

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 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. Abigail Marie and Sr. Amy Marie** in your prayers.

Ministers' Schedules for Next Weekend

	5:30 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
Acolyte	Bruce Busing	Jim VanWesten	Randy Prellwitz
Lector	Joshua Whitney	Bob Bachle	Charlie Barringer
Server	Ryan Umland		Aldo Ramos
Server	Joey Whitney		Salvador Chavez
Organ/Piano	Carolyn Osborne	Lorrie Hofstetter	Mary Prellwitz
Gifts/Greeters	Joe Chilen	Daryl and Denise Anderson	Janice Bell
Collection	Matt Umland and Chad Mans		

Our Offering to God Last Weekend	St. Michael's	\$1053.21
	St. Mary's	\$ 267.00
	St. Michael's Debt	\$ 100.00

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 27	NO MASS	St. Michael's	NO MASS
Tuesday	April 28	12:10 PM	St. Michael's	Jim Melcher+
Wednesday	April 29	12:10 PM	St. Michael's	John & Helen Cuba+
Thursday	April 30	5:30 PM	St. Michael's	All Souls Day Intentions of Kathleen Selig
Friday	May 1	12:10 PM	St. Michael's	Dan Birkel+
Saturday	May 2	5:30 PM	St. Michael's	Steve Wilson+
Sunday	May 3	8:00 AM	St. Mary's	The People of the Parishes
Sunday	May 3	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

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

NEW ITEMS

- **First Friday Adoration in May:** First Friday Adoration will be held on Thursday, April 30, (in anticipation of First Friday) immediately following Mass. The Knights are asking for parish participation and support. Please sign-up for May in the back of the Church. Please commit to at least one hour (if not more). Each hour has two time lots, but there is no limit to the number of people who may be present.



- **May Crowning:** St. Michael's will crown our Mother Mary, Sunday May 3rd at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. If your children would like to participate, please bring them to the center at 9:50 a.m. to line up for the processional.

- **Graduates Mass at St. Michael's:** The Mass for graduates of St. Michael's Catholic Church will take place on Sunday, May 10th at 10:00 a.m. Any graduating senior who wants to be involved in this should RSVP Carolyn at the church office at 729-2058 or carolyn@stmichaelsfairbury.org.



Please wear your graduation gowns. The junior parents will provide a brunch for all parishioners following Mass in the center.

- **May 31 Mass Time:** Please note: Mass on **Sunday, May 31st** will be at **9:45 a.m.** at St. Michael's.
- **Totus Tuus:** Mark your calendars for the week of June 7-12th. The youth-led Totus Tuus group will conduct our Summer CCD week for Kindergarten-8th grade students in the daytime and in the evenings for high school youth. ***Grandparents-if you have grandchildren that would like to attend, they are very welcome.*** Contact Carolyn at 729-2058 for more information.
- **Host Families and Meals for TOTUS TUUS Teachers:** We are in need of 2 host families for the teachers of TOTUS TUUS. This would require sleeping arrangements, and a morning continental breakfast (cereal, fruit or toast is sufficient). We are also in need of volunteers to provide meals twice daily for the teachers. If you have any questions, or would be interested in helping out our summer CCD program, please give Carolyn a call at the parish office (729-2058) or email carolyn@stmichaelsfairbury.org
- **CCD:** ***The last CCD will be May 6th at 6:45 p.m. with a picnic at the Fun Park.*** The Knights will provide hot dogs and hamburgers. ***We would like to invite the parents to attend this year. We ask that they bring a salad, dessert or chips.***
- **Retreat at Good Counsel Retreat House:** May 1-3 with Msgr. John Perkinton, entitled "Spiritual Foundations of Discipleship." Register at www.goodcounselretreat.com or call 402-786-2705.
- **Mother's Retreat :** All women, especially mothers, are invited to an overnight Retreat May 8-9 with Teresa Monaghan on the "Gospel of Joy for Women-In the Spirit of Pope Francis and Our Lady!" held at Good Counsel Retreat House, Waverly. Register at www.goodcounselretreat.com or call 402-786-2705.



