



# St. Michael's & St. Mary's

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3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

January 21/22, 2017

**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. Mary's Parish Council:** Duane Bartek, Ritchie Burkhart, Peggy Niederklein, Rhonda Burkhart and Donna Rut Trustees: Bob VanWesten and Bob Bachle

**St. Mary's PCCW:** Deb Vanwesten

**St. Michael's Parish Council:** Mary Mach, Eddie Lytle, Devin Lovgren, Doug Kapke, LeAnn Krause, Dave Panko, Deb Jones, Megan Grant Trustees: Keith Mach and Randy Prellwitz

**St. Michael's PCCW:** Beth Hansmire

**Knights of Columbus:** Dan Arner

**CCD Coordinator:** Beth Hansmire

**Confession schedule:** Saturday 4:45 PM to 5:15 PM

## Ministers' Schedules for January 28/29, 2017

	5:30 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
<b>Acolyte</b>	Joe Busing	Bob VanWesten	Ronn Brackle
<b>Lector</b>	Randy Prellwitz	Scott DeWald	Lorraine Borch
<b>Server</b>	Aldo Ramos		RJ Suey
<b>Server</b>	Salvador Chavez		Braden Suey
<b>Music</b>	Mary Banahan	Lorrie Hofstetter	Janice Bell
<b>Gifts/Greeters</b>	Lori Arnold	Jim & Ellen VanWesten	Georgann Fredrichsen
<b>Collection</b>	Doug Kapke/Devin Lovgren		
<b>Church Cleaning for February – Deb VanWesten</b>			

## Mass intentions for the week of January 23-29

<b>Monday</b>			No Mass
<b>Tuesday</b>	NOON	St. Michael's	Special Intention
<b>Wednesday</b>	NOON	St. Michael's	John & Virginia Culp+
<b>Thursday</b>	5:30PM	St. Michael's	Special Intention
<b>Friday</b>	NOON	St. Michael's	Chris & Hanna Tripe
<b>Saturday</b>	5:30 PM	St. Michael's	Ann VanWesten+
<b>Sunday</b>	8:00 AM	St. Mary's	People of the Parishes
<b>Sunday</b>	10:00 AM	St. Michael's	Dennis Cortney+

*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.*

### **Please pray for:**

Randy Wilhelm  
Vonia Scheer

Frank Kosmacek  
Steve Graff

Eddie Lytle  
Tom Huber

- **BULLETIN:** If you have news for the bulletin, please call the Rectory 729-2058 or email [st.michael.fairbury@gmail.com](mailto:st.michael.fairbury@gmail.com). Deadline for additions - Thursday by 10:00 AM.
- **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.

# Parish News & Upcoming Events

## Parish collection data:

	<u>1/15/17</u>	<u>St. Michael's</u>	<u>St. Mary's</u>
<b>T</b> <u>hought of the Week:</u> The joy of the Lord knows no age. Pope Francis	Adult	\$594.00	
	Plate	37.00	
	Debt Reduction	40.00	
	Children	0.00	
	Building	15.00	
	<b>Total</b>	<hr/>	
		\$686.00	

## **S**EMINARIAN OF THE WEEK:

Caleb Hile from St Joseph in Lincoln, NE is in his 1<sup>st</sup> year of Theology at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary.

**“9 Days for Life” Novena** – The U.S. Bishops Annual Novena 9 Days for Life takes place Saturday, January 21 – Sunday, January 29. Pray for the respect and protection of all human life with new intentions, brief reflections, and more each day. Download the novena online, or participate through Facebook, email, text message or an app. Join at [www.9daysforlife.com](http://www.9daysforlife.com) !

**The obligation to attend** Sunday Mass is a strict obligation which does not bind strictly. I.e. if one is truly leery of venturing out due to the weather, then stay home. Similarly if one is ill, stay home. There is no sin.

**Marriage Encounter Weekend** - "Making our Good Marriage Better." in Lincoln, February 10-12, contact couple Pat [308-940-0670](tel:308-940-0670) & Janelle [308-940-1105](tel:308-940-1105) Benson.

**Cursillo** It's a New Year ... a time for new beginnings and fresh starts. Cursillo is a great way to stop and take a look at your life. Who are you? Where have you been? Where do you want to go? Ralph Martin, international Catholic speaker and author, said, "I knew that the most important decision that I have ever made in my life was to surrender my life to the Lord on Cursillo, to go to confession, to get reconciled with the Lord ... but I also knew that what attracted me to the Church wasn't the buildings, wasn't the stained glass, but it was the person of Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ is

the mystery of the Church ... Jesus Christ is the heart of the Church ... and I knew that I needed to develop that personal dimension of relationship with Jesus if I was going to persevere ... that it wasn't going to be enough to just be part of the crowd ... I needed to know Him ... I needed to be with Him ... I needed to let that grow." How about you – do you need a better relationship with our Lord? Cursillo may provide the encounter you are looking for. Cursillo Weekends are scheduled at St. Patrick Parish in McCook, NE, March 16-19, 2017 (Men) and March 23–26, 2017 (Women). If you would like more information, about Cursillo or the 2017 Weekends, call or email John Springer, Lay Director for the Lincoln Diocese (402-826-2699; jejspringer@windstream.net). There is also information on the Lincoln Diocese Cursillo webpage: <http://www.seas-np.org/cursilloregistrations.html>.