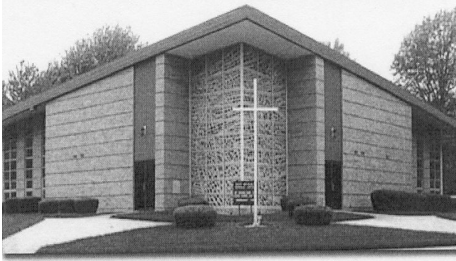


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We, the people of St. Michael's Catholic Parish, are many parts, but one body. As a community of believers in Jesus Christ and inspired by the Holy Spirit, we celebrate the sacraments, are challenged by Sacred Scripture and Roman Catholic Tradition, 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.

FROM THE PASTOR . . .

On this Second Sunday of Advent, we are once again introduced to the person of John the Baptist. John is the herald in the desert who the prophets of old had foretold would come to prepare the way of the Lord. As we heard in today's gospel, his message was direct and blunt, "Reform your lives! The reign of God is at hand." What we need to realize today is that this message is as much directed towards us as it was the people of John's day.

The entire purpose of the Advent season is to make ready for the coming of the Lord, whenever that fateful day may come. The simplest and most effective way to do this is by confessing our sins. This past Wednesday evening, at St. Mary's Church in Panama was the first of two celebrations of the Healing and Reconciliation Services. The next celebration will occur here at St. Michael's on Wednesday evening, December 14, at 6:30 p.m. This will be very similar to the Healing and Reconciliation Service we did last Lent. We will once again use the sacrament of the anointing of the sick to celebrate spiritual healing (that is forgiveness of sins) along with physical and emotional healing. There will again be stations for private reconciliation at the conclusion of the healing service. Let us take advantage of this opportunity to have our sins forgiven during this Advent season. May the peace of Jesus Christ come into your hearts this Advent.

*Peace,
Fr. John*

Growing In Faith?: What do you hope when you pray?

Apostolic Exhortation "The Joy of Love" —
(from the 2014/2015 Assembly of the Synod of Bishops)

In this exhortation, Pope Francis quotes Jesus, as Jesus in Matthew 19:5 quotes Genesis Chapter 2:24, "The man shall be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one."



The very words "to be joined" or "to cleave" in the original Hebrew, bespeak a profound harmony, a closeness both physical and interior, to such an extent that the word is used to describe our union with God. The marital union is thus evoked not only in its sexual and corporal dimensions, but also in its voluntary self-giving in love. The result of this union is that the two "become one flesh" both physically and in the union of their hearts and lives, and eventually in a child who will share not only genetically but also spiritually in the "flesh" of both parents.

(taken from Chapter 1 page 17)

Second Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2016

Our God will come to save us.

*prepare the
way of the Lord!*

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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.

Calendar for the Week of December 5-December 11

Monday	Dec. 5	——	No Mass
Tuesday	Dec. 6	9:30 am	Mass in memory of Lottie & Ann McDermott at Elm Crest
Wednesday	Dec. 7	8:15 am	School Mass in memory of Mary "Bea" Masur
		5:30 pm	Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception in memory of Edwin "Bud" Skalla
		6:30 pm	St. Nick@Nite Family Night for Grades K-9 in the Rosman Parish Center Faith Formation Classes Grades 10-12
Thursday	Dec. 8	Feast of the Immaculate Conception	
		8:15 am	School Mass in memory of Mary Ann Kenkel
		7:00 pm	Mass in memory of Aggie Gaul
Friday	Dec. 9	8:15 am	Mass in memory of Kenneth Kuster
Saturday	Dec. 10	4:00 pm	Confessions
		4:30 pm	Rosary
		5:00 pm	Mass in memory of Ivo & Darrell Coenen and Ella Mae & Tony Schaben, Jr., & Pat Schaben
Sunday	Dec. 11	8:30 am	Mass for Jean Elder Ethridge and Bill & Irene Huebner
		10:30 am	Mass for the people of St. Michael's
		5:00 pm	Spanish Mass followed by Potluck



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: — Cleo Anderson of our parish, and Grace Marshall, granddaughter of Ron Willenborg of our parish.

Mass In Spanish! You Are Invited. — Están invitados... Next Sunday, December 11, at 5:00 pm. Come join us! ¡Los esperamos! You are also welcome to come to the Rosman Parish Center after Mass for a potluck supper.

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.

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.

Advent Reconciliation/Healing Service — will be held on 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.

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	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.	5th	Is 35:1-10	Lk 5:17-26
Tue.	6th	Is 40:1-11	Mt 18:12-14
Wed.	7th	Is 40:25-31	Mt 11:28-30
Thur.	8th	Gn 3:9-15, 20	Eph 1:3-6, 11-12
Fri.	9th	Is 48:17-19	Lk 1:26-38
Sun.	11th	Is 35:1-6a, 10	Jas 5:7-10
			Mt 11:2-11

Tithing — Nov. 27	\$ 6,804
Needed each week	7,308
Difference	(504)
	() if deficit
Year to date	\$ 1,732

Recent Extra Collections:

Hurricane Matthew Relief	\$ 1,122.61
Campaign for Human Development	1,129.00
Thanksgiving Day (Benevolence Fund)	398.25

Thanks for your generosity to all the requests for donations. Thanks for all you give locally, and thanks for tithing to your parish.



St. Michael's Faith Formation

ST. MICHAEL, PRAY FOR US

Upcoming Dates

Dec. 4 10:30 am 4th Grade Class Mass
 Dec. 7 6:30 pm St. Nick@Nite Family ADVENTure
 Classes for Grades 10-12
 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 — 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 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.

Fair Trade Items — could make great Christmas gifts. We have just received a new order of chocolates. All items are available in the parish office any time or after Mass on December 10-11. Sale of these items helps to support farmers in underdeveloped countries.



At Last — I have found my vocation. My vocation is love.

Vocations
Corner

St. Therese of Lisieux

Area Events —

- **Luke E. Hart Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Assembly** will meet Tuesday, December 6, at 6:00 pm at Norma Jean's Restaurant in Panama. All 4th Degree members, wives, and the widows of 4th degree members are invited to attend.
- **Fifteen-Decade Rosary for Life** will be Thursday, December 8, after the 8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's in Portsmouth.
- **Catholic Daughters Court of St. Katherine** has two adopted seminarians, Andrew Marr and Brother Bac Van Nguyen. The Court is also adopting a family this Christmas through West Central. For more information about these projects call St. Michael's parish office. The next meeting will be Thursday, December 15.

Retirement Fund For Religious — envelope is attached to this bulletin. Aging religious need your help. Thousands of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests spent years working in Catholic schools, hospitals, and agencies often for little pay. Their sacrifices leave their religious communities without adequate savings for retirement and elder care. Your gift to this collection helps provide prescription medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

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 policies, 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.

Ministry Schedule

	December 7 Tuesday 5:30 p.m. Immaculate Conception	December 8 Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Immaculate Conception	December 10 Saturday 5:00 p.m.	December 11 Sunday 8:30 a.m.	December 11 Sunday 10:30 a.m.
1st Lector 2nd Lector	Bonnie Kenkel Kathy Hull	J.C. Salvo David Erlbacher	Leo Kloewer Steve Finn	Sandy Wingert Rhonda Buck	Gary Weihs Marcus Gross Jr.
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Cantors	John Rosman			Maryalyce Dotzler	Torches
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. 11			E.M. Elm Crest Dennis Mumm Joyce Mumm	E.M. Private Homes Steve Finn Susan Finn	Money Counters Barbara Muller Natalie Crees Gary Thraen Julie Thraen

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