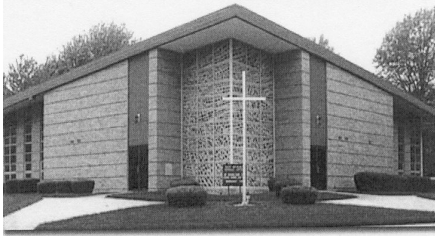


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Twenty-fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time September 18, 2016

**Praise the Lord,
who lifts up the poor.**



Christ became poor so that by his poverty
we might become rich

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.

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4:00 P.M. Saturday or by appointment

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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.

FROM THE PASTOR . . .

The question being asked of us in the gospel this weekend is, "How committed am I in serving the Lord?" This question gets right to the heart of the matter. Jesus tells his disciples a rather unusual story about a devious manager. This manager gets caught by his rich employer for dissipating (that is stealing) his property. Before he is fired by his rich employer, the manager settles accounts with his employer's debtors by reducing the amount they owed. (What he really is doing is subtracting the amount that he was skimming off the top for himself.) When the rich owner discovers what his devious manager is doing, he turns around and rewards him for his enterprise.

Jesus is not suggesting to his disciples that they be devious or fraudulent in their own business dealings, rather he is telling them that they need to show enterprise and commitment in their dealings with God. He warns them that no servant can serve two masters, God and money. This is our challenge today, especially in a nation as rich as ours. Is God our first priority, or are we more concerned about the pursuit for money? This is a decision we face nearly every day of our lives. Let us choose carefully and wisely.

*Peace,
Fr. John*

Growing In Faith?: How am I giving 100% effort in serving the Lord?

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

"Mercy for the Least"

In his native France, Vincent constantly sought out the poor in desperate situations, whom he believed the Lord had called him to care for personally. For this, he is known as "the saint of charity."

Henri Bremond, the great historian of Christian spirituality explained, "It was not love of men that led Vincent to holiness, but rather holiness that made him truly and effectively charitable; it was not the poor who gave him to God, but God, on the contrary, who gave him to the poor."

True charity, in fact, derives from the gaze that never gets distracted, not even for a moment, from its focus on the living, familiar, beloved Jesus.

Vincent himself always insisted: "The main purpose for which God has called us is to love our Lord Jesus Christ. If we depart even slightly from the thought that the poor are members of Jesus Christ, infallibly they will diminish the sweetness and charity within."

Vincent's biographer recounted that the last word he uttered on his deathbed was "Jesus."



St. Vincent de Paul

Calendar for the Week of September 19-25

Monday	Sept. 19	—	No Mass
Tuesday	Sept. 20	9:30 am 7:00 pm	Mass in memory of Edwin "Bud" Skalla at Elm Crest Knights of Columbus in Parish Office Meeting Room
Wednesday	Sept. 21	8:15 am 6:30 pm	School Mass in memory of Fred Blum Faith Formation Classes Grades K-12
Thursday	Sept. 22	7:00 am 12:00 noon 7:00 pm	Scripture Study in Parish Office Meeting Room Mass in memory of Jan Davitt Informational Nicaragua Meeting in the Parish Office Meeting Room
Friday	Sept. 23	8:15 am	School Mass in memory of Msgr. Jerry Stessman
Saturday	Sept. 24	4:00 pm 4:30 pm 5:00 pm	Confessions Rosary Mass in memory of Leonard Assmann and Norbert "Nub" Kloewer
Sunday	Sept. 25	8:30 am 11:00 am	Mass for the people of St. Michael's Mass in memory of Maxine Thielen & Rosemary Reinig and Gussie Molony



Be good
stewards of
GOD's
creation

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.

Attention! Attention! — The Shelby Country Nicaragua Partnership will be featured in the next issue of The Catholic Mirror. Be sure to look for this informational article as you read the diocesan news.

Thinking About Traveling to Nicaragua? — There will be an informational meeting on Thursday, September 22, at 7:00 pm in the St. Michael's Rectory for anyone interested in traveling this January to our sister parish, San Pedro Apostol in Villa Sandino in Nicaragua. See the bulletin insert for more details. Juniors, seniors, and college students are welcome.

Mass In Spanish! You Are Invited. — Están invitados... This Sunday, September 18, at 6:00 pm. Come join us! ¡Los esperamos!

Need A Ride — to the Christ Our Life Conference? Sister Joyce Blum and the Hispanic Ministry have made arrangements for transportation to the conference on Saturday, September 24. Would you like to ride with us on the bus? We will leave early in the morning, spend a day of learning in fellowship, and will be back in the early evening. Call Orlando Gil at 712-240-0624 to find out more. We have a few seats left. Ride with us.

Jubilee Year Of Mercy: A Morning Reflection — Fr. Wayne Gubbels will lead us as we journey to the close of Pope Francis's proclamation of the Jubilee Year of Mercy. The date is Saturday, October 15, at the Rosman Parish Center from 9:00 am — 11:30 am. **Save the date.** More details will follow.

Living Faith Booklets — for October, November and December are now available on the table in back of church. Thanks, again, to a generous donation, there is no charge for these booklets. You are welcome to take one for your daily prayer time.

