Saint Michael's Parish



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Come Lord Jesus!

First Sunday

of Advent

November 27, 2016

we prepare forthe Loro's coming



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 . . .

I hope you were able to enjoy a wonderful and blessed Thanksgiving with your family. We were able to have a very quiet and relaxing time together, as we had many reasons to be filled with gratitude. God has been gracious to the Frost family over the years. I hope your family had as many reasons to be grateful as our family had this Thanksgiving.

Now we begin the Season of Advent and our time of preparation for the coming of Christmas. The word "Advent" means "coming" or "arrival", and these next four weekends before Christmas is the time that we have to be preparing for the coming of the Messiah, our Lord Jesus Christ! The church is asking us to do two things during this Advent season. First, to remember and re-celebrate the first coming of Jesus Christ over 2,000 years ago, and secondly, to use these four weeks to begin anticipation and make ready for the promised second coming of our Lord. This means that Advent is a special season filled with hope and peace. May we use these virtues in our Advent activities to properly prepare for the coming of our Lord.

One of the most important ways in which we properly use Advent to help us prepare for the Lord's coming is our reconciliation/healing services. Our first healing service is scheduled for this coming Wednesday night at St. Mary's in Panama at 6:30 pm. We will celebrate the same reconciliation/healing service here at St. Michael's on Wednesday, December 14, at 6:30 pm. This is the same type of service we used last Lent in the Jubilee Year of Mercy. Come and receive God's forgiveness and mercy.

Growing In Faith?: How am I preparing for the coming of the Lord?

Apostolic Exhortation "The Joy of Love" —

(from the 2014/2015 Assembly of the Synod of Bishops)

Pope Francis concludes the introduction of this document with, "It is my hope that, in reading this text, all will feel called to love and cherish family life, for families are not a problem they are first and foremost an opportunity." (Introduction page 12) What an affirmation of family life the pope gives us!



After quoting various Bible passages about family life in the Old Testament, he continues, "Let us cross the threshold of this tranquil home, with its family sitting around the festive table. At the center we see the father and mother, a couple with their personal story of love. They embody the primordial divine plan clearly spoken of by Christ himself; 'Have you not read that he who made them from the beginning made them male and female?' (Matthew 19:4). We hear an echo of the command found in the Book of Genesis; 'Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and cleave to his wife, and they shall become one flesh'. (Genesis 2: 24)" (Paragraph taken from Chapter 1, page 14)

We hope your Thanksgiving gathering was as tranquil as the pope envisions.

Calendar for the Week of November 28—December 4					
Monday	Nov. 28		No Mass		
		7:00 pm	SCCS Board of Education Meeting in Harlan	W	
Tuesday	Nov. 29	8:15 am	Mass in memory of Bettie Anderson	ĺŊ	
Wednesday	Nov. 30	8:15 am	School Mass in memory of Kathleen Renze	Líg	
		6:30 pm	Advent Reconciliation and Healing Service at St. Mary's in Panama	ot	
Thursday	Dec. 1	7:00 am	Scripture Study in Parish Office Meeting Room	Lo	
	1	2:00 noon	Mass in memory of Harvey Leinen		
Friday	Dec. 2	8:15 am	School Mass in memory of Helen Bissen	(

12:00 Noon Benediction

Dec. 3 4:00 pm Confessions

Saturday

4:30 pm Rosary
5:00 pm Mass in memory of Russ Lefeber, Lois Goetzinger, & Jason Nielsen

and Jerome "Shorty" & Mary Rauterkus

First Friday Adoration

Sunday Dec. 4 8:30 am Mass for the people of St. Michael's

10:30 am Mass in memory of Gene Sibenaller and Verena Coenen 2:00 pm Shelby County Catholic School Christmas Program

5:00 pm 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.

Grant Eternal Rest, O Lord, To: — **Mary Slaven**, sister of Tony, Joe, and Al Reinig; **Linus Koch**, brother of Fr. Paul Koch, St. Michael's Spanish Mass celebrant, **Bernice Kenkel**, sister-in-law of Gary Kenkel of our parish, and **JoAnn Weihs** of our parish.

