

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

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St. Mary's	5th & Amanda Streets, Alexandria, NE	
St. Michael's Prayer Chain	Carmen Juarez: 729-3623	

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2015



*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:** Lorraine Borch

**Knights of Columbus:** Dan Arner

**CCD Coordinator:** Mary Mach

<b>Ministers' Schedules for Next Weekend</b>			
	<b>5:30 PM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>
<b>Acolyte</b>	Joe Busing	Jim Vanwesten	Steve Graff
<b>Lector</b>	Randy Prellwitz	Scott DeWald	Devin Lovgren
<b>Server</b>	Brock Beed		RJ Suey
<b>Server</b>	Connor Gerths		Braden Suey
<b>Organ/Piano</b>	Mary Prellwitz	Lorrie	
<b>Gifts/Greeters</b>	Bob & Shirley Gibson	Bob & Marilyn Bachle	Georgann Friedrichsen
<b>Collection</b>	Doug & Devin		

**Please pray for:** Lorraine Deane, Velma Hammer, Betty Brackle, Lois Griffin, Karl Hundtofte, Linda McMurphy, Linda Lytle, Doug Mache, Bob Seigel, Anita Kobza, Jim Schueth, Donna Vetch, Iola Busing, Paul Busing, Antonio Kappelmann, Rita Stone, Rose O'Keefe, Eileen O'Keefe, Tim Bachle, 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.*

## Parish News & Upcoming Events

- ❑ **BULLETIN:** If you have news for the bulletin, please call the Rectory 729-2058 or or email [info@stmichaelsfairbury.org](mailto: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, **Anthony Bedient**, in your prayers.

## ***THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE***

Monday	November 30	<b>No Mass</b>	St. Michael's	
Tuesday	December 1	<b>8:00AM</b>	St. Michael's	Bill & Arlene Wagoner +
Wednesday	December 2	12:10PM	St. Michael's	Rosalie Hamm+
Thursday	December 3	5:30PM	St. Michael's	Norman Medina+
Friday	December 4	12:10PM	St. Michael's	Steve Wilson+
Saturday	December 5	5:30 PM	St. Michael's	All Souls Day Intentions of Tom & Twiyla L'Ecuyer
Sunday	December 6	8:00 AM	St. Mary's	The People of the Parishes
Sunday	December 6	10:00 AM	St. Michael's	Don Gregory+
<b>Confessions</b>	St. Michael's	Saturday	4:45 PM to 5:15 PM	
	St. Mary's	Sunday	7:45 AM	

**Daily Mass: Please check Mass schedule carefully for Mass times this week!!!**

**Please pray for:** Betty (Mrs. 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, Brad Eveleth, Kathy Blobaum, Bob McCord, Ed Lytle, Rita Stone, Graysen Snyder, Brandi Warnke, Darren Martinez, Marie Kosmacek, Francis Nutsch, Knoxley Gerths, Bill Muller, Dorothy Dondlinger, 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.*

## **NEW ITEMS**

### **Parish collection info:**

	<u>St. Michael's</u>	<u>St. Mary's</u>
<b>11/8/2015</b>		
Adult	\$1,763.85	\$280.00
Plate	80.26	29.00
Building	45.00	
Debt	250.00	
<b>Total</b>	\$2,139.11	\$309.00
<b>11/15/2015</b>		
Adult	\$1,017.00	\$250.00
Plate	73.00	39.00
Cemetery	120.00	
Candles	23.00	
<b>Total</b>	\$1,238.42	\$289.00
<b>11/22/2015</b>		
Adult	\$1,662.00	\$235.00
Plate	316.00	25.00
Debt	100.00	
Children	100.00	
<b>Total</b>	\$2,094.00	\$260.00

St Michael's Debt Reduction current total income \$10,220.00

**C**hristmas decorating will be held Sunday December 13th after mass. This will be a fun opportunity for everyone to help out and get to know one another. Also for those that help there will be breakfast after decorating!

**S**aturday November 28th and Sunday November 29th we will be collecting money for Christmas flowers in the back of church. Please consider donating!

