

Welcome To

# St. Michael's Parish



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## The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

May 24, 2009

I am with you  
until the end of time!



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## From The Pastor And The Director Of Religious Formation . . .

FIRST—DON'T STOP READING THIS WHEN YOU HEAR THE WORD "YOUTH MINISTRY" BECAUSE YOU DON'T HAVE KIDS AT HOME. This is about you as much as it is about them. A fine example of what youth ministry is meant to be is found in the Emmaus story. After the death of Jesus, the discouraged disciples were walking home. They were sad—and now confused because they had heard stories about the tomb being empty. Jesus, unrecognized by them, started walking along with them. He listened to their concerns and shared His insights on all that happened. Only later did they recognize Jesus "in the breaking of the bread". We as a Church are asked to walk with our young people, listening to them, teaching them, spreading the good news of Jesus Christ.

St. Michael's has a lot of youth ministry going on although many don't hear much about it. For example, we have religious-education classes at every grade level from preschool to high-school senior. We have confirmed young people serving in special ministries at Mass. We have kids coming to Vacation Bible School and older kids helping to run it. We have kids who helped with the Kids Against Hunger program. We have kids who want to have a good time as fellow members of the parish by going to Adventureland this summer. We have young people planning to attend the National Catholic Youth Conference. We have young people who love to participate in CYO basketball. We have kids who are doing service work as groups and as individuals, helping out parishioners and others far away. ALL OF THAT IS GREAT, BUT...

Adults need to be walking this path with them. A study called "Effective Practices for Dynamic Youth Ministry" highlighted one characteristic of a parish that is necessary for truly effective youth ministry. The parish needs to be a "willing" parish. The adult people in the parish (not just those with kids) need to be willing to walk with the kids as they do all these things mentioned. They need to be willing to be part of the religious-education classes. They need to be part of Vacation Bible School. They need to be part of Kids Against Hunger. (That one worked great!) They need to be part of and supportive of other activities of our youth, done as a church community. Sponsors do it with young people to be confirmed. A few volunteers help to teach classes or help with CYO basketball or help with fund raising for NCYC. However, that leaves out most of our adults. We need to develop relationships between our adults and our kids as members of the church, not just as part of our particular families. If we do, we will benefit from the energy, enthusiasm, and gifts of our young people. If we do, they will benefit from knowing that the older generation is there for them and ready to welcome them as full members of our Church.

This will need to be a long-term effort, but we need to start somewhere. Here is a starting point. Next Sunday, May 31, we will have a Belgian waffle breakfast at the parish center. How can you help? Come to the breakfast and encourage others to come—and do it for the kids. Volunteer to help with delivery of meals to shut-ins—and do it with kids. Volunteer to help with serving the meals and setting up and taking down—and do it with kids. All proceeds will go to support our youth ministry activities. The money matters, but what matters more is that we start thinking as a "willing" community for the good of our youth. In a "willing" community, everybody is "willing" to participate.

See you at the breakfast!

Fr. Bob Hoefler (pastor) and Charlotte Willenborg (director of religious formation)

### 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

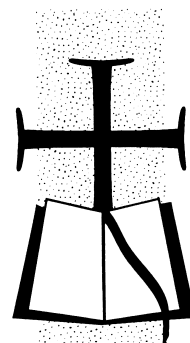
Contact the office to set a date and  
to register for pre-baptism class.

