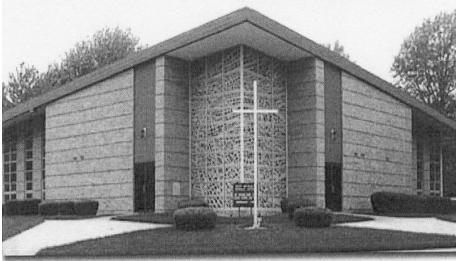


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MISSION STATEMENT

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 . . .

This weekend is Respect Life Sunday. For many years, the bishops of America have declared that the month of October is the time of year in which we reaffirm the dignity of all human life. Jesus tells us today in the gospel, "Whoever does not receive the Kingdom of God like a child, shall not enter into it." We are being reminded today of the importance of a sense of wonder and awe. We need the ability to find and appreciate God's presence in all of life. To wonder is to see the mystery and marvel of God's handiwork all around us.

Throughout this month of October, we will sing one verse of a Marian hymn at the time of meditation after communion. We will use this hymn as a means for praying for a greater respect for the sanctity and dignity of all life by asking the Blessed Mother to help us to see God's presence in all creation. Please join our efforts to respect life.

Finally, this week the priests of the Des Moines Diocese will be away in Ames for our annual fall workshop. The topic for this week is the new evangelization. In my absence, Deacon Jim will lead a communion service on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. If there should be a funeral or medical emergency, I will come back from the workshop. I'm looking forward to a pleasant workshop. May parish life remain fairly quiet during my absence.

*Peace,
Fr. John*

Growing In Faith?: Do I still have a sense of wonder in my life?

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 Francis continues to quote Patriarch Bartholomew by asking us "to replace consumption with sacrifice, greed with generosity, wastefulness with a spirit of sharing, an asceticism which entails learning to give, and not simply to give up." He continues, "As Christians we are called to accept the world as a sacrament of communion, as a way of sharing with God and our neighbors on a global scale. It is our humble conviction that the divine and the human meet in the slightest detail in the seamless garment of God's creation, in the last speck of dust on our planet."



Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 4, 2015

**Blessed are those who
fear the Lord!**



**May the LORD
bless us
all the days
of our lives.**

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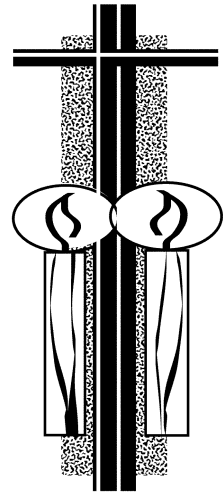
Contact the office to set a date.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

Calendar for the Week of October 5-11

Monday	Oct. 5	8:15 am	Rosary with SCCS Students in the Church
Tuesday	Oct. 6	8:15 am	Communion Service
Wednesday	Oct. 7	8:15 am 6:30 pm	Communion Service Faith Formation Classes for Kindergarten to Grade 12
Thursday	Oct. 8	12:00 noon	Communion Service
Friday	Oct. 9	8:15 am	School Mass in memory of Pete & Elaine Sheldon
Saturday	Oct. 10	2:30 pm 4:00 pm 4:30 pm 5:00 pm	Wedding Ana Pope and Will McConnell Confessions Rosary Mass in memory of Merrill "Nook" Stolz and Al & Tillie Kenkel
Sunday	Oct. 11	8:30 am 11:00 am 11:00 am	Mass for the people of St. Michael's Mass in memory of Tiny Schmidt and Laverne Daeges Harvest Festival



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.)

We Welcome This Child: — who was baptized last weekend as the newest member of our parish community: **Gabriel Michael Calhoon**, son of Eric and Janice Calhoon.

Harvest Festival — The quilt being raffled will be on display in church again this weekend. Remember to turn in your raffle tickets 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.

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

Knights Of Columbus — business and social meeting will be Tuesday, October 20, at 7:00 pm. We will be meeting at Gerry Fremi's building located at **101 Market Street**. For further information, contact Bob Kesterson at 712-249-5799.

Thanks, Shelby County — From farms, fire stations, dairies, honey operations, schools, chiropractors, to churches, Padre Alexis from our sister parish in Nicaragua had a great time learning about Shelby County! What really amazed him above everything else was the warm, welcoming, hospitality of the people he met in Shelby County. As we drove him to the airport, Padre said, "Estoy triste." (I'm sad). When we asked him why, his reply was, "I'm going to miss all my new friends in Shelby County." Thanks for making his trip a trip he will never forget.

Des Moines Diocesan Council of Catholic Women invite all Catholic Women to our Spiritual Retreat entitled *Manifesting Love: Becoming Living Prayer* on Saturday, October 17, at St. Augustin Church Parish Hall at 545 42nd Street In Des Moines. Retreat facilitator Kathy Reardon is a spiritual director, holistic nurse and educator. The retreat begins with a continental breakfast at 8:30. Pre-registration is \$15 and can be sent to Marilyn Alfors at 263435 Sycamore Road, Neola, IA, 51559. Registration is \$20 at the door on October 17.