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

Trent Smith	Violet Bohr	Jose Leal
Gary Kenkel	Edgar Tunender	Martha Anastasi
Gordon Nelson	Jenny Schwery	Curt Coenen
Joe Gubbels	David Updike	Alice Carey
Kathy Carl	Arden Riley	Bonnie Peterson
Rusty Buckley	Kenny Kenkel	Ray Chipman

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. 19th	Prv 3:27-34	Lk 8:16-18
Tue. 20th	Prv 21:1-6,1-13	Lk 8:19-21
Wed. 21st	Eph 4:1-7,11-13	Mt 9:9-13
Thur. 22nd	Eccl 1:2-11	Lk 9:7-9
Fri. 23rd	Eccl 3:1-11	Lk 9:18-22
Sun. 25th	Am 6:1a,4-7 1Tm 6:11-16	Lk 16:19-31

Tithing — September 11	\$ 5,643
Needed each week	7,308
Difference	(1,665)
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St. Michael's Faith Formation

WE ARE FAMILY!

- **Sept. 21 6:30 pm** **Classes Grades K-12**
- **Sept. 25 8:30 am** **Confirmation Commitment Mass**
9-10th Graders need to attend.
- **Sept. 28 6:30 pm** **Classes Grades K-6**
7:00 pm **Crossroads Mass in Earling for**
Grades 7-12

Crossroads Mass — When the students are at St. Joseph Church in Earling, they will access the Holy Door as proclaimed by Pope Francis in this Jubilee Year of Mercy. All are invited to attend.

Harvest Festival Letters And Tickets — have been mailed and should arrive at your home soon. Raffle tickets may be turned in at the parish office, in the collection basket at Mass, or at the festival on October 9. Be sure to read your letter about the changes on the raffle tickets and the prizes. 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.

September Sign-Up — This is the time of year we recruit new ministers. With three weekly Masses, we are always in need of more lectors and eucharistic ministers. We also are looking for more people to help take communion to our shut-ins on Sunday mornings. Schedules will soon be prepared for ushers and money counters. If you can help with any of these ministries, please sign the appropriate sheet on the table in the back of church. Training sessions will be set around your schedule as much as possible. Please consider serving your parish with one of these ministries. We need your help. If we can train more people, it will lighten the load for those already serving.



Jubilee Year Of Mercy — What are the bounds of God's mercy? At the foot of the Cross, Mary together with John, the disciple of love, witnessed the words of forgiveness spoken by Jesus. This supreme expression of mercy toward those who crucified him show us the point to which the mercy of God can reach. Mary attests that the mercy of the Son of God knows no bounds and extends to everyone, without exception.



Vocations Corner

All The Members — "The duty of fostering vocations falls on the whole Christian community, and they should discharge it principally by living full Christian lives." (Vat. II) To have a full Christian life, listen to the Word of God, participate in the Eucharist, exercise charity and pray.

Area Events —

- **Fifteen-Decade Rosary for Life** will be this Sunday, September 18, 1:30-2:30 pm at St. Boniface in Westphalia.
- **Mobile Food Pantry** will be in Harlan Monday, September 19, at Veterans Memorial Auditorium, 4:30-6:30 pm. The mobile food pantry is free of charge and no documentation is needed. Please bring boxes or bags to carry food.
- **St. Patrick's Parish in Walnut** is hosting their annual fall dinner on Sunday, September 25, from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm. A Staley's Chicken Dinner will be served. Cost for adults is \$10.
- **St. Patrick's Parish in Neola** is hosting their annual parish dinner on Sunday, September 25, from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm. A roast beef dinner with homemade desserts will be served. Cost for adults is \$10. Raffle drawings will be held.
- Karen Chamberlain will give a presentation about her trip to **Medjugorje** after the 9:30 am Mass at St. Joseph's in Earling on Sunday, October 9. The presentation will be in the parish hall.

Seminarian Fund Special Collection Envelopes — are attached to this bulletin. Parishioners will also be receiving a letter and brochure in the mail from Bishop Pates about this collection. Gifts to the collection support the education and formation costs associated with seminarians. (Approximately \$30,000 per seminarian each year.) If you choose to support this collection, you can use the attached envelope or an envelope provided by the diocese in the letter. It is the same collection. Thanks for whatever help you can give.

Your Input Is Needed — The pastoral council has been discussing and considering changing the time of the second Mass on Sunday from 11:00 am to 10:30 am. If you have an opinion about this that you would like to share, please talk to Fr. John or any council member. A final decision will be made at the October 11 meeting.

Ministry Schedule

Sept. 24-25	Saturday 5:00 p.m.	Sunday 8:30 a.m.	Sunday 11:00 a.m.
1st Lector	Mary Tepe	Sarah Devine	Joan Schechinger
2nd Lector	Chris Tepe	Dan Schumacher	Jane Klein
Eucharistic Ministers	Ron Muenchrath (T) Joyce Thraen Deacon Jim DeBlauw Virginia Kruse Volunteer Needed Joan M. Chamberlain Duane Fahn	Dea Ann Bissen (T) Roger Bissen Deacon Jim DeBlauw Bill Wingert Sandy Wingert Dan Schumacher Jani Sorfonden	David Erlbacher (T) Sherry Bierl Deacon Jim DeBlauw Jenny Moser Janice Calhoon Bob Kesterson Julie Kesterson
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Musicians			
Cantors			
Ushers	Joann Kenkel Mick Schmidt Lin Brinker Gerry Fremi	Gary Dozler Spencer Dozler Maxine Kwapiszeski Chuck Buhman	Orlando Gil John Murtaugh Tom Murtaugh Tom Lawler
Sept. 25	E.M. Elm Crest Joyce Rodenborn Leo Kloewer	E.M. Private Homes Steve Finn Susan Finn	Money Counters Scott Koppold Michelle Koppold Sherry Krantz

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