

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

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Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

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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:** Dan Arner

**CCD Coordinator:**

# 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, **Sister Mary Jacinta and Sister Mary Ruth** 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>	Keith Mach	Scott DeWald	Lorraine Borch
<b>Server</b>	Paul Mach		Devin Wanamaker
<b>Server</b>	Aldo Ramos		Salvador Chavez
<b>Organ/Piano</b>	Mary Prellwitz	Lorrie Hofstetter	Mary Mach
<b>Gifts/Greeters</b>		Richie & Rhonda Burkhart	
<b>Collection</b>	Matt Umland and Chad Mans		

<b>Our Offering to God Last Weekend</b>		<b>Adult</b>	<b>Plate</b>	<b>Children</b>
	<b>St. Michael's</b>	\$1615.00	\$149.00	\$10.00
	<b>St. Mary's</b>	\$240.00	\$17.00	
	<b>St. Michael's Debt</b>	<b>Last Week</b>	<b>Total</b>	
		\$190.00	\$4000.00	

## ***THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE***

Monday	June 1	<b>NO MASS</b>	St. Michael's	NO MASS
Tuesday	June 2	12:10 PM	St. Michael's	Jim Melcher+
Wednesday	June 3	12:10 PM	St. Michael's	Walter & Dorrine Milius+
Thursday	June 4	5:30 PM	St. Michael's	Bill & Arlene Wagner+
Friday	June 5	12:10 PM	St. Michael's	Marcellan Siegel+
Saturday	June 6	5:30 PM	St. Michael's	Norman Medina+
Sunday	June 7	8:00 AM	St. Mary's	The People of the Parishes
Sunday	June 7	10:00 AM	St. Michael's	All Souls Day Intentions of Georganne Friedrichsen

<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!!!**

**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, Marie Kosmacek, 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.*

## **NEW ITEMS**

- **TOTUS TUUS Potluck Supper:** All Parishioners are invited to a potluck supper, Wednesday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 p.m. in the school gym. This is a good time for parents and parish members to meet the teachers, where they are from, etc. The team will explain a little about the history and mission of Tutus Tuus. The grade school students usually show us what they have learned during the week, so please mark your calendars to join the potluck supper.
- **PCCW Meeting and Carry In Dinner:** The St. Michael's PCCW meeting will be June 15<sup>th</sup> in the parish center. The carry in dinner will begin at **6:00 p.m.** Char Mees, Mary Mach, Kim Swanda, Tammi Mans, Tammy Suey, Mary McCord, Sue Rine, Sandra Phelps, Mary Feldkamp and Caryn Bales are in charge of the carry-in dinner. A short meeting will immediately follow.
- **Knights of Columbus News:** Council 4434 held their election of officers on May 11 with the following results: Grand Knight-Dan Arner, Deputy Grand Knight-Randy Prellwitz, Chancellor-Joe Busing, Recorder-Ronn Brackle, Treasurer-Dave Panko, Advocate-Charlie Barringer, Warden-Jim Bell, Inside Guard-Jim Tejral, Outside Guard-Eddie Lytle, Trustees-Bruce Busing, Tom Murphy, Keith Mach. Appointed positions will continue with Chaplain-Rev Birkel, Financial Secretary-Steve Graff, Lecturer-Mike Hammer.
- **Summer Food Service Program:** Fairbury Public Schools is providing a "Summer Lunch Program" in order to make sure that no children in the Fairbury School District goes hungry. The Program is available to any child ages 1-18 regardless of income or enrollment status. **Every child receives a free meal.** Food will be served at Central Elementary from June 1-July 31 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. **Activity Time 11:00-11:30 a.m.** Dress Code: Shoes and Shirts are required. Any questions, please call Jane Rhine at 402-729-6119.



- **Please note:** Summer vacation continues but there is never a vacation from God. Make sure to include Him in you travel plans. Bills still need to be paid, however, please remember to consistently contribute your parish offering during the summer months.

- **First Friday Adoration in June:** First Friday Adoration will be held on **Thursday, June 4**, in anticipation of First Friday. The Knights are asking for parish participation and support. Please sign-up for June 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.



