

# 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 and Trish Endorf **Trustees:** Bob VanWesten and Bob Bachle

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

**St. Michael's Parish Council:** Doug Kapke, LeAnn Krause, Dave Panko, Dave Banahan, Bruce Busing, Chad Mans, Matt Umland **Trustees:** Keith Mach and Randy Prellwitz

**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.
- **SEMINARIAN OF THE WEEK:** Please keep our Seminarian of the week, **Michael Hynes and Robert Johnson** in your prayers.
- **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.

## Ministers' Schedules for Next Weekend

	5:30 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
<b>Acolyte</b>	Bruce Busing	Bob VanWesten	Steve Graff
<b>Lector</b>	Randy Prellwitz	Scott DeWald	Joshua Whitney
<b>Server</b>	Aldo Ramos		Paul Mach
<b>Server</b>	Peyton Grubbs		Joey Whitney
<b>Organ/Piano</b>	Carolyn Osborne	Lorrie Hofstetter	Allen Scheer
<b>Gifts/Greeters</b>	Ron & Shana Rickstrew	Doris DeWald and Brent Bachle	Joshua & Carolyn Whitney & family
<b>Collection</b>	Steve Graff & Carolyn Osborne		

<b>Our Offering to God Last Weekend</b>	St. Michael's	\$1689.00
	St. Mary's	\$ 512.00
	St. Michael's Debt	\$ 530.00

**Please pray for:** 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, Brad Eveleth, Kathy Blobaum, Bob McCord, Ed Lytle, 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	March 16	<b>NO MASS</b>	St. Michael's	<b>NO MASS</b>
Tuesday	March 17	12:10 PM	St. Michael's	Tucker Juarez+
Wednesday	March 18	12:10 PM	St. Michael's	Jim Melcher+
Thursday	March 19	5:30 PM	St. Michael's	Norman Medina+
Friday	March 20	12:10 PM	St. Michael's	Melvin Nespor+
Saturday	March 21	5:30 PM	St. Michael's	All Souls Day Intentions of Bob & Shirley Gibson
Sunday	March 22	8:00 AM	St. Mary's	The People of the Parishes
Sunday	March 22	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!!!

## **NEW ITEMS**

- **Palm Sunday Processional:** On Palm Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, (Sunday Mass only), we will be meeting in the center and processing to the church. Please mark your calendars for this special occasion.
- **PCCW Brunch:** The PCCW is planning to serve a light brunch next Sunday, March 22 in the parish center. Dianna Armstrong, Judy Diller and Lori Arnold are in charge of the brunch. A free will donation will be taken up.
- **Combined Collection:** Attached to this week's bulletin is an envelope for the Diocese of Lincoln's Combined Collection. Please place in the collection basket next weekend.

- **Brandi Warnke Fish Fry Benefit:** The Knights of Columbus last fish fry will be March 20<sup>th</sup>. Proceeds from the Fish Fry will go to Brandi Warnke to offset cost of medical bills.



- **Save the Date:** Lincoln Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (LDCCW) Spring Full Board meeting at Lourdes Central Catholic School auditorium, Nebraska City, on Saturday, April 18, 2015, 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. More details to follow.
- **Holy Week Ministries at St. Michaels and St. Mary's:** At all Masses and liturgies of Holy week we will need extra help with readers, servers, keyboardist and acolytes. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of St. Michael's for people to volunteer for these times. There is also a sheet for men to sign up for Holy Thursday's washing of the feet and Adoration following Mass. At St. Mary's we will need an extra reader for Passion (Palm) Sunday and Good Friday. Please check your schedules and help if you possibly can.



- **Easter Flowers:** If you would like to donate money to purchase Easter Flowers this year, please place your money in an envelope marked "Easter Flowers" and drop in the collection basket.
- **PCCW Meeting:** The PCCW will hold their monthly meeting, March 16<sup>th</sup> beginning with the Rosary at 6:30 p.m., immediately followed by the meeting in the center. **The program will be on Our Blessed and Beautiful Rome presented by Fr. John Birkel.** Lorraine Borch, Linda McMurphy and Louise Siegal are in charge of refreshments.
- **CCD:** Classes are from 6:45-8:00 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.
- **"Rediscovering the Heart of the Disciple":** We have only 4 of the "Rediscovering the Heart of the Disciple" books left for \$10.00. If anyone is interested please call Deborah at 402-424-3665.