Advent Reconciliation/Healing Services — will be held this Wednesday, November 30, at 6:30 pm at St. Mary's in Panama and on Wednesday, December 14, at 6:30 pm at St. Michael's in Harlan. These services will be similar to the reconciliation services we had during Lent for this special Jubilee Year of Mercy.

Join Us — as we raise much needed funds to bring electricity to the poorest families in the Villa Sandino, Nicaragua, area. The EOS International people will be on hand to show the actual panel and answer questions. Come and meet Alvaro, our solar panel installer, while enjoying snacks and door prizes! Open House is November 30, from 4:00-7:00 pm at the American Legion building on east Chatburn Avenue. Give the gift of solar this Christmas! Donations are always accepted at your parish office. Thank you from the Shelby County Nicaragua Partnership.

Your Donations To Catholic Charities At Work -

Naing, (name changed to protect privacy), came to the U.S. from Myanmar. Unable to speak English, missing his home terribly, and always feeling torn between his new home an the one he left, he persevered and eventually became a case worker for Catholic Charities. He says that his experience as a refugee puts him in the shoes of so many people who are arriving in the U.S. today. He knows what they are going through, and he wants to share with them how he made it. Call it swapping shoes if you want.

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

Violet Bohr Gary Kenkel Gordon Nelson
Joe Gubbels Kathy Carl David Updike
Kenny Kenkel Arden Riley Alice Carey
Anna Mae Kramer Bonnie Peterson Ric Schneider
Margaret Feldman Grace 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 —

Michelle Willenborg-Marshall

Mon.	28th	ls 4:2-6		Mt 8:5-11
Tue.	29th	ls 11:1-10		Lk 10:21-24
Wed.	30th	Rom 10:9-18		Mt 4:18-22
Thur.	1st	ls 26:1-6		Mt 7:21, 24-27
Fri.	2nd	Is 29:17-24		Mt 9:27-31
Sun.	4th	ls 11:1-10	Rom 15:4-9	Mt 3:1-12

 Tithing
 — Nov. 20
 \$ 18,806

 Needed each week
 7,308

 Difference
 11,498

 () if deficit

 Year to date
 \$ 2,236

Food Pantry — is next weekend, December 3-4. The food pantry is always in need of canned fruit and vegetables. Breakfast items needed are: cereal, Pop Tarts, breakfast bars, and peanut butter. Canned chicken and tuna are also needed. Soups and crackers would be good during these colder days. Toiletries needed are: toilet paper, laundry soap, dish soap, shampoo, toothpaste, and deodorant. Thanks for contributing to this monthly food pantry collection.



St. Michael's Faith Formation

ST. MICHAEL, PRAY FOR US

Upcoming Dates

Nov. 30 6:30 pm Classes for Grades K-12 Dec. 4 10:30 am 4th Grade Class Mass

Dec. 7 6:30 pm St. Nick@Nite Family ADVENTure

Dec. 14 6:30 pm Advent Healing Service Grades 3-12 attend

with families. No classes for Grades K-2

Dec. 21 6:30 pm Classes for Grades K-8, No class for 9-12 Dec. 28 —— Christmas Break — No Classes

Jan. 4 — New Year's Break — No Classes

4th Annual Mitten Tree Project — begins November 30. Donations for new or gently used children's cold weather gear will be collected in the parish center lobby on Wednesday nights only.

St.Nick@Nite — is a parish Advent event for preschoolers to Grade 5. All children of the parish are invited. Our Faith Formation students should attend with parents, middle school grades will be assisting in the kitchen and with crafts. We ask that each family bring one dozen sugar (thick) cookies for our Cookie Decorating Station. We are in need of OLD Christmas cards for one of our craft tables. Please bring to the parish office as soon as possible. Call Veronica at 755-5366 if you have any questions.

