

St. Michael's & St. Mary's

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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St. Michael's and St. Mary's Parishes would like to extend a warm welcome to all who are visiting us or are new to the area. If you are not currently registered at St. Michael's or St. Mary's and consider this your Parish, please call the Rectory at 729-2058.

St. Michael's	PO Box 406, Fairbury, NE 68352	Phone: 729-2058
St. Mary's	5th & Amanda Streets, Alexandria, NE	
St. Michael's Prayer Chain	Carmen Juarez: 729-3623	
St. Michael's/St. Mary's Secretary	Carolyn Osborne: 729-5387	Mobile: 300-0148

St. Mary's Parish Council: Peggy Niederklein, Rhonda Burkhart, Donna Rut, Daryl Anderson, Trish Endorf **Trustees:** Bob VanWesten and Bob Bachle

St. Mary's PCCW: Deb Vanwesten

St. Michael's Parish Council: Brenda Mannschresk, Doug Kapke, LeAnn Krause, Dave Panko, Dave Banahan, Bruce Busing, Chad Mans, Matt Umland, **Trustees:** Randy Prellwitz and Keith Mach

St. Michael's PCCW: Brenda Mannschreck

Knights of Columbus: Joshua Whitney

CCD Coordinator: Carolyn Whitney

Parish News & Upcoming Events

BULLETIN: If you have news for the bulletin, please call the Rectory 729-2058 or contact Carolyn 729-5387 or email carolyn@stmichaelsfairbury.org News must be in Thursday by 10:00 AM to be in the week's bulletin.

ADOPT A PRIEST: Our Deanery is taking part in the "Adopt a Priest" program. St. Michael's has adopted **Fr. Leo Seiker**; please keep him in your prayers.

SEMINARIAN'S OF THE WEEK: Please keep our Seminarian's of the week, **Mark Ruhl and Rev. Mr. Ryan Lee Salisbury**, in your prayers.

Ministers' Schedules for Next Weekend

	5:30 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
Acolyte	Bruce Busing	Jim VanWesten	Randy Prellwitz
Lector	Keith Mach	Bob Bachle	Joshua Whitney
Server	Paul Mach		RJ Suey
Server	Aldo Ramos		Braden Suey
Organ/Piano	Carolyn Osborne	Lorrie Hoffstetter	Mary Prellwitz
Gifts/Greeters	LaRae Endorf	Bob & Donna Milius	Jim & Janis Bell
Collection	Bruce Busing and Dave Banahan		

Our Offering to God Last Weekend	St. Michael's	\$ 1833.00
	St. Mary's	\$ 272.00

Please pray for: Rosalie Hamm, Betty (Morgan) Brackle, Bob Seigel, Iola Busing, Rose O'Keefe, Vonja Scheer, Lorraine Callison, Doug Wiedel, Leona Gaydusek, Norma Bernasek, Jim Cortney, Rozella Prellwitz, Zachary Rowe, Noelle Salazar, Bernie Boerner, Paul Prellwitz, Brad Eveleth, Kathy Blobaum, Bob McCord, Ed Lytle, LeRoy Prellwitz, Rita Stone, Catherine Nutsch, Chase Guthals, Graysen Snyder, Brandi Warnke, Darren Martinez, Military Personnel, all the unborn children & their parents, pro-life legislation, and anyone else who maybe ailing. *If you or someone you know would like our parish family to join you in prayer for their special needs, please contact the parish office.*

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday	January 19	9:00 AM	St. Michael's	Norman Medina+
Tuesday	January 20	9:00 AM	St. Michael's	Marcellan Siegel+
Wednesday	January 21	12:10 PM	St. Michael's	Bill & Arlene Wagner+
Thursday	January 22	5:30 PM	St. Michael's	Jim Melcher+
Friday	January 23	12:10 PM	St. Michael's	Marian Uldrich+
Saturday	January 24	5:30 PM	St. Michael's	Harry & Marie DeWispeleare
Sunday	January 25	8:00 AM	St. Mary's	The People of the Parishes
Sunday	January 25	10:00 AM	St. Michael's	Don Gregory+

Confessions	St. Michael's	Saturday	4:45 PM to 5:15 PM
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Daily Mass: Please check Mass schedule carefully for Mass times this week!!!