### 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 25-31

Monday	May 25	Note Time 9:00 am	Mass in memory of Alice Fahn
Tuesday	May 26	7:00 am 8:15 am 7:00 pm	Men's Prayer Group in Parish Office Meeting Room Mass in memory Earl & Lily Anastasi SCCS Board of Education at the school
Wednesday	May 27	8:15 am	Mass in memory of Msgr. Ray Conley
Thursday	May 28	7:00 am 12:00 noon	Women's Prayer Group in Parish Office Meeting Room Mass in memory Gerald Manemann and Russell Schwery
Friday	May 29	8:15 am	Mass in memory of Andrew Pokorny
Saturday	May 30	4:00 pm 4:30 pm 5:00 pm After Mass	Confessions Rosary Mass in memory Betty Schmidt and Laurence & Nell Schmidt Blest Art display in parish center— with special treat to eat
Sunday	May 31	8:30 am 8:30 am –1:00 pm 11:00 am	Mass In memory of Arnold Hoefler and Bruno & Stephanie Kazelas Waffle Breakfast and Blest Art in parish center Mass for the people of St. Michael's



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*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:** Nick Rosenow, brother of Marge Kramer of our parish.

**Memorial Day Mass** — In the Catholic Church, we remember the dead in a special way on All Saints' and All Souls' Days. In the United States, we remember the dead in a special way on Memorial Day. Memorial Day began as a way to honor those who died in battle, but has come to be a day to remember all those who have died. Our Mass will be at 9:00. That will allow people time to go to the Harlan cemetery for the special ceremonies at 10:00. All are welcome to come to Mass—and then encouraged to attend the service at the city cemetery.

**Office Will Be Closed on Monday** — We will mark Memorial Day with the rest of the nation by closing the office that day.

**Wear Something Red Next Weekend** — Usually the priest and servers are the only ones wearing the liturgical color for the church year. However, next Sunday is Pentecost. The color is red—for the coming of the Holy Spirit. Pentecost is the birthday of the Church. Wouldn't it be nice for the whole church to be filled with red as we gather as one for the Eucharist.

**Taking Communion to the Homebound** — On Sunday, June 7, we will have a meeting in church after the 8:30 Mass to show people how to take communion to the homebound on Sunday mornings. Those who volunteered last month have been contacted. However, if you are interested and did not sign up earlier, you are still welcome to come to the meeting. This is a ministry which truly touches the lives of people who are unable to get to Mass on Sundays

**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!

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

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.

Sean Knott	Derek Ellerbeck	Rebecca Kloewer
Irene Blum	Jean Ethridge	June Schaben
Harvey Leinen	Pat Schmidt	Albert Bock

### Readings for the Week

Mon.	25th	Acts 19:1-8	Jn 16:29-33
Tues.	26th	Acts 20:17-27	Jn 17:1-11a
Wed.	27th	Acts 20:28-38	Jn 17:11b-19
Thurs.	28th	Acts 22:30: 23:6-11	Jn 17:20-26
Fri.	29th	Acts 25:13b-21	Jn 21:15-19
Sun.	31st	Acts 2:1-11 Gal 5:16-25	Jn 15:26-27 16:12-15

**You Did It! Thank You, Ladies.** The funeral for Alma Bissen was a big one—and it had to be held at the Vets' because of a previously scheduled event at the parish center. But you got it done in fine fashion. What a blessing in the name of the parish to people who are grieving the death of a loved one! However, it would be nice to give you a break for a while.

**Thank You** — to the Junior parents and students for assisting with the Senior Baccalaureate reception. Your help was greatly appreciated. Co-chairs Sue Hough and Susan Finn.

**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.

<b>Tithing — May 17</b>	\$	<b>5,972</b>
<b>Needed each week</b>		<b>6,865</b>
<b>Difference</b>		<b>(893)</b>
		<b>( ) if deficit</b>
<b>Year to date</b>	\$	<b>12,852</b>

## St. Michael's Religious Formation



Go and teach all nations, says the Lord;  
I am with you always, until the end of the world.

### Upcoming Dates

May 31 Waffle Breakfast from 8:30 – 1:00  
June 8-12 Vacation Bible School 'Crocodile Dock'  
(Deadline to sign up is May 26th.)  
June 22 Junior High Club- Adventureland Day  
Leave St. Michael's at 9:00, arrive home at 8:00  
(Deadline to sign up is June 14th.)