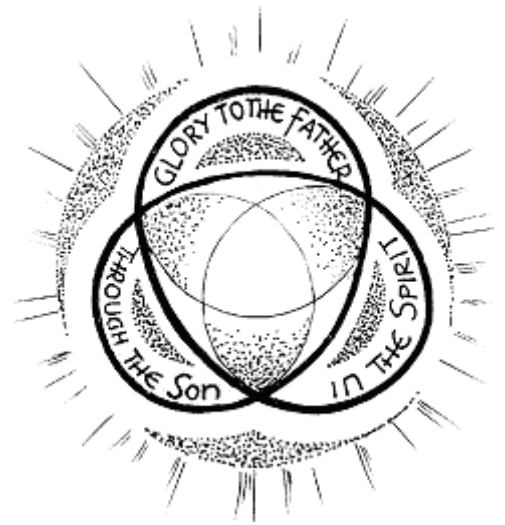
- **Therese: The Story of a Soul,** the moving, live production performed by actress Audrey Ahern and directed by Patti Defilippis of Saint Luke Productions, will be presented at Newman Center, St. Thomas Aquinas Church on Tuesday, June 2 at 7:00 p.m. In this one-woman performance, Therese speaks directly to you, the audience, with humor, grace and humility. Her honest, direct spirituality speaks powerfully to our busy culture, with the encouraging message that anyone can become a saint. The program is filled with all the elements of professional theater, runs 75 minutes, and is suitable for all ages. Admission is a free-will offering. For additional information, contact Fr. Daniel Rayer at 402-488-0921.
- **The I-80 Collar Series!** Spirit 102.7-FM presents the first ever I-80 Collar Series—a softball match between priests of the Diocese of Lincoln and the Archdiocese of Omaha on Father’s Day, Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>. Tailgating begins at 3:30 p.m. and the game begins at 5:00 p.m. at the Werner Park in Papillion. All proceeds from the I-80 Collar Series will go to vocations in the two dioceses. All proceeds from ticket sales will assist in promoting vocation to the priesthood, consecrated and religious life in the Archdiocese of Omaha and the Diocese of Lincoln. For a list of priests playing in the game, visit [spiritcatholicradio.com](http://spiritcatholicradio.com). Tickets may be purchased at [spiritcatholicradio.com](http://spiritcatholicradio.com), at the Spirit 102.7-FM studios in Lincoln, Gloria Deo in Lincoln, John XXIII Diocesan Center and UNL Newman Center.
- **Annual Charity and Stewardship (DDP) Appeal:** Thank you for your generosity and your support of the Charity and Stewardship (DDP) Appeal. St. Michael’s goal is \$11,246.00. ***To date St. Michael’s has pledged \$8565.00.00.*** St. Mary’s goal is \$2,176.00. If you haven’t made your pledge, stop at the table in the back of the church, or contact Randy Prellwitz or Bob Bachle.
- **Word Among Us:** We have FREE copies of the Word Among Us for June. Please pick yours up today and take home for daily devotions.

- **Totus Tuus:** Mark your calendars for the week of June 7-12<sup>th</sup>. The youth-led Totus Tuus group will conduct our Summer CCD week for Kindergarten-8<sup>th</sup> 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 **1 host family for the men 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](mailto:carolyn@stmichaelsfairbury.org).
- **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.
- **Thought of the Week:** Faithful stewards allow God to take control of their lives.
- **June Church Cleaning for St. Mary's:** Jill Stewart
- **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](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.

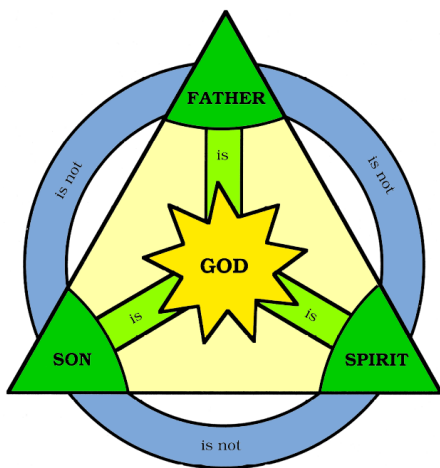
# The History of Trinity Sunday

The first Sunday after Pentecost, The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, was set aside to honor, in a special way, the Most Holy Trinity. In the early Church no special Office or day was assigned for the Holy Trinity. When the Arian heresy (a heresy where some people mistakenly thought that Jesus was human but *not* divine) was spreading the Church Fathers of the time prepared an Office (a book which uses Psalms accented with other scripture readings) with canticles, responses, a Preface, and hymns, to be recited on Sundays. In the Sacramentary of St. Gregory the Great (after whom our diocesan seminary south of Seward is named) there are prayers and the Preface of the Trinity. By others the Office was said on the Sunday before Advent. Alexander II (1061-1073) refused a petition for a special feast on the plea, that such



a feast was not customary in the Roman Church which *daily* honored the Holy Trinity in its liturgy through various readings, prayers, and prefaces, but he did not forbid the celebration where it already existed. John XXII

(1316-1334) ordered the feast for the entire Church on the first Sunday after Pentecost. A new Office had been made by the Franciscan John Peckham, Canon of Lyons, later Archbishop of Canterbury (d. 1292). The feast ranked as a double of the second class but was raised to the dignity of a primary of the first class, 24 July 1911, by Pius X. Since it was after the first great Pentecost that the doctrine of the Trinity was proclaimed to the world, the feast becomingly follows that of Pentecost. The celebration of



Trinity has been celebrated at this **point in our liturgy ever since**