



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



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January 16, 2022

St. Michael's

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2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." - Jn 2:1-3

St. Anthony's

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

"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.

-Tracy Earl Welliver

Sacrament of Penance: St. Michael's 4:30-5:00 p.m. on Saturday; St. Anthony's 10:00-10:20 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.

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

FROM THE PASTOR

What makes for an enjoyable celebration? Many folks would probably affirm that special beverages, delicious and bountiful food, gifts, a welcoming atmosphere, music and countless guests all impact celebrations, whether holidays, birthday parties and weddings. This weekend we recognize the Wedding Feast in Cana as we celebrate the **Second Sunday of Ordinary Time**. Backtracking a bit, Epiphany in the Eastern Church is actually older than the Christmas celebration because it includes several feasts together: Christmas, Epiphany, the Baptism of Jesus and the Wedding Feast at Cana. The Roman Catholic Church later designated a special day to honor the Lord's Birth, followed by the other feasts. Our liturgical cycle this year enables us to hear about the first miracle of Jesus at the wedding in Cana. This awesome account of the wedding is only recorded in John's gospel, and it happened very early in the public ministry of Jesus. Although we are not told if there was some special relationship to either the bride or groom, we know that Jesus, his mother Mary and the disciples were present at this wedding celebration, which also brought the entire community together. We learn that the wine ran short, and Mary approaches Jesus, seeking his help so as to prevent embarrassment for the couple and their families. The response of Jesus, the Master, almost appears rude for he says to his mother, "**Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come.**" Mary encourages Jesus and the servers to act promptly, for she said: "**Do whatever he tells you.**" Then abundance of wine and not food becomes a reality! The Son of God instructs the servers to fill the large jars of water and draw some for the guests. The most amazing detail of this miraculous story is the quantity and quality of the wine that Jesus makes from the water, for each of the six stone jars contained 20-30 gallons. This was indeed a party and miracle, as the wine tasted even better. The wedding reception must have lasted for awhile. Nonetheless, the good news for us is that God and Jesus have incredible capabilities to exceed our hopes and expectations. At the banquet of the Last Supper, the Spirit transforms bread and wine into the body and blood of Christ, and this is holy and miraculous food and drink are but a foretaste of the heavenly wedding feast that awaits us because of Jesus' dying and rising for us. Truly, the wedding at Cana offers us a glimpse of Jesus' divinity, but it also anticipates the hour when He will attain final victory on the cross and at his resurrection. Have you ever been to a wedding celebration, and the reception was more than you ever imagined? Do you ever savor the abundance of God's grace or love that comes to you when you least expect it?

Thank you again for supporting the Seminarian Collection and for all your thoughtful and generous donations to the parishes during the Christmas season! May God bless you for your goodness and support!

Fr. Mark

One Church: *Encountering Jesus, Equipping Disciples and Living Mercy*

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Monday, January 17	(SM)	NO MASS (Pastor's day off)
Tuesday, January 18	(SM) 8:00 a.m.	† Flavian Luettel
Wednesday, January 19	(SM) 8:10 a.m.	† Nancy Mannlein
	(SA) 10:30 a.m.	† Gaylord Kolm
Thursday, January 20	(SM) 8:00 a.m.	† Jerome Seier
Friday, January 21	(SM) 8:00 a.m.	† James Collen
Saturday, January 22	(SM) 5:30 p.m.	† Merle Klassen
Sunday, January 23	(SM) 8:30 a.m.	† Ray Prothman
	(SA) 10:30 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Anthony's & St. Michael'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., January 22 Marc Hamling & Jacob Krohn
Sun., January 23 Makenna Devine & Brooklyn Krohn

Ushers

Sat., January 22 Brent Lipker, Jerry Simons, Dan Hamling
Sun., January 23 Kevin Gragert, Steve VonBonn,
Dave Mohr

