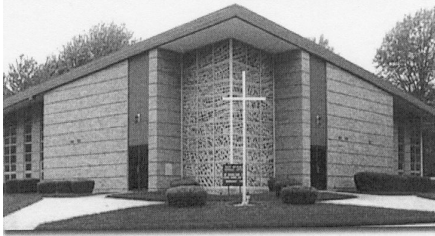


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Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 13, 2015

Gracious and just is the Lord!

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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.

And Peter said
You are the CHRIST!



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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.

FROM THE PASTOR . . .

One of the central concerns of Mark's gospel is the true and secret identity of Jesus. Is this Jesus really the promised Messiah? This question is asked over and over again throughout the gospel of Mark. Mark shows that Jesus is the promised Messiah, but it becomes necessary to redefine what this messiahship is really all about.

Most Jews understood the meaning of the coming of the Messiah in purely political terms. The Messiah was to be a king who would restore the Kingdom of Israel with no foreigners ruling over them. But Jesus did not understand the meaning of the Messiah in these political terms. Instead we hear Jesus today speak in terms of suffering. For him, the Messiah is not a king but rather a suffering servant. So today we hear Peter attempt to admonish Jesus over this understanding. To which Jesus informs him that he is not really one of his disciples if he continues to think in this way. The true disciple of Jesus is the person who can deny themselves and take up their cross. To be a real disciple of Jesus means that we have to lose our lives in this world so that we may preserve our souls in the next world.

This week we will be hosting Padre Alexis of Nicaragua who is visiting us over a seven-day period. Padre Alexis is coming to see what our six parishes in Shelby County are like, and he is attempting to strengthen our relationship with his parishes in Nicaragua. Please make him feel welcome as he will be very busy in visiting all six parishes and meeting as many parishioners as he is able. Welcome to Padre Alexis!

Peace,
Fr. John

Growing In Faith?: How much do I trust the Lord?

Laudato Si' Encyclical —

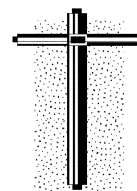
The Good News People share from Pope Francis's encyclical, **Laudato Si'** (Praise Be to You). The encyclical is subtitled, *On Care for Our Common Home*.

The statement from St. John XXIII, Blessed Pope Paul VI, St. John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI . . . echoes the reflections of numerous scientists, philosophers, theologians and civic groups all of which have enriched the Church's thinking on these questions. Outside the Catholic Church other churches and Christian communities — and other religions as well — have expressed deep concern and offered valuable reflections on issues which all of us find disturbing. Pope Francis quotes Patriarch Bartholomew, "to commit a crime against the natural world is a sin against ourselves and a sin against God."



Calendar for the Week of September 14-20

Monday	Sept. 14	—	No Mass
Tuesday	Sept. 15	9:30 am 7:00 pm	Mass in memory of Anna Marie Arkfeld at Elm Crest Knights of Columbus in Parish Office Meeting Room
Wednesday	Sept. 16	8:15 am 6:30 pm	School Mass for Kathryn Graeve on her birthday Faith Formation Classes for Kindergarten to Grade 12
Thursday	Sept. 17	7:00 am 12:00 noon	Scripture Study in Parish Office Meeting Room Mass for a Special Intention
Friday	Sept. 18	8:15 am	School Mass in memory of Anuar Talavera from our Sister Parish
Saturday	Sept. 19	4:00 pm 4:30 pm 5:00 pm 5:30 pm	Confessions Rosary Mass in memory of Vince & Norma Krantz and Betty Kohles Padre Alexis Vargas Celebration in Earling
Sunday	Sept. 20	8:30 am 11:00 am 6:00 pm	Mass in memory of Ed & Clea Brinker and Rick Burchett Mass for the people of St. Michael's Spanish Mass with Fr. Paul Koch and Padre Alexis



Whoever
wishes to come
after me must
deny himself,
take up his
cross and
follow me.

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: — Helen Bissen of our parish, Bernard Leinen of our parish, and Dawn Coldwell, daughter of Bill Coldwell of our parish.

Harvest Festival Letters And Tickets — will soon be mailed to your home. Raffle tickets may be turned in at the parish office, in the collection basket at Mass, or at the festival on **October 11**. All dinner tickets will be sold at the door the day of the festival. Invite family and friends to join us for a delicious Staley's Chicken Dinner to be served from 11:00 am until 2:00 pm. Call Julie Thraen at 755-5356 with questions.

Helped Needed — The Ladies Guild is looking for several people to help coordinate St. Michael's funeral dinners. The circles will provide the workers, but someone is needed in the kitchen to help organize the activity and order some of the food. If you can help, please call Julie Thraen at 755-5366.

