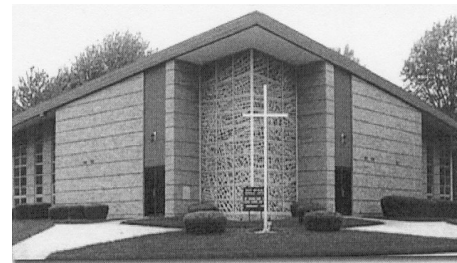


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MISSION STATEMENT

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 . . .

The theme of our reading this weekend is "The End Times". These readings tell us that there will be a day in the future when the world as we know it will come to an end. In the gospel in particular, the people ask Jesus, "When will this fateful day happen? What will be the sign that it is now happening?" Just like the Jewish people of Jesus' day, so many people today are asking these same questions. I truly believe that more and more people today are coming to believe that the world as we know it is on the brink of doom and final destruction.

Yet in the gospel, Jesus tells his audience that the "when and how" are the wrong questions to be asking. Rather, Jesus says that we should focus on how we are living out our faith right now. The quality of life and love we live today is far more important than when the actual day of our end is coming. Jesus tells us that we should be living our lives as if he has already reappeared in glory. So the bottom line from the Lord himself is that we take more seriously the ways that we are living out our faith and love as opposed to being worried about when the world will end.

*Peace,
Fr. John*

Growing In Faith?: How confident am I in living out my faith and love?

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*.

We see increasing sensitivity to the environment and the need to protect nature, along with a growing concern, both genuine and distressing, for what is happening to our planet. Our goal is not to amass information or to satisfy curiosity, but rather to become painfully aware, to dare to turn what is happening to the world into our own personal suffering and thus to discover what each of us can do about it. (Paragraph 19)



Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time November 15, 2015

You are my inheritance, O Lord!



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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 for the Week of November 16-22

Monday	Nov. 16	—	Rosary with the SCCS students in church
Tuesday	Nov. 17	9:30 am 7:00 pm	Mass for a Special Intention at <i>Elm Crest</i> Knights of Columbus in Parish Office Meeting Room
Wednesday	Nov. 18	8:15 am 6:30 pm	School Mass in memory of Kathleen Renze Faith Formation Classes for K-1, 3-12 First Reconciliation for all St. Michael's 2nd Graders in church
Thursday	Nov. 19	7:00 am 12:00 noon 7:00 pm	Scripture Study in Parish Office Meeting Room Mass for deceased members of the William Feser family Vocations Committee in Parish Office Meeting Room
Friday	Nov. 20	8:15 am	School Mass in memory of Otto Klein & for his family
Saturday	Nov. 21	4:00 pm 4:30 pm 5:00 pm	Confessions Rosary Mass in memory of Tony & Ella Mae Schaben & Pat Schaben
Sunday	Nov. 22	8:30 am 11:00 am	Mass for the people of St. Michael's Mass for the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Rich & Myrna Schwarte

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 These Children — who were baptized last weekend as the newest members of our parish community: **Kynslee Hytrek, Maylee Hytrek, and Brylee Knapp**, daughters of Brian and Taryn Knapp.

Welcome To: — The Kyle and Jill Manz Family, the Peter and Deena Sotelo Family, and the Felipe and Esperanza De la Cruz Family who have recently registered at St. Michael's.

Advent Wreath — It has been our tradition at St. Michael's to have an individual or a family light the candles on the wreath during each weekend Mass of the Advent season. If you or your family would like to light the wreath, please sign the sheet on the table in the back of church.

Advent Giving Ornament Project — During Advent, St. Michael's Parish will again collect for those in need by conducting the Christmas Tree Ornament Project. Beginning November 28, two Christmas trees will be located by the east entrance doors, with donation labeled ornaments hanging on the trees. As you enter or exit the church, please take an ornament from the tree, purchase the suggested gift, but do not wrap it, and return the ornament and gift the following week. Place the ornament back on the tree and place your gift under the tree. You may take as many ornaments as you like. All items will be donated to West Central Development for distribution to those families less fortunate in our local community. The suggested items include: mittens/gloves, socks, coats, baby clothes, snow pants, snow boots, children's toys, soaps, detergents, clothing and gifts for tweens and teens, as well as a few food items. Thank you in advance for your generosity. It is sincerely appreciated.

Food Pantry Collection — resulted in \$314 and approximately 165 pounds of food or toiletry items. Thanks for giving generously to this project each month.

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

Clifford Kruse	Carolyn Kintner	Zane Coenen
Jenny Schwery	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	Helen Blum

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. 16th	1Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63	Lk 18:35-43
Tue. 17th	2Mc 6:18-31	Lk 19:1-10
Wed. 18th	2Mc 7:1, 20-31	Lk 19:11-28
Thur. 19th	1Mc 2:15-29	Lk 19:41-44
Fri. 20th	1Mc 4:36-37, 52-59	Lk 19:45-48
Sun. 22nd	Dn 7:13-14 Rev 1:5-8	Jn 18:33b-37

Tithing — November 8	\$ 6,537
Needed each week	7,709
Difference	(1,172)
	() if deficit
Year to date	\$ (17,320)

SCCS Christmas Program — with students in Grades K-6 will be Monday, December 7, in the school gym at 7:00 pm. Come help us celebrate the true meaning of Christmas that Jesus is the reason for the season. There will be singing, dancing, and a possible appearance by Santa Claus. Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary will be held at St. Michael's at 5:30 pm. You may want to attend Mass and then come to the program. All are invited.

