

Welcome To

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Sixth Sunday Of Easter

May 17, 2009

The Lord has set
His people free, alleluia.



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FROM THE PASTOR...

1st—CONGRATULATIONS to our high-school seniors. This is a happy time for them and for their families. This class of seniors has become very active in our parish. In addition to helping out with various parish activities, we have some seniors who have been active in participating at weekend Masses. I would like to recognize them by name and thank them for what they have given to our parish:

Will Reinig—lector
Hannah Rosman—communion minister
Reid Murtaugh—usher, communion minister
Amanda Doonan—cantor, communion minister, Mass server
Chelsey Buman—communion minister
Brett Freml—usher
Christine Schmitz—communion minister, cantor
Amanda Monahan—communion minister
Leslie Hansen—usher
Taysha Murtaugh—cantor

Some of these—and many more of the seniors—were Mass servers in younger years. We wish all our seniors the very best—and hope that they will continue to be active in special ministries in the Church. High school is now ending. Life goes on—may the Lord be with you every step of the way!

2nd—THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU TO LAURIE BYRNES. For eight years, Laurie has served as the one who put our bulletin together. She didn't write the articles, but she rearranged them and squeezed them and stretched them to fit together into the very good bulletin that you get every week. (By my count, that comes to over 400 bulletins.) When Laurie started, she was a stay-at-home mom with two kids in grade school. Now she is working outside the home and has two very active daughters in high school. Laurie has decided that she needs to devote more time and energy to those endeavors. Laurie volunteered all of this work over the years. There were very few weeks that she was not around to put the bulletin together. So thank you, Laurie, for being such a blessing to all of us.

Now we are looking for someone to do what Laurie did. We are looking for someone who is computer savvy and able to do desk top publishing. (We use Microsoft Publisher.) There are people who enjoy and are able to put things like this together. We have a bulletin every week, so it's a regular responsibility. There are times when the parish staff has covered, but not all that often. Might you be interested? Might you know someone who would be interested? Let us know.

3rd—WOULD ANYBODY BE INTERESTED IN A POWER CHAIR? This power chair cost over \$5000 and was used only a few times. We intended it for use by my mother, so that she could get out of the house after her legs got weaker. However, it never worked out. My father died before he found any use for it. Unfortunately, nobody told my father that he had to keep the battery plugged in, so the battery is dead and will need to be replaced. However, otherwise, the chair is in mint condition. Most people get these chairs paid for through Medicare. However, maybe there is someone who would have real use for this chair and can't get one through Medicare or insurance. It has four wheels and right-hand button control for steering. You have your choice of color—gray! If you have any interest in it, please give the office a call. I'll run this note this week and next week. On May 26, I will look at all the offers (if there are any) and sell it to the highest bidder. All proceeds will go to the Benevolence Fund of the Shelby County Ministerial Association.

**SACRAMENT OF
RECONCILIATION**
4:00 p.m. Saturday
or by appointment.

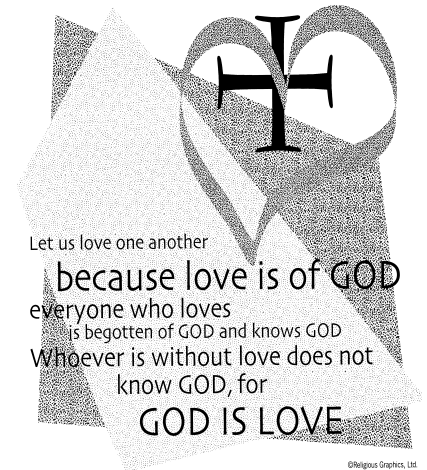
**SACRAMENT OF
THE SICK**
Is celebrated by request.
Notify the office when a loved one
is sick at home, or in the hospital.

**SACRAMENT OF
BAPTISM**
Contact the office to set a date and
to register for pre-baptism class.

**SACRAMENT OF
MARRIAGE**
Wedding dates are set after an
Initial interview with Fr. Bob. Our
diocese recommends a six month
period of preparation.

Calendar for the Week of May 18 - 24

Monday	May 18	Note Time	7:00 pm	Mass for the feast of St. Isidore at the Rosman Farm in memory of Marion Rosman
Tuesday	May 19		7:00 am	Men's Prayer Group in Parish Office Meeting Room
			9:30 am	Mass in memory of Catherine Book - <i>At Elm Crest</i>
			7:00 pm	Knights of Columbus in Parish Office Meeting Room
Wednesday	May 20		8:15 am	School Mass in memory of Melvin Stolz
			7:30 pm	SCCS 8th Grade Graduation Mass
Thursday	May 21		7:00 am	Women's Prayer Group in parish office meeting room
			12:00 noon	Mass in memory of Harold & Joe Kleffman
Friday	May 22		8:15 am	School Mass in memory of Karen Monahan
Saturday	May 23		4:00 pm	Confessions
			4:30 pm	Rosary
			5:00 pm	Mass in memory of Leonard Kramer
Sunday	May 24		8:30 am	Mass for the people of St. Michael's
			11:00 am	Mass for 68th Wedding Anniversary of Gale & Mildred Vandenberg



Sunday Mass is televised on cable TV (HMU Channel 23 at 4:00 pm on Sunday and Friday, on Mediacom Channel 18 and FMCTC Channel 48 at 4:00 pm on Monday and Friday.)

