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.

FROM THE PASTOR . . .

This past week, the priests of the Des Moines Diocese had our annual workshop in Iowa City. During the workshop, we had two different presenters talk about the recent teachings of Pope Francis. They were able to shed light on how Pope Francis's experiences in the southern hemisphere, in his native country of Argentina, is influencing his theological outlook and his pastoral teachings for the whole world.

This weekend, the gospel story is about the healing of ten lepers. We are told that all ten were healed, but only one who realizes he is healed returns to the Lord to thank him for this gift. This story should cause us to reflect on our own willingness to express gratitude to God for the blessings which we receive throughout our lifetime. Are we good in regularly thanking God for the good things that happen in our lives? Are there occasions in which we forget to express our gratitude to God?

When I was a little boy, growing up so many years ago, one of the lessons that my mother taught me, which I still carry with me today, is the importance of saying, "Thank You." She said these are the two most important words in life, and if we say these words appropriately every time a good thing happens in our lives, we would go far in life. It has been my discovery, over the course of 55 years of living, that this is very true. People appreciate hearing someone thank them. I appreciate hearing someone thank me for something I did. And of course, God appreciates every time we take a moment to thank him for our blessings. Make gratitude a part of your daily lives.



Growing In Faith?: How frequently do I thank God?

Jubilee Year Of Mercy —

In Jesus' day those with the sickness of leprosy were poor. Today many of the people suffering from various illnesses are also poor. If they were healthy enough to work, they would probably not be poor.

Pope Francis in his Encyclical, "The Joy of the Gospel", addresses the poor and how we are to relate to them. Pope Francis says, "No one must say that they cannot be close to the poor because their own lifestyle demands more attention to other areas. This is an excuse commonly heard in academic, business or professional, or even ecclesial circles. While it is quite true that the essential vocation and



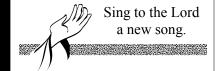
mission of the lay faithful is to strive that earthly realities and all human activity may be transformed by the Gospel, none of us can think we are exempt from concern for the poor and for social justice. Spiritual conversion, the intensity of the love of God and neighbor, zeal for justice and peace, the Gospel meaning of the poor and of poverty, are required of everyone." (201)

Are we helping those on the margins of society, or are we just helping ourselves?

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 9, 2016

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.



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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.

Calendar fo	r the Week	of Octob	<u>er 10—16</u>	
Monday	Oct. 10		No Mass	
Tuesday	Oct. 11	8:15 am	Mass in memory of Mary Jo Lauer]
,		6:00 pm	Finance Council in Parish Office Meeting Room	
		7:00 pm	Pastoral Council In Parish Office Meeting Room	
Wednesday	Oct. 12	8:15 am	School Mass in memory of Harvey Leinen	
		6:30 pm	Faith Formation Family Rosary in Church Grades K-8 with Classes to follow	
		6:30 pm	Faith Formation Classes Grades 9-12	
Thursday	Oct. 13	7:00 am	Scripture Study in Parish Office Meeting Room	
	•	12:00 noon	Mass for a Special Intention	
Friday	Oct. 14	8:15 am	School Mass in memory of Bettie Anderson	
Saturday	Oct. 15	9:00 am	Morning of Prayer with Fr. Wayne Gubbels	
		4:00 pm	Confessions	
		4:30 pm	Rosary	
		5:00 pm	Mass in memory of Adeline May and Arlene Reinig	
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Mass for the people of St. Michael 's

Spanish Mass



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.

Mass in memory of Gary Kloewer and Charlotte Assman

<u>Grant Eternal Rest, O Lord, To:</u> — Mary Clare (Stolz) Bowman of our parish.

8:30 am

11:00 am

mq 00:6

Sunday

Oct. 16

New Minister Training — for those who have signed up has been scheduled. New lectors will be trained and commissioned on Wednesday, October 26, at 6:30 pm in the church. New communion ministers will be trained and commissioned on the same day at 7:30 pm in the church. Thanks to our new ministers for volunteering to serve their parish in this way.

Morning Of Prayer, Reflection, And Discussion — with Fr. Wayne Gubbels will be Saturday, October 15, from 9:00 am-11:30 am in the Rosman Parish Center. All are welcome to attend this special Jubilee Year of Mercy event.

October Respect Life Month Roses — Moved by mercy, we remember and pray for those facing unexpected pregnancy, pre-born children in danger of abortion, those suffering from the effects of abortion, and for birthparents and adoptive families. (These roses are placed on the table by the picture of Our Lady of Guadalupe in the entrance of the church.)

Public Square Rosary — The American Needs Fatima Committee of the St. Maria Goretti Catholic Daughters is sponsoring a prayer service for our nation on Saturday, October 15, in the Harlan Auto Mart parking lot beginning at Noon. All are invited to attend this hour long service and pray for our country. Please bring a lawn chair. In case of rain, the rally will be held in St. Michael's Church.

White Ribbons — will be distributed by the Catholic Daughters St. Maria Goretti Court after Mass this weekend to raise awareness in the fight against pornography. Pornography destroys thousand of families each year and does not value human dignity. Join us in prayer for all those affected to receive God's healing grace.