Lectors

Sat., January 22 Amber Wynn
Sun., January 23 Chuck Perone

Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion

Sat., January 22 Cheryl Young
Sun., January 23 Sue Weeder

Music

Sat., January 22 Kim Michael
Sun., January 23 Kay Nelson/Tonia McGill

Collection Recorders

Sun., January 23 Andy Roberts & Rachelle Spence

This Week at St. Michael's:

Tues., Jan. 18 *Parish Council meeting, 7 p.m., KC Hall
Wed., Jan. 19 *PRE
*1st Communion meeting, 6 p.m., students & parents
Thurs., Jan. 20 *Finance Committee meeting, 7:00 p.m.
church basement

This Week at St. Michael's School:

Wed., Jan. 19 *Mass at 8:10 a.m. led by 3rd grade

Parish Religious Education Calendar:

Wed., Jan. 19 *PRE grades K-1, 3-6
*2nd grade 1st Holy Communion meeting for
students & parents
*No class for grades 7-8
*Regular class grades 9-12
Wed., Jan. 26 *PRE
Wed., Feb. 2 *PRE
Wed., Feb. 9 *PRE
Wed., Feb. 16 *PRE

Please remember our parishioners in prayer:

Myron Benes, Pauline Pelster,
Tiffany Preister & baby Elijah, John & Joan Smith,
Scott Nelson (Mitch Nelson's brother),
Adalynn Bouska (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.)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP

Regular Collection January 9, 2022	
Envelopes	\$5,255.00
Children	0
Plate	754.00
TOTAL STEWARDSHIP	\$6,009.00
Seminary Collection	\$1990.00
Christmas total	\$37,051.00

Please contact Jeni Porter at the parish office, 395-2332, if you wish to use any of the parish or school facilities for any reason. The church's main calendar is kept in the parish office.

We ask that parishioners do not remove anything from the church, church basement, or school without permission (tables, chairs, kitchen items, etc.).

Finance Committee Meeting

Thursday, January 20
7:00 p.m., St. Michael's Church basement

St. Michael's Parish family would like to welcome the following children who were baptized in January: Emery Raye Book, daughter of McKenna Book; Alana Grace Rasmussen, daughter of Scott & Anna Rasmussen; Bristol Margaret Knopik, daughter of Cameron & Connie Knopik.

Part-time help wanted: Cafeteria assistant to help prepare school lunches at St. Michael's School. Hours are from 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. every school day from August-May. Hourly wage is negotiable. Contact Tina Thiele-Blecher, 402-395-2926, to apply.

St. Michael's Parish offer the convenience of bimonthly or monthly **AUTOMATIC WITHDRAWALS** for your parish donations.

There is no monthly fee for parishioners to use the automatic withdrawal feature! If you are interested, please contact the parish office, 395-2332.

St. Anthony's Parish

Liturgical Ministries Next Week

Altar Servers

Sun., January 23 Avril Beltran & Josie Nebel

Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion

Sun., January 23 Megan Scott

Ushers

Sun., January 23 Steve Karmann & Gene Karmann

Music

Sun., January 23 Kate Sullivan

Lector

Sun., January 23 Erin VanDeWalle

Collection Recorders

Sun., January 23 Jim Langan & Rich McPhillips

“To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit.” 1 Corinthians 12:7

St. Paul tells us that God has blessed each of us for a reason. How has God blessed you? Are you using your gifts according to God's plan? How are you helping to build God's kingdom here on earth? Remember that if you don't do the work God planned for you, no one else can do it. Live the life God has intended for you. Take time to discern your charisms (gifts from the Holy Spirit). Experience the supernatural peace and joy God desires for each of us.

This Week at St. Anthony's:

Sun., Jan. 16 *KC's meet after Mass
Wed., Jan. 19 *PRE

Parish Religious Education Calendar:

Wed., Jan. 19 *PRE
Wed., Jan. 26 *PRE
Wed., Feb. 2 *PRE
Wed., Feb. 9 *PRE
Wed., Feb. 16 *PRE
Wed., Feb. 23 *No class for grades 1-8, class for grades 9-12

Please remember our parishioners in prayer:

Ted Sauser

(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.)