Grant Eternal Rest, O Lord to: **Anna Schmeiding**, former member of the parish; **Alma Bissen** of our parish; and **Jane Foxhoven**, sister of Al Schneider of our parish.

The Annual Catholic Communications Campaign — envelope is attached to the bulletin. The funds from this collection are used in the diocese and in national campaigns to get out the Gospel message using the media. Check the envelope and the Catholic Mirror to learn more details. Just drop your contribution in the collection basket next weekend.

Annual Diocesan Appeal — We would like to get a response from everybody in order to help us meet our goal of \$45,345. Thanks to all who have already responded. After Memorial Day, we plan to send out cards by mail to everyone who has not yet responded. Save us the postage!

St. Isidore Mass — The Mass to honor St. Isidore, patron of farmers, will be celebrated this Monday evening at the Gene Rosman farm at 7:00. Go west on Highway 44. Turn right at the cemetery and turn left at the second farm. Please bring a chair. If you would like, you are invited to bring something to munch on after Mass. Liquids will be provided. All are invited to this time of prayer for a safe and prosperous year for our farmers.

Please Be Considerate When Parking! — People on College Boulevard have reported that people are blocking their driveways during Mass. (It's illegal and a nuisance.) Also, some people are using the handicapped spaces without displaying a handicapped marker. (If you aren't handicapped, give thanks that you are able to walk a little farther.)

Need a Ride to Church? — The St. Michael's van brings people to church every Sunday for the 11:00 Mass. Need a ride? Call Robert Schmitz (755-7375) during May.

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

Tom Ely	Derek Ellerbeck	Rebecca Kloewer
Ole Olson	Loretta Crote	June Schaben
Sean Knott	Jean Ethridge	Albert Bock
Irene Blum	Pat Schmidt	Isabel Klein
Harvey Leinen		

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 taken off the list.

Readings for the Week

Mon.	18th	Acts 16:11-15	Jn 15:26-16:4a
Tues.	19th	Acts 16:22-34	Jn 16:5-11
Wed.	20th	Acts 17:15, 22-18:1	Jn 16:12-15
Thurs.	21st	Acts 18:1-8	Jn 16:16-20
Fri.	22nd	Acts 18:9-18	Jn 16:20-23
Sun.	23rd	Acts 1:1-11 Eph. 4:1-13	Mk 16:15-20

Tithing — May 10	\$ 6,736
Needed each week	6,865
Difference	(129)
	() if deficit
Year to date	\$ 13,745

For Those Who Are Gone Some Weekends — here are a few dates to mark on your calendar: Mass on Memorial Day, May 25, at 9:00AM; Blest Art exhibit of olive wood on May 30-31; waffle breakfast on May 31; pastor gone on retreat from later (post-waffles) on May 31 to June 4; ordination of Deacon George Komo to priesthood on June 5; Mass of Thanksgiving by Father George Komo at 11:00 on June 28, with potluck to follow.

St. Michael's Religious Formation



"This is my commandment: love one another as I have loved you."

Upcoming Dates

May 31 Waffle Breakfast from 8:30 – 1:00
 June 8-12 Vacation Bible School 'Crocodile Dock'
 June 22 Junior High Club- Adventureland Day
 Leave St. Michael's at 9:00, arrive home at 8:00

Dad's Belgian Waffle Breakfast — will be served on May 31 from 8:30 to 1:00. Proceeds help pay for students attending the National Catholic Youth Conference in Kansas City in November. Students will be selling tickets following the Masses. Adult tickets are \$6.50 in advance or \$7 at the door. Student's ages 6-12 are \$5 and children under 5 are free! We have nine students attending this year. They are: Collin Schmidt, Dylan Greer, Joe Schmitz, Breann Lehr, Molly Defenbaugh, Amber Buman, Makenzie Sullivan, Cassie & Beth Irlmeier. We could use extra help during this breakfast; if you could help out, please call the parish office.

Vacation Bible School — will be held the week of June 8-12th from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. for ages 4 through 5th grade. **REGISTRATION DEADLINE has been extended to MAY 26th!** This year's theme is 'CROCODILE DOCK' with lots of hands-on activities to help kids connect faith to real life. Cost is \$15 per child or \$30 per family and will include a t-shirt. Registration forms are available at the display table in church. Drop off or mail forms to the parish office. Sign up today!