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

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Violet Bohr	Gary Kenkel	Gordon Nelson
Jenny Schwery	Curt Coenen	Aggie Gaul
Joe Gubbels	David Updike	Alice Carey
Kathy Carl	Arden Riley	Bonnie Peterson
Grace Marshall	Kenny Kenkel	Ray Chipman
Michelle Willenborg	-Marshall	

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.	10th	Gal 4:22-24, 26	5-27,31-5:1	Lk 11:29-32
Tue.	11th	Gal 5:1-6		Lk 11:37-41
Wed.	12th	Gal 5:18-25		Lk 11:42-46
Thur.	13th	Eph 1:1-10		Lk 11:47-54
Fri.	14th	Eph 1:1-14		Lk 12:1-7
Sun.	16th	Ex 17:8-13	2 Tm 3:14-4:2	Lk 18:1-8

<u>Tithing</u> — October 2	\$ 7,968
Needed each week	7,308
Difference	660
	() if deficit
Year to date	`\$ (4,845)

Just So You Know — If you have received a letter from the diocese requesting donations for the seminarians, this is the same seminarian collection that we had in church several weeks ago. Envelopes were attached to the bulletin at that time. Thanks to all of you who have already donated to this collection resulting in \$1,130 from St. Michael's Parish.

Food Pantry Collection — resulted in \$164 and 190 pounds of food or toiletry items. Thanks for your continuous generosity in helping those in need in our area with this monthly collection.



St. Michael's Faith Formation

WE ARE FAMILY!

Oct. 12	6:30 pm	Family Rosary Grades K-8, Parents and
		Grandparents are invited to attend
	6:30 pm	Classes Grades 9-12
Oct. 19	6:30 pm	Classes Grades K-6
	•	Special Needs Class in the Parish Office
		Meeting Room
		Grades 7-12 Crossroads Popcorn &
		Movie Night in Westphalia (Movie at 7:00)
Oct. 23		DCYC 9th and 10th Grades Meet at
		8:00 am at the Rectory
Oct. 26		No Classes

Harvest Festival — is this Sunday, October 9. Come and join us for a delicious Staley's Chicken Dinner served from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. Carry outs this year will be not be in the library. Look for them in the parish center. Dinner tickets will be sold at the door. Be sure to have your raffle tickets turned in before the drawing. Come visit the Country Store, the Paddlewheel, and the Cake Walk. See you at the Festival!

Remembering The Dead — This time of year, we especially remember loved ones who have died since last November 1. The name of those who were members of the parish, or whose funeral was here, will be placed on a scroll before the altar. On Wednesday, November 2, during the 7:00 pm Mass, we will read the names of the deceased and invite members of the family to come forward with a candle bearing the name of their loved one. For those who were buried from St. Michael's, a call will be made to a survivor to invite them to Mass. We also invite others who have lost a loved one this past year, but whose loved one was not buried from here, to have a candle displayed. If you would like a candle in memory of your loved one, call the office, and we will prepare one for you.



Jubilee Year Of Mercy — The psalms express God's mercy. Psalm 146 attests to the concrete signs of his mercy. "He secures justice for the oppressed; he gives food to the hungry. The Lords sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the

righteous. This Lord protects the stranger, he sustains the orphan and the widow."



Corner

Father Dan Gehler — was ordained a priest June 3, 2016, and began his first assignment at St. Anthony Parish in Des Moines. Fr. Dan states, "As a priest, I am able to bring Christ's mercy to the people of the diocese. This experience is brought home to me the most in the sacrament of confession and the anointing of the sick. These are two times in people's lives where God's mercy can be most meaningful to them, and I find it humbling to be able to bring Christ's mercy to them.

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 Hall in Portsmouth. Auction items and donations can be sent to SCCS at your convenience.

Area Events —

- **Alzheimer's Support Group** will meet Monday, October 10, at 3:00 pm at the Harlan Senior Center in the Therkildsen Center.
- Fifteen-Decade Rosary for Life will be 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.
- 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.

Parking Lot Informational Presentation — As you probably know, we will be working on the church parking lot the summer of 2017. An engineer from Raker Rhodes will be present to help answer questions about what we are doing and why. The presentation will be held in the church on Wednesday, October 19, at 6:45 pm. Anyone who would like more information about this project is welcome to attend. This will be the only presentation in this town hall forum with the engineer.

Knights Of Columbus Breakfast — will be served on Sunday, October 2, from 9:30-11:00 am in the parish center.

Ministry Schedule

Oct. 15-16	Saturday	Sunday	Sunday
	5:00 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
1st Lector	Sharla Rau	Tom Schmitz	Rob Kloewer
2nd Lector	Joyce Thraen	Bonnie Kenkel	Rob Kloewer
Eucharistic Ministers	Joan M. Chamberlain (T) Joe Klein Jane Klein Leo Kloewer Gwen Kaufman Duane Fahn Volunteer Needed	Dan Schumacher (T) Donna Schmidt Brent Scheve Richard Lee Pat Lee Maxine Kwapiszeski J.C. Salvo	Alex Blum (T) Jenny Moser Sherry Bierl Rachel Blum Rob Kloewer Tami Kloewer Joni Larsen
Servers	Jayden Gessert	Nicholas Anderson	Volunteer Needed
	Jenna Gessert	Daniel Anderson	Volunteer Needed
	Roberta Golden	Matthew Sorfonden	Volunteer Needed
Musicians	Rod Carlson	Chris Larsen	Flames
Cantors	John Rosman	Brecken Van Baale	Flames
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. 16	E.M. Elm Crest Steve Finn Susan Finn	E.M. Private Homes Dan Schechinger Joan Schechinger	Money Counters Sherry Krantz Kathy Hull Brenda Blum

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