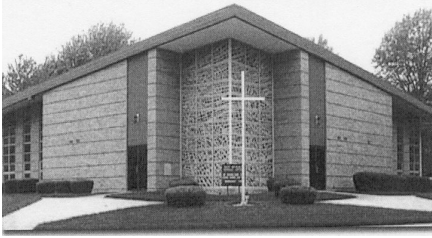


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Twenty--sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 27, 2015

Your word, O Lord, is truth!

*The Word
of the Lord
is Truth*

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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.

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4:00 P.M. Saturday or by appointment

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Is celebrated by request. Notify the office.

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Contact the office to set a date.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Wedding dates are set after an initial interview with Fr. John.

FROM THE PASTOR . . .

This weekend we hear the Lord telling his disciples how to relate to people who are not followers of Jesus and how to relate to members of their faith community. The first part of Jesus' lesson touches on a very important issue in our church today: What is the proper relationship between Christians and non-Christians? In today's gospel we are told about a "strange exorcist", and Jesus shows a remarkable openness to this "outsider". Jesus tells the disciples that no one performing a miracle in his name can speak badly of him. Then he states a general principle, "that whoever is not against us is for us".

The first reading from the Book of Numbers attempts to provide a biblical background for Jesus to display this great tolerance. Two of Moses's assistants are prophesying by the Spirit of God outside the gathering of the elders. When Joshua complains about this, Moses disagrees with him and proceeds to wish that all of God's people might prophesy. Both Moses and Jesus are able to see God's saving hand at work in surprising places and persons, and so they counsel tolerance toward outsiders who seem to be able to manifest the Spirit of God.

As to the second relationship of the current followers of Jesus, Jesus gives a stern warning against causing scandal and sin. Here Jesus holds his followers to a higher standard. They must not harm the body and spirit of the other believers. To give scandal is a grave evil to be avoided. Jesus seeks unity and oneness of purpose between all peoples.

*Peace,
Fr. John*

Growing In Faith?: What hinders me the most in striving to be Holy?



Fr. Bud Grant — will be in Harlan for an evening presentation on Pope Francis's Encyclical *Laudato Si'* (Praise to You). Encyclicals, which are formal teachings of the Church, are usually read by theologians and bishops, but *Laudato Si'* is closer for we common folks to understand. The Good News People have scheduled Fr. Bud Grant, a former pastor in Shelby County and now a Theology professor at St. Ambrose University in Davenport, to open *Laudato Si'* for us in plain English. Fr. Bud is an engaging homilist as well as a dynamic presenter. We will

meet at St. Michael's Church on Wednesday, September 30, from 6:30 until 7:30 pm. That time period coincides with the high school students' schedule, but Fr. Bud will stay longer for those with more questions. Fr. Bud has scheduled quite a few of these presentations around the Midwest, so we are lucky to have him. See you September 30. Your time with Fr. Grant will be very rewarding.

Calendar for the Week of September 28—October 4

Monday	Sept. 28	—	No Mass
Tuesday	Sept. 29	9:30 am	Mass in memory of Lottie McDermott & Ann McDermott at <i>Elm Crest</i>
Wednesday	Sept. 30	8:15 am 6:30 pm 6:30 pm	School Mass in memory of Harvey Leinen Fr. Bud Grant Presentation in Church Faith Formation Classes for Kindergarten to Grade Eight
Thursday	Oct. 1	7:00 am 12:00 noon	Scripture Study in Parish Office Meeting Room Mass of Thanksgiving
Friday	Oct. 2	8:15 am — 12:00 noon	School Mass in memory of Jerome "Shorty" Rauterkus Eucharistic Adoration Benediction
Saturday	Oct. 3	4:00 pm 4:30 pm 5:00 pm	Confessions Rosary Mass in memory of Monica Kleffman and Vince & Irene Kenkel
Sunday	Oct. 4	8:30 am 11:00 am 6:00 pm	Mass in memory of Mary Poepsel and the deceased members of the Joe Goetz Family Mass for the people of St. Michael's Spanish Mass



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: — Agnes Larsen of our parish, Jerry Davis, father of Kelsey Bruck of our parish, and Sr. Norma Honz, sister of Margaret Feldman of our parish.

Mass In Spanish — A big "thank you" to our brothers and sisters who came to help celebrate the Mass in Spanish while Padre Alexis was here. We appreciated your participation and would love to have you back every 1st and 3rd Sunday at 6:00 pm for Mass in Spanish. The next Mass in Spanish will be October 4 at 6:00 pm. ¡Esperamos verlos en la Misa! Any questions, please contact Orlando Gil at 712-240-0624.

Did You Know That — someone from St. Michael's Parish goes to Elm Crest each Monday morning to lead the rosary for the residents and give them Holy Communion? We are in need of more people who can help with this ministry. If you are not a communion minister, you can be trained for this specific ministry or you can lead the rosary without giving communion. The residents really enjoy this special time. Can you help? This is not a weekly commitment as the ministry is shared with others.