Lots of volunteers are needed to help with this fun, faith-filled week! Adults, high school and junior high students need to sign up now! Volunteers are needed to bring and serve snacks, help with crafts and games or be a small group leader. Call Charlotte at 755-5366 to talk about how you can get involved with Vacation Bible School this summer or fill out a form available at the display table in church.

Adventureland for JH youth — St. Michael's will be offering Junior High students an opportunity to go to Adventureland on Monday, June 22nd. Tickets will cost \$20 per student (a savings of \$10). We need at least 15 students to get this price and we will need a few parents to drive. We will leave at 9:00, provide a sack lunch for everyone, and return home around 8:00 pm. Students will need money to spend in the park during the day and for supper before we come home. Permission forms need to be picked up at the parish office and returned with the \$20 ticket cost before June 16th. Call Charlotte for more information. Note: Junior High students going are asked to help with the Waffle breakfast on May 31st if possible. This is a good way to help build up the NCYC fund for when you are in high school and are eligible to attend the conference. Please sign up on the work list in the back of church.

From the Social Concerns Justice Committee



"How to be green? It's really very simple and requires no expert knowledge or complex skills. Here's the answer: Consume less. Share more. Enjoy Life." Penny Kemp

Shelby County Catholic School News

8th Grade Graduation — will take place on Wednesday, May 20, at 7:30 p.m. at St. Michael's Church. The public is invited to join us in congratulating these fine students. The 2009 graduating class includes: Thomas Devine (Rodney and Sarah), Brittany Klein (Jeff and Cindy), Joey Koke (Gary and Daun), Alex Mahlberg (Joe and Kathy), Rachel Pauley (Darren and Pat), Tyler Schaben (Larry and Shelli), Eli Wilwerding (Paul and Desiri).

Last day of school — is Friday, May 22. Classes will be dismissed at 2:15.

Area Events — St. Peter's Picnic Committee in Defiance is selling \$50 raffle tickets for a chance to win cash prizes or a Grand Prize worth more than \$3,000. Buyers have 14 chances to win cash plus one Grand Prize winner. Every 25th ticket drawn is a winner. Only 300 tickets will be sold. Grand Prize choices are: Dream Vacation of your choice through Four Seasons Travel, \$3,500 in merchandise from Bonsall TV and Appliance, or \$3,000 Cash. Raffle tickets for a Dell lap top computer are \$10; and tickets for a weeks stay at a beautiful condo in Branson, Missouri, are \$3.

Tables and Chairs — We are about to replace 40 tables and 300 chairs in the parish center. Through the generosity of the Ladies' Guild and the St. Michael Endowment, we will buy 40 new tables and 300 chairs (along with 4 chair racks) next month. The tables are getting worn out; every time we have a big event, one or more chairs collapse. It's time for new ones. We would like to sell the old ones. We're going to start with \$25 per table and \$5 per chair. If you think you might want one or two or twenty, please call the office, and we'll put your name on the list. The new chairs and tables will arrive in early June, so we can't get rid of the old ones just yet.

Ministry Schedule

May 23-24	Saturday 5:00 p.m.	Sunday 8:30 a.m.	Sunday 11:00 a.m.
1st Lector	Orv Roecker	Jerome Kohles	Barb Schmitz
2nd Lector	Mindy Schechinger	Jim Kohles	Gary Weihs
Eucharistic Ministers	Phil Koesters (T) Gary Kenkel Virginia Kruse Betty Leuck Mary Schechinger Helen Schmitz Janice Stowe	Connie Kohles (T) Rosemary Klein Jerry Lapke JoAnn Lapke Pat Lee Michelle Lee Betty Markham	Cheryl Long (T) Teresa Kruse Breann Lehr Mary Sue Murtaugh Joyce Rodenborn Mike Schmidt Donna Schmidt
Servers	Bryce Schechinger Bailey Schechinger Pat Sullivan	Elizabeth Schechinger Malissa Andersen Shenandoah Campbell	Lucas Schwery Julia Sorfonden Hannah Erlbacher
Musicians	John Rosman	Rachel Goedken	Konnie Schechinger
Cantors	John Rosman	Sarah Schumacher	Amanda Doonan
Ushers	Gary Kenkel Joann Kenkel Bob Kramer Marge Kramer	Scott Koppold Michelle Koppold Tom Schmitz Bev Schmitz	John Murtaugh Dan Schechinger Eric Schmidt Collin Schmidt
May 24	E.M. Hospital & Private Homes Heather Sidman Tricia Swenson	E.M. Elm Crest Kimberly Kenkel Janice Calhoun	Money Counters Steve Long Cheryl Long Sam Heese