



St. Michael's

CATHOLIC CHURCH
1/16/2022

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings for the week of January 16, 2022

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19

Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21



It Takes All Kinds

"If every flower wanted to be a rose," wrote St. Therese of Lisieux, "spring would lose its loveliness."

Who is God asking you to be today? There is an obvious answer that springs to mind right out of the gate. God wants me to be a good person (a good father, a good husband) today; today, God wants me to be a saint.

But this answer fails to get to the heart of the question. We are all striving today to serve the same Spirit, but we are given different gifts to do so. The one who has the gift of knowledge may fail if today he decides he wants to be a healer. The one who has the gift of "varieties of tongues" might falter in the expression of wisdom.

Think about the wedding at Cana and the players in the scene: the servers, the guests, the bride and groom. They all have a unique role to play, and though it is to the servers that Mary gives the instruction, "Do whatever he tells you," her words apply to all.

Today, are we called to be the servers — do we wait on God's instruction and carry it out, no matter how foolish or impossible it may seem to our human ears? Are we asked to be the disciples, to bear witness to a miracle and to give our testimony? Are we called to imitate the Blessed Mother herself and give encouragement to follow God's word?

Let us examine our gifts and listen in the silence of our hearts to the direction of the Spirit. Then and only then, let us do whatever He tells us.

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Tuesday & Thursday 8:30 am
Saturday 4:00 pm
St. Joseph's in Earling
Wednesday & Friday 8:00 am
Sunday 9:00 am

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

CALENDAR & INTENTIONS for the Week of January 16, 2022

Monday, January 17, No Mass
 Tuesday, January 18, 8:15 am Mass in memory of Jim Kohles
 Wednesday, January 19, 8:15 am School Mass in memory of
 Clarence Reinig
 6:30 pm ALL DEFENDERS YOUTH GROUPS MEET
 Thursday, January 20, 12:00 Noon Communion Service
 1:00 pm Endowment Advisory Board Meeting
 Friday, January 21, 8:15 am Communion Service
 Saturday, January 22, 5:00 pm Mass in memory of Joyce Thraen
 & Liz Rau
 Communion Minister Training Following Mass
 Sunday, January 23, 9:30 am Mass for the people of St. Michael's
 Communion Minister Training Following Mass

January Food Pantry Collection

99 Pounds of food & \$340.00
 Thank you for your kindness & generosity!

CHRISTMAS

COLLECTION

\$ 10,191.00

Thank you all very much!

Ministry Schedule

| Jan. 22-23 | Friday 5:00 pm | Sunday 9:30 am |
|------------------------------|--|---|
| Lector | Jane Klein | Gary Weihs |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Dea Ann Bissen (T) Roger Bissen Mary Tepe | Kathy Campbell (T) Brenda Blum Dave Erlbacher |
| Servers | Tim Goeser Ashlyn Rau Jackson Rau | Nicholas Anderson Daniel Anderson Joey Mosher |
| Musicians Cantors | | |
| Ushers | Joe Klein Lin Brinker Joann Kenkel Ethan Tepe | Bill Buman Russ Chamberlain Marcus Gross, Jr. Tom Powers |



Where to Watch

St. Michael's Mass is televised on cable TV (HMU Channel 15 at 4:00 pm on Sunday & Wednesday, on Mediacom Channel 18 at 4:00 pm on Monday, and on FMCTC Channel 48 at 4:00 pm on Sunday.) Mass is also available as **livestream** or on demand on Harlan Knights of Columbus channel on YouTube at:

<https://tinyurl.com/y4ax6z3g>

St. Michael's 9:30 AM Sun Mass is **livestreamed** on Facebook:
St. Michael's Catholic Church - Harlan, IA

Remember the Sick

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|---------------------|------------------------|
| Gary Kenkel | Theresa Kranz |
| Charlotte Leinen | Becca (Kloewer) Fawkes |
| Tami Rueschenberg | Olivia Fawkes |
| Jennifer Anderson | Dawson Fawkes |
| Gay Burgod | Ethel Defenbaugh |
| Fr. Glen Wilwerding | Tyler Bruck |
| Carol Thompson | Denny Stolz |

Sacrament Information

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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 initial interview with Father Clement



**+St. Michael's 2021 Scholarship Winners+
Please remember to get your 1st Semester
Grades turned in ASAP. Thank you!**

ROSARY CONNECTION

Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm on Zoom!
Please join on your computer/cell phone.
Zoom meeting # 842 1695 2573
Passcode 112411



**Fifteen-Decade Rosary for Life
TODAY**
1:30-2:30 PM
St. Mary, Portsmouth
All parishioners of all
Shelby County Catholic Churches are
encouraged to attend.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING
FOR ALL EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

**WILL BE HELD NEXT WEEKEND
1/22-1/23 AFTER BOTH MASSES -
PLEASE BE SURE TO ATTEND SO WE CAN
ALL LEARN ABOUT THE CHANGES AND
SERVE UNIFORMLY, THANKS!**

Pancake Breakfast & Open House

Catholic Schools Week begins Sunday,
January 30. Shelby
County Catholic School
will be hosting their
annual open house and
pancake breakfast on
Sunday, January 30,
from 8:00 am until
11:30 am. Come
celebrate the opening
of Catholic Schools Week with us.



