

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

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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:** Lorraine Borch

**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](mailto: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, **Rev. Mr. Christopher Stoley and Vinh Tran** in your prayers.

## *Ministers' Schedules for Next Weekend*

	<i>5:30 PM</i>	<i>8:00 AM</i>	<i>10:00 AM</i>
<b>Acolyte</b>	Bruce Busing	Jim VanWesten	James Huber
<b>Lector</b>	Randy Prellwitz	Rhonda Burkhart	Joshua Whitney
<b>Server</b>	Peyton Grubbs		Devin Wanamaker
<b>Server</b>			Brett Wanamaker
<b>Organ/Piano</b>	Mary Prellwitz	Lorrie Hoffstetter	Allen Scheer
<b>Gifts/Greeters</b>		Daryl & Denise Anderson	Rosalie Tynan
<b>Collection</b>	LeAnn Krause & Dave Panko		

<b>Our Offering to God Last Weekend</b>	St. Michael's	\$ 1030.00
	St. Mary's	\$ 327.00
	St. Michael's Debt	\$ 805.00

**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, 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	February 2	<b>NO MASS</b>	St. Michael's	<b>NO MASS</b>
Tuesday	February 3	12:10 PM	St. Michael's	All Souls Day Intentions of Rosalie Tynan
Wednesday	February 4	12:10 PM	St. Michael's	All Souls Day Intentions of Maurice Cumro
Thursday	February 5	5:30 PM	St. Michael's	Walter & Dorrine Milius+
Friday	February 6	12:10 PM	St. Michael's	Fr. Mroczkowski+
Saturday	February 7	5:30 PM	St. Michael's	All Souls Day Intentions of Eddie Lytle
Sunday	February 8	8:00 AM	St. Mary's	Robert Smith+
Sunday	February 8	10:00 AM	St. Michael's	The People of the Parishes

<b>Confessions</b>	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**

- Catholic Press Month:** February is Catholic Press month. We will take up our annual collection to pay for the cost (\$15.00) of the Southern Register. Please help us offset the cost that is charged to our church each year. ***Envelopes are inserted in your offering envelopes this year.*** These can be dropped in the collection basket anytime.
- Knights of Columbus Meeting:** The Knights of Columbus will have their monthly meeting February 9<sup>th</sup> starting with Rosary at 6:30 p.m. followed by the meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the center.





- **Pancakes:** Next Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, the Knights will be sponsoring Pancakes and Sausage in the center, immediately following Mass. A free will donation will be taken up.
- **PCCW Meeting:** The PCCW will hold their monthly meeting, February 16<sup>th</sup> beginning with the Rosary at 6:30 p.m. immediately followed by the meeting in the center. Barb Arner and Carol Steele are in charge of refreshments.
- **Pope Francis “Rediscovering the Heart of a Disciple”:** The PCCW will be sponsoring a 4-week study on Pope Francis “Rediscovering the Heart of a Disciple”. The cost of the book is \$10.00. The dates for the study are: February 16<sup>th</sup> @7:15 p.m.; February 23 @7:00 p.m.; March 2 @ 7:00 p.m. and March 10 @7:00 p.m. Please call Carolyn at 729-2058 to request your book. Also please read pages 1-39 before the first meeting so we can discuss the questions at the end of each chapter. If you have any questions about the study call Deborah at 402-424-3665. Everyone is welcome to join in the study group.
- **Food Pantry:** During the month of February, we will be collecting food for the Blue Valley Food Pantry. Please give from you heart to help those in need!
- **LDCCW Ash Wednesday Day of Recollection** given by Rev. Thomas McGuire on February 18<sup>th</sup> at the Good Counsel Retreat House in Waverly. “Does God Notice Me...” will be the topic of the day. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. and concludes at 2:00 p.m. with Mass & ashes. Sack Lunch on your own between 11:00 a.m.-12:45 p.m.
- **Now Recruiting:** Jefferson County 0-3 Head Start is now recruiting pregnant mothers and families with children through ages 3. The Step Ahead Early Childhood program is recruiting children ages 3-5 (must be 3 but not yet 5 by July 31, 2015). Free to income eligible parents. For more information call 729-2161.
- **The Holy Family Shrine** will host John Dorman in concert on Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Please come and enjoy an hour of adoration and sacred music in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. All donations go to support the shrine. For more information call the Shrine at 402-332-4565.