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

Clifford Kruse	Carolyn Kintner	Zane Coenen
Aaron Clae	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 Kenkel	Jenny Schwery

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.	5th	Jon 1:1—2:2, 11	Lk 10:25-37
Tue.	6th	Jon 3:1-10	Lk 10:38-42
Wed.	7th	Jon 4:1-11	Lk 11:1-4
Thur.	8th	Mal 3:13-20b	Lk 11:5-13
Fri.	9th	Jl 1:13-15, 2:1-2	Lk 11:15-26
Sun.	11th	Wis 7:7-11 Heb 4:12-13	Mk 10:17-30

Titling — September 27

Needed each week	\$ 5,756
Difference	7,709
	(1,953)
	() if deficit
Year to date	\$ (14,613)

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 pm on Saturday, October 10. A wine and cheese reception will follow.

Shelby County Right To Life Committee — Sunday, October 4, is National Life Chain Sunday. They ask that we pray from 2:00-3:00 pm in union with those who are giving their public witness for life at that hour. They thank those from our church communities who supported the Local Life Chain. Thank you for defending life!



St. Michael's Faith Formation

WE ARE FAMILY!

Upcoming Dates —

Oct. 7	6:30 pm	Classes for Kindergarten to Grade 12 Lector and EM training in church
Oct. 14	6:00-8:30 pm	High School Dinner and guest Speakers from Benedictine College "One Love" in parish center
	6:30-7:30 pm	Classes for Kindergarten to Grade 8
Oct. 21	6:30 pm	Classes for Kindergarten to Grade 6
	6:30 pm	Pizza in Westphalia followed by Vocations talk for Grades 7-12
Oct. 25	10 am-5 pm	Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference
Oct. 28	NO CLASSES	



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Shelby County Catholic School News

The annual Dream Flyaway Dinner & Auction will be held Saturday, November 7, in Panama. In preparation for the event, we are accepting auction items until November 3. If you would like to donate an item for our auction, please call the school at 755-5634.

Mark Your Calendar— for the Christ Our Life Conference to be held in Des Moines on September 24-25, 2016.

Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference — is Sunday, October 25. All 7th to 12th Grade students are encouraged to attend this great day that includes Mass. There is no charge. We will leave from St. Michael's at 8:00 am. Drivers/chaperones are needed. Please call Veronica for more information.

Faith Sound Auditions — for middle or high school students begin October 14. If you would like to be a part of this contemporary music ministry, call or text Roger at 641-295-4828.

Area Events

- **Mobile Food Pantry** will be in Harlan at the Vet's Building on Tuesday, October 13, from 4:30-6:30 pm. The pantry is free of charge. Bring boxes or bags to carry your food home.
- **Immanuel Lutheran Church Women** will host their annual Fall Bazaar and Luncheon on Wednesday, October 14, from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Turkey casserole, green beans, salads and cake will be served. Adult tickets are \$10. Baked goods will be on sale beginning at 10:30 am. All are invited. Tickets are available by calling 755-5207 or from any ILCW member.
- **Fifteen-Decade Rosary for Life** will be Sunday, October 18, from 1:30-2:30 pm at St. Michael's in Harlan.
- **St. Mary's in Portsmouth** Fall Festival and Craft/Vendor Show is Sunday, November 8, from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm at the parish hall. Tables are available to rent. Contact Brenda Arkfeld at 743-2403.



Vocations Corner

Vocations Chalice — St. Michael's Vocations Committee has decided to resurrect the Vocations Chalice program in our parish. Each week a family or individual will take the Vocations Chalice home from Mass and use it as a center to pray for vocations during the week. A prayer booklet is included with the chalice. Seven families have already volunteered to take the chalice. A sign-up sheet is available in the back of church for you to sign when you or your family can take the chalice. More information will be coming as the committee continues to develop this program.

Ministry Schedule

Oct. 10-11	Saturday 5:00 p.m.	Sunday 8:30 a.m.	Sunday 11:00 a.m.
1st Lector 2nd Lector	Joyce Thraen Steve Finn	Cheryl Andersen Sarah Devine	Rob Kloewer Makayla Tremel
Eucharistic Ministers	Jane Klein (T) Clare Klein Leo Kloewer Phil Koesters Shayla Leinen Duane Fahn Ray Chipman	Deann Irlmeier (T) Ethel Defenbaugh Bill Wingert Sandy Wingert Phil Markham Doug Baker Mary Baker	Makayla Tremel (T) Rob Kloewer Tami Kloewer Jani Sorfonden Julia Sorfonden Jenny Moser Jordyn Moser
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Musicians			Church, Wind & Fire
Cantors			Flames
Ushers	Lin Brinker JoAnn Kenkel Don Stowe Mick Schmidt	Dale Swanson Jackie Coenen Gary Dozler Maxine Kwapiszeski	Tom Murtaugh Marcus Gross, Jr. Tom Powers Mark Zaccone
Oct. 11	E.M. Elm Crest Joyce Rodenborn Leo Kloewer	E.M. Private Homes Tom Schmitz Bev Schmitz	Money Counters Barbara Muller Natalie Crees Gary Thraen Julie Thraen

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