Harvest Festival Quilt — will be on display in church this weekend and next weekend. Thanks, again, to Mary Ann and Mike Assmann who pieced and donated the quilt and to all the quilters. Purchase your raffle tickets to have a chance to win this beautiful handmade quilt.

Harvest Festival Paddle Wheel Prizes — can be left in the donation tubs in the back of church. Refer to your letter for the list of suggested prizes.

Harvest Festival Raffle Tickets — may be turned in at the parish office, in the collection basket at Mass, or at the festival on October 11. Tickets for the Staley's Chicken Dinner will be sold at the door the day of the festival. Come and enjoy!

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
Mary Tepe	Charlie McNair	David Blum
Darlene (Dar) Kenkel	Pat (Mrs. Damien) 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. 28th	Zec 8:1-8	Lk 9:46-50
Tue. 29th	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14	Jn 1:47-51
Wed. 30th	Neh 2:1-8	Lk 9:57-62
Thur. 1st	Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12	Lk 10:1-12
Fri. 2nd	Bar 1:15-22	Mt 18:1-5, 10
Sun. 4th	Gen 2:18-24 Heb 2:9-11	Mk 10:2-16

Tithing — September 20	\$ 6,239
Needed each week	7,709
Difference	(1,470)
	() if deficit
Year to date	\$ (12,660)

Annual Seminarian Appeal — letters have been sent from the diocese. These letters include a brochure with more information about our current seminarians. A Seminarian Fund Special Collection envelope was attached to last weekend's bulletin. This is the same collection. You can support the Diocese of Des Moines's seminarians by returning the envelope you received in the mail or returning the bulletin envelope to the parish office through the collection at Mass. Thanks for your support of the needs of our future priests.



St. Michael's Faith Formation

WE ARE FAMILY!

Upcoming Dates —

- Sept. 30 6:30 pm Classes for Kindergarten to Grade 8
Fr. Bud Grant presentation for Grades 9-12 in church
- Oct. 7 6:30 pm Classes for Kindergarten to Grade 12
- Oct. 14 6:00 pm High School Dinner and guest speakers
From Benedictine College "One Love" in parish center
- 6:30 pm Classes for Kindergarten to Grade 8

See *The St. Michael Defender* bulletin insert for more details.



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Area Events —

- **St. Patrick Parish in Walnut**, is hosting their fall Staley's Chicken dinner this Sunday, September 27, 11:00-1:30. Adults \$10
- **St. Patrick Parish in Neola** is hosting their annual parish dinner this Sunday, September 27, 11:00-2:00. A roast beef dinner with mashed potatoes, gravy, salads, relishes and desserts will be served. Adult tickets are \$10. Raffle drawings throughout the day
- **Life Chain Weekend** is this Sunday, September 27, 1:30-2:30, at the Harlan Auto Mart parking lot. Come and help give witness to the Pro-life message. Signs will be provided.

Food Pantry Collection — is next weekend, October 3-4. Simple-to-make items for middle school students include fruit cups, peanut butter, jelly, Ramen noodles, Easy-Mac, microwave meals, and boxed meals. The next Mobile Food Pantry will be in Harlan on Tuesday, October 13, 4:30-6:30, at the Vets Building.

Community Clothing Pantry — has opened in the basement of Frannie's Attic at 231 Antique City Drive in Walnut. It is open on Thursday evenings, 4:00-7:00. There are sizes for everyone, and if you need it or want it, it's yours. Donations of good, clean clothing can be dropped off at Trinity Lutheran Church in Avoca.

Year Of Marriage And Family Closing Event — will be held at Holy Family Church, 2217 Avenue B in Council Bluffs. Nationally known speakers and authors John and Teri Bosio will present a talk entitled *Our Marriage is Our Treasure*, 6:30-8:00 on Saturday, October 10. A wine and cheese reception will follow. This event is free and childcare is available by contacting Adam Storey at astorey@dmdiocese.org.



"You did not choose me, I chose you." (John 15:16)

"Vocations are born in prayer and from prayer; only through prayer can they persevere and bear fruit."

— Pope Francis

Holy Hour for Vocations will be prayed from 11:00 am until noon on Friday, October 2, to conclude the First Friday Adoration. Benediction will be at noon.

Charlene Schwery Schmidt Tuition Assistance Fund

— A second collection will be taken next weekend, October 3-4, for this annual tuition assistance fund for Shelby County Catholic School. This fund will help those in Shelby County who need assistance in paying school tuition. SCCS is committed to providing an excellent academic and faith-centered education to all children. Your gift will help SCCS meet that commitment. Checks should be made payable to SCCS School.

Ministry Schedule

Oct. 3-4	Saturday 5:00 p.m.	Sunday 8:30 a.m.	Sunday 11:00 a.m.
1st Lector	Elaine Sprague	Sandy Wingert	Jane Klein
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Cantors			
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