

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

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St. Michael's	PO Box 406, Fairbury, NE 68352	Phone: 729-2058
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St. Michael's Prayer Chain	Carmen Juarez: 729-3623	

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

April 23/24, 2016



***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:** Linda McMurphy

**Knights of Columbus:** Dan Arner

**CCD Coordinator:** Mary Mach

<b>Ministers' Schedules for April 30/May 1, 2016</b>			
	<b>5:30 PM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>
<b>Acolyte</b>	Bruce Busing	Bob VanWesten	Randy Prellwitz
<b>Lector</b>	Keith Mach	Daryl Anderson	Charlie Barringer
<b>Server</b>	Brock Beed		Devin Wanamaker
<b>Server</b>	Paul Mach		<b><i>Volunteer</i></b>
<b>Music</b>	Mary Mach	Lorrie Hofstetter	LeAnn Krause
<b>Gifts/Greeters</b>	Jason & Megan Grant	Mark & Peggy Niederklein	Jim & Janice Bell
<b>Collection</b>	Mary Mach/Eddie Lytle		
<b>Church Cleaning for April – Donna Milius</b>			

- **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, Andrew Schwenka in your prayers.

<b><i>THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE</i></b>				
Monday	April 25	7:00PM	St. Michael's	Special Intention
Tuesday	April 26	12:10PM	St. Michael's	Margaret Brahm All Souls Day Int
Wednesday	April 27	12:10PM	St. Michael's	Randy & Mary Prellwitz All Souls Day Int
Thursday	April 28	5:30PM	St. Michael's	William (Bill) Muller+
Friday	April 29	12:10PM	St. Michael's	Jim & Ellen VanWesten All Souls Day Int
Saturday	April 30	5:30PM	St. Michael's	Max Robinson+
Sunday	May 1	8:00 AM	St. Mary's	People of the Parishes
Sunday	May 1	10:00AM	St. Michael's	Rosalie Hamm+
<b>Confessions</b>	St. Michael's	Saturday	4:45 PM to 5:15 PM	
	St. Mary's	Sunday	7:45 AM	

*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.*

**Please pray for:**

Susan Hammer  
 Betty (Mrs. Morgan) Brackle  
 Eddie Lytle  
 Alene Hays  
 Mary Ann Muller

Marie Kosmacek  
 Vonja Scheer  
 Rita Stone  
 Randy Wilhelm

# Parish News & Upcoming Events

## **P**arish collection data: 4/17/16

	<u>St. Michael's</u>	<u>St. Mary's</u>
Adult	\$1,100.00	\$240.00
Plate	72.00	32.00
Children	8.00	
Building Upkeep		
Debt Reduction	320.00	
Cemetery		
Music Fund		
<b>Total</b>	<hr/> \$1,500.00	\$272.00

St Michael's Debt Reduction current total \$3,380.00.

**Thought of the Week:** Why do Catholics cross their forehead, lips and heart at the Gospel? We cross our forehead so that the Word of God may be in our thoughts and purify our minds. We cross our lips so that our speech may be holy & incline us to share the Gospel with others. And we cross our hearts to invite God to strengthen our love for Him and others. This is so we may know, proclaim and love Jesus more.

**Thank all the children** who helped feed those in need!!!! We took the food to blue valley community action and we had 167 lbs and \$3.00!!!!

**Confirmation** Everyone is invited & welcome to attend the Celebration of Holy Mass for the conferral of the Sacrament of Confirmation. This is truly to be a celebration of both parishes. His Excellency is our Bishop & you are more than welcome to take part in this special event. Even though no one is receiving this Sacrament from St Mary's, please be assured you are all invited to join in the celebration! Reception to follow in the Gym.

**Please pick up** any dish you may have from the church entrance.

**Knights News:** The Knights of Columbus would like to thank the parish for their support of our Lenten Fish Fries. Your generosity resulted in \$2702.00 in donations and after expenses, the profits were \$1745.00. Approximately 313 meals were served. We would also like to thank the donors for all the great deserts provided. Since this is the major fundraiser for the council, the donations go along way to support our service programs in Church, Youth, Family, Council, Community, and Culture of Life.

**Knights Programs:** Part of your donations given at the fish fries went to support the following: Server recognition-\$140.00, Catholic Come Home Radio Ads \$200.00, Food Bank-\$200.00 (\$167 in matching the youth collection 167 lbs of food + \$33 round-up), Totus Tuus program-\$500.00, 1<sup>st</sup> Communion sets-\$50.00. Additional programs supported are the CCD picnic, CCD Christmas giving tree, and Region V Christmas Dinner. Thank you again for your support. Second Sunday pancake breakfast will resume on Aug 14.

**Breakfast** St. Mary's will have a Mother's Day breakfast on Sunday May 8.

**Please do not** use tape on varnished wood surfaces.

**If you** (or someone in your family) is gluten intolerant, you may request a low gluten host. Once we talk about it, then we can make arrangements.