St. Michael's Faith Formation

WE ARE FAMILY!

St. Nick@Nite — Since classes were cancelled on November 11, please call the office if your son or daughter has expressed interest in doing our play, “La Posada” to be presented December 2. Our first practice is scheduled for November 18 at 5:30. Snacks will be provided.

Upcoming Dates —

Nov. 18	6:30 pm	Classes for Kindergarten-1, 3-12
	6:30 pm	FIRST RECONCILIATION for ALL St. Michael's 2nd Graders. Meet in the church.
Nov. 25	—	No Classes; Happy Thanksgiving
Dec. 2	6-8:00 pm	ST. NICK@NITE Family Advent Program
		Faith Formation classes will attend. One parent is asked to be with their child in Grades K-5. Grades 6-8 will be helping at the event and presenting the prayer service and <i>La Posada</i> .
	6:30 pm	ADVENT Reconciliation for Grades 9-12

During Koinoia — last week, the students were asked to list things for which they are thankful. Here are a few of their responses: food, friends, family, water, shoes, mom, dad, sisters and brothers, a roof over my head, my school activities and a free country. And of course we have the ever popular: early outs and late starts for school and long weekends.

Follow Us — *St. Michael's Faith Formation*

Catholic Campaign For Human Development

envelopes are attached to the bulletin this weekend. CCHD is the anti-poverty effort of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Their mission is to address the root causes of poverty in America through promotion and support of community-controlled self-help organizations, and through transformative education. See the bulletin insert for more information about how CCHD is helping people by giving a hand up, rather than a handout. If you would like to donate, write your check to St. Michael's Church and return your envelope next weekend. Thanks for your contribution.

Year Of Consecrated Life — In a recent survey of a broad spectrum of Catholics, more than 70 percent of the surveyed participants have invited someone to consider religious life. Ideally the promotion of vocations is the responsibility of the entire church, not only of the clergy or religious themselves. Pope Francis promulgated the Year of Consecrated Life to raise the church's awareness about the importance of this unique vocation within the communion of vocation we all share as baptized Christians. — Vision Vocation Guide 2015

Shelby County Catholic School News

A huge thank you to everyone who attended the Tribute to Harvest Dinner/Auction and to everyone who purchased a Dream Fly Away Raffle Ticket. Because of your generosity, we had a very successful event. Special thanks to everyone who worked at the dinner/auction and also to all of our ticket sellers. Your dedication to SCCS is amazing! The grand prize winner of the Dream Fly Away Raffle was Doris Schmitz. \$100 winners: Ken Altman, Dale Schwery, Ben Ausdemore, Mary Miller. \$50 winners: Gene Leuschen, Scott Burchett, Kevin Bruck, Jean Bieker, Kris Wingert, Mary Heese, Jean Keane (sisters & mother), and Mike Bierl. Congratulations to all of our winners!

Area Events

- Fifteen Decade Rosary for Life** will be this Sunday, November 15, from 1:30-2:30 pm at St. Joseph Church in Earling.
- Catholic Daughters Court of St. Katherine** will celebrate their annual Memorial Mass, Thursday, November 19, at 6:00 pm in St. Joseph's Church in memory of the Daughters and Knights of Columbus who have died this past year. They invite the families of deceased members to attend. There will a be a meal with the November meeting to follow.
- Trinity Lutheran Church in Avoca** will host an Aebleskiver and Sausage Supper on Thursday, November 19, from 4:00 until 7:00 pm. There will also be a quilt raffle and a bake sale.
- St. Peter's in Defiance** will present Maiden Dixie, an exuberant country rock band from St. Paul, Minnesota, on Saturday, November 28, at St. Peter's Hall. Brad Morgan will open at 7:00 pm with Maiden Dixie to follow. Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door and are now available at many area banks.
- SCCO Pancake Brunch** (with the Pancake Man), Bake Sale and Silent Auction will be Sunday, December 6, from 10:00 am-1:30 pm at the American Legion Building in Harlan. Adults \$6.50, kids \$5.00.

Ministry Schedule			
Nov. 21-22	Saturday 5:00 p.m.	Sunday 8:30 a.m.	Sunday 11:00 a.m.
1st Lector	Joyce Thraen	Paul Kruse	Makayla Tremel
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Musicians			Church Wind & Fire
Cantors			Sparks
Ushers	Marcus Klein Gerry Freml Sam Wilwerding Leo Goeser	Phil Markham David Jacobs Scott Koppold Michelle Koppold	Dan Schechinger Gary Weihs Eric Schmidt Chloe Schmidt
Nov. 22	E.M. Elm Crest Jan Rau Michelle Custer	E.M. Private Homes Dennis Mumm Joyce Mumm	Money Counters Scott Koppold Michelle Koppold Sherry Krantz