**Dad's Belgian Waffle Breakfast** — St. Michael's Parish will be having a Dad's Belgian Waffle Breakfast on May 31<sup>st</sup> from 8:30 to 1:00. Proceeds will go to support youth ministry activities. Adult tickets are \$7 at the door. Students ages 6-12 are \$5 and children under 5 are free! If interested in working with the youth at the breakfast, please give the parish office a call. Thanks for your support.

**Vacation Bible School — REGISTRATION DEADLINE HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO MAY 26<sup>th</sup>!** LAST CHANCE to sign up for Vacation Bible School. It will be held the week of June 8-12<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 8:30 pm for ages 4 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Our theme this year is 'CROCODILE DOCK'. There will be 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 available at the display table in church. Drop off or mail forms to the parish office. Volunteers are still 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.

**Adventureland For JH Youth** — St. Michael's will be offering Junior High students an opportunity to go to Adventureland on Monday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>. 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 16<sup>th</sup>. Call Charlotte for more information. Note: Junior High students going are asked to help with the Waffle breakfast on May 31<sup>st</sup> if possible. This is a good way to help build 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



"After my experience, I have come to hate war. War settles nothing." Dwight D. Eisenhower

## News from the Guild



Please pray for the family of Alma Bissen whose funeral was last week with Circles 2 & 3 serving lunch. The next assignment will be for Circle 4. We continue to do Meals on Wheels for the month of May. If you have any salad bowls or bar pans over in the school cafeteria, please come and get them. We are getting quite a big collection of them!

**Fifteen Decade Rosary for Life** — this Sunday, May 24, at 1:30 pm at St. Joseph's Church in Earling.

**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. 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 tables and chairs will arrive in early June.

**Pastoral Council And SCCS Board Of Education Elections** — The letters went out this week to people who were nominated to run for the three pastoral-council positions and the one board-of-education position. For those who received the letter, please give it prayerful consideration. If someone did not get a letter but is interested in running for either of these positions, give the office a call soon. We hope to have a bulletin insert with those running for these positions on June 13-14, and the election the following week. Good candidates lead to good boards!

**Special Treat To Eat** — on Saturday night at the Blest Art display in the parish hall—no charge—eat something Laotian while looking at Palestinian art here in central Iowa—Belgian waffles the next morning!

## Ministry Schedule

May 30-31	Saturday 5:00 pm	Sunday 8:30 am	Sunday 11:00 am
<b>1st Lector</b>	Janice Schmitz	Will Reinig	Mary Sue Murtaugh
<b>2nd Lector</b>	Elaine Sprague	Ernie Schnack	Cheryl Andersen
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Joyce Thraen (T) Gary Weihs Diane Weihs Joe Zaccone Sr. Linda Zahner Marvin Bissen Clarice Buman	Ed Reinig (T) Amanda Monahan Steve Reid J.C. Salvo Mary Jane Swanson Bill Wingert Janet Blum	Chelsey Buman (T) Kathy Buman Joe Schmitz Barb Schmitz Amanda Doonan Sherry Bierl Ella Mae Staiert
<b>Servers</b>	Adam Zaccone Paul Zaccone Cari Fremi	Thomas Devine Matthew Devine Tim Goeser	Josh Travis Danielle Travis Mikayla Blum
<b>Musicians</b>	John Rosman	Peg Lantz	Peg Lantz
<b>Cantors</b>	Jan Rau	Sarah Schumacher	Donna Schmidt
<b>Ushers</b>	Gary Kenkel Joann Kenkel Bob Kramer Marge Kramer	Scott Koppold Michelle Koppold Tom Schmitz Bev Schmitz	John Murtaugh Dan Schechinger Eric Schmidt Collin Schmidt
<b>May 31</b>	<b>E.M. Hospital &amp; Private Homes</b> Cheryl Andersen Sherry Bierl	<b>E.M. Elm Crest</b> Betty Markham Joyce Rodenborn	<b>Money Counters</b> Jerry Chamberlain Joan Chamberlain Phil Koesters Jolene Koesters