**Bishop Conley** will be here on Monday April 25<sup>th</sup> to confer the sacrament of Confirmation on several of our young people. The Sacrifice of the Mass will begin at 7:00PM. Please plan to attend. Reception to follow Mass.

**Best Choice: Save Labels for Cash Program** We are participating in the Save Labels for Cash Program and all you need to do is save your UPC's off of Best Choice products and drop them in the collection plate at Mass. The Church will receive \$30 in cash for each bundle of 1,000 UPC's.... So start saving!

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

**FORMED.ORG:** What do YOU need to find this material? First, an access code at the website [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org). You should see the registration box. The Saint Michael and St. Mary's parish access code is **ZYD94C**. Now, you set up a username and password. That's it. You are now set up to use all the great programs on FORMED.org anytime by simply logging in.

**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 8<sup>th</sup> street.

## Local and Area news

**UNL Catholic Sorority Seeks New Members for Fall 2016**  
Pi Alpha Chi is a Greek sorority centered around the Catholic faith. Enhance your time as a college student by immersing yourself in a learning community that values citizenship, fellowship, leadership, and scholarship. As a member, you will have the opportunity to grow as a student leader alongside other inspiring and encouraging women. Visit us at New Student Enrollment or check out our website at [www.pialphachi.com](http://www.pialphachi.com) to apply, connect, and learn more.

**Camp Villa Marie's Summer Camp** for Children with Special Needs, will be held June 6 – 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016 for children ages 7–16. Enrollment is limited to 16 campers. The cost is \$225 for 5 days for boarders and \$175 for 5 days for day campers. For more information, please call Sr. Jeanette at [402-786-3625](tel:402-786-3625) (weekdays) or [402-786-2750](tel:402-786-2750) (weekends) or email her at [sr.jeanette-rerucha@cdolinc.net](mailto:sr.jeanette-rerucha@cdolinc.net)

**Jubilee Year Pilgrimage to Italy** is November 7-17, 2016.

Includes: Rome and audience with Pope Francis, Vatican Art Museum and Sistine Chapel, Catacombs, Pompeii, Assisi, Monte Cassino, Florence, Sorrento, Amalfi Coast, daily Mass and much more. For more information contact Fr. John Vakulskas Jr. at (712)490-8047 or email at [johnvakulskas@gmail.com](mailto:johnvakulskas@gmail.com).

## **A note on funerals.**

1. Only a priest or deacon may preach the homily at the funeral liturgy.
2. A eulogy is not appropriate where a homily is prescribed (OCF #27), although examples from the person's life may be used in the homily. The literary genre of eulogy is not a homiletic form. Rather, the homily is to "illumine the mystery of Christian death in the light of the risen Christ." (Catechism of the Catholic Church #1688) as proclaimed in the readings.
3. One speaker chosen by the family may offer a five-minute remembrance of the deceased at the Funeral Liturgy before the final commendation, especially if there was no vigil or wake service. The remarks are to be simple, brief, and prepared. Care must be taken to follow this. Ideally, the text should be shared with the priest beforehand. Within the context of a liturgy, the tone should remain one of faith and hope.
4. The Vigil for the Deceased is a more fitting time for individuals to share remembrances of the deceased.

## **What Is Confirmation in the Catholic Church?**

Growth is vital to human life; the body and mind must grow to stay alive. Catholics believe that the soul also needs to grow to maturity in the life of grace, just as the human body must grow through childhood, adolescence, and adulthood. Catholics believe the Sacrament of Confirmation is the supernatural equivalent of the growth process on the natural level. It builds on what was begun in Baptism and what was nourished in Holy Eucharist. It completes

the process of initiation into the Christian community, and it matures the soul for the work ahead.

The Byzantine Church confirms (chrismates) at Baptism and gives Holy Eucharist as well, thus initiating the new Christian all at the same time.

So what occurs during a Catholic Confirmation? The Holy Spirit is first introduced to a Catholic the day that she's baptized, because the entire Holy Trinity — Father, Son, and Holy Spirit — are invoked at the ceremony. During Confirmation, God the Holy Spirit comes upon the person, accompanied by God the Father and God the Son, just as he did at Pentecost.

The Feast of Pentecost commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit from heaven to earth upon the 12 apostles and the Virgin Mary, occurring 50 days after Easter and 10 days after Jesus' Ascension (Acts 2:1–4).

This sacrament is called Confirmation because the faith given in Baptism is now confirmed and made strong. Sometimes, those who benefit from Confirmation are referred to as soldiers of Christ. This isn't a military designation but a spiritual duty to fight the war between good and evil, light and darkness — a war between the human race and all the powers of hell.

Confirmation means accepting responsibility for your faith and destiny. Childhood is a time when you're told what to do, and you react positively to reward and negatively to punishment. Adulthood, even young adulthood, means that you must do what's right on your own, not for the recognition or reward but merely because it's the right thing to do. The focus is on the Holy Spirit, who confirmed the apostles on Pentecost (Acts 2:1–4) and gave them courage to practice their faith. Catholics believe that the same Holy Spirit confirms Catholics during the Sacrament of Confirmation and gives them the same gifts and fruits.