

Welcome To

# St. Michael's Parish



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## Pentecost Sunday

May 31, 2009

Enrich us with your grace, Lord!



**COME HOLY SPIRIT**

## FROM THE PASTOR...

I will be gone during the coming week at a retreat for the priests of the diocese. We will meet at Conception Abbey in Missouri for this time of prayer, reflection, and relaxation. I have not been able to do this retreat for a couple of years. Last year, I was gone for the funeral of my father. I truly look forward to some restful time—and hope that I won't need to come back for a funeral—so do your best! In the event of an emergency, contact Deacon Pat Davitt at 755-2910. If a priest is needed soon, he can get in touch with one. If I need to come back for something, he can get in touch with me. Retreats are important, but not as important as pastoral emergencies.

Thanks to all of you who continue to visit my mother over at Little Flower. This month included Mother's Day, my folks' wedding anniversary (would have been their 63rd), and the first anniversary of my father's death (May 31). Your visits really lift her spirits. Last week, she spoke of Little Flower truly being her home.

What fun going to a lot of graduation parties! What a challenge for blood sugar counts—but what a delightful field of temptations! I was very happy to note that almost none of the parties that I attended offered alcohol—and the couple that did clearly kept it out of the hands of minors. And people still had a great time. I commend everybody who treated these parties as parties primarily for the young. With so many young people traveling from party to party, having alcohol available could have caused real problems.

This Friday is the big day for Deacon George Komo. He will be ordained a priest at the cathedral in Des Moines this Friday at 7:00. We were part of his formation—and he came to really like this community. It would be nice to have a good representation from St. Michael's at the ordination. I remember that I really appreciated it back in 1985 after my pastoral stay here as a deacon. Ordinations are beautiful ceremonies—and a wonderful opportunity to show support for and share in prayer for those who commit their lives in service to the Church.

Since it's summer, I'd like to share a few things for you to ponder:

- Can you cry under water?
- How important does a person have to be before they are considered assassinated instead of just murdered?
- If the professor on Gilligan's Island can make a radio out of a coconut, why can't he fix a hole in a boat?
- What disease did cured ham actually have?

AND REMEMBER—DON'T TAKE OFF THE SUMMER FROM PRAYER AND MASS UNLESS YOU ARE WILLING TO LET GOD TAKE OFF WATCHING OVER YOU AT THE SAME TIME! WHAT'S FAIR IS FAIR!

I hope you had a great Easter season. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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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 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 June 1-7

Monday	June 1		No Mass
Tuesday	June 2		No Mass
Wednesday	June 3		No Mass
Thursday	June 4		No Mass
Friday	June 5	8:15 am ----- 12:00 noon	Mass in memory of Lavern Bruck and Peg Schwarte Eucharistic Adoration Benediction
Saturday	June 6	4:00 pm 4:30 pm 5:00 pm	Confessions Rosary Mass in memory of Russ Lefeber and Kenneth "Nick" Rosenow
Sunday	June 7	8:30 am 9:30 am 11:00 am	Mass in memory of Pete Gubbels and Alice Fahn Train new ministers to the homebound Mass for the people of St. Michael's



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:** Julie Green, daughter-in-law of Irene Green of our parish; and Bette Bradley, grandmother of Tammie Whitney of our parish.

**No Masses From Monday Through Thursday** — but we will have Mass on Friday, followed by Eucharistic adoration, and concluding with Benediction at noon.

**Taking Communion To The Homebound** — Next 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.

**Pastoral Council And SCCS Board Of Education Elections** — I hope to hear back from the people who received letters encouraging them to run for either pastoral council or board of education. Letters were sent to people whose name was suggested at Mass a few weeks ago. 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!

**Food Pantry Collection** — Next week is time for the food pantry collection for June. Please bring non-perishable food or money. Let's equal or better last month, which was a very good collection.