Save The Date

**Mark your calendar now for the
St. Michael's Spring Fundraiser/Auction &
Dinner that is scheduled for
Sat., March 19, at Rosman Parish Center.**

REST IN PEACE

Rocket Hering,

*Step-father of Dan & Sarah Schumacher
of our parish.*



If school has a 2hr Late Start OR
is Cancelled due to weather there
will be **NO DAILY MASS!**
Please stay home & stay safe.
God bless!

CONTEST

The Catholic Daughters of St. Katherine #266, Earling,
are sponsoring an Education Contest for students in
grades 4-12. The theme is "With God All Things Are
Possible" Mt 19:26 OR "Where is God in my life when I
am struggling". Categories include art, essay, poetry,
computer art, music, and photography. Winners will
advance onto State and possibly National Competition.
For more details, rules & entry form, contact Betty
Foxhoven 747-2611. **Deadline for entries January 31,
2022.**

"Roll Back to the 50's"

**ST. PATRICK'S NEOLA
ANNUAL PARISH AUCTION**

Saturday, January 29, 2022

**Staley's Chicken, Mashed
Potatoes, Cole Slaw,
Green Beans, Eggs & Desserts**

\$10 per person - 8 & under \$5

Mass: 4:00 pm
Dinner & Raffle: 4:30 pm
Live Auction: 6:00 pm

For Questions or Donations, please contact
the Parish Office at 712.485.2750

Please no Entertainment Centers or TV's!

All donations must be received by noon on
January 29th to be listed in the program.



St. Michael's Mission Statement

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.



Sunday Saints

Sunday 9:30 Mass 3 y/o - 2nd Graders

Family Formation Encounter

1/5 6:30-7:45 K-6

Rosman Parish Hall

Defenders Youth Group (DYG)

1/12, 1/19 and 1/26

6:30-8:00 ALL DYG Gather

Rosman Parish Hall

Jr High Music Rm - Sr High Library

- Confirmation in Gym -



The Bishop wants to hear from us

Bishop William Joensen invites us to take part in a brief survey that will assist our visioning process for the Diocese of Des Moines. We want to hear of your joys and disappointments, your hopes and priorities for our diocesan future. To complete the survey in English, go here:

<https://forms.gle/1mp721t5b8TFcAid8>
or scan the QR code.



OR go to <https://www.dmdiocese.org/> then click on Survey Link

Surveys are also available on the table in the back of church.

The Bishop also invites us to pray that God will grace us with clear vision of His will for the way forward.



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER
UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

January 16, 2022
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

God delights in you. How do you feel when you hear that? Delight usually comes with an exuberant flow of joy that seemingly arises from one's toes with the expression of great glee. Reflecting upon the deep measure of joy God has in us can be a source of joy for ourselves. Delight is infectious. A very young brother and sister were playing on the beach when the all too familiar ice cream truck made its daily rounds. The boy shook with excitement and delight as he took his sister's hand and exclaimed, "The ice cream man is here, isn't it great!" As they ran off toward the truck, one could hear the girl reply, "Yeah, I can't wait!" The experience of a child's delight in something so simple as ice cream, lifts our spirits from our burdens and transports us to the lighter, more innocent side of life.

Life is not meant to be a burden. Believe it or not, God actually wants us to be happy! In fact, the wedding feast at Cana shows us that God even puts His blessing on our happiness. It is okay to celebrate the wonder of ourselves and others. Life is good. It is always interesting to note that Jesus saves the good wine until last. You would think it would be the other way around. The superb quality of Jesus' wine points to the superior quality of life we find in Christ. It is not a life of burdens but a life of wonder and delight! In Christ, we are lifted from the superficial and mundane to a life of purpose, hope, and love.

God is with us through the long haul, through the challenges and sorrows as well as the successes and accomplishments. In spite of the fact that we often wander from the path, God's celebratory delight in us remains. As spouses are asked to remain faithful to each other through whatever life brings, God remains faithful too. This promise remains through this life and into the next. All we have to do is take the advice of Jesus' mother to heart when she says, "Listen to him." This wisdom saves us from foolishly giving in to the illusion that we can make better wine than Jesus.

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