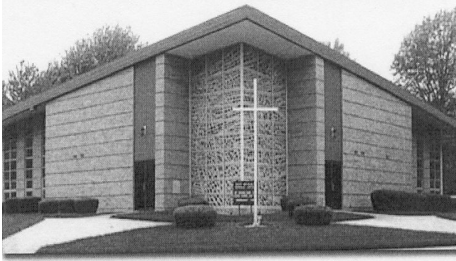


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We, the people of St. Michael's Catholic Parish, are many parts, but one body. As a community of believers in Jesus Christ and inspired by the Holy Spirit, we celebrate the sacraments, are challenged by Sacred Scripture and Roman Catholic Tradition,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

FROM THE PASTOR . . .

Today's gospel story of Jesus healing the deaf mute man is a classic miracle narrative that we see repeated throughout the gospels. There is a request for healing. Jesus then acts upon the request. A cure takes place which in this story is the man's hearing and speech being restored. The crowd murmurs about what they have seen and they start to wonder if this Jesus could be the promised Messiah.

In this story, Mark is attempting to show that in this specific act of healing the deaf mute man the reign of God as prophesied by Isaiah is now dawning in the world. Mark is telling us that Jesus came into the world to bring healing to the sick and to proclaim the coming of God's Kingdom. We need to keep in mind that what Jesus did in this story is something that he can and does for us today. Even two thousand years later, Jesus shares his healing love for us through the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Countless sick people know the experience of Jesus' healing touch because they have received this very special sacrament. When we are sick, may we invite Jesus' healing love to touch our lives.

This weekend we celebrate Labor Day. For most of us, this weekend represents the end of summer and the beginning of fall. I hope that you have an enjoyable and lovely Labor Day, and let us all enjoy the last days of summer and look forward with hope for a pleasant and lovely fall.

*Peace,
Fr. John*

Growing In Faith?: How do I help Jesus bring healing into our world?

Laudato Si' Encyclical —

The Good News People share from Pope Francis's encyclical, **Laudato Si'** (Praise Be to You). The encyclical is subtitled, *On Care for Our Common Home*.

Pope Saint John XXIII said in *Evangelii Gaudium*, "I would like to enter into dialogue with all people about our common home." From *Pacem in Terris*, Blessed Pope Paul VI referred to the ecological concern as a tragic consequence of unchecked human activity. St. John Paul II warned in his first encyclical that human beings frequently seem to see no other meaning in their natural environment than what served for immediate use and consumption. St. John Paul II called for a global ecological conversion. Pope Benedict XVI proposed eliminating the structural cause of the dysfunctions of the world economy and correcting models of growth which have proved incapable of ensuring respect for the environment.



Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time September 6, 2015

Praise the Lord, my soul!



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4:00 P.M. Saturday or by appointment

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Is celebrated by request. Notify the office when a loved one is sick at home, or in the hospital.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Contact the office to set a date and to register for pre-baptism class.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Wedding dates are set after an initial interview with Fr. John. Our diocese recommends a six month period of preparation.

Calendar for the Week of September 7-13

Monday	Sept. 7	—	No Mass
Tuesday	Sept. 8	8:15 am 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Mass for the Stephen C. Finken Families Finance Council in Parish Office Meeting Room Pastoral Council in Parish Office Meeting Room
Wednesday	Sept. 9	8:15 am 6:30 pm 6:30 pm	School Mass in memory of Bernice Anastasi Faith Formation Opening Ceremony in Church Ladies Guild in Parish Office Meeting Room
Thursday	Sept. 10	7:00 am 12:00 noon	Scripture Study in Parish Office Meeting Room Mass in memory of Betty Schmidt
Friday	Sept. 11	8:15 am	School Mass in memory of Mildred Leuschen
Saturday	Sept. 12	4:00 pm 4:30 pm 5:00 pm	Confessions Rosary Mass in memory of Marcus Gross & Don Gross and Larry & Nita McCool
Sunday	Sept. 13	8:30 am 11:00 am	Mass for the people of St. Michael's Mass in memory of Francis Heese and Charles & Madeline Schomer & Steve Anderson



Sunday Mass is televised on cable TV (HMU Channel 23 at 4:00 pm on Sunday and Wednesday, on Mediacom Channel 18 at 4:00 pm on Monday and FMCTC Channel 48 at 4:00 pm on Monday and Friday.)

