St. Michael's & St. Anthony's Parishes

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October 17, 2021

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To schedule Masses at either parish:
Contact Fr. Mark by phone, 402-395-2393, or mail to the rectory.

I think we've all been guilty of looking at a situation and wondering what's in it for us. It doesn't matter if it's a particular work assignment, someone at the parish asking for help with the mission trip bake sale, or your spouse asking if you'll take over the grocery shopping this week. Often, our first reaction to one of these requests is a heavy sigh and the thought: "If I do this, what will I get?"

Sometimes it surprises us to realize that the Apostles were no different. We tend to idolize these contemporaries of Christ as giants who walked with the Savior. But in reality, these individuals were merely human beings struggling to commit to the task of everyday stewardship.

In the Gospels, we see glimpses of them longing for praise and affirmation. We see them jockeying for positions of power within the group of twelve. We see them expect earthly rewards like honor and admiration. We see them acting a lot like us. But in the end, we see them transformed by the grace of God. Like all the saints, their holiness stems from their commitment to their call. They stumble through, and as they stumble, they keep trusting God. They keep turning to Him. They keep asking for help. They don't give up just because they keep failing at it.

We are defined by what we give when we have no hope of being reimbursed, rewarded, or recognized. The Apostles understood this, eventually, and they gave accordingly. Most of them gave their very lives.

Remember, they're just like us. If they can do it, we can too.

-Tracy Earl Welliver

Sacrament of Penance: St. Michael's 4:30-5:00 p.m. on Saturday; St. Anthony's 7:15-7:45 a.m. on Sunday.

Sacrament of Baptism: First-time parents are required to attend a baptism preparation class. Please contact Fr. Mark or Deacon Tim Preister to arrange for the class and for the baptism.

Sacrament of Marriage: Archdiocesan policy requires an 8-12 month preparation. Please make arrangements by contacting Fr. Mark.

Holy Communion for the Homebound: Communion is taken to the shut-ins at both parishes. Please contact Jodi Krohn in Albion, 402-741-9161, or Linda Braun in Cedar Rapids, 308-358-0554, to get put on the list.

Sick Call: Please call Fr. Mark if you or someone in your family is sick or in the hospital and would like a visit.

Prayer Chain at St. Michael's: Please call Nancy Morton, 402-395-6294, or Ellen Stuhr, 402-395-6302.

Prayer Chain at St. Anthony's: Please call Betty Nelson, 402-805-0393.

FROM THE PASTOR

I desire to rank at the top of my class academically by the end of the school year. I hope my entire family will be present for the special celebration. I want a substantial raise or promotion at my work place within the next few months. These are simple examples of wants or desires, yet each illustration might make demands or require adjustments. The gospel account on the **Twenty-ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time** describes the struggle of the disciples to realize who Jesus was and what his mission would entail. Sometimes they were caught up in their own inspirations or selfish wants. In Mark's gospel, we hear the bold request made by James and John: **"Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you. Jesus replied, 'What do you want me to do for you?' They answered him, 'Grant that in your glory we may sit at your right hand and the other at your left.'"** This unexpected request is following Jesus having instructed the disciples about how to gain eternal life, yet they either did not listen or failed to understand him because they were possibly thinking of themselves. The Master hears them and reminds them that some things cannot be granted. Their ambitious desire was the result of competition and maybe even arrogance among the disciples, and it led to further tension and misconceptions about what true greatness means and how it is accomplished. The request of James and John to have a special place at the final judgement in recognition for their ministry was not part of their formation. According to Mark's gospel passage, the authority and service Jesus wanted for his followers was to flow from the example of the Good Shepherd, who reveals compassion, mercy, gentleness, humility and generosity. Jesus offers his own life as a model of Christian service and unselfish motives. The lesson Jesus, the Suffering Servant, offered them was not front seats or privileged places of honor but embracing the cup of caring service and suffering when following him to the cross and the place of glory. As we journey in faith, do we ever find ourselves caught in the web of misery because we want certain things only for ourselves? The challenge of Jesus might be summarized in these words by the brilliant scholar St. Thomas Aquinas, who wrote: ***"Three things are necessary for salvation: to know what we ought to believe; to know what we ought to desire; and to know what we ought to do."*** The path to greatness always demands more, and God hopes we never forget his command to love and serve without cost or recognition.

