Saint Michael's Parish



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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.

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION 4:00 P.M. Saturday or by appointment

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK 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

This weekend in our readings, we hear of the theme of perseverance. We are able to see in these readings how perseverance in both our prayer life and our faith life are woven together. As human beings, we may encounter many distractions which can tempt us and make us want to easily give up our relationship with God when we face a difficult experience. In the gospel, our Lord gives us reassurance and help. Jesus reminds us that we continually have the aid of the Holy Spirit to strengthen our efforts to persevere in living out our faith. This assurance of the Holy Spirit as our personal advocate, should be a source of hope and consolation in our daily efforts to live out a faith-filled life.

I want to thank the Ladies Guild for another wonderful Harvest Dinner last weekend. It took many people to pitch in and work together to allow us to have another successful Harvest Festival. Thank you also to all the parishioners and guests from outside the parish who attended our dinner. So many people generously supported this year's dinner in a variety of different ways. Thank you to one and all!

Peace, Fr. John

Growing In Faith?: What must I do to persevere in faith?

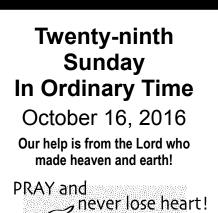
Jubilee Year Of Mercy -

Sometimes in prayer we know exactly what we want, but at other times we do not know what to ask for. This latter occasion is one in which we experience human weakness. It is just in these situations that "the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit intercedes for us with signs too deep for words." (Romans 8:26)



The faith requested of those who hear the parable of the judge and the persistent widow (Luke 18:1-8) simultaneously includes trust, faithfulness, and confidence. It is born of prayer and ends

in obedience for those who learn to be guided by God's will even when they do not understand it. Unfortunately, in our time, it is increasingly difficult and rare to have steadfastness in prayer and the openness to receive answers that are often different than what we requested (from the Parables of Mercy p. 71)



Monday	Oct. 17		No Mass	
Tuesday	Oct. 18	9:30 am	Mass in memory of Mary Ellen Schmitz at Elm Crest	
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		7:00 pm	Knights of Columbus in the Parish Office Meeting Room	
Wednesday	Oct. 19	8:15 am	School Mass in memory of Fred Blum	
,		6:30 pm	Faith Formation Classes Grades K-6	
		6:45 pm	Presentation on the Parking lot in Church	
		7:00 pm	Faith Formation Movie Night Grades 7-12 in Westphalia	Stu
Thursday	Oct. 20	7:00 am	Scripture Study in Parish Office Meeting Room	
·····,	1	2:00 noon	Mass in memory of Mark Feser	ETTAL STATE
		1:00 pm	Endowment Advisory Board in the Parish Office Meeting Room	
Friday	Oct. 21	8:15 am	Mass in memory of Mary "Bea" Masur	
Saturday	Oct. 22	4:00 pm	Confessions	
		4:30 pm	Rosary	
		5:00 pm	Mass in memory of Jan Davitt and Ivo & Darrell Coenen	
Sunday	Oct. 23	8:00 am	Grades 9 and 10 meet at the Rectory to leave for DCYC in Des Moines	
		8:30 am	Mass in memory of Jean Elder Ethridge and Bill & Irene Huebner	
	9:30	-11:00 am	Knights of Columbus Breakfast in the Rosman Parish Center	

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.) Sunday Mass is also available on demand by accessing the Harlan Knights of Columbus channel on YouTube.

<u>Grant Eternal Rest, O Lord, To:</u> — Rusty Buckley, brother of Rex Buckley, of our parish, and Rita Claussen of our parish.

<u>Mass In Spanish</u> — this Sunday, October 16, at 6:00 pm. All our brothers and sisters in Christ are welcome to attend this Mass. We appreciate you being there!

October Respect Life Month Roses — Moved by mercy this week we remember and pray for the poor and homeless., especially children who suffer from hunger and starvation. (The roses are placed on the table by the picture of our Lady of Guadalupe in the entrance of the church.

Knights Of Columbus Breakfast — will be served in the Rosman Parish Center on Sunday, October 23, from 9:30– 11:00 am. Come support the knights and enjoy a good breakfast.

New Minister Training — for those who have signed up. New lectors meet at 7:30 in the church on Wednesday, October 26. New communion ministers meet at 7:30 pm.

Harvest Festival Thank You — I would like to thank everyone who helped in the success of another Harvest Festival. Thank you to all who made a donation of money or a prize, provided something for dessert, the Country Store, the Cake Walk, worked a shift or shared a meal among family and friends. To Mary Ann and Mike Assmann and the Quilters, thank you for a beautiful quilt. Thanks to Theresa Blum for her raffle donations and thanks to Mary Kloewer and Sherry Krantz for decorating. To the Circle Leaders and the Knights, thank you so much for your hard work and dedication. All these things together made another successful festival. — Julie Thraen, St. Michael' Guild President

<u>Remember The Sick In Your Prayers And By Your Notes</u> Or Visits —

r VISITS — Violet Bohr Gary Jenny Schwery Curt (Joe Gubbels David Kathy Carl Arden Grace Marshall Kenny Michelle Willenborg-Marshall

Gary Kenkel Curt Coenen David Updike Arden Riley Kenny Kenkel Irshall Gordon Nelson Aggie Gaul Alice Carey Bonnie Peterson

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.	17th	Eph 2:1-10	Lk 12:13-21				
Tue.	18th	2 Tm 4:10-17b	Lk 10:1-9				
Wed.	19th	Eph 3:2-12	Lk 12:39-48				
Thur.	20th	Eph 3:14-21	Lk 12:49-53				
Fri.	21st	Eph 4:1-6	Lk 12:54-59				
Sun.	23rd	Sir 35:12-14, 16-18					
		2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18	Lk 18:9-14				
Tithin	ng — I	Date October 9	\$ 5,659				
		Needed each week	7,308				
		Difference	(1,650)				
			() if deficit				
		Year to date	\$ (6,495)				

Bulletin Insert — this week is our annual report to the parish about our finances. The insert shows our major income sources and our expenses. We have included what we feel is important information. If you would like more details about anything in this report, please contact the parish office. We will gladly answer any of your questions.

