

St. Michael's & St. Mary's

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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 16, 2015



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: 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: 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 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. Marta-Dung Tran and Maria Hang Bui** in your prayers.

Ministers' Schedules for Next Weekend

	5:30 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
Acolyte	Steve Graff	Bob VanWesten	James Huber
Lector	Randy Prellwitz	Scott DeWald	Lorraine Borch
Server	Connor Gerth		Aldo Ramos
Server	Brock Beed		Devin Wanamaker
Organ/Piano	Carolyn Osborne	Lorrie Hofstetter	Mary Mach
Gifts/Greeters		Mark & Peggy Niederklein	
Collection	LeAnn Krause & Dave Panko		

Our Offering to God Last Weekend		Adult	Plate	Children
	St. Michael's	\$1575.00	\$48.51	\$9.00
	St. Mary's	\$480.00	\$31.00	
	St. Michael's Debt	Last Week	Total	
		\$0.00	\$6310.00	

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday	August 17	NO MASS	St. Michael's	NO MASS
Tuesday	August 18	NO MASS	St. Michael's	NO MASS
Wednesday	August 19	NO MASS	St. Michael's	NO MASS
Thursday	August 20	NO MASS	St. Michael's	NO MASS
Friday	August 21	NO MASS	St. Michael's	NO MASS
Saturday	August 22	5:30 PM	St. Michael's	Fr. Anthony Turek+
Sunday	August 23	8:00 AM	St. Mary's	Robert Smith+
Sunday	August 23	10:00 AM	St. Michael's	The People of the Parishes

Confessions	St. Michael's	Saturday	4:45 PM to 5:15 PM
	St. Mary's	Sunday	7:45 AM

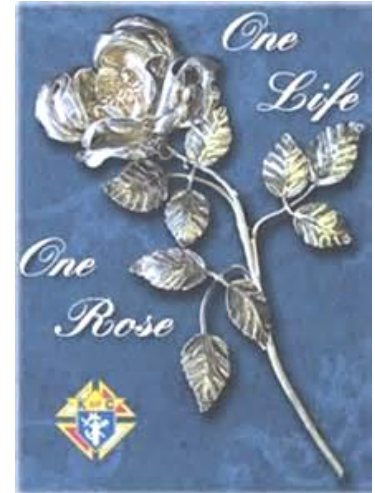
Daily Mass: Please check Mass schedule carefully for Mass times this week!!!

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, Graysen Snyder, Brandi Warnke, Darren Martinez, Marie Kosmacek, Tatum Broeders, Robert Keith Guillory, Francis Nutsch, 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

- **Fr. John will be out of the office** from August 17-26. If you need a priest please call St. Joseph's in Beatrice at 402-223-2923. The priests in Beatrice are, Fr. Robert Barnhill & Fr. Thomas McGuire.
- **Congratulations to both parishes for their success in the Joy of the Gospel campaign!** St. Michael's final pledged for the Joy of the Gospel campaign is \$221,850.00. St. Mary's final pledged for the Joy of the Gospel campaign is \$40,600.00. Your generosity in these hard times is a sign that you recognize God's hand of blessing in your lives. May He continue to pour out abundant blessings upon you, your families and your homes! ***Father John Birkel***
- **Congratulation:** Mary Mach & Eddie Lytle are the new Parish council representatives for St. Michael's. Devin Lovgren is hereby appointed to St. Michael's parish council.
- **Congratulation:** Duane Bartek & Ritchie Burkhart are the new Parish council representatives for St. Mary's.
- **PCCW Brunch:** The PCCW will be sponsoring their monthly brunch, Sunday, August 23rd following the Sunday Mass in the parish center. Suzy Busing, Linda Kapke and Melinda Sasse are in charge of the brunch. A free will donation will be taken up.
- **Come Celebrate with Jefferson Community Health Center,** Saturday, Aug 22nd from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Ribbon cutting at 10:30 with Nebraska Gov. Pete Ricketts, Free lunch from 11:30 a.m. -2:00 p.m., tours of the newly renovated facility, a gift for everyone who attends.
- **The Year of Consecrated Life** continues until February 2, 2016. Make a pilgrimage, adopt a community, and find out more ways to celebrate our Religious at www.lincoln.diocese.org/ycl.