The Annual Archbishop's Appeal has started and ***the mailings (are delayed)*** but should be coming to every registered household with information about this appeal and its impact upon our parishes and the greater Church within the Archdiocese. Each parish and all parishioners are asked to offer support by prayers and financial gifts. Below are the goals for this year:

St. Michael: $27,043 **St. Anthony: $8,964**

I will make a donation and kindly invite you to do the same. Your support assists many ministries within the Archdiocese and I am **grateful** for your willingness to be generous stewards!

Fr. Mark

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MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Monday, October 18	(SM)		NO MASS (Pastor's day off)
Tuesday, October 19	(SM)	8:00 a.m.	† Elsie Cordes
Wednesday, October 20	(SM)	**8:10 a.m.**	† Cliff & Helen Langel
	(SA)	10:30 a.m.	Bob & Laurie Hemmer family
Thursday, October 21	(SM)	8:00 a.m.	† Leo & Magdalene Thramer
Friday, October 22	(SM)	8:00 a.m.	† Darwin Bremer
Saturday, October 23	(SM)	5:30 p.m.	† Norman & Verletta Struebing
Sunday, October 24	(SA)	8:00 a.m.	† Anna Lea Parker
	(SM)	10:00 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Michael's & St. Anthony's

Please note place designations: (SM) = St. Michael's in Albion, (SA) = St. Anthony's in Cedar Rapids, (SE) = Samaritan Estates Assisted Living in Albion, (WM) = Wolf Memorial in Albion

St. Michael's Parish

Liturgical Ministries Next Week

Altar Servers

Sat., October 23	Bethany & Courtany Preister
Sun., October 24	Grant & Madeline Kuta

Ushers

Sat., October 23	Kent Beierman, Ron Young, Fred Mescher
Sun., October 24	Roger Gentrup, Dave Mohr, Tom Ketteler

Lectors

Sat., October 23	Adolph Liss
Sun., October 24	Katie Score

Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion

Sat., October 23	Cheryl Young
Sun., October 24	Rachelle Spence

Music

Sat., October 23	Kay Nelson/Taylor Beierman
Sun., October 24	Jill Johnson

Collection Recorders

Sun., October 24	Dawn Smith & Marge Devine

Please note: If you can not fulfill your ministry assignment, please find a replacement.
The EMHC is reminded to please carry the processional cross in and out at Mass!

Knights of Columbus
Tootsie Roll Drive
October 23-24
At both St. Michael's &
St. Anthony's Parishes

This Week at St. Michael's:

Tues., Oct. 19	*Parish Council meeting, 7 p.m., KC Hall
Wed., Oct. 20	*PRE
Oct. 23-24	*World Mission Sunday collection

This Week at St. Michael's School:

Wed., Oct. 20	*Mass at 8:10 a.m. led by 5th grade
Fri., Oct. 22	*No school. Fall break!

Parish Religious Education Calendar:

Wed., Oct. 20	*PRE
Wed., Oct. 27	*PRE
Wed., Nov. 3	*PRE
Wed., Nov. 10	*PRE

Please remember our parishioners in prayer:

Scott Nelson (Mitch Nelson's brother), JoAnn Kunzman, Audrey Sueper, Adalynn Bouska (infant daughter of Jeff & Alex),

(If there is someone that you want to remember in prayer on this bulletin list, please call or email Jeni Porter at 395-2332 or jlporter@archomaha.org.)

