

# 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.
- **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.
- **SISTERS OF THE WEEK:** Please keep our Sisters of the week, **Sr. Joan Kolbe and Sr. Megan Therese** in your prayers.

## Ministers' Schedules for Next Weekend

	5:30 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
<b>Acolyte</b>	Joe Busing	Bob VanWesten	James Huber
<b>Lector</b>	Randy Prellwitz	Daryl Anderson	Joshua Whitney
<b>Server</b>	Ryan Umland		Joey Whitney
<b>Server</b>	Aldo Ramos		Brett Wanamaker
<b>Organ/Piano</b>	Mary Prellwitz	Lorrie Hofstetter	Mary Mach
<b>Gifts/Greeters</b>	Linda McMurphy & Louise Siegel	Bob & Trish Endorf	Marge Gregory
<b>Collection</b>	Doug Kapke and Carolyn Osborne		

<b>Our Offering to God Last Weekend</b>	St. Michael's	\$1835.00
	St. Mary's	\$ 536.00
	St. Michael's Debt	\$ 295.00

**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	April 20	<b>NO MASS</b>	St. Michael's	<b>NO MASS</b>
Tuesday	April 21	12:10 PM	St. Michael's	All Souls Day Intentions of Joshua & Carolyn Whitney
Wednesday	April 22	12:10 PM	St. Michael's	For the Unborn
Thursday	April 23	5:30 PM	St. Michael's	Marcellan Siegel+
Friday	April 24	12:10 PM	St. Michael's	Don Weeks+
Saturday	April 25	5:30 PM	St. Michael's	Norman Medina+
Sunday	April 26	8:00 AM	St. Mary's	All Souls Day Intentions of John & Donna Rut
Sunday	April 26	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
	St. Mary's	Sunday	7:45 AM

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

## **NEW ITEMS**



- **Rosary during the Month of May:** There is a sign-up sheet on the back table to volunteer to lead the Rosary before Mass during the month of May. You will need to start 20 minutes before Mass begins. Please consider volunteering.
- **Thank you for your generosity through CRS Rice Bowl this year!** Our parishes raised \$412.04 for Catholic Relief Services. Your participation in CRS Rice Bowl will continue to make a difference in the lives of those in need throughout the entire year. Thank you to all who have already returned your gifts.

- **PCCW Meeting:** The PCCW will hold their monthly meeting, April 20<sup>th</sup> beginning with the Rosary at 6:30 p.m. immediately followed by the meeting in the center. Sherrie Brandenburg will speak on a 900 year old Benedictine Melk Abbey in Melk Austria. Deb Swartz, Patty Swartz and Carolyn Whitney are in charge of refreshments.
- **St. Michael's Spring Buffet:** The Annual St. Michael's PCCW Spring Buffet will take place, Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the St. Michael's School. We will be serving meat, casseroles, salads, desserts, and drinks. The ladies will be calling you for food, please be generous and donate. 
- **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. *Envelopes are attached to this week's bulletin.*
- **Chicken Pie Dinner:** Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Hebron is sponsoring a "Chicken Pie Dinner", Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Suggested donation: Adults-\$8.00, Kindergarten-12 years old \$5.00.
- **2015 Year for Consecrated Life:** Visit women religious of the Diocese of Lincoln in celebration of the Year for Consecrated Life. Open house dates: Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup> from 1-4 p.m. at Marian Sisters, St. Mary Convent, 1044 5<sup>th</sup> St. , David City; Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> from 2-5 p.m. at Marian Sisters, St. Wenceslaus Convent, 211 E 1<sup>st</sup> St. Wahoo. NE.; Sunday, May 2, Marian Devotions from 10:30 to 1 p.m. at Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary, Cor Mariae Center, 340 Hwy 103 Crete; Sunday, May 10, Sisters of Mary, Queen of Mercy at Little Flower Day Care, 9141 S. 78<sup>th</sup> St. Lincoln from 4-5 p.m.
- **St. Mary's Cemetery Fund:** The cemetery fund for St. Mary's Cemetery is in need of some new funds as the summer growing season draws near as does the need to pay for the mowing. If you would like to replenish the fund, please put your donations in your church support envelope that is marked "Cemetery Fund". Cemeteries require funds for maintenance purposes. Any help you can give will be greatly appreciated.

