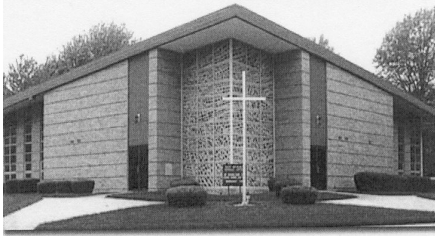


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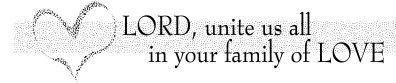
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December 27, 2015

Jesus, Mary, Joseph —
Be our guide!



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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 had a blessed and joyful Christmas. I am looking forward to heading home this afternoon and spending three days with my family this Christmas week. The holidays are a special moment to enjoy and cherish our families. It is a time to be grateful for our family members and the ways that we have shared love with each other. It is then appropriate that we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family between Christmas and New Years Day.

The scriptures tell very little what family life was like for the Holy Family. We can only guess at what family life might have been like for them. I am sure that the relationship between Mary, Joseph and Jesus was in so many ways very similar to most families of that day. Yet, because of Jesus' divine origin, it had to have some pretty powerful differences as well. We are told that Mary treasured all these things that happened to her, and she held them in her heart. She reflected on them because they held a source of deeper understanding about her son and what would happen to him later in his life.

As we conclude the Year of 2015, let us be thankful for all of our blessings this past year. Thank you to everyone who has blessed me with their love this past year. Your many cards, kind words and heartfelt prayers have been a gift of grace to me. I am overwhelmed by your love and support. May I love and support you back in return. Have a blessed and Happy New Year in 2016.

*Peace,
Fr. John*

Growing In Faith?: How do I treasure my family?

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*.

It is true that there are other warming factors (such as volcanic activity, variation in the earth's orbit and axis, the solar cycle), yet a number of scientific studies indicate that most global warming in recent decades is due to the great concentration of greenhouse gases (carbon dioxide, methane, nitrogen oxides) released mainly as a result of human activity. Concentrated in the atmosphere, these gases do not allow the warmth of the sun's rays reflected by the earth to be dispersed in space. The problem is aggravated by . . . the intensive use of fossil fuels, which is the heart of the worldwide energy system . . . and changed uses of the soil, principally deforestation for agricultural purposes. (Paragraph 23)



Calendar for the Week of December 28—January 3

Monday	Dec. 28	——	No Mass
Tuesday	Dec. 29	——	No Mass
Wednesday	Dec. 30	——	No Mass
Thursday	Dec. 31	5:30 pm	Mass of Thanksgiving
Friday	Jan. 1	9:00 am	Mass in memory of Bettie Anderson No First Friday Adoration
Saturday	Jan. 2	4:00 pm 4:30 pm 5:00 pm	Confessions Rosary Mass in memory of Betty Kohles and Ray & Vi Musich
Sunday	Jan. 3	8:30 am 11:00 am 6:00 pm	Mass for the people of St. Michael's Mass in memory of Kenny Kloewer and for Mildred Vandenberg for her 92 birthday Spanish Mass



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.)

First Friday — this month falls on a holiday, so there will be no First Friday Adoration. Mass will still be held at 9:00 am.

Help Needed — Members of our parish have been going to Elm Crest every Monday at 10:30 am to lead the rosary and offer communion to the residents. We are looking for more volunteers to help with this ministry. The residents really enjoy this special time, and we would love to continue to offer it. The more ministers we have, the less time involved for any one volunteer. If you are interested in helping, please call the parish office.

Knights Of Columbus Free Throw Championship

All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate in the local competition which will be held Sunday, January 10, at the Rosman Parish Center. Registration begins at noon, shoot around practice at 12:30 pm, and the competition begins at 1:00 pm. All contestants on the local level are recognized for their participation in the event. Participants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent. For entry forms or additional information, contact Deacon Jim DeBlauw at 235-0423 or stmikedeacon@harlannet.com. The contest is sponsored by the Local Knights of Columbus Councils including Harlan, Portsmouth, Earling, Panama, Westphalia and Defiance.

Adult Faith Family Presentation — Join Bishop Pates and St. Mary's Parish in Avoca as they host Deacon Joel and Lisa Schmidt on Saturday, February 20, for a family enrichment event! Gather and welcome begins at 3:15 pm. At 3:45 there will be a keynote presentation entitled, *Pray, Work, Rest, and Play: A Rule of Life for Families*. Their presentation is for families in every stage and situation, including those without children and new parents to grandparents. After their keynote presentation, they will break into small groups to reflect on incorporating their message into our lives, and finally the day will end with Mass at 5:30 pm. Childcare and snacks will be provided. Reserve your seat today by emailing St. Mary Church at smpavoca@walnutel.net or call 712-307-6279.

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

Jenny Schwery	Mike Wohlhutter	Betty Markham
Zane Coenen	Helen Schmitz	Marge Gubbels
Eunice Blum	Fr. Dave Polich	David Blum
Mary Tepe	Charlie McNair	Helen Blum
Darlene (Dar) Kenkel	Bernice Stracke	Merle Lawyer
Kelly Gaer	Rose Sternberg	Clifford Kruse
Dwayne Stolz	Rhonda Wendt	

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. 28th	1Jn 1:5—2:2	Mt 2:13-18
Tue. 29th	1Jn 2:3-11	Lk 2:22-35
Wed. 30th	1Jn 2:12-17	Lk 2:36-40
Thur. 31st	1Jn 2:18-21	Jn 1:1-18
Fri. 1st	Nm 6:22-27 Gal 4:4-7	Lk 2:16-21
Sun. 3rd	Is 60:1-6 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6	Mt 2:1-12

Tithing — December 20	\$ 10,816
Needed each week	7,709
Difference	3,107
	() if deficit
Year to date	\$ (10,251)

Food Pantry Collection — will be next weekend, January 2-3.