Save The Date!
St. Michael's 1st Annual Fall Gala
Saturday, November 13
More details coming soon!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP

Regular Collection October 10, 2021

Envelopes	$3,350.00
Children	0
Plate	344.36
TOTAL STEWARDSHIP	$3,694.36
Utilities	$625.00

Altar Society Silent Bake Sale

The Altar society is hosting a Silent Bake Sale as their fall fundraiser. In lieu of baking goods, please remit $20 to the Altar Society by October 31. There are 3 ways to pay:
-VENMO. Please remit payment to @stmichaelaltarsociety. Please add your name where it asks what your payment is for.
-Drop your payment in the weekly collection at church or drop off at the school office. Mark your envelope "Silent Bake Sale."
-Mail your payment to the Altar Society treasurer: Sandy Christo, P.O. Box 247, Albion

When lighting 7-day candles, St. Michael's requests a $3 donation per candle and small votive candles are 50¢. A donation of $1 per "Living Faith" devotional would be appreciated.

Operation Christmas Child
will be starting soon! Be on the look-out for the red and green boxes!

St. Anthony's Parish

Liturgical Ministries Next Week

Altar Servers

Sun., October 24 — Lane Swerczek & Kennedy Dobson

Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion

Sun., October 24 — Melissa VanDeWalle

Ushers

Sun., October 24 — Steve Karmann & Gene Karmann

Music

Sun., October 24 — Kate Sullivan

Lector

Sun., October 24 — Bev Schuele

Collection Recorders

Sun., October 24 — Jim Langan & Rich McPhillips

"For the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many." Mark 10:45

If you held a mirror up to your life, would it reflect God's love and mercy? If you are struggling with this, try changing your attitude from "I want more" to "thank you, God, for everything you have given me, I have enough to share." this change in perspective will bring you joy through service to others. Pray daily to become less self-centered and to become more God-centered.

Knights of Columbus
Tootsie Roll Drive
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At both St. Michael's &
St. Anthony's Parishes

This Week at St. Anthony's:

Sun., Oct. 17	*KC's meeting after Mass
Wed., Oct. 20	*PRE
Sun., Oct. 24	*World Mission Sunday Collection

Parish Religious Education Calendar:

Wed., Oct. 20	*PRE
Wed., Oct. 27	*PRE
Wed., Nov. 3	*PRE
Wed., Nov. 10	*PRE

Please remember our parishioners in prayer:
Mike Sullivan, Ted Sauser, Rosella Braun

(If there is someone that you want to remember in prayer on this bulletin list, please call or email Jeni Porter at 395-2332 or jlporter@archomaha.org.)

HELP WANTED: Connie Langan is retiring from working at the Parish Center. We thank her for her many years of maintaining the Parish Center! We are in need of a replacement. Duties include cleaning, set up, and maintenance of the Parish Center. Please contact Fr. Mark at 402-395-2393 if interested in this position. Salary to be determined.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP

Regular Collection October 10, 2021

Envelopes	$1,372.00
Children	0
Plate	130.00
TOTAL STEWARDSHIP	$1,502.00
Utilities	$125.00

KC's Meeting
After Mass on Sunday, October 17.

If you are new to our parish or you have never registered to be members of St. Anthony's, please see Fr. Mark to register.

Please check the table by the door to the choir loft for bowls left at the Parish Center.

If you would like your birthday and anniversary on the parish's monthly calendar, please write the information on an envelope and put it in the collection basket. Thank you.

St. Michael's & St. Anthony's Parish Vision

One family as God's people, centered on Word and Sacrament, blessed by baptismal grace and Christ's love, called to serve as disciples.

Our Parishes' Mission

We exist to build a faith community, empowered by the Holy Spirit to live our Catholic identity and gospel values, to engage others to be intentional disciples who share their gifts for the glory of God.

St. Boniface Thanksgiving sausage pre-orders can be place by texting or calling Bonnie Hoefer at 402-843-8296 before October 21. Please text or leave a voice message with your name, phone number, number of 1 pound packages ($5 per package) and whether you want rings or patties. These sausage orders must then be picked up and paid for between 2:30-4:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 20, at the St. Boniface gym lobby. No orders can be held, as we do not have freezer space. No deliveries. Very limited amounts of sausage will be sold on Thanksgiving Day, so reserve yours today!

2021 Fall Quest

November 20-21
Tintern Retreat Center
Registration fee: $45
Due to Covid preventing us from holding a Quest for the last 2 years, this Quest is open to all high school students!
Please contact Jeni Porter at St. Michael's Parish office for application forms.