Grant Eternal Rest, O Lord, To: — Jason Stinn, son of Lee and Kathy Stinn of our parish, **Therese Scheuring**, mother of Yvonne Gaul, SCCS Kindergarten teacher, and **Mary (Mrs. LaVern) Schmitz** who has family connections in our parish.

Welcome Breakfast — We have eight new families that have registered at St. Michael's. The Welcome Committee with your help plans to give these families a warm St. Michael's welcome with our next Welcome Breakfast set for Sunday, September 27, from 9:30 to 11:00 am. **Mark your calendars** now and plan to attend. Come and meet our new parishioners!

Harvest Festival Is Coming — Sunday, October 11 — Staley's Broasted Chicken Dinner — Raffle Items — Cake Walk — Country Store — Paddle Wheel. **Mark the date** on your calendar.

New Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors Needed — We really could use your help with these ministries that are needed every weekend for each Mass. Please prayerfully consider serving your parish as a Eucharistic Minister or Lector. You will meet for a one hour training session with Deacon Jim or Deacon Pat, and then you can be on our next schedule. The more ministers we have, the easier it is for everyone. There will be a sign-up sheet in the back of church if you are willing to volunteer for these ministries. Thanks for your help.

Christian Experience Weekend — is an inspiring, adult renewal weekend. It is a shared religious experience that grew out of the realization that the Christian Life has to be experienced. The weekend is intended for the person who is looking for the fullness of life and joy which Jesus came to bring. Be sure to see the registration form in the back of church. The Women's Weekend is September 18-20. The Men's Weekend is October 16-18. Both weekends will be held in Panama.

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

Clifford Kruse	Carolyn Kintner	Zane Coenen
Aaron Claey	Mike Wohlhutter	Betty Markham
Joann Weihs	Ellen Campbell	Marge Gubbels
Janet Engel	George Esquivel	Helen Schmitz
Bonnie Peterson	Eunice Blum	Fr. Dave Polich
Dawn Coldwell	Charlie McNair	David Blum
Darlene (Dar) 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.	7th	Col 1:24—2:3	Lk 6:6-11
Tue.	8th	Mi 5:1-4a	Mt 1:1-16, 18-23
Wed.	9th	Col 3:1-11	Lk 6:20-26
Thur.	10th	Col 3:12-17	Lk 6:27-38
Fri.	11th	Tm 1:1-2, 12-14	Lk 6:39-42
Sun.	13th	Is 50:4c-9a	Jas 2:14-18
			Mk 8:27-35

Tithing — August 30	\$ 6,221
Needed each week	7,709
Difference	(1,488)
	() if deficit
Year to date	\$ (9,346)

Your Donations To Catholic Charities At Work — The residents of the Lawa neighborhood in the Philippines live in a lowland area. Every few years families have to raise their bamboo homes to accommodate constantly rising sea levels. Through Catholic Relief Services SUCCESS project, Lawa officials and the Diocese of Malolos work together to improve living conditions before they become critical problems in an event of a natural disaster. To learn more you can visit CRS.org/you-did-it-for-me.



St. Michael's Faith Formation

WE ARE FAMILY!

Upcoming Dates —

- Sept. 9 6:30 pm Opening Ceremony with all Grades and Parents in the church—Ice cream social to follow
- Sept. 16 6:30 pm Classes for Kindergarten to Grade 12
- Sept. 20 8:30 am Confirmation Retreat Mass at St. Michael's Retreat at Creighton Center in Griswold
- Sept. 23 8:30 pm Classes for Kindergarten to Grade 12
- Sept. 30 8:30 pm Classes for Kindergarten to Grade 12



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Help Us Make Our Directory Complete!

IT WON'T BE THE SAME WITHOUT YOU!

We want to make this a complete representation of our parish family—please be a part of it!

There is no sitting fee and no purchase required. Just for participating, you will receive a **FREE** 8" x 10" portrait and a **FREE** pictorial parish directory.

