open houses on September 9, 16, and 23 at St. Augustine Church at 42nd and Grand Avenue in Des Monies from 7-8:30 pm. You can still have a good life and Beginning Experience can help. For more information, contact Marian Tonhouse at 515-964-7815.



<u>Jubilee Year Of Mercy</u> — Pope Francis quotes the Beatitudes when he writes, "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy." In the last month, how have you showed mercy compared to feeling you deserved

mercy? If it is far out of balance what are some ways you can restore balance?



Prayer — is a moving force in vocation development. Prayer is effective; prayer is powerful; prayer is essential. Few are called to priesthood or religious life, but all are called to pray for vocations. Please continue to pray for vocations, and sign up for a week to

have the prayer chalice in your home. Prayers are provided with the chalice.

Shelby County Catholic School News

Be sure to read the bulletin insert and be introduced to the new principal, Josh De Weerd.

Area Events

- Catholic Daughters Court of St. Katherine will meet on Thursday, August 18, at 7:00 pm in the Earling Hall. Our new year will be dedicated to Our Lady to prepare ourselves to celebrate the centennial of Our Lady's appearance at Fatima. Our guest speaker, Karen Chamberlain, will share her experience of traveling to Medjugorje where Our Lady has been appearing since 1984. This is one meeting you should not miss. Bring a friend. Guests are always welcome. If you have been thinking of joining the Catholic Daughters, this may be the year to make it happen.
- **Fifteen-Decade Rosary for Life** will be Sunday, August 21, from 1:30-2-30 pm at St. Mary's in Panama.
- Celebrate Rural Life by joining Bishop Pates with Mass at the Brian & Anne Brennan farm at Indianola on Sunday, August 21. Meet at St. Thomas Aquinas Church (210 R63 Hwy) about 3:30 pm for a short trip to the farm (transportation provided) in time for 4:00 pm Mass. Stay for refreshments, hamburgers and guest speaker afterward.

Christ Our Life Conference — is September 24-25 at Wells Fargo Arena in Des Moines. Father Tom Hagan is dedicated to caring for God's people in Haiti's most dangerous slum. He is with them in their pain of near starvation, tragic loss, unspeakable violence, numerous hurricanes and a devastating earthquake. Hear Father Tom share his experiences, challenges and dreams as he joins ten world-class speakers and musicians at this conference. Tickets are available in the parish office at \$25 for the entire weekend. You can also purchase tickets at ChristOurLifelowa.com or call 1-866-319-0616.

Ministry Schedule

Aug. 15, 20	-21 Monday 8:15 a.m.	Saturday 5:00 p.m.	Sunday 8:30 a.m.	Sunday 11:00 a.m.
1st Lector 2nd Lector	Bonnie Kenkel Joyce Thraen	Chris Tepe Mary Tepe	Dan Schumacher Paul Kruse	Kathy Hull Kara Rueschenberg
Eucharistic Ministers	Volunteers needed	Jan Blum (T) Rachel Blum Gwen Kaufman Leo Kloewer Marvin Bissen Roger Bissen Dea Ann Bissen	Virginia Kruse (T) Richard Lee Pat Lee Jim Kohles Dan Schumacher Betty Leuck Donna Schmidt	Bob Kesterson (T) Julie Kesterson Cindy Pattee David Erlbacher Brian Gubbels Pam Gubbels Kathy Campbell
Servers	Volunteers needed	Mike Clemons Caitlin Clemons Roberta Golden	Madison Schumacher Austin Schumacher Courtney Mumm	Keyton Francis Volunteer Needed Emma Erlbacher
Musicians			Peg Lantz	
Cantors			Sarah Schumacher	
Ushers		Rodney Bengford Lisa Bengford Leo Goeser Alice Kenkel	J.C. Salvo Cletus Schmitz Dale Swanson David Jacobs	Bill Buman Russ Chamberlain Madi Doonan Gary Klein
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