

Welcome To

St. Michael's Parish



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Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

June 7, 2009

We worship you one God,
three persons!



Triune God
be our strength

APARTHEID IN SOUTH AFRICA BY DEACON PAT...

One of the joys of foreign travel is visiting with people from another culture and learning from them. Our trip to South Africa was a very unique opportunity to see not only the beautiful landscape and animals but to meet with some very interesting people.

When I think of South Africa, one of the first things that comes to mind is what is called apartheid. The whites tried to "keep apart" everyone who was not white. Whites comprise about 11% of the population but control about 90% of the resources.

Apartheid officially began in 1948 with separation in such areas as housing, employment, shopping and even in churches. The whites got all the choice things and the others got very little. The "colored", the mix of white and black, were a little better off but their voting rights were taken away so they had little voice. The Asians, mostly from India, and the black tribal people were at the very bottom of everything. More than 50% of the population of South Africa are blacks who are suffering close to an 80% unemployment rate.

The white South Africans finally realized that they were on the wrong side of history and voted to end apartheid in 1992. It certainly didn't begin to get all better after that. Whites still controlled most of the economy, most of the good farming land, and most of the better places to live. The blacks, on the other hand, still suffer the lingering effects of apartheid. We visited two villages which were in the poorest areas. The poor blacks suffer from such things as little schooling and lack of even the most basic of services, such as water. We took school supplies to a pre-school set up by volunteers from the Netherlands. We helped supply "hippo rollers", a barrel with a handle attached, to transport water from the river to their homes.

Apartheid is a South African word, but discrimination is known throughout the world. In the United States, the Civil Rights Act came in the 60's, but discrimination still raises its ugly head today. All you have to do is hear racial slurs or jokes to see how discrimination has its ugly head in our land.

Why is this a problem? Why is it a concern for Catholic Christians? We all know the answer: God created all people and as such we are to treat everyone as a Child of God.

Some may say we do not have discrimination in the United States, but look around, most of our corporate executives are white males; most whites live in the better places of town; whites have the opportunities to go to the best schools. Blacks, on the other hand are: the ones who clean the offices of the corporations; live in the most run down sections of town; and the places where most blacks go to school are dangerous places of questionable learning.

The people of South Africa do have hope. Their new government is less than 20 years old. They are making lots of progress because they see there are opportunities for them. And we are helping through our donations to Catholic Relief Services as well as our efforts with Kids Against Hunger.

Our country has hope as well for opportunities are just around the corner. We elected our first black President. Perhaps the walls of discrimination are coming down. May we as Catholic Christians always treat others as members of God's family.

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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 8-14

Monday	June 8	5:15 pm 6:00-8:30 pm	Mass in memory of Charles Leuck & Karen Kenkel and Jean Wilson Vacation Bible School
Tuesday	June 9	7:00 am 8:15 am 6:00-8:30 pm	Men's Prayer Group in Parish Office Meeting Room Mass in memory of Jackie Archuleta Vacation Bible School
Wednesday	June 10	8:15 am 6:00-8:30 pm	Mass in memory of Alice Kleffman and Gilbert Renze Vacation Bible School
Thursday	June 11	7:00 am 12:00 noon 6:00-7:15 pm 7:15 pm	Women's Prayer Group in Parish Office Meeting Room Mass in memory of Phil Dennis and Rosetta Hendricks Vacation Bible School Vacation Bible School Mass
Friday	June 12	8:15 am 6:00-8:30 pm	Mass in memory of Ken Mueller & Steve Mueller Vacation Bible School
Saturday	June 13	4:00 pm 4:30 pm 5:00 pm	Confessions Rosary Mass for the people of St. Michael's
Sunday	June 14	8:30 am 11:00 am	Mass in memory of Melvin Schwery Mass in memory of Brandy Chamberlain Harms



**MOST
HOLY
TRINITY**

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.)

We Ask God's Blessings Upon — the two newest priests of our diocese—Father George Komo and Father Ken Halbur—who were ordained on Friday evening. Fr. Komo will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving here at St. Michael's on Sunday, June 28, at 11:00. A potluck will follow. Mark your calendar. Also, remember Zach Kautzky who will be ordained a deacon this coming Friday evening—his last step to ordination to priesthood next year. Unfortunately, Zach will be the last priest to be ordained for a number of years. That will probably begin a few years of painful cut backs in the diocese, since a good number of priests will be retiring with no one to replace them. Let us pray for and encourage vocations to the priesthood. To paraphrase a popular hymn (Let there be peace on earth), "Let there be more vocations to the priesthood in this diocese—and let it begin here at home." One interesting footnote about the changing Catholic Church in this diocese. Beginning in July, 15 of our 82 parishes in this diocese (almost 20%) will have pastors from foreign countries, religious orders, or other dioceses. We are rapidly becoming once again a mission diocese as we were 80 years ago, when over one third of the priests in this diocese were born in Ireland. (Something is wrong with this picture.)

What A Nice Gesture! — We thank Pan from the China Pan for providing the egg rolls—and crab Rangoon—for people who went over for the Blest Art exhibit. On occasion over the past few years, Pan has found our church to be a nice place for prayer. She wanted to show her appreciation. We wish her well after her big move to the square.