- **Holy Week Retreat:** The Marian sisters will be hosting their annual Holy Week Retreat. The retreat will provide an opportunity for single young women (ages 17-35) to reflect on their identity as a daughter of God the Father during Holy Week. The silent retreat will be led by Fr. Sean Kilcawley and be held at Good Counsel Retreat House at Waverly, NE on April 2-4, 2015. The cost is \$30 for students and \$40 for non-students. For more information or to register, please visit their website at [www.mariansisters.org](http://www.mariansisters.org) or contact the Marian Sisters at [marian-vocations@cdolinc.net](mailto:marian-vocations@cdolinc.net) or phone 402-786-2750.
- **Stations of the Cross:** Stations of the Cross will be Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. at St. Michael's
- **Working on Ministries Schedule:** We are working on the new ministries schedule for acolytes, lectors, keyboardist and servers for the months of April, May & June. If you have any special requests, please call Carolyn at the parish office, e-mail her at [carolyn@stmichaelsfairbury.org](mailto:carolyn@stmichaelsfairbury.org) or leave a note in the collection marked "Ministries".
- **Campin' with the Marians:** The Marian Sisters of the Diocese of Lincoln are sponsoring their annual summer camp, Campin'with the Marians, at Camp Kateri. Camps for girls entering grades 6-9 will be held June 21-24 and June 25-28. If you are interested, registration fliers can be found at [www.mariansisters.org](http://www.mariansisters.org). This summer we are celebrating the Year of Consecrated Life. Spaces are limited; please register ASAP as we fill up fast. If you have questions, you may contact Sr. Janelle at 402-440-9998. Counselors are also needed and the opportunity is open for girls who are entering 10<sup>th</sup> through college on an application basis. Please enquire about counseling positions at [marianscamping@gmail.com](mailto:marianscamping@gmail.com).
- **SKY Camp 2015 is almost here!** Sign up your 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> graders for an awesome camp experience at Camp Kateri Tekakwitha! Activities include archery, obstacle course, swimming, catechesis, campfires, and Mass! Space is limited for each camp, sign up at [www.lincolndiocese.org](http://www.lincolndiocese.org).
- **Thought of the Week:** When we sacrifice and endure suffering for others, we share in Christ's suffering.

- **2015 Blaze Retreat:** St. Joseph Catholic Church in Lincoln presents the 2015 BLAZE Junior High Youth Rally. This is open to all 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders in the Diocese. Featuring Bishop Conley and Catholic speaker and recording artist, Chris Padgett. Blaze will take place on April 18<sup>th</sup> from 9-5 and will cost \$25.00. Register at [stjosephblaze.com](http://stjosephblaze.com). They will be raffling a mini iPod, a trip to Laser Quest and several other prizes.
- **March Church Cleaning for St. Mary's:** Ellen VanWesten
- **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.
- **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.
- **St. Michael's Debt Reduction:** Our loan for the operation of the school is \$156,243.00. We plan to make payment 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.
- **Rice Bowls:** We journey with CRS Rice Bowl to Lebanon to be present to a people who themselves are on a journey. Here we meet a family of Syrian refugees, a family perhaps not so unlike our own. We are challenged through our almsgiving this week to reach out to those who are forced to flee their homes, who are seeking shelter in a land of peace.
- **Mass times when you are traveling:** Traveling?? There are web-sites to find the time of Masses at different locations. <http://masstimes.org>
- **St. Michael's & St. Mary's Website:** You can find St. Michael's and 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 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.



**Knights of Columbus Council 4434 welcomes three new members who completed their 1st Degree exemplification in Beatrice on March 10. From left to right are Devin Lovgren, Spencer Feldkamp, Grand Knight Joshua Whitney, and Brett Wanamaker. Congratulations to our newest members.**



## The Miracle Prayer

Lord Jesus, I come before you, just as I am, I am sorry for my sins, I repent of my sins, please forgive me. In your Name, I forgive all others for what they have done against me. I renounce Satan, the evil spirits and all their works. I give you my entire self, Lord Jesus, now and forever. I invite you into my life, Jesus. I accept you as my Lord, God and Saviour. Heal me, change me, strengthen me in body, soul, and spirit.

Come Lord Jesus, cover me with your Precious Blood, and fill me with your Holy Spirit. I love you Lord Jesus.

I praise you Jesus. I thank you Jesus. I shall follow you every day of my life. Amen.

Mary, My Mother, Queen of Peace, St. Peregrine, the cancer saint, all the Angels and Saints, please help me. Amen.

*Say this prayer faithfully, no matter how you feel. When you come to the point where you sincerely mean each word with all your heart, Jesus will change your whole life in a very special way. You will see.*

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