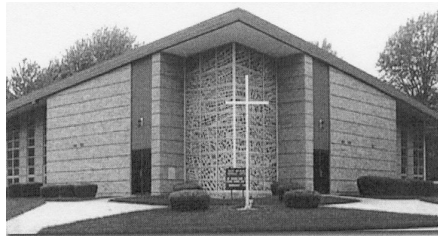


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Third Sunday of Advent

December 11, 2016

Lord, come and save us!



*Steady your hearts.
The coming of the Lord
is at hand!*

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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 . . .

Last weekend, we were reintroduced to the person of John the Baptist. We heard his message to repent. This weekend, we continue to hear more about John. We are told in today's gospel that the crowds are curious to learn whether he might finally be the long promised Messiah. Sadly, for the crowds, John assures them that he is not the Messiah, but that one mightier than he is coming. In fact, he is very close at hand.

This Third Sunday of Advent is also known as "Gandete Sunday" which is Latin and means "praise" or "rejoice." Gandete Sunday marks the halfway point of our Advent journey to Christmas. As this great day is fast approaching, the church wants us to be filled with a spirit of praise and rejoicing. This is why we light the pink candle on the Advent wreath. It informs us that we are now half way on our journey to celebrating the birth of our Savior.

As we make ready for the coming of Christmas, it is good that we heed John the Baptist's call to repentance. This Wednesday evening we will be celebrating our Advent Healing/Reconciliation Service. It is very similar to the service we celebrated in Lent last March. I hope that you will make every effort to have your sins be forgiven in this special and powerful experience of healing and reconciliation. Allow this experience to bring peace into your hearts this Christmas.

*Peace,
Fr. John*

Growing In Faith?: Do I struggle with being patient?

Apostolic Exhortation "The Joy of Love" —

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

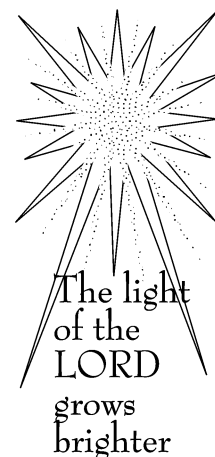
A family's living space could turn into a domestic church, a setting for the Eucharist, the presence of Christ seated at its table. We can never forget the image found in the Book of Revelation where the Lord says, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If any one hears my voice and opens the door, I will enter his house and dine with him, and he with me." (Rev. 3:20) Here we see a home filled with the presence of God, common prayer, and every blessing. This is the meaning of the conclusion of Psalm 128 which uses the imagery drawn from the building of a house and social life of cities. The family is thus the place where parents become their children's first teachers in the faith. They learn this "trade", passing it down from one person to another.

— taken from chapter 1 pages 18-19



Calendar for the Week of December 12-December 18

Monday	Dec. 12	—	No Mass
Tuesday	Dec. 13	8:15 am 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Mass in memory of Barbara Stracke Finance Council in Parish Meeting Room Pastoral Council in Parish Meeting Room
Wednesday	Dec. 14	8:15 am 6:30 pm	School Mass in memory of Greg Taylor Advent Healing/Reconciliation Service Faith Formation Classes Grades 3-12 attend service with their parents No Faith Formation Classes Grades K-2
Thursday	Dec. 15	7:00 am 12:00 noon	Scripture Study in Parish Office Meeting Room Mass in memory of Ole Olson
Friday	Dec. 16	8:15 am	School Mass in memory of Rick Burchett
Saturday	Dec. 17	4:00 pm 4:30 pm 5:00 pm	Confessions Rosary Mass in memory of Janet Engel and Warren Becker
Sunday	Dec. 18	8 am-Noon 8:30 am 10:30 am	Knights of Columbus Breakfast in Rosman Parish Center Mass in memory of Rusty Buckley and Marvin Miller Mass for the people of St. Michael's



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.

Advent Reconciliation/Healing Service — will be held this Wednesday, December 14, at 6:30 pm at St. Michael's in Harlan. This service will be similar to the reconciliation service we had during Lent for this special Jubilee Year of Mercy. There will also be stations for private reconciliation at the conclusion of the healing service

Knights Of Columbus Breakfast — will be Sunday, December 18, from 8:00 am until noon in the Rosman Parish Center. Enjoy a good breakfast, fellowship with other parishioners, and help support the knights in all of their projects for the parish.

Christmas Flowers — If you would like to make a memorial donation for Christmas flowers please place your gift in an envelope marked "Flower Donation." Tell us in whose memory the money is given, and place it in the collection basket or mail it to the parish office. Suggested donation is \$20. Memorials received by December 20 will be printed in our Christmas bulletin.

Items For January 1 Bulletin — If you have something that you would like to have placed in the bulletin for the week of January 1, we need to have this in the office by December 20. Because of the holidays, our first new bulletin needs to be sent to the publisher on December 22.

Items For January 8 Bulletin — need to be in the office by December 28.

Food Pantry Collection — resulted in \$368 (Wow!) and 210 pounds of food or toiletry items. Thanks for your generosity. Thanks, again, to Bob Heimerman for transporting these items to West Central Development.