**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 Joe Sondag (755-2263) during June.

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

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

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.	1st	Tb 1:3; 2:1a-8	Mk 12:1-12
Tues.	2nd	Tb 2:9-14	Mk 12:13-17
Wed.	3rd	Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a	Mk 12:18-27
Thurs.	4th	Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a	Mk 12:28-34
Fri.	5th	Tb 11:5-17	Mk 12:35-37
Sun.	6th	Dt 4:32-34,39-40 Rom 8:14-17	Mk 28:16-20



Tithing — May 24	\$ 5,339
Needed each week	6,865
Difference	(1,526)
	( ) if deficit
Year to date	\$ 11,326

## St. Michael's Religious Formation



"They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke of the great things God had done."

### Upcoming Dates

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.  
(Deadline to sign up is June 14<sup>th</sup>)

**Dad's Belgian Waffle Breakfast** — St. Michael's Parish will be having a Dad's Belgian Waffle Breakfast this Sunday from 8:30 to 1:00. Proceeds will go to support youth ministry activities. Adult tickets are \$7.00 at the door. Students ages 6-12 are \$5.00 and children under 5 are free. Thanks for your support.

**Vacation Bible School** — will be held the week of June 8 –12th from 6:00 to 8:30 pm for ages 4 through 5th grade. Parents are welcome to come with their children and join in the fun! Our theme this year is "CROCODILE DOCK".

**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, which we will eat before we enter the park, and return home around 8:00 that evening. Students will need a little money to spend in the park during the day and we will stop 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 14<sup>th</sup>. Call Charlotte for more information.

**Second Call on the Power Chair for Someone Who Would Want It.** 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. Later in June, 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.

**Third Call on 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.

### Area Events

St. Peter's Parish 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 or the Grand Prize. Only 300 tickets will be sold. The Grand Prize gives you one of three choices: a Dream Vacation of your choice booked through Four Seasons Travel in Harlan, \$3,500 in merchandise from Bonsall TV and Appliance or \$3,000 cash. We are also selling \$10 raffle tickets for a Dell lap top computer, and \$3 raffle tickets for a week at a beautiful condo in Branson, Missouri.

### From the Social Concern: Justice Committee



"The leaders of nations cannot become complacent but rather should renew their commitment to disarmament and banishment of all nuclear weapons."

Pope John Paul II

### Ministry Schedule

June 6-7	Saturday 5:00 pm	Sunday 8:30 am	Sunday 11:00 am
<b>1st Lector</b>	Tom Zaccone	Tom Schmitz	Kevin Campbell
<b>2nd Lector</b>	Sr. Linda Zahner	J.C. Salvo	Joan E. Chamberlain
<b>Communion Ministers</b>	Dea Ann Bissen (T) Roger Bissen Joan M. Chamberlain Ray Chipman Cleo Garrison Janie Goeser Ann Graeve	Carol Doran (T) Randy Coenen Teresa Coenen Ethel Defenbaugh Brian Gubbels Pam Gubbels Bonnie Klein	Julie Forsyth (T) Annie Forsyth Jamie Byrnes Tammie Whitney Dave Erlbacher Joe Brummer Tim Goeser
<b>Servers</b>	Sarah Clemons Karl Clemons Lucas Kesterson	Ben Goedken Sarah Goedken Jordyn Moser	Amanda Doonan Nathan Doonan Madi Doonan
<b>Musicians</b>	Kate Kohorst	Rachel Goedken	Cindy Burchett
<b>Cantors</b>	Orv Roecker Maryalyce Dotzler	Sarah Schumacher	Donna Schmidt Jessie Byrnes
<b>Ushers</b>	Ramona Peterson Joe Klein Joseph Klein Justin Schechinger	Cletus Schmitz Ernie Schnack Dale Swanson Tonya Goeser	Barb Schmitz Joe Schmitz Karen Sullivan Makenzie Sullivan
<b>June 7</b>	<b>C.M. Hospital &amp; Private Homes</b> Scott Koppold Leo Kloewer	<b>C.M. Elm Crest</b> Jan Davitt Marian Buman	<b>Money Counters</b> Sandy Irlmeier Robin Powers Beth Doonan-Klein