- **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.
- **St. Michael's Spring Buffet:** The Annual St. Michael's PCCW Spring Buffet will take place, Sunday, April 26th 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. ***Please join the ladies for lunch and help support the PCCW.***
- **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.
- **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.
- **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.
- **Thought of the Week:** We cultivate our gifts out of love for God and one another.
- **April Church Cleaning for St. Mary's:** Donna Milius
- **Mass times when you are traveling:** Traveling?? There are web-sites to find the time of Masses at different locations. <http://masstimes.org>



- **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 & St. Mary's Website:** You can find St. Michael's and St. Mary's website at 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 McKenzie Hofstetter who received her First Communion at St. Mary's



Dear Friends,

Next Tuesday, April 28th, the U. S. Supreme Court will hear oral arguments on the question of whether or not marriage should be redefined to include same-sex unions. The Court is expected to issue its ruling around the end of June. Redefining marriage to be anything but what God intended (i.e. a communion of life and love uniting men and women with each other and any children born from their union) necessarily undermines the institution of marriage and the well-being of children and society.

On behalf of the bishops of Nebraska I urge you to join in a Prayer Initiative for Marriage starting on April 28 and continuing until the Supreme Court issues its ruling. Initiatives of prayer and fasting have had success in other cultural battles in history and can have a powerful effect in the discernment of the Supreme Court in this case as well. The following prayer resources are provided for this initiative:

- [Prayer for the Supreme Court Justices](#)
- [Prayer for Marriage](#)
- [Nuptial Rosary](#)

SUGGESTED ACTIONS:

- On April 28th, you are urged to pray the Prayer for the Supreme Court Justices, offer some form of sacrifice, and if possible, attend Mass or pray before the Blessed Sacrament
- On subsequent days, alternate praying the Prayer for the Supreme Court Justices and the Prayer for Marriage.
- Pray the Nuptial Rosary as a family, or before weekend Masses, or as part of parish organizational meetings
- Promote this prayer initiative in your parish and among your family and friends

Prayer for Marriage

God our Father, we give you thanks for the gift of marriage: the bond of life and love, and the font of the family. The love of husband and wife enriches your Church with children, fills the world with a multitude of spiritual fruitfulness and service, and is the sign of the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, for his Church. The grace of Jesus flowed forth at Cana at the request of the Blessed Mother. May your Son, through the intercession of Mary, pour out upon us a new measure of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit as we join with all people of good will to promote and protect the unique beauty of marriage. May your Holy Spirit enlighten our society to treasure the heroic love of husband and wife, and guide our leaders to sustain and protect the singular place of mothers and fathers in the lives of their children. Father, we ask that our prayers be joined to those of the Virgin Mary, that your Word may transform our service so as to safeguard the incomparable splendor of marriage. We ask all these things through Christ our Lord, Amen. Saints Joachim and Anne, pray for us.

Prayer for the Supreme Court Justices

Holy Spirit, we implore you to inspire and guide the minds and hearts of the United States Supreme Court Justices as they deliberate in the pending case about marriage. Send forth Your Spirit of Wisdom that God will be at the center of their lives. Send forth Your Spirit of Understanding that their minds may be enlightened with Truth. Send forth Your Spirit of Counsel that they will do Your holy will. Send forth Your Spirit of Fortitude to give them the courage to do what is right and good. Send forth Your Spirit of Knowledge so they will know good from evil. Send forth Your Spirit of Piety that they will possess a true faith in You and holy love of You, our God. Send forth Your Spirit of Holy Fear to penetrate their inmost hearts to be ever mindful of Your presence, fly from sin, and possess an intense reverence for God and for human life which is made in God's image and likeness. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen. St. Thomas More, pray for us.