- **Handicapped Parking:** A request has been made for additional handicapped parking spaces in front of the Church. We are working towards that end; for now, if you are not in need, please try and leave the spaces near the front for those who are in need.
- **St. Michael's PCCW Booklets for 2015:** If you haven't received your new PCCW Booklet, please stop by the back of the church and pick yours today. Remember the annual dues of \$5.00 are due March 1<sup>st</sup>.
- **Sole to Soul** will be held on Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to noon at Church of Christ, 924 Grant Street, Beatrice, NE. Anyone who is in need of gently used shoes is welcome and encouraged to come to this giveaway.
- **Why Latin?** In recent years, there has been a movement in the direction of bringing Latin and chant back into the Church. The natural question asked by many is "why?" When Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI opened the Year of Faith, he encouraged all to read the documents of the Second Vatican Council. With regards to music, the Second Vatican Council gave Gregorian chant "pride of place" among the many forms of liturgical music. By singing Gregorian chant at the Mass, we are falling more in line with the teachings of the Church, as set by the council. Some may fear that we are taking a leap backwards. This is not the case. We are simply taking the beauty of the old, (extraordinary form of the Mass) and using it to enrich the new (the Mass as we know it today). Imagine a pendulum, swinging from the Latin masses before Vatican II to the Novis Ordo (new order) which sprung out of the conclave. Pope Benedict appropriately gave us notice that the documents of Vatican II actually placed the pendulum in its proper place, balancing the beauty of both Forms of the Mass.
- **First Friday Adoration in February:** First Friday Adoration will be held on **Thursday, February 5<sup>th</sup>**, in anticipation of First Friday (February 6th). The Knights are asking for parish participation and support. Please sign-up for February in the back of the Church. Please commit to at least one hour (if not more). Each hour has two time slots, but there is no limit to the number of people who may be present.



- **Trumpet Fest:** The 11<sup>th</sup> annual Trumpet Fest will be held on Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. at Pius X High School with proceeds going to support Catholic Social Services. This year's event is titled "Trumpet Fest in Honor of Mac McCune". For questions regarding this event, contact Murray at 402-540-3130, Rev. Daniel Rayer, Chancellor, 402-488-0921, (fax) 402-488-3569 or email [Fr.dan-rayer@lincolndiocese.org](mailto:Fr.dan-rayer@lincolndiocese.org)
- **Valentine's Dinner:** The Fairbury United Methodist Church, 605 E Streets, will be sponsoring a Valentine's Dinner, Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. All reservations need to be made by Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup> (no tickets will be sold at the door). \$13.00 per person-tickets may be purchased at the church office Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. or by calling 729-2247.
- **WMF Soup Supper and Bake Sale**, Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at Faith Lutheran, 1630 I Street, serving from 5:00-8:00 p.m. Free Will donation.
- **St. Michael's Debt Reduction:** Our loan for the operation of the school is: \$191, 243.00 We took \$30,000.00 out of savings & added \$5,000.00 from checking to make an initial \$35,000.00 payment. We plan to make payments of \$17,360.33 each year for nine years to pay off the debt. The Bishop has made our loan so that it does not accrue interest.
- **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.
- **Thought of the week:** A heart or a hand clenched in anxiety and greed can never truly receive anything.
- **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 8<sup>th</sup> street.

- **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.
- **A Lifeline for Marriage:** Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. It is designed to provide the tools to help get your marriage back on track. It will give you the opportunity to rediscover each other and examine your lives together in a new and positive way. This program has helped tens or thousands of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. For confidential information about or to register for the February program beginning with a weekend on February 20-22, call 1-888-317-5654 or [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org) on the web.
- **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](http://www.goodcounselretreat.com) or call 402-786-2705.
- **St. Mary's February Cleaning:** Deb VanWesten
- **Census:** *If you haven't returned your census slips, please do so as soon as possible. The census papers help us get an accurate count of the members of the churches. If you have misplaced your copy, please call Carolyn at 729-2058 for a replacement. If you know your Sacrament information, please include that also. Please return them in the collection basket or drop off at the parish office.*

- **Best Choice Labels:** Please continue to save your labels and put them in the container at the back of the church. For every 1000 labels we collect, we receive \$30.00.
- **The Catholic Social Services (CSS) Donation Trailer** is coming to Fairbury on January 30<sup>th</sup> and will be here until February 6<sup>th</sup>. 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.
- **Website:** You can find St. Michael's/St. Mary's website at [www.stmichaelsfairbury.org](http://www.stmichaelsfairbury.org). You can view the weekly bulletins and monthly calendar.
- **Guide 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 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 your home.