The pantry's current list of needs includes: soups, crackers, pasta and pasta sauce, rice or pasta sides, potatoes fresh or boxed, canned tuna or chicken, peanut butter, canned fruit, cereal, pancake mix, juice, laundry soap, toilet paper, dish soap and shampoo. All donations are greatly appreciated.

St. Michael's Parish Offices — will be closed at 1:00 on December 31 and will reopen on January 4. The parish staff wishes you and your family a Happy New Year!



St. Michael's Faith Formation

WE ARE FAMILY!

Upcoming Dates —

Dec. 30 NO CLASSES — Christmas Break
 Jan. 6 7:00 pm Crossroad Mass for Grades 7-12
 No classes for Grades K-6, but you are encouraged to come to the Mass.



Follow Us — St. Michael's Faith Formation

CYO Basketball — Tuesday, December 29

St. Michael's Boys vs Earling — 1st Game — in Harlan
 St. Michael's Girls vs Earling — 2nd Game — in Harlan
 Games begin at 5:00 pm.



Vocations Corner

All Too Often — we forget to express appreciation to those in service-oriented jobs, including priests, sisters and brothers. We forget because we think, "It's their job to help." Priests and religious aren't superhuman. They need genuine support from those they serve. Let them know how you feel.

Ministry Schedule

Dec 31-Jan 3	Thursday 5:30 p.m.	Friday 9:00 am	Saturday 5:00 pm	Sunday 8:30 am	Sunday 11:00 am
1st Lector 2nd Lector	Kathy Hull Jane Klein	Janice Schmitz Paul Kruse	Leo Kloewer Wayne Goedken	J.C. Salvo Tom Schmitz	Joan Chamberlain Gary Weihs
Eucharistic Ministers	Leo Kloewer (T) Gwen Kaufman Jan Blum Kathy Hull Joan Chamberlain Ray Chipman Duane Fahn	Jim Kohles (T) Virginia Kruse Alan Kenkel Jo Kenkel Nancy Jacobs Janice Calhoon Ethel Defenbaugh	Shayla Leinen (T) Ron Muenchrath Cheryl Long Connie Kohles Phil Koesters Kevin Campbell Kathy Campbell	Betty Leuck (T) Julie Juhl Kyle Juhl Bill Wingert Roger Bissen Dea Ann Bissen J.C. Salvo	Jani Sorfonden (T) Julia Sorfonden Janice Calhoon Cindy Pattee Joyce Rodenborn Makayla Tremel Sherry Bierl
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Musicians					
Cantors					
Ushers			Joe Klein Don Stowe Lin Brinker Alice Kenkel	Joe Wageman Chuck Buhman Gary Dozler Dale Swanson	Tom Powers Caitlin Yamada Madi Doonan Gary Klein
Jan. 3			E.M. Elm Crest Dennis Mumm Joyce Mumm	E.M. Private Homes Mike Wilwerding Traci Wilwerding	Money Counters Joe Tunender Sherry Krantz Bill Coldwell

Mark Your Calendar for Future Area Events —

- **Catholic Women's Conference** is February 13 at St. Francis Parish in West Des Moines. Mass is at 8:00 am. The conference runs from 9:00 am-3:00 pm with speakers including Elizabeth Ficocelli, Sister Anne Shields, Arleen Spenceley and Sister Marie Hesed. Tickets are \$25 plus an optional \$10 box lunch. Call 515-453-8223 for details or register at catholicwomensconference.com.
- **Healing and Hope retreat** with Rwanda genocide survivor Immaculee Ilibagiza will be at Holy Trinity Church in Des Moines on February 12-13. For more information contact Anne at 515-864-6945. Purchase tickets at immaculee.com/events/appearances.
- **Iowa Catholic Men's Conference** is March 5 at St. Francis parish in West Des Moines. Speakers are Al Kresta, Jim Blackburn, John Crudele and Dr. Dan McGuire. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased online at IowaCatholicMensConference.com.
- **Christ Our Life Catholic Regional Conference** is September 24-25 at Wells Fargo Arena in Des Moines. There will be world-class speakers, celebrations of Holy Mass, reconciliation, inspirational music, adoration and more.

Longest Married Couple — Worldwide Marriage Encounter is

once again conducting its annual search for the Longest Married Couple in the United States as well as each of the 50 states. Please consider nominating family or friends who are blessed with long marriages. Couples can only win by being nominated. Nominations should be sent to Dick & Diane Baumbach at dickanddiane66@bellsouth.net or call 321-613-5180. They can also be mailed to Dick and Diane Baumbach at 8934 Puerto Del Rio Dr. #402, Cape Canaveral, FL 32920.

Reminder — Check out the new boxes on our bulletin sponsor page on page four. The upper right hand corner is a note about our sister parish. The lower left hand corner is a Thank You note for our sponsors.

Museum Of Religious Arts —

After 15 years in operation, the museum will be closing after regular hours on January 10, 2016. The museum is located west of Logan on Highway 30. If you have never been to the museum, it is well worth a visit. Come and see the "Reason for the Season" displays with nearly 500 nativity sets. The cost is \$5 for adults. Hours are Sunday, noon to 4 and Tuesday—Saturday 10 to 4.

2016 Tithe Card —

A tithe card was recently sent to you. Please return the card in the collection box at Mass or mail it to the parish office. These cards are used in budget planning for the next fiscal year. Those who are using automatic withdrawal find it safe and convenient. You may want to consider it. Thanks for supporting your parish in whatever way you choose to contribute.

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