NEW ITEMS

- **Mass Times:** Mass times for Monday and Tuesday will be at 9:00 am this week.
- **St. Michael's Debt Reduction:** The Diocese has set up a 10 year payment schedule to repay our loan of \$191,243.00. We will be attaching debt reduction envelopes to the bulletin once a month. Any amount given to this project will be greatly appreciated.
- **St. Mary's PCCW:** The annual dues of \$5.00 are due March 1 for the St. Mary's PCCW and can be paid to Donna Rut. All ladies of St. Mary's Parish are automatically a member of the PCCW. Any donations will gladly be accepted also. The dues and donations will be used to purchase supplies for the altar.
- **One Rose/One Life:** You may still drop your envelopes off next weekend in the collection.



- **Our lady of Good Counsel Lenten Retreats:** Don't be left out for the upcoming Lenten Retreats. Feb. 13-15, Fr. Steve Thomlison will speak on "Angels & Demons: Spiritual Warfare & Discernment" for men and women. Feb 27-March 1, Fr. Mark Cyza will speak on "Friends of the Cross" for men and women. March 13-15, Fr. Troy Schweiger will speak on "A man after God's own Heart" Man to Man, men only. March 27-29, Fr. Gary Coulter will speak on "Discipleship in Mark" for men and women. You can register at www.goodcounselretreat.com or call 402-786-2705.
- **Diocese of Lincoln Natural Family Planning** Creighton Model Introductory Sessions for February 2015 will be held Monday, February 2, Thursday, February 12 and Tuesday, February 24 at 7:00 p.m. Pre-registration is required. For more information call 488-2040.
- **The Catholic Social Services (CSS) Donation Trailer** is coming to Fairbury on January 30th and will be here until February 6th. This is your chance to donate your good, used items to CSS. All useable donated items will be distributed to the needy across southern Nebraska or sold at one of Catholic Social Services' Gift & Thrift Stores with proceeds used to support our Emergency Services program. Even well used clothing will be accepted for recycling. **We are not able to accept any Gas appliances, televisions or toys.** A great many of the toys are made in China and have problems with toxic materials in their manufacture. Since we do not have a repair facility, we are looking for gently used items that are immediately usable and not broken. Let us share God's love for us by serving people in need. Thank you for your generosity.
- **Society of St. Vincent de Paul:** Inspired by Gospel values, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, a Catholic lay organization, leads women and men to join together to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to those who are needy and suffering in the tradition of its founder, Blessed Frederic Ozanam, and patron, St. Vincent de Paul. The newly formed Beatrice conference is looking for individuals or couples to join our local conference that serves Beatrice and the surrounding communities in Southeast Nebraska. It is a great way to show our children and our communities what it means to grow in faith and stewardship. Want to join? Please contact Joseph Bewer, St. Joseph Conference President, at (402) 202-2642. Our next meeting is January 29th at 7 p.m. in the teacher's lounge at St. Joseph Catholic School, Beatrice.

- **World Meeting of Families 2015—September 22-27, 2015 in Philadelphia, PA**
 Saint John Paul II, hailed as Pope to the Family, created the World Meeting of Families in 1994 in Rome to explore the critical role the family plays in society and to give families opportunities to talk about the challenges and blessings that all families have. The theme of the meeting, “Love Is Our Mission: The Family Fully Alive.” The glory of men and women is their capacity to love as God loves—and no better means exists to teach the meaning of love than the family. His Holiness, Pope Francis also inspired the theme. He embodies the message of mercy, joy and love at the heart of the Gospel. **The Lincoln Diocese is excited to offer a pilgrimage to the World Meeting of Families, with a variety of options. For more information or to register, go to <http://www.lincolndiocese.org/WMF>, or call 402-488-2040.**
- **Introducing Date Night:** Kids, work, bills, chores...with all there is to keep track of in life, and it may have been a while since you and your spouse have made time for just the two of you! If you have been looking for a way to get out for a nice evening together, then this is the event you have been looking for! On Friday, February 20 from 6-7 p.m. at Old Chicago in the Haymarket, married couples of all ages are invited to come together for complimentary hors d’oeuvres, cash bar, fellowship, and a short presentation by Fr. Sean Kilcawley that will explore what it means to be a married couple. After that, you are welcome to mingle a bit more, or go out to eat, for a walk, etc. to finish your date. For questions, call 402-488-2040, or visit Lincolndiocese.org/DateNight. Sponsored by the Office of Family Life and Evangelization.
- **Parish Financial Statements for 2014 Tax Year:** These statements are available for both parishes this weekend. Please check the back of the church for your envelope and pick them up as soon as possible.
- **PCCW Yearly Booklets:** We will meet on January 19th at 5:30 p.m. in the center to put the booklets together. Everyone’s help is appreciated.
- **Spaghetti Feed:** The Bank Girls-Relay for Life Team 6th Annual Spaghetti Feed, Sunday, January 25th from 11:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m. at the VFW Hall in Fairbury. Spaghetti served with choice of topping, bread, dessert bar and drink. Free will donation, with all proceeds to the Jefferson County Relay for Life American Cancer Society.

