



St. Michael's

C A T H O L I C C H U R C H
1/23/2022

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings for the week of January 23, 2022

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117: 1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18

Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25

Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34

Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/

1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

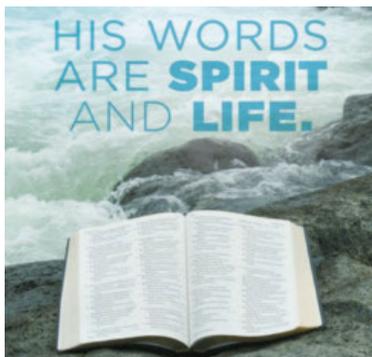
Plant Your Works in the Word

One of the things about Scripture is that even the smallest word and shortest phrase can be critical to the overall message. When you take a quiet moment to rest with the Word, you find how quickly the most mundane sentence can reach out and grab you, pulling you into a deeper contemplation of some truth you hadn't even considered until then.

But we often fail to act as the Israelites in the Book of Nehemiah, standing before the Water Gate "listening attentively." Whether it's at Mass during the Liturgy of the Word or at home poring over the Bible, time after time we find ourselves less mindful than we could be. Our ears accept the sounds of the words and our eyes glance over the shape of the letters.

But are we mindful — truly?

The best answer is hopefully at least sometimes. There are always tasks to be completed, problems weighing on our minds that we can't quite give over to God. We lose ourselves in these things instead of in Scripture. We "clock in" with Bible reading instead of "diving in."



We can never forget that the words of the Lord are spirit and life. They are the soil that quickens the seed of all stewardship. There is no mindfulness, no prayer, no graciousness, no gratitude or accountability or sense of commitment unless there is the Word.

So let us pray today for mindfulness, that our every action will be grounded in the law of God — giving it true spirit and life.

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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 23, 2022
 Monday, January 24, No Mass
 6:30 pm Shelby County Catholic School Board Meeting
 Tuesday, January 25, 8:15 am Mass for Souls in Purgatory
 Wednesday, January 26, 8:15 am School Mass in memory of
 Thelma Nelson
 6:30 pm ALL DEFENDERS YOUTH GROUPS MEET
 Thursday, January 27, 12:00 Noon Communion Service
 9:00 am Hearts & Hands, Ministry & Fellowship
 Friday, January 28, 8:15 am Communion Service
 Saturday, January 29, 5:00 pm Mass for the people of St.
 Michael's
 Sunday, January 30, 9:30 am Mass for Ed & Betty Reinig and for
 the Deceased Members of Norbert & Dolores Gross Family,
 Harley Kruse & Clifford Kruse

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



3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me...
 He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives
 and recovery of sight to the blind,
 to let the oppressed go free.
 - Lk 4:18*

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Ministry Schedule

Jan. 29-30	Saturday 5:00 pm	Sunday 9:30 am
Lector	Kathy Hull	Paul Kruse
Eucharistic Ministers	Cathy Cavanaugh (T) Kathy Hull Cheryl Long	Jenna Hucka (T) Brian Gubbels Pam Gubbels
Servers	Ellie Gross Joseph Gross	Foxx Argotsinger Tonya Goeser Tyler Harms
Musicians Cantors		Kate Kohorst
Ushers	Joe Klein Lin Brinker Joann Kenkel Ethan Tepe	Bill Buman Russ Chamberlain Marcus Gross, Jr Tom Powers



If school has a 2hr Late Start OR is Cancelled due to weather there will be **NO DAILY MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE!** If school is dismissed early or closed for weather there will not be Family Formation or DYG.

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

IN LOVING MEMORY

Kay Schechinger, of our parish
& George Griffin,
Uncle of Jane Klein of our parish

UPCOMING EVENTS

“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, Rolls & 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.



Pancake Breakfast & Open House

POSTPONED!!!

Catholic Schools Week Jan 30-Feb 5

Blessing Of The Throats

The Feast of St. Blaise is on Thursday, February 3. During the month of February, it has been the tradition of the Catholic Church for many years to seek the intercession of St. Blaise for protection against any ailments of the throat. Throats will be blessed after the Masses next weekend January 29-30.

Save The Date

St. Michael’s Spring Fundraiser/Auction & Dinner will be held Saturday, March 19, at the Rosman Parish Center. The committee is looking for a person or a group of people to head up the 50/50 raffle. Contact Ann Schwieso at aschwieso@fnni.com or Bambi Ineson at bambiineson@yahoo.com

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. You can mail the survey to: Diocese of Des Moines - 601 Grand Ave - Des Moines, Iowa 50309 or return to the parish office.

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

Pro-life news:

This year on January 22, we mark the 49th anniversary of the tragic Supreme Court Decision to legalize Abortion. Our country has suffered greatly due to this misguided, unscientific decision. Over 63 million Americans have lost their lives from abortion. Today’s young people witness the suffering abortion brings to their families, friends, and society...depression, lasting health issues, infertility, grief, suicide. They are becoming the Pro-life Generation. Abortion is not the best or only solution to an unwanted pregnancy. There are better ways to cope.

What are some things you can do to build a Culture of Life?

- Pray for an end of abortion by attending the monthly Pro-life rosary in our parishes, add a pro-life prayer when praying as a family.
- Educate yourself. How can we right the wrongs of Roe v Wade? What is Dobbs? How can we Update Our Laws to Protect Life and Reflect the Science of Life.
- Support local Pro-life organizations such as Gabriel’s Corner, LC Clinic, and Birthright.
- Support pro-life causes such as National March for Life in January, and Local Life Chain in October.
- Donate to Layettes held by the local Catholic Daughter courts.
- Work towards the day that any abortion is unthinkable in America. “Equality begins in the womb.”



Sunday Saints

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

Family Formation Encounter

2/2 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 -

We are working on some Faith Formation ideas for upcoming events for all ages. If you have any ideas, suggestions or want to help please call 755-5366 or email Rhonda at dre@stmichaelparish.com

***Don't forget to use AmazonSmile & support St. Mike's Faith Formation!**

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.

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.



GOSPEL MEDITATION -
ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

January 23, 2022
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Human history reveals many periods where people lost a sense of God's transcendence. It may even be argued that human beings have been wandering and lost more than they have been at home and focused. Human nature being what it is, we struggle with who God really is — the God of our salvation history or the “gods” of human constructs. Relying on our own designs and pursuits, we forget that we really are meant to listen to One upon whom the Spirit of the Lord rests, Jesus Christ, and not to ourselves. That same history that reveals our fickleness and infidelity also reveals God's constancy and faithfulness. God always finds us.

As people wander and fumble to find their way, God is there bringing them back to holiness and giving them the assurance of His presence. We have to allow God's Word, God's life, to touch us and change us. It can make us more flexible and attentive to the sacred in all facets of life so that every day is one that is holy. Every day is a time when fulfillment is possible for one's soul. Jesus stood before those gathered in the synagogue as the fulfillment of words of promise that were echoed long ago. God doesn't forget. He always comes for us.

Now it is time to remember to go to God. Sometimes our lives are so confused and tangled that it is difficult to see the Word and hand of God. But when we realize, deep within, the depth of friendship God offers to us it really has the power to turn sadness to joy. The promise is fulfilled. Going frequently to God's Word, allowing ourselves to be enriched and rejuvenated, and pondering the certainty of God's fidelity and promise permanently transforms us. We will be more aware of the sacred and the holy and less invested in things that pull us away.

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