Pope Francis's Encyclical Presentation — Fr. Bud Grant will present a discussion of the Laudato Si (Praise to You) Encyclical on Wednesday, September 30, at 6:30 pm in the Rosman Parish Center. The Church's encyclicals tend to be very long and detailed so the Good News People are offering this to help us better understand what the church is teaching. Fr. Bud was a pastor in team ministry in Shelby County in the eighties. He received his Theology Degree from Georgian University, Rome, Italy; his Master's Degree in Western Spirituality from Creighton University; and his PhD in Environmental Ethics from the University of Iowa. Fr. Bud presently is Professor of Theology at St. Ambrose University in Davenport plus he is still part of the Diocese of Des Moines. Fr. Bud is an engaging homilist and a dynamic presenter. Your time with Fr. Bud will very rewarding.

New Lector And Eucharistic Minister — sign-up sheets are in the back of church. More volunteers are needed.

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

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Bonnie Peterson	Eunice Blum	Fr. Dave Polich
Mary Tepe	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. 14th	Nm 21:4b-9	Phil 2:6-11	Jn 3:13-17
Tue. 15th	Tm 3:1-13		Jn 19:25-27
Wed. 16th	1Tm 3:14-16		Lk 7:31-35
Thur. 17th	1Tm 4:12-16		Lk 7:36-50
Fri. 18th	1Tm 6:2c-12		Lk 8:1-3
Sun. 20th	Wis 2:12, 17-20	Jas 3:16—4:3	Mk 9:30-37

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

Food Pantry Collection — resulted in \$286 and 160 pounds of food or toiletry items. Thanks for your generosity.

White Ribbons — will be distributed by the Catholic Daughters after each Mass on the weekend of September 26-27 to raise awareness in the fight against pornography. Pornography destroys thousands of families each year and does not value human dignity. Please join us in prayer for all those affected.



St. Michael's Faith Formation

WE ARE FAMILY!

Upcoming Dates —

- 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



Follow Us — St. Michael's Faith Formation

Padre Alexi Vargas — from our sister parish in Nicaragua will be visiting Shelby County from September 16-21. We hope many Shelby County parishioners will have the opportunity to welcome him to Iowa. We invite you to attend any or all of the following activities.

- Mass in Panama at 8:30 am on Thursday, September 17
- SCCS Mass in Harlan 8:15 am on Friday, September 18
- Mass in Earling at 5:00 pm on Saturday, September 19
- Social (5:30 pm), Dinner (6:00 pm) in Earling after Mass on Saturday, September 19, with Entertainment to follow at 7:00 pm.
- Mass in Defiance at 8:00 am on Sunday, September 20
- Breakfast in Defiance at 9:00 am on Sunday, September 20
- Spanish Mass in Harlan at 6:00 pm on Sunday, September 20
- Potluck at Pioneer Park following Harlan Mass, September 20

See the bulletin insert for more information about Padre's visit and updates on the Central America projects.

Travel To Nicaragua — An informational meeting will be this Monday evening, September 14, at 7:00 pm in the Westphalia Parish Hall for anyone interested in going to Nicaragua this winter or in the future. For more information call Charlotte at 712-210-4781.

Seminarian Special Collection — will be conducted on September 19 and 20. Registered parishioners will be receiving a letter and newsletter in the mail from Bishop Pates. Gifts to this collection support the education and formation costs associated with seminarians. There are 26 seminarians in the Diocese of Des Moines. The cost to educate one seminarian is \$30,000 each year. Your gift to this important appeal makes the difference for our faith leaders of tomorrow.

Annual Life Chain — will be Sunday, September 27, from 1:30 - 2:30 pm at the Harlan Auto Mart on the corner of Chatburn and Hwy 59. Life Chain is **not** political or confrontational. Life Chain is a silent prayer vigil by Christians to communicate their opposition to abortion. Mark your calendar now, plan to attend, and watch from more details in future bulletins.



Vocations Corner

Vocations Program For Our Faith Formation Families — will begin this week with our faith formation opening ceremonies. Families will be given the opportunity to take the chalice into their homes, pray the suggested prayers for vocations, or use their own prayers for a week. You can register your family for a week that works for you in the back of church. Anyone is welcome to participate.



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AND

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Area Events —

- **Catholic Daughters Court of St. Katherine** meeting will be Thursday, September 17, at 7:00 pm at Troy's Café in Earling. Plan to come and discuss the centennial highlights.
- **Fifteen-Decade Rosary for Life** will be Sunday, September 20, from 1:30-2:30 pm at St. Boniface in Westphalia.
- **Welcome Breakfast** at St. Michael's will be on Sunday, September 27, from 9:30-11:00 am. See the insert for more information about this chance to meet our new parishioners.

Ministry Schedule

Sept. 19-20	Saturday 5:00 p.m.	Sunday 8:30 a.m.	Sunday 11:00 a.m.
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