**C**ursillo Weekends will be held at St. Mary Parish in Sutton, NE, February 25-28, 2016 (Men) and March 31–April 3, 2016 (Women). Cursillo offers the opportunity for personal growth in your faith, thus allowing you to better share your faith with others. The Weekend begins on Thursday evening and ends on Sunday evening. If you would like to participate and/or would like more information about Cursillo, contact John Springer, Lay Director for the Lincoln Diocese and Coordinator for the Men's Weekend (402-826-2699; email [jejspringer@windstream.net](mailto:jejspringer@windstream.net)) or Kathy Springer Coordinator for the Women's Weekend (402-826-2699 or [ks90710@windstream.net](mailto:ks90710@windstream.net)) or go to the Lincoln Diocese Cursillo webpage: <http://www.seas-np.org/cursilloregistrations.html>.

**S**aint Michael's Christmas Bazaar See back page for details.

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

**B**est of Northern Ireland & the Republic of Ireland. 11 days. April 18-28, 2016, led by veteran pilgrimage leader Father John Vakulskas. Belfast, Derry, Shrine of Knock, Shrine at Ballymoe dedicated to Father Flanagan, founder of Boys Town, Galway, Ring f Kerry, Kilarney, Connemara, Dublin & much more. R/T Omaha \$3229. Includes R/T air, tours, transfers most meals, First class hotels, daily Mass & free time. Limited seat, For more info: Fr John Vakulskas PO Box 347 Okoboji, IA 51355 712-490-8047 or [johnvakulskas@gmail.com](mailto:johnvakulskas@gmail.com)

**W** e are in need of substitute CCD teachers. Please contact Mary Mach (300-0321) or Fr. John (729-2058).

**P** enny Harvest: The CCD is collecting money for the Blue Valley Giving Tree Project during the months of October and November. They are asking the parish to help with their project. A Penny Harvest Jar is located on the back table of the church. Please be as generous as possible with your change to help the less fortunate.



**C** CD: 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 8<sup>th</sup> street.

**W** ord Among Us: We have FREE copies of the Word Among Us for the month of ***December***. Please pick yours up today and take home for daily devotions.

**T** hought of the Week: If God seems far away....who moved?

**Y** ear of Consecrated Life continues until February 2, 2016. Make a pilgrimage, adopt a community, and find out more ways to celebrate our Religious at [www.lincoln.diocese.org/ycl](http://www.lincoln.diocese.org/ycl).

**D**ecember Church Cleaning for St. Mary's: Donna Rut

**M**ass times when you are traveling: Traveling?? There are web-sites to find the time of Masses at different locations. <http://masstimes.org>

**G**uide to Planning a Catholic Funeral: On the back table, are copies of “A Guide to Planning a Catholic Funeral”. The booklets have Scripture 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 it will be something they will not have to worry about.** You may turn them in to the office or you may keep at your home.

**W**hy should a parish or school have an endowment?

An endowment is a sum of money that has been designated for the benefit of the parish or school. An endowment is different than a cash gift because the principle is never touched and only the interest is used to fund the needs of the parish or school. Endowments are important for the future of the parish and school because we have less parishioners than in years past and the burden of the parish finances becomes greater per individual. In order to keep our parishes and schools open we need to use some part of our estate to fund these types of accounts. Please consider starting your own endowment or contribute to an existing one held by your school or parish. Your fund will remain for the benefit of your parish or school in perpetuity. The Catholic Foundation holds these accounts and pays out up to 2½% of the interest income to the school or parish bi-annually. These funds will be used for the many needs established through donor intent or according to parish needs established by the endowment agreement. Contact Les Mach for more information 402-443-6180

# SAINT MICHAEL'S CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Dec 5<sup>th</sup> 9AM – 12PM

Saturday

Homemade cookies & candy sold by the pound

Homemade crafts-White elephant items

Coffee & Rolls will be served

Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> 11AM – 12:30PM

Sunday

Men's Pancake & Sausage Breakfast

Free will offering

Raffle tickets sold both days

Raffle drawing at noon on Sunday