Thank you to all who donated poinsettias or money to beautify the church for Christmas. Thank you to all who decorated the church so beautifully. And thanks to all who helped put the decorations away.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP

Regular Collection January 9, 2022	
Envelopes	\$2,300.00
Children	0
<u>Plate</u>	<u>193.00</u>
TOTAL STEWARDSHIP	\$2,493.00
Christmas total	\$11,706.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$20.00
First Offering	\$30.00

To rent St. Anthony's Parish Center, please contact
Leona VanDeWalle, 308-750-6569 or 308-358-0394.

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.

Knights of Columbus Meeting

Sunday, January 16 after Mass

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.

Spirit Catholic Radio "Spirit 2022 Celebration"

Saturday, February 12

6:00 p.m. social hour, 7:00 p.m. dinner/program

Mid-America Convention Center, Council Bluffs

Featuring Steve Ray, producer of "Footprints of God," author of five books, and regular on EWTN.

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Go to: spiritcatholicradio.com/dinner

"Into The Breach"

Monday, January 17

7:30 p.m.

KC Hall, Albion (old Senior Center room)

All men are invited to attend this study group hosted by the KC's! It's more important than ever for every man to gain insight on how to be the man of your family. For more information, please contact Pat Schmitz, 402-608-0430.

Programs at St. Benedict Center, Schuyler

"This is My Beloved Son, Listen to Him!" - January 21-23

A men's retreat open to all ages. We are surrounded by so many voices telling us that our happiness consists in wealth, in pleasure, in power, and in worldly honor. Jesus, however, calls upon us to rid ourselves of those attachments, to anchor ourselves in God's steadfast love, and to will the good of the other person. This retreat will help us listen to Christ throughout the year.

Friday, 7:30 p.m. to Sunday after lunch.

Windows Into Heaven: Encountering Jesus in Icons - January 28-30

It has been said what the written word of Scripture is to the ears, icons are to the eyes.

Friday, 7:30 p.m. to Sunday after lunch.

Set Your House in Order: A Program to Organize Finances & Plan Estate - February 5

A workshop with James Fehringer. If you have possessions, you have an estate. Their orderly care during your lifetime represents financial management. Their disposition after your lifetime is called estate settlement. Deciding in advance how this will be done is known as estate planning. Capitalize on this opportunity to learn how to plan your estate. Program fee is \$35. Lunch is available for \$12.08.

Valentine's Day Dinner - February 6

Mass at 5 p.m. followed by a 4-course dinner at 6 p.m.

Cost is \$70 if registered before January 24

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!

Red Cross Blood Drive

Monday, January 24

11:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Casey's Building at Boone County Fairgrounds

Please contact Diane Krings, 402-395-2056, for an appointment.

Goodwill Donation Trailer

January 24-31

St. Michael's Parking Lot East of the KC Hall

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Accepting anything saleable from your home or garage. Due to limited storage space, furniture, televisions, mattresses, and large appliances are not accepted.

Card Shower for Sister Agatha Sadler's 85th Birthday

Sister Agatha's birthday is on January 25 and her address is:

P.O. Box 271, Albion, NE 68620.

Parishioners & community members are invited to send her a birthday card to brighten her special day!

Catholic Schools Week Pancake Feed

Sunday, January 30

9:00 a.m. - noon

KC Hall, Albion

Free will donations accepted to help support St. Michael's School.

Catholic Schools Week Book Fair

Sunday, Jan. 30 from 9:30 a.m. - noon

Monday, Jan. 31 - Wednesday, Feb. 2 from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

At the KC Hall

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.

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

Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21

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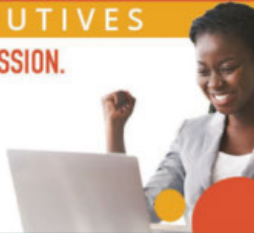


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