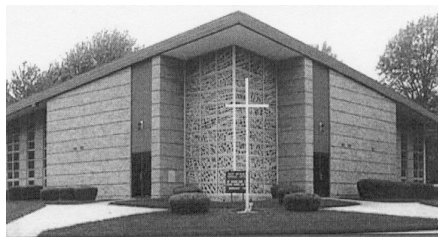


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Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

November 22, 2015

Hail, Christ our King!

—AND—

First Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2015

Come, Lord Jesus come!

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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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Is celebrated by request. Notify the office.

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Contact the office to set a date.

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

FROM THE PASTOR . . .

This weekend we arrive at the conclusion of the liturgical year. On this weekend we celebrate Christ the King Sunday, the remembrance that the reason Jesus Christ came into the world was to die on the cross. His death on the cross frees us from our sins and gives us eternal life. It is on the cross itself that the kingdom of Jesus Christ is born. In the gospel, we hear Pontius Pilate ask Jesus, "Are you the King of the Jews?" To which Jesus answers, "My kingdom does not belong to this world." Then Jesus continues, "The reason I was born was to testify to the truth." The Son of God, as the king of our world, came to teach us the truth that he is indeed the Messiah, the Savior of the World. If we believe this truth, it will lead us to eternal life, it will lead us to his Father's Heavenly Kingdom.

This week our nation is preparing to celebrate Thanksgiving Day. I want to wish everyone a very happy and blessed Thanksgiving. One of the best ways in which we can celebrate this holiday is to thank God by attending Mass on this special day. As in past years, we will have a special Mass of Thanksgiving at 9:00 am on Thanksgiving morning. I hope you will be able to attend. Again, Happy Thanksgiving!

*Peace,
Fr. John*

Growing In Faith?: How do I show my love for the Lord?

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*.

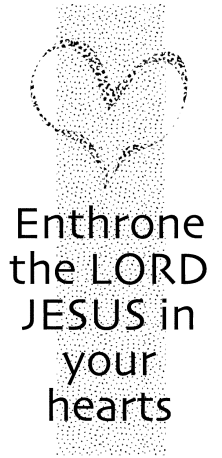
Chapter 1: What is Happening to our Common Home?

Exposure to atmospheric pollutants produces a broad spectrum of health hazards, especially for the poor, and causes millions of premature deaths. There is also pollution that affects everyone, caused by transport, industrial fumes, substances which contribute to the acidification of soil and water, fertilizers, insecticides, fungicides, herbicides and agrotoxins in general. Technology, which linked to business interests, is presented as the only way of solving these problems, in fact proves incapable of seeing the mysterious network of relations between things and so sometimes solves one problem only to create others. (Paragraph 20)

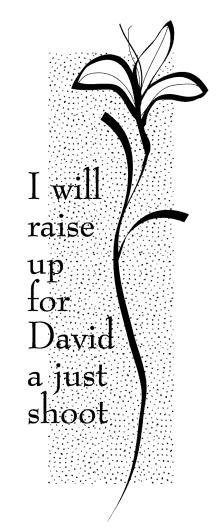


Calendar for November 23-December 6

Monday	Nov. 23	—	No Mass
Tuesday	Nov. 24	8:15 am	Mass in memory of Julie Goetz and for a Special Intention
Wednesday	Nov. 25	8:15 am	School Mass in memory of Lenora Buch
Thursday	Nov. 26	9:00 am	Thanksgiving Day Mass for the health of Maureen Heese and for the Jim & Betty Kohles Family
Friday	Nov. 27	—	No Mass
Saturday	Nov. 28	4:00 pm 4:30 pm 5:00 pm	Confessions Rosary Mass in memory of Harley Kruse and Walt Staiert, Sr. and Walt Staiert, Jr.
Sunday	Nov. 29	8:30 am 11:00 am	Mass for the people of St. Michael's Mass in memory of Tiny Schmidt and Gussie Molony



Monday	Nov. 30	—	No Mass
Tuesday	Dec. 1	9:30 am	Mass in memory of Luella Hull at Elm Crest
Wednesday	Dec. 2	8:15 am 6:30 pm	School Mass in memory of Anna Marie Arkfeld and Joe Hull St.Nick@Nite Famly Night for Grades K-8 in the Rosman Parish Center Reconciliation for Grades 9-12 in the church
Thursday	Dec. 3	7:00 am —	Scripture Study in Parish Office Meeting Room No Mass
Friday	Dec. 4	8:15 am — 12:00 noon	School Mass in memory of Harvey Leinen and Jerome "Shorty" Rauterkus Eucharistic Adoration Benediction
Saturday	Dec. 5	4:00 pm 4:30 pm 5:00 pm	Confessions Rosary Mass in memory of Dick Carroll & Steve Carroll and Randy & Carol Musich
Sunday	Dec. 6	8:30 am 11:00 am 6:00 pm	Mass in memory of Sr. Madonna Schwarte and Irene Green Mass for the people of St. Michael's Spanish Mass



Thanksgiving Day Mass — will be at 9:00 am. The offertory collection will be for the Shelby County Ministerial Association Benevolence Fund. Our Food Pantry collection will be the weekend of December 5-6. Thanks for your generosity.