Blanket Collection Project — will continue throughout the winter. You may bring in a donation at any time. There is a great need for blankets, so thanks to all who have already given.

Giving Tree Project — St. Michael's 9th Grade Confirmation class will be collecting items for those in need by conducting the Giving Tree project. Two Giving Trees are located by the main doors of church and decorated with items of need. Please take an ornament and bring the suggested gift back the next week, unwrapped. Place the gift under the tree and place the ornament back on the tree. You may take as many ornaments as you would like. All gifts will be donated to West Central Development for distribution to those families who are less fortunate in our community. The 9th Grade Confirmation class thanks you for your generosity in making the Giving Tree project a success.

March For Life — It is time to start thinking about joining the pilgrimage in January to Washington, D.C. and be part of the annual March for Life. Iowans for LIFE is securing several buses to take prolife lowans to the march which will be on January 27. Go to <u>lowans ForLife.org</u> for details.



Vocations Corner **Saint Therese of Lisieux** — lived in a Carmelite convent with her older sister Pauline. Pauline was with Therese throughout her brief life, illness, and death at the tender age of 24. It is no accident that Jesus sent out his disciples in pairs. Having a spiritual companion, as Therese did, can be of great help and comfort on the sometimes difficult spiritual journey. Cultivate spiritual friendships in your own life. — Take Five for Faith

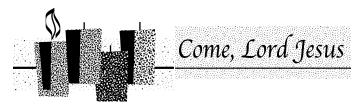
Area Events —

• St. Rose of Lima School in Denison is hosting their annual Holiday Extravaganza Homemade Cookie and Candy Sale in The St. Rose of Lima Parish Center on Saturday, December 3, from 8:00 am to Noon. There will be over 70 different types of cookies and candy from which to select. You choose your own and pay by the pound. There will also be a variety of party vendors for your Christmas shopping.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Enrichment — Discover what God wants for your marriage and the five tools every couple should know. For information, dates, and to register go to iowa-wwme.org. or call 563-608-3305. The next upcoming date in lowa is February 17-19 at the Ramada in Ankeny.

Mass In Spanish! You Are Invited. — Están invitados... Next Sunday, December 4, at 5:00 pm. Come join us! ¡Los esperamos!

Eucharist Adoration — is this Friday, December 2. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of church. We need someone present at all times whenever the host is exposed. Come if you can and spend some time with your Lord in prayer. The Holy Hour for Vocations begins at 11:00.



Ministry Schedule

Dec. 3-4	Saturday	Sunday	Sunday
	5:00 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
1st Lector	Chris Tepe	Tom Schmitz	4th Grade
2nd Lector	Mary Tepe	Kara Rueschenberg	4th Grade
Eucharistic Minister	Chris Tepe (T) Mary Tepe Duane Fahn Gwen Kaufman Leo Kloewer Phil Koesters Connie Kohles	Jo Kenkel (T) Alan Kenkel Maxine Kwapiszeski Richard Lee Pat Lee Betty Leuck Ed Reinig	Cheryl Long (T) Cindy Pattee Joni Larsen Bob Kesterson Julie Kesterson Brian Gubbels Pam Gubbels
Servers	Ethan Tepe	Mitchell Rueschenberg	4th Grade
	Jonathan Tepe	Kyia Rueschenberg	4th Grade
	Volunteer Needed	Courtney Mumm	4th Grade
Musicians	Rod Carlson	Kate Kohorst	Sparks
Cantors	John Rosman	Maryalyce Dotzler	Sparks
Ushers	Alice Kenkel	Joe Wageman	Dan Schechinger
	Joann Kenkel	Gary Dozler	Mark Zaccone
	Mick Schmidt	Spencer Dozler	Bill Buman
	Rachel Blum	David Jacobs	Russ Chamberlain
Dec. 4	E.M. Elm Crest Joyce Rodenborn Leo Kloewer	E.M. Private Homes Cheryl Andersen Sherry Bierl	Money Counters Robin Powers Beth Klein Madi Doonan Susan Yamada

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