

St. Michael's & St. Mary's

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St. Michael's Prayer Chain	Carmen Juarez: 729-3623	

3RD Sunday of Ordinary Time

January 24, 2016



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, Dave Banahan and Bruce Busing

Trustees: Keith Mach and Randy Prellwitz

St. Michael's PCCW: Linda McMurphy

Knights of Columbus: Dan Arner

CCD Coordinator: Mary Mach

Ministers' Schedules for January 30/31, 2016			
	5:30 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
Acolyte	Ronn Brackle	Bob VanWesten	James Huber
Lector	Randy Prellwitz	Daryl Anderson	Lorraine Borch
Server	Aldo Ramos		Braden Suey
Server	Salvador Chavez		RJ Suey
Music	Mary Prellwitz	Lorrie Hofstetter	Janice Bell
Gifts/Greeters	Maritsa Chavez	Bob & Trish Endorf	Barb Arner
Collection	Father Birkel		
Church Cleaning for January – Donna Rut			

- BULLETIN:** If you have news for the bulletin, please call the Rectory 729-2058 or or email info@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 OF THE WEEK:** Please keep our Seminarian of the week, Caleb Hile in your prayers.

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE				
Monday	January 25		St. Michael's	No Mass
Tuesday	January 26	12:10PM	St. Michael's	Bill & Arlene Wagoner+
Wednesday	January 27	12:10PM	St. Michael's	Msgr Plescak+
Thursday	January 28	5:30PM	St. Michael's	Salvador & Juanita Aguilera
Friday	January 29	12:10PM	St. Michael's	Bill & Arlene Wagner+
Saturday	January 30	5:30 PM	St. Michael's	Msgr Plescak+
Sunday	January 31	8:00 AM	St. Mary's	People of the Parishes
Sunday	January 31	10:00 AM	St. Michael's	Msgr Hintz+
Confessions	St. Michael's	Saturday	4:45 PM to 5:15 PM	
	St. Mary's	Sunday	7:45 AM	

Please pray for: Susan Hammer, Bruce Schwartz, Betty (Mrs. Morgan) Brackle, Iola Busing, Rose O'Keefe, Vonja Scheer, Zachary Rowe, Noelle Salazar, Brad Eveleth, Bob McCord, Eddie Lytle, Rita Stone, Darren Martinez, Marie Kosmacek. *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.*

Parish News & Upcoming Events

Parish collection data:

	<u><i>St. Michael's</i></u>	<u><i>St. Mary's</i></u>
1/17/2016		
Adult	\$1,060.00	\$235.00
Plate	\$76.61	\$9.00
Holy Day	\$20.00	
Building Fund	\$150.00	
Children	\$7.00	
Music Fund	\$275.00	
Total	\$1,588.61	\$244.00

St Michael's Debt Reduction current total \$1,560.00.

Thought of the Week:

Fasting can change the course of history!

Thank you for all the help at our last two funerals. The workers, those that furnished food and the CCD Children for setting up the tables.

Thank you for all the help with the snow removal! God bless you!

During Lent instead of the traditional Moses Basket collection (kids collection) we will be asking the children to bring up a canned or non-perishable food item. We will keep it all by the statue of Mary until Easter and donate it to the Local Food Pantry! Bring your items on Saturday night also!

Year-end contribution reports are out. They are on the back table.

A black leather jacket has been reported as lost. If you find one, please contact the office.

Lent is less than a month away! In order to make this lent a more fulfilling time, take a look at the following: livethefast.org

Why Fast?

For a more recent example, in 1940 during World War II, Germany overran Holland and attacked Belgium, driving the opposing French, English and Belgian forces to the sea. The Germans pursued the French and English across the French frontier with an air, tank and infantry “blitzkrieg,” trapping nearly 400,000 Allied forces at Dunkirk. King George called for a national day of prayer and fasting in Britain and France for the hopelessly stranded British and French troops. Archbishop of Canterbury led prayers from Westminster Abbey. Shocked at the plight of their soldiers, the British people stopped everything to pray and fast. The result was that Hitler (for an unexplained reason) halted the advance of his dreaded panzer division for three days. The normally blustery English Channel remained calm while England evacuated the troops. 340,000 Allied troops were rescued in nine days.