Advent Wreath — It has been our tradition to have an individual or 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 in back of church.

Advent Giving Ornament Project — Stop by the trees in back of church to pick up your giving project ideas. Bring the gift back to church and place it under the tree. Thanks for giving.

Advent Communal Reconciliation Schedule —

Sunday	December 13	1:00 pm	Harlan
Sunday	December 13	2:30 pm	Panama
Sunday	December 20	2:00 pm	Earling
Sunday	December 20	3:30 pm	Defiance

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
Merle Lawyer	Kelly Gaer	Bernice Stracke

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.

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration — will be on December 4 following the 8:15 Mass. A special Holy Hour for Vocations will begin at 11:00 am. There will be a sign-up sheet in the back of church.

Parish Offices — will close at noon on Wednesday, November 25, and open again on Monday, November 30. Happy Thanksgiving!



St. Michael's Faith Formation

WE ARE FAMILY!

Upcoming Dates —

Nov. 25 — No Classes; Happy Thanksgiving
 Dec. 2 6-8:00 pm ST. NICK@NITE Family Advent Program

Reconciliation Schedule — All students are expected to participate in this opportunity for Reconciliation.

December 2 Grades 9-12
 December 9 Grades 3-5
 December 16 Grades 6-8

St. Nick@Nite — All parish families are invited to our ADVENTure featuring St. Nicholas and the folk tale "La Posada." There will be crafts for children PS-Grade 5 (One parent of these students must attend with their child.), food and fellowship in preparation for the birth of our KING! Older grades 6-8 will be assigned as assistants to the crafters and St. Nicholas. This replaces classes and is an extended session which runs from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

Mittens, Hats, And Gloves — Faith Formation students are collecting these items beginning December 2. The items will be given to West Central for those in need.

Area Events —

- **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 \$15 in advance, \$20 at door.
- **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.
- **SCCS Christmas Program** will be presented, Monday, December 7, at 7:00 pm in the Rosman Parish Center. All are invited. The Immaculate Conception Holy Day Mass will be at 5:30 pm on Monday, December 7, before the SCCS Christmas Program.

Give The Gift Of Light — Many poor families in Central America huddle together in the dark of night because no electricity is available. The Shelby County Nicaragua Partners have selected the next two communities in Nicaragua to offer solar panels to families without electricity. Consider giving a gift of solar power in your loved one's name this Christmas or consider donating what you can to help fund this project. Solar gift cards will be available in the back of church the next two weekends or you can pick them up at the parish office.

Go Fund Me — There is a Go Fund Me account set up for our Nicaragua solar panel project at www.GoFundMe.com/villasandino. Please share this site with your family and friends. Check out our website at shelbycountynicaraguapartners.org. Spread the word about the good things happening in Shelby County.

Ministry Schedule — November 26 to December 6

	Thursday Nov. 26 9:00 am	Saturday Nov. 28 5:00 p.m.	Sunday Nov. 29 8:30 a.m.	Sunday Nov. 29 11:00 a.m.	Saturday Dec. 5 5:00 p.m.	Sunday Dec. 6 8:30 a.m.	Sunday Dec. 6 11:00 a.m.
1st Lector	Janice Schmitz	Wayne Goedken	Tom Schmitz	David Erlbacher	Harry Nollen	Janice Schmitz	Gary Weihs
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Musicians				Peg Lantz			Church, Wind & Fire
Cantors				Beth Klein			Torches
Ushers		Marcus Klein Gerry Fremi Sam Wilwerding Leo Goeser	Phil Markham David Jacobs Scott Koppold Michelle Koppold	Dan Schechinger Gary Weihs Eric Schmidt Chloe Schmidt	Les Blum Jan Blum Rodney Bengford Lisa Bengford	J.C. Salvo Kenny Kenkel Ethel Defenbaugh Cletus Schmitz	Marcus Gross, Jr. Bob Hastert Russ Chamberlain Bill Buman
		E.M. Elm Crest Nov. 29 Janice Calhoon Nancy Jacobs	E.M. Private Homes Nov. 29 Tom Schmitz Bev Schmitz	Money Counters Nov. 29 Jerry Chamberlain Joan Chamberlain George Kenkel	E.M. Elm Crest Dec. 6 Dottie Bauer Marian Buman	E.M. Private Homes Dec. 6 Kay Schechinger Diane Weihs	Money Counters Dec. 6 Robin Powers Beth Klein Madi Doonan Susan Yamada

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