

St. Michael's & St. Mary's

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

3rd Sunday of Advent

December 13, 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

Ministers' Schedules for Next Weekend			
	5:30 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
Acolyte	Bruce Busing	Bob Vanwesten	James Huber
Lector	Devin Lovgren	Scott DeWald	Lorraine Borch
Server	Aldo Ramos		RJ Suey
Server	Salvador Chavez		Braden Suey
Music	Mary Mach	Lorrie Hofstetter	Janice Bell
Gifts/Greeters	Lori Arnold	Jim & Ellen VanWesten	Beth Hansmire & Girls
Collection	Bruce Busing & Dave Banahan		

Parish News & Upcoming Events

- ☐ **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, **Douglas Daro**, in your prayers.

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE				
Monday	December 14		St. Michael's	
Tuesday	December 15	6:30AM	St. Michael's	Norman Medina+
Wednesday	December 16	12:10PM	St. Michael's	Msgr Hain+
Thursday	December 17	5:30PM	St. Michael's	Leslie & Mary Naiman+
Friday	December 18	12:10PM	St. Michael's	Harry & Marie DeWispeleare+
Saturday	December 19	5:30 PM	St. Michael's	Charles & Anna Margaret Steele+
Sunday	December 20	8:00 AM	St. Mary's	The People of the Parishes
Sunday	December 20	10:00 AM	St. Michael's	Don Gregory+
Confessions	St. Michael's	Saturday	4:45 PM to 5:15 PM	
	St. Mary's	Sunday	7:45 AM	

Please pray for: Betty (Mrs. Morgan) Brackle, Iola Busing, Rose O'Keefe, Vonja Scheer, Doug Wiedel, Leona Gaydusek, Zachary Rowe, Noelle Salazar, Brad Eveleth, Bob McCord, Eddie Lytle, Rita Stone, Darren Martinez, Marie Kosmacek, 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 data:

12/06/2015

	<u>St. Michael's</u>	<u>St. Mary's</u>
Adult	\$2,784.00	\$790.00
Plate	74.00	30.00
Christmas	25.00	
Children	169.00	
Total	\$2,899.00	\$820.00

St Michael's Debt Reduction current total \$0.00; We sent in this year's loan payment.

Penance Services/Confessions will be in Beatrice from 3-5PM Sunday December 20. Four Priests available.

Fairbury from 7-7:30PM Sunday December 20th. Three Priests available.

Hebron Tuesday December 22 7:00PM, Four Priests will be available.

Saint Michael's PCCW Monday December: 14 Rosary at 6:30PM, meeting at 7:00PM;

Keep Christ in Christmas: The Knights of Columbus want to thank members of the parish for their support in the purchase of religious themed Christmas Cards. Total amount received was \$373.00 in sales. The \$225.00 in profits will be used for seminarian support.

Building the Domestic Church: The Knights of Columbus will be giving each family the booklet "The Family Fully Alive" prior to weekend Masses on Dec 19 and 20. This book provides various activities that involve the family in meditation, family projects, and a Scripture Reading of the Month. The Supreme Knight Carl Anderson explains the importance of overcoming the challenges facing the "traditional" family of today in his introduction to the booklet. Copies of the booklet in Spanish will be available upon request.

There is a sign-up sheet for Greeters. Please volunteer.

JJOY of the Gospel rebates have started! \$9,130.29 for St Michael's & \$1,430.00 for St Mary's! Well done & God's blessings to all!!!

St. Mary's will have a Christmas breakfast on December 20! Everyone is to bring rolls. Also, we will decorate the church for Christmas after the breakfast.

Soup Luncheon thank you for all the food donations, to the ladies who donated their time to work, and the Jr. High girls who helped assist and clean tables. Thank you to everyone who attended and for their generous offerings. We collected over \$700.00. Thanks LaRae Endorf and Monica Hinrichs.

There is a sign-up sheet for Christmas Ministries. Please volunteer.

Christmas decorating of St. Michael's 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!

Nebraska Brass quintet will perform Sunday December 13th at Fairbury United Methodist at 2PM. Adults \$12, Seniors \$10, Students FREE.

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

Best 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

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.

Thought of the Week: The death of the chant is to let it drag.
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Year 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.

December Church Cleaning for St. Mary's: Peggy Niederklein

This chant (the Entrance Chant, mentioned last week) is sung alternately by the choir and the people or similarly by a cantor and the people, or entirely by the people, or by the choir alone. In the diocese of the United States of America there are four options for the Entrance Chant:

(1) the antiphon from the Missal or the antiphon with its Psalm from the *Graduale Romanum*, as set to music here or with another setting;

(2) the antiphon and Psalm of the *Graduale Simplex* for the liturgical time;

(3) a chant from another collection of Psalms and antiphons, approved by the Conference of Bishops or the Diocesan Bishop, including Psalms arranged in responsorial or metrical forms;

(4) another liturgical chant that is suited to the sacred action, the day, or the time of year, similarly approved by the Conference of Bishops or the Diocesan Bishop.

If there is no singing at the Entrance, the antiphon given in the Missal is recited either by the faithful, or by some of them, or by a reader; otherwise, it is recited by the Priest himself, who may even adapt it as an introductory explanation.

(General instruction of the Roman Missal #48)

Please notice what that means. The first three options for the Entrance Chant are Antiphons with Psalms. The fourth, of four options, is to sing a song/hymn.