- **Philosophy and Theology of the Angelic Doctor:** Dr. Theresa Farnan for this comprehensive overview of the philosophy and theology of the Angelic Doctor. Farnan presents a distinctive aspect of St. Thomas's philosophy and theology, followed by application of the Thomistic response to contemporary issues. The series provides practical wisdom amidst the many problems we face in today's society. Fr. John is getting the DVD's of this series & would run it as a course; 25 minute video, followed by discussion. Please let Fr. John know if you are interested.
- **Save the Date:** The annual Nebraska Walk for Life will be Saturday, January 31st starting at 10:00 a.m. at the State Capitol in Lincoln. A short program at the Capitol will be followed by the walk to the UN-L Student Union at 14th & R Street for our keynote speech from Mario St. Francis. Mario is a former model and actor and is now the Media Director for World Youth Day. His message of conversion will resonate with both young and old at the Walk! Activities will conclude by 1:00 p.m. at the Union. For more information contact Nebraska Right to Life at 402-438-4802.
- **St. Mary's January Cleaning:** Donna Rut
- **CCD:** Classes are from 6:45p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Please do not drop your children off before 6:35 p.m., because there will not be any adult supervision. ***Parents, please remember that if your child will be receiving one of the sacraments in the next two years, that they must be attending CCD classes to receive the sacraments.*** Please remember to enter the driveway on E street and exit on 8th street.
- **Word Among Us:** We have FREE copies of the Word Among Us for the month of ***January***. Please pick yours up today and take home for daily devotions.
- **Catholic Divorced Survival Guide:** Millions of Catholics get civilly divorced, and it affects us all. Maybe you or someone you know has the breakdown of a marriage, and you know how painful it can be. No matter how long it's been, the Church IS HERE to help and heal. That's why a new, 12-week support group called the Catholic Divorce Survival Guide will begin February 2, 2015 from 7-9 p.m. at John XXIII Center in Lincoln. The cost is \$50 and space is limited so register soon by calling 402-488-2040 or email catholicflo@cdolinc.net

- **Notice:** The Diocese of Lincoln requires that its employees and volunteers report any allegations of physical abuse or neglect of a minor or elder connected with church related activity to law enforcement, consistent with the requirements of Nebraska law. If anyone has information that a minor or elder is being or has been subjected to physical abuse or neglect please report it immediately to local law enforcement or to the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services toll-free number 1-800-652-1999, and also to any Parish Pastor, School Administrator, Teacher, or to any Diocesan official at the Catholic Chancery (402-488-0921), so that immediate steps may be taken for the protection of the minor or elder.
- **Thought of the week:** God stewards can respond with today's psalm: Here am I Lord; I come to do your will.
- **Census:** If you haven't returned your census slips, please do so as soon as possible. If you know your Sacrament information, please include that also. Please return them in the collection basket or drop off at the parish office.
- **2015 Church Envelopes:** The 2015 Church Envelopes are in the back of the church at St. Michael's and St. Mary's. Please pick yours up this weekend.
- **Website:** You can find St. Michael's/St. Mary's website at www.stmichaelsfairbury.org. You can view the weekly bulletins and monthly calendar.
- **Theology of the Body:** Fr. Sean Kilcawley will offer a 12 week seminar starting February 4th on John Paul II's teaching on Human Love in the Divine plan in order to deepen our understanding of what it means to be created in God's image. This seminar is for single people who are looking for tools to help them to deepen their understanding of their identity as children of God, married couples who want to deepen their own relationship and learn how to pass on the truth about sex and sexuality to their children, teachers, catechists, and anyone involved in marriage ministries. To register, call 402-488-2040 or email catholicflo@cdolinc.net. Cost is \$50.00

- **Best Choice Labels:** Please continue to save you labels, and put them in the container at the back of the church. For every 1000 labels we collect, we receive \$30.00, so keep collecting the labels.
- **Guide to Planning a Catholic Funeral:** On the back table, are copies of “A Guide to Planning a Catholic Funeral. The booklets have Spripture readings, music selections and a planning guide to help you plan for funerals. **You may fill these out now, so your family will know what your wishes are, in the time of passing and it will be something they will not have to worry about.** You may turn them in to the office or you may keep at you home.