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:

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	Kenny Kenkel

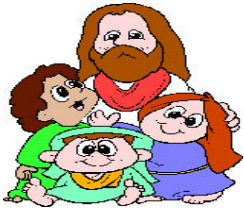
Readings for the Week

Mon.	8th	2 Cor 1:1-7	Mt 5: 1-12
Tues.	9th	2 Cor 1:18-22	Mt 5:13-16
Wed.	10th	2 Cor 3:4-11	Mt 5:17-19
Thurs.	11th	Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3	Mt 5:20-26
Fri.	12th	2 Cor 4:7-15	Mt 5:27-32
Sun.	14th	Ex 24:3-8 Heb 9:11-15	Mt 4:12-16,22-26

Final Count On The Parish Fundraiser This Spring — The dinner/raffle/auction cleared \$41,801.35. What a tremendous amount! Again, thanks to those who organized it, those who promoted it, those who contributed to it, and those who participated. It was a great evening!

Tithing — May 31	\$ 9,781
Needed each week	6,865
Difference	2,916
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Year to date	\$ 14,242

St. Michael's Religious Formation



"Blessed be the people the Lord has chosen to be his own."

Upcoming Date

June 22 Junior High Club- Adventureland Day
 Leave St. Michael's at 9:00 am,
 arrive home at 8:00 pm.
 (Deadline to sign up is June 14th)

Vacation Bible School — will be held this week from 6:00-8:30 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".

Fair Trade — coffee, tea, and chocolate will be available after the Masses next weekend. Purchasing Fair Trade items helps support small-scale farmers around the world by giving them a fair price for their products and it affirms your commitment to live out the Gospel.

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 am, provide a sack lunch for everyone, which we will eat before we enter the park, and return home around 8:00 pm 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 14th. Call Charlotte for

Area Events

- **Immanuel Lutheran Church** — is sponsoring a tour to two sites in Omaha--Boys Town and St. Cecelia's Cathedral--on Thursday, June 18. They will have lunch at Old Country Buffet in Omaha. The bus leaves the church at 8:30 a.m. and will return around 5:30 p.m. The cost is \$15 for the trip. Please bring some money for the lunch. If interested, call Immanuel Lutheran at 755-5207. Pastor Chellew said that people other than Lutherans are welcome to join them (hence this bulletin announcement). You need to reserve a spot by June 14.
- **St. Mary's Church In Panama** — will be sponsoring a walking tour on June 17, 18, and 19 at 10:00 am and again at 2:00 pm each day. The tour will begin at the church and continue to the historic one-room School House Museum and Main Street. Panama will be celebrating Panamania 125 on June 19, 20, and 21.
- **Alzheimer's Support Group** — will meet Tuesday, June 9, at 2:30 pm at the Harlan Senior Center located in the Therkidsen Activity Center, 706 Victoria Street.

Shelby County Catholic School News

POSITION AVAILABLE
Part time Preschool Teacher
 2009-2010

Shelby County Catholic School
 Afternoon preschool Monday/Wednesday/Friday
 Must hold Iowa license
 Early Childhood endorsement preferred

For application and information

Contact the school at 712-755-5634

Dad's Belgian Waffle Breakfast — Thank you to all who helped support our youth by working and attending our Belgian Waffle Breakfast last Sunday. We served 357 meals. All proceeds will help support youth ministry at St. Michael's. We hope to be able to offer Belgian Waffles again next year.

Praise GOD who
CREATES us
REDEEMS us
 and **SANCTIFIES us**

Ministry Schedule

June 13-14	Saturday 5:00 pm	Sunday 8:30 am	Sunday 11:00 am
1st Lector	Steve Finn	Tim Sullivan	Annie Forsyth
2nd Lector	Marcus Gross	Lin Brinker	Ken Fahn
Communion Ministers	Gwen Kaufman (T) Kathy Hull Larry Hull Gary Kenkel Jane Klein Rosemary Klein Phil Koesters	Alan Kenkel (T) Jo Kenkel Connie Kohles Jim Kohles Virginia Kruse Jerry Lapke JoAnn Lapke	Carly Heese (T) Jarod Juhl Julie Juhl Joe Kohorst Teresa Kruse Joni Larsen Mary Sue Murtaugh
Servers	Anthony Hough Nicholas Hough Jared Klein	Amber Irlmeier Beth Irlmeier McKenzie Mumm	Zachary Dotzler Alex Dotzler Gabriela Esquivel
Musicians	Cindy Burchett	Rachel Goedken	Kate Kohorst Nancy Osborn
Cantors	Maryalyce Dotzler	Amanda Doonan	Mike Bierl
Ushers	Ramona Peterson Joe Klein Joseph Klein Justin Schechinger	Cletus Schmitz Ernie Schnack Dale Swanson Tonya Goeser	Barb Schmitz Joe Schmitz Karen Sullivan Makenzie Sullivan
June 14	C.M. Hospital & Private Homes Roger Thomsen Pat Thomsen	C.M. Elm Crest Sue Petsche Cindy Harris	Money Counters M.J. Broomfield Natalie Crees Ernie Schnack Rose Ann Schnack