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	Courtney Rosmann	
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. 12th	Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab	Lk 1:39-47
Tue. 13th	Zep 3:1-2, 9-13	Mt 21:28-32
Wed. 14th	Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25	Lk 7:18b-23
Thur. 15th	Is 54:1-10	Lk 7:24-30
Fri. 16th	Is 56:1-3a, 6-8	Jn 5:33-36
Sun. 18th	Is 7:10-14 Rom 1:1-7	Mt 1:18-24

Tithing — Dec. 4	\$ 10,661
Needed each week	7,308
Difference	3,353
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Year to date	\$ 5,085

Thank You, Thank You — to all who made this year's clothing drive a huge success. The personnel at Siena/Francis House want to be sure that St. Michael's Parish knows how much the clothing was appreciated. 421 containers of items were donated. Thanks to the students who helped to load the vehicles, and a special thanks to Ray Buman and Ed Reing for transporting these items in seven trips to their destination. All items were distributed to needy families.



St. Michael's Faith Formation

ST. MICHAEL, PRAY FOR US

Upcoming Dates

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-5 & 8B. Grades 6, 7 & 8A caroling at Elm Crest. No Classes for Grades 9-12
 Dec. 28 _____ Christmas Break — No Classes
 Jan. 4 _____ New Year's Break — No Classes
 Jan. 11 6:30 pm Classes for Grades K-12

St.Nick@Nite — was a fun evening of parish fellowship! Many thanks to all the volunteers who made it a success.

Reminder — we will begin testing prayers in January. If your child did not bring home the list of required prayers for their grade, please check with their catechist.

Blanket Collection Project --will continue throughout the winter months. Thanks for your donations.

Giving Tree Project donations need to be under the trees by December 18 so that they can be taken to West Central Development.

Mark Your Calendar Now — for the Shelby County Lenten Mission with Doug Barry on March 21, 22, and 23. More details will follow as the event gets closer.

2017 Church Calendars — are available in the back of church. We ask for a donation of \$2 to help cover the cost of the calendars.

Living Faith Booklets — for January, February, and March are also on the table in the back of church. Thanks to a generous anonymous donor, there is no charge for these booklets. If you will use the booklet, you are welcome to take one.

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



Vocations Corner

Say A Word Of Gratitude — to the saintly folks around you today — the moms and dads balancing family and work, the parish priest comforting those who mourn, the deacons ministering to the sick in the hospitals, the religious sisters and brothers teaching and advocating for the poor, the spiritual writers offering enrichment to the hungry souls — and everyone else in between.

— Take Five for Faith

Area Events —

- **Alzheimer's Support Group** will meet Monday, December 12, at 3:00 pm at the Harlan Senior Center located within the Therkidsen Activity Center.
- **Catholic Daughters Court of St. Katherine** will meet on Thursday, December 15, at 7:00 pm in the St. Joseph's Parish Hall in Earling. There will be a meeting and Christmas party. Daughters please bring a wrapped new, lightly-used, or homemade Christmas ornament for a gift exchange. Please bring extra Christmas cards to be sent to Daughters in nursing homes. Please plan to attend. Interested in becoming a Catholic Daughter. You are welcome to come and join the fun.

Holy Land Olive Art — will be available in the back of church on December 17-18. At one time Catholics and other Christians once made up 63% of the people in the Holy Land. Now they are less than 2% of the whole population. They have been driven from the Holy Land by government polices, curfews, road blocks, miserable living conditions and other prejudices against Catholics in the Middle East. Those Catholics that remain are finding it increasingly difficult to make a living, and sale of these items helps support them and their families. The olive tree is an ancient symbol of peace, wisdom, and glory. The carvings made from these ancient trees are very beautiful.

Ministries For The Christmas Masses — Because we were not sure of your Christmas plans, we did not schedule ministers for the Christmas Masses. If you will be around for these Masses and are willing to help, please sign the sheets in the back of church so we know that the Masses are covered. Thanks.

Missed The Bulletin — Go to www.seekandfind.com to view a copy of the weekly bulletin.

Ministry Schedule

Dec. 17-18	Saturday 5:00 p.m.	Sunday 8:30 a.m.	Sunday 10:30 a.m.
1st Lector	Lin Brinker	Bonnie Kenkel	Joan Schechinger
2nd Lector	Elaine Sprague	Janice Schmitz	Joan E. Chamberlain
Eucharistic Minister	Joan M. Chamberlain Gwen Kaufman Deacon Jim DeBlauw Ron Muenchrath Leo Kloewer Phil Koesters Connie Kohles	Betty Leuck (T) Maxine Kwapiszeski Deacon Jim DeBlauw Dan Schumacher Alan Kenkel Jo Kenkel Jim Kohles	Sherry Bierl (T) David Erlbacher Deacon Jim DeBlauw Rob Kloewer Tami Kloewer Gary Weihs Diane Weihs
Servers	Ethan Tepe Stephen Leinen Ben Leinen	Joseph Devine Elizabeth Devine Erin Irlmeier	Clara Schmidt Robert Schmidt Elijah Bolden
Musicians			Kate Kohorst
Cantors			Beth Klein
Ushers	Alice Kenkel Joann Kenkel Mick Schmidt Rachel Blum	Joe Wageman Gary Dozler Spencer Dozler David Jacobs	Dan Schechinger Mark Zaccone Bill Buman Russ Chamberlain
Dec. 18	E.M. Elm Crest Dan Schechinger Joan Schechinger	E.M. Private Homes Mike Wilwerding Traci Wilwerding	Money Counters Shelly Schmidt Sherry Krantz Kathy Hull

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