Programs at St. Benedict Center, Schuyler

"Learn How to Live a Wonderful Life" - October 23-24
Research in the field of positive psychology has shown us how to be at peace, enjoy life, and have an exceptional life. It help us to use our strengths in the best possible way; to have effective conflict and get rid of past hurts; to increase happiness, trust and resilience; and to reduce stress. In addition, it provides a path to find purpose and meaning in life. Led by Lee Elliott, the executive director of the Wonderful Life Project, and Fr. Todd Philipsen.
Cost is $151.05 (single)/$142.37 (double).

"For Everything There is a Season" - November 6
November is a season for "re-membering" God-with-us in our times of loss, of the grieving of loved ones, of challenges and transitions in our life, and at "we-made-it" times.
Led by Sister Marie Micheletto. Cost is $46.23.

To register for an event, please call the St. Benedict Center, 402-352-8819, or go to their web site, www.StBenedictCenter.com.
See all of their retreats on their web site!

Support Our Catholic Kids

St. Michael's SOCKS Committee joined with the Family Life Committee to become St. Michael's Parish Life Committee. Committee members will be selling Gragert's and Thriftyway grocery certificates the second weekend of each month after Mass. Certificates are also available at St. Michael's School office and at the Boone County Bank.
St. Michael's receives 5% back from all grocery certificates purchased.

Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive

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Blessed - *1 Day Christian Women's Event*

Saturday, October 23
1C Church, Columbus
General admission ticket: $50 (available September 1)
Listen to all 5 speakers, as well as shop at vendors.
VIP ticket: $100 Enjoy lunch & prayer time with the speakers from 11:30-12:30 on October 23 prior to the event.
Ticket includes lunch, special swag bag, & a snack for later.
Speakers include Ann Lenears from Sioux Falls, SD; Michele Yarbourough from Monroe, GA; Rayne Ethetton from Kansas City, MO; Lisa Graft from Fishers, IN; & Jenni DeWitt from Stromsburg, NE.
Event web site: https://blessed2021.eventbrite.com.

Sacred Heart Parish Altar Society's
Annual Craft Fair & Brunch

Saturday, November 6
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Parish & Activities Center, Norfolk
Free entry to craft fair and bake sale.
Brunch tickets $7 at the door. Served from 10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and includes turkey salad and many delicious homemade salads.

Re-Ignite the Faith

For those who have attended a CEC weekend
November 14 from 1:30 - 7 p.m.
Norfolk Catholic Activities Center
Cost is $15, with registration required and limited to the first 300.
Register online at: bit.ly/reignitethefire and pay at the door.

Immaculee Ilibagiza

Rwandan Genocide Survivor & Author of "Left to Tell"
Speaking at St. Peter's Catholic Church, Fullerton
Saturday, November 20 (date has been changed)
8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Tickets: Individual—$57; One Plus Guest—$76
Register at www.immaculee.com or contact Annette Micek at Annette @immaculee.com.

Readings for the week of October 17, 2021

Monday: 2 Tm 4:10-17/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Lk 10:1-9
Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15, 17-19, 20-21/Ps 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 17 [8 and 9]/Lk 12:35-38
Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1-3, 4-6, 7-8 [8]/Lk 12:39-48
Thursday: Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5]/Lk 12:49-53
Friday: Rom 7:18-25/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94 [68]/Lk 12:54-59
Saturday: Rom 8:1-11/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Lk 13:1-9

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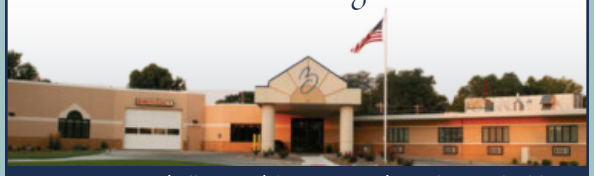
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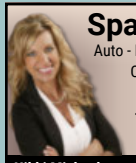
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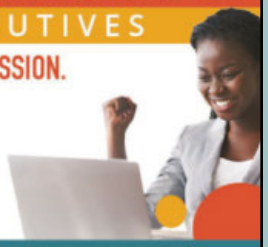
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