- **Give the Gift of a May Day Basket** to your husband, wife, best friend, parent, grandparent, child, co-worker or someone special. Your order will include a special homemade decorated basket with individual treats, crafted flowers and personal message. Free delivery within city limits. Delivered Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for \$5.00. Mail or drop off your order at The First National Bank of Fairbury, North Branch, 1411 K Street, Fairbury. NE. Sponsored by the The Fairbury Rotary Club #1520.
- **Attention Graduating Seniors:** The Knights of Columbus Council #4434 announces the Scholastic Achievement Award process to assist with college expenses. Graduating seniors of St. Michael's Parish can apply by sending a letter of request including your future plans and High School and Church activities to: Grand Knight Joshua Whitney, 1223 D Street, Fairbury, NE. 68352. Letters must be turned in by April 26th.
- **Attention Youth:** If anyone is interested in going to Sky Camp or Campin' with the Marions and need assistance with the cost, please contact Carolyn Whitney at 729-6638.
- **Word Among Us:** We have FREE copies of the Word Among Us. Please pick yours up today and take home for daily devotions.
- **Knights of Columbus News:** The Knights are selling lottery tickets as a statewide fundraiser for seminarian and postulate support. 1<sup>st</sup> prize is \$2500.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize is \$1000, 3<sup>rd</sup> prize is \$750.00 and 4<sup>th</sup> prize is \$500.00. Last year over \$16,000 was distributed. Drawing will be held during the state convention in Kearney on April 25. Winner's need not be present. Contact Steve Graff to purchase tickets. Cost per ticket is \$10.00
- **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. ***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.
- **Thought of the Week:** Generous sharing of our talents and resources are central to living as a disciple.

- **April Church Cleaning for St. Mary's:** Donna Milius
- **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.
- **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.





CONGRATULATIONS TO ST. MICHAEL'S FIRST  
COMMUNICANTS:

**LAUREN WANAMAKER, SOPHIA WHITNEY, HEIDI RAMOS,  
ELIZABETH OHLDE AND ASHLEY GRUBBS**

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The following details about navigating our Audio Archives aren't part of the attached but I thought I'd send them for your convenience. (One day I'll create another flyer to include them.) Feel free to send this info to others, too.

Once you're on the Audio Archives page, you can filter for only "Christ is the Answer" by clicking that program name under "Select a Program" & browse other episodes.

To play the audio click on the small, white, right-facing triangle ("Play" & "Pause" button).

Note: each program in our Archives starts with a 20 second "promo" announcement by Deacon Tom Loewe, our Development Director. To skip past that after you've heard it once: when the audio starts, a white bar travels from left to right. Click to the right of the leading edge of that white bar & the audio will advance. Likewise, if you want to go forward or reverse in the program audio, click to the right or left of the leading edge of the white traveling bar.

If you find a program particularly compelling & want to share it with others, you can click the Facebook icon OR clicking the envelope icon creates an email with the link to that particular program episode in the body, along with a little info about Ave Maria Radio. You can tailor that email if you wish, then insert the address & send it. (One can also purchase copies of our programs on CD for \$9.50 inclusive. That info is also on the attached.)

Other Ave Maria Radio programs in our Archives include segment descriptions & clicking on the plus-sign in front of the segment numbers reveals details about the segment including guest name; web site; book title, etc.

Here's some information about the Advanced Search in our Audio Archives. Let's say you write down "Christ is the Answer" episode number 575/775 but don't get to listen to it for a couple weeks. Instead of scrolling down & clicking "Older Entries" repeatedly you can go to the Audio Archive page in the usual way (from [www.AveMariaRadio.net](http://www.AveMariaRadio.net) <<http://www.avemariaradio.net/>> click "Audio Archives" in the upper-right corner) & click "Go to Advanced Search" (about 3-1/2 inches from the top of the page; just right-of-center). It may take several seconds for the screen to change. On the next page, under "Advanced Search" choose "Christ is the Answer" from the drop-down at "Programs;" at "Program #" enter "575/775." Scroll to the bottom & click "Search." On the next page, in orange, you should see "Christ is the Answer – [program date]" Click on that link & you'll be taken to that episode in our Audio Archives.