Fasting can change the course of history!

- Fasting opens up our hearts to conversion
- Fasting gives weight to our prayer intentions
- Fasting strengthens us in resisting temptations
- Fasting and prayer promote peace in our hearts and peace with one another
- Fasting teaches us the difference between “wanting” and “needing”
- Fasting reminds us of the plight of the poor and for many in the world who are perpetually hungry
- Fasting and prayer can free us from addictive behavior
- “Fasting will lead us to a new freedom of heart and mind.” —
Fr. Slavko Barbaric O.F.M
- Fasting invites the Holy Spirit in to heal our hearts, our relationship with God and our relationship with others

With all fasting, we strongly recommend consulting your physician—as everyone’s physical health is unique.

Souper Bowl of Caring is an ecumenical, youth-led movement that empowers congregations and faith groups to collect dollars and food for local charities. Since 1990, groups throughout the country have teamed up around the time of the Super Bowl to be a champion for their neighbors in need. This event is a simple and

meaningful way to learn about the needs in the community and to do something to help.

I believe this movement is special and would like to invite you to get involved.

Participating is easy. It can be as simple as making an announcement one week and collecting from your congregation, school or civic club the next week. One canned good or one dollar per person can make a huge difference. Here is an example of one way to participate:

- After worship services on Super Bowl Sunday, February 7th, have volunteers stand at the exits and accept donations, or take a collection during the service.
- Send donations directly to MTKO or to another nonprofit organization of your choice.
- Report donations to www.souperbowl.org so they are included in national totals.
- Enjoy the football game knowing you've helped those in need!

Feeding the hungry is at the core of Matt Talbot's mission - we serve two hot nutritious meals every day of the year and provide over 100,000 meals annually. In addition to hunger relief, MTKO also offers homeless prevention services such as life skills training, drug & alcohol counseling, case management, and transitional housing, plus help with basic and emergency needs such as showers and laundry services.

Please consider participating in Souper Bowl of Caring and in supporting MTKO's hunger relief and homeless prevention services.

Give me a call or send an email with any questions or to let me know you will be participating ([402-817-0619](tel:402-817-0619), vicky.drozd@mtkserves.org).

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Now, you set up a username and password. That's it. You are now set up to use all the great programs on FORMED.org anytime by simply logging in.

Spaghetti Feed January 31st at the Fairbury VFW on Hwy 15 from 11:00 am to 1:00pm for a free will donation. All proceeds go to the Relay For Life.

PCCW Books for 2016 are available in the back of Church. Please take your copy & if you would like an extra or are new to the parish, please take one without a name on it. God Bless you.

The Word Among Us copies for January-February 9th, are available.

Prayer Cards available: with a Prayer of Renunciation, Deliverance & Healing are on the back table.

CCD: Classes are from 6:45 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Please do not drop your children off before 6:35 p.m., because there will not be any adult supervision. **We are in need of substitute teachers, please**

contact Mary Mach (300-0321) or Fr. John (729-2058). Please remember to enter the driveway on E street and exit on 8th street.

Year of Consecrated Life continues until February 2, 2016.

THe nature of the “presidential” parts requires that they be spoken in a loud and clear voice and that everyone listen to them attentively. Therefore, while the Priest is pronouncing them, there should be no other prayers or singing, and the organ or other musical instruments should be silent.

For the Priest, as one who presides, expresses prayers in the name of the Church and of the assembled community; but at times he prays only in his own name, asking that he may exercise his ministry with greater attention and devotion. Prayers of this kind, which occur before the reading of the Gospel, at the preparation of the Gifts, and also before and after the Communion of the Priest, are said quietly.

(General instruction of the Roman Missal #32-33.)