Photography Dates:

Wed-Thurs-Fri, Sept 9-10-11; 2:00-9:00, and Sat, Sept 12, 9:30 to 4:00
Wed-Thurs-Fri, Sept 16-17-18; 2:00-9:00, and Sat, Sept 19, 9:30 to 4:00

Schedule an appointment for your portrait in one of three ways:

- 1) **After the Masses on September 5-6**
- 2) **Online at www.appt.lifetouch.com**
- 3) **Call Sandy Wingert at 755-7371**

Portrait Order Coupons

Just for having your picture taken, you automatically qualify for a \$10 discount on your portrait order

AND

Bring a canned food item to your portrait session and receive a \$5 off coupon toward a portrait purchase. The non-perishable items go to the local Food Pantry.

Area Events —

- **St. Patrick's Parish in Dunlap** will host a parish dinner on Sunday, September 13, from 11:00 am-1:30 pm. Staley's Chicken Dinner will be served. Dinners are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children, with free dinners for those who are 4 or under. There will also be a silent auction, bingo, kid's games, country store and more.
- **Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court of St. Katherine** invite you to join them for their Centennial Celebration September 13 at 9:30 am Mass at St. Joseph's in Earling. Brunch and entertainment at the parish hall will follow Mass. All are welcome.
- **St. Joseph's Parish Hall** will be the site of an evening with Padre Alexis on Saturday, September 19. Social begins at 5:30 pm with a Knights of Columbus meal following the 5:00 Mass. Come and meet the pastor of our sister parish in Nicaragua and enjoy all that is planned for the evening.
- **Fifteen-Decade Rosary for Life** will be Sunday, September 20, from 1:30-2:30 pm at St. Boniface in Westphalia.

St. Michael's Parish Offices — will be closed Monday, September 7, in observance of Labor Day.



Vocations Corner

Grant Eternal Rest, O Lord, to — John Lawrence. John, 30, a seminarian of the Diocese of Des Moines, passed away in his sleep Monday night while staying with his mother near Anamosa, Iowa. John was expected to be ordained a priest for the diocese in 2018. In his vocation story, John said that while growing up, it was a local religious woman, Sister Damien, who told him he would make a good priest. "I was a little shocked after hearing that, because I wasn't sure what Sister saw in me," John wrote. "For some reason, though, I have always remembered what she said." John has been described as a very compassionate and loving person. Please keep his family in your prayers. He will be greatly missed by his fellow seminarians and all who knew him.

Shelby County Catholic School — Thank you to all the parents, grandparents, family members, and parishioners that attended or helped with the Shelby County Catholic School Open House on August 26. We appreciate your support of Catholic education in Shelby County. The Open House was a BIG success because of you!

Ministry Schedule

Sept, 12-13	Saturday 5:00 p.m.	Sunday 8:30 a.m.	Sunday 11:00 a.m.
1st Lector	Steve Finn	Deann Irlmeier	Joan E. Chamberlain
2nd Lector	Wayne Goedken	Sarah Devine	Makayla Tremel
Eucharistic Ministers	Jan Blum (T) Joan M. Chamberlain Deacon Jim DeBlauw Chris Tepe Mary Tepe Kevin Campbell Kathy Campbell	Bill Wingert (T) Sandy Wingert Deacon Jim DeBlauw Mary Jane Swanson Roger Bissen Dea Ann Bissen Deann Irlmeier	Brian Gubbels (T) Pam Gubbels Deacon Jim DeBlauw Makayla Tremel Bob Kesterson Julie Kesterson Cheryl Long
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Musicians		Rick Dotzler	
Cantors		Maryalyce Dotzler	
Ushers	Joe Zaccone Rodney Bengford Lisa Bengford Connie Kohles	Doug Baker Mary Baker Chuck Buhman J.C. Salvo	Brook Schwery Madi Doonan Gary Klein Bill Buman
Sept. 13	E.M. Elm Crest Jan Rau Michelle Custer	E.M. Private Homes Joyce Rodenborn Leo Kloewer	Money Counters Mary Illg Mary Jensen Marilyn Fox

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