		St. Michael's Faith Formation We are Family!	
Oct. 19	6:30 pm	Classes Grades K-6 Special Needs Class in the Parish Office Meeting Room Grades 7-12 Crossroads Popcorn &	
Oct. 22	6:00 pm	Movie Night in Westphalia (Movie at 7:00) NCYC Middle School Dance in the Parish Center	
Oct. 23		DCYC 9th and 10th Grades Meet at 8:00 am at the Rectory	
Oct. 26		No Classes	
Nov. 2	6:30 pm	Classes Grades K-12	

New Bulletin — You may have heard that we will be changing the look of the bulletin in January. The Finance and Pastoral Councils have agreed to go with Liturgical Publications. This company produces bulletins all over the state with online access for our secretaries to create a bulletin with more information and graphics in full color. We feel that this revamping will make a better bulletin and at no cost to the parish. Once the publishing costs have been met through the sponsor ads, the parish will get a rebate from the company. We are working with the company now with our current and future bulletin sponsors. We thank all of those who have faithfully supported the bulletin over the years, and we are looking forward to producing a better bulletin for our parish.

Catholic Answers Conference — Spirit Catholic Radio in Omaha is presenting this conference on Saturday, October 29, at DJ Sokol Arena in Omaha. Learn how to share the faith with others from speakers Patrick Coffin, Trent Horn, Tim Staples, Karlo Broussard ,and Christopher Check as heard on the radio program *Catholic Answers LIVE!* The conference is from 10:00 am – 4:30 pm. Lunch and conference materials are provided. More information is available at spiticatholicrado.com or by calling 855-571-0200.



Jubilee Year Of Mercy — Pope Francis says that in Sacred Scripture, mercy is a key word that indicates God's action toward us. He does not limit himself merely to affirming his love, but makes it visible and tangible. Love, after all, can never be just an abstraction. By its very nature, it indicates something concrete: intentions,

attitudes, and behaviors that are show in daily living. The mercy of God is his loving concern for each one of us.



Deacon Carlos Gomez Pineda — Now that my priestly ordination approaches, I want to thank the people of the Des Moines Diocese who have supported and strengthened me in a variety of ways in my journey to become the servant of God through the order of priesthood. Please be assured of my continued prayers for all of you, and may the peace of the Lord be always with you.

Shelby County Catholic School News

SAVE THE DATE! The annual "Tribute to Harvest Dinner and Auction" will be held on November 5 at St. Mary's in Portsmouth.

Area Events –

- Fifteen-Decade Rosary for Life will be this Sunday, October 16, from 1:30-2:30 pm at St. Michael's in Harlan
- Immanuel Lutheran Church Women are hosting their annual Harvest Bazaar and Luncheon on Wednesday, October 19, at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm. Ticket price is \$10 for turkey casserole, green beans, salads, rolls, dessert, and beverage. Tickets are available at the door.
- Catholic Daughters Court of St. Katherine will have their next meeting Thursday, October 20, at 7:00 pm in the Earling Hall. There will be a special presentation about the saints and holy souls.
- Iowa Community Kitchen is having a community fun night on Tuesday, October 25, in the community room at the Faith Baptist Church on Chatburn Avenue. They will be serving pizza, and offering games, activities, and a prize for best costume.

Harvest Festival Raffle Winners -

Queen Size Quilt — Kathy Carl Cash Prizes — Laura Bratetic, Trudy Salvo, Mick Schmidt Cletus Schmitz, Chris Blum

Cleaning Combo — Jean Keane

Three Pillows — Emily Hansen

Patchwork Blanket — Jeanie Ferguson

Ministry Schedule

Oct. 22-23	Saturday	Sunday	Sunday
	5:00 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
1st Lector	Chris Tepe	Maxine Kwapiszeski	Marcus Gross, Jr.
2nd Lector	Mary Tepe	Paul Kruse	Jane Klein
Eucharistic Ministers	Rachel Blum (T) Jan Blum Leo Kloewer Connie Kohles Shayla Leinen Marvin Bissen Volunteer Needed	Sandy Wingert (T) Bill Wingert Mary Jane Swanson Jani Sorfonden Virginia Kruse Betty Leuck Maxine Kwapiszeski	Donna Schmidt (T) David Erlbacher Cindy Pattee Bob Kesterson Julie Kesterson Makayla Tremel Janice Calhoon
Servers	Mike Clemons	Joseph Devine	Trey Gross
	Caitlin Clemons	Elizabeth Devine	Elle Gross
	Stephen Leinen	Grace Kenkel	Emma Calhoon
Musicians		Peg Berg	Chris Larsen
Cantors		Sarah Schumacher	Mike Bierl
Ushers	Les Blum	Cletus Schmitz	Tom Powers
	Jan Blum	Jackie Coenen	Bob Hastert
	Rachel Blum	Scott Koppold	Brook Schwery
	Joe Zaccone	Michelle Koppold	Lauren Blum
Oct. 23	E.M. Elm Crest Joyce Rodenborn Leo Kloewer	E.M. Private Homes Kay Schechinger Diane Weihs	Money Counters Sherry Krantz Kathy Hull Brenda Blum

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