- **Silver Rose Prayer Service:** The Knights of Columbus invite all members of the parish to join the council on August 26th at 7:00 p.m. for rosary and prayer service at St. Michael's. 2015 marks the 55th year of the program which began in 1960 to honor the Blessed Virgin under her title of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas. Today, six Silver roses travel through North America exemplifying Knights of Columbus devotion of our lady and the commitment to the culture of Life. The 2015 Our Lady of Guadalupe Silver-Rose-One Life, One Rose Program will conclude on December 12, 2015 on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Monterrey, Mexico. The service will last 25-30 minutes. This is the first time the Silver Rose has been to Fairbury.



- **Debt Reduction Envelopes:** Attached to this week's bulletin are the debt reduction envelopes for your donations.
- **Thought of the Week:** Like Mary, let us constantly recall that God has done great things for us!
- **Theology on Tap:** On August 27th, at 7:00 p.m., Dr. Ian Murphy will be the invited speaker at the next St. Joseph's Catholic Church Theology on Tap in Beatrice. Dr. Murphy was featured on The Journey Home on EWTN, has presented at the Defending the Faith Conference with Dr. Scott Hahn and has written numerous publications. He will be sharing the lively story of how God brought this once agnostic child, into the Christian faith and finally through the doors of the Catholic Church.
- **Bishop Flavin Memorial Mass:** Bishop Emeritus Bruskewitz will be the homilist and main celebrant at the 20th annual memorial Mass for the late Bishop Glennon P. Flavin at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, August 22nd, 2015. The Mass is open to the public, followed by a reception. It is being sponsored by the School Sisters of Christ the King and held at Villa Regina Motherhouse, 4100 SW 56th Street (south of SW 56th and Van Dorn Street)

- **National 54 Day Rosary Novena** begins, August 15th (Feast of the Assumption) and ends October 7th (Feast of the Holy Rosary). Join hundreds of thousands of people of all ages in prayer across America. Primary Intention: “For Family and Marriage” including for Peace, sanctity of Human Life & Religious Freedom.
- **Lincoln Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (LDCCW) Full Board Meeting,** August 22 2015, at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton parish hall, 3301 Echo Dr., North Platte, NE. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m., Divine Mercy chaplet at 9:00 a.m. with meeting to follow. Mass with Most Reverend Bishop Conley will be celebrated at 2:30 p.m. with a reception to follow. Cost of meals for the day is \$10. Please contact Ann Jansky @ arjansky@gmail.com or text/call 402-826-0219 to register.
- **Miniature Quilt Auction:** Sunday, August 23rd at 4-H building at Jefferson County Fairgrounds. 2:00 p.m. Quilt Preview & Treats; 2:30 p.m. Auction. Free Admission.
- **August Church Cleaning for St. Mary’s:** Rhonda Burkhart
- **Mass times when you are traveling:** Traveling?? There are web-sites to find the time of Masses at different locations. <http://masstimes.org>
- **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.
- **Prayer for Rain:** O God, heavenly Father, who by the Son Jesus Christ hast promised to all those who seek thy kingdom and its righteousness all things necessary to sustain their life: Send us, we entreat thee, in this time of need, such moderate rain and showers, that we may receive the fruits of the earth, to our comfort and to thy honor; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



Who are the “Evangelists?”

The writers of the four gospels are often referred to as the four “evangelists”. I thought it would be useful to give a brief explanation of the origins of the word “evangelist” and the common symbols associated with the Evangelists.

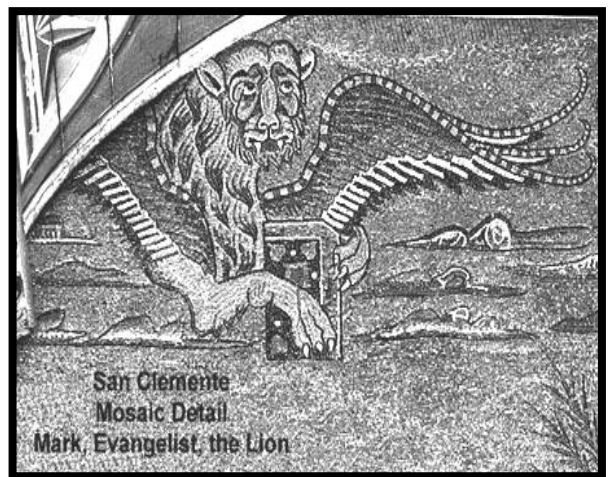
First of all, what is an “Evangelist”?

The word “Evangelist” is used to refer to those people who proclaim the Gospel; specifically, those who wrote the four Canonical Gospels. From the prophet Ezekiel’s vision, the apocalyptic beasts symbolize the four evangelists: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. The four symbolic beasts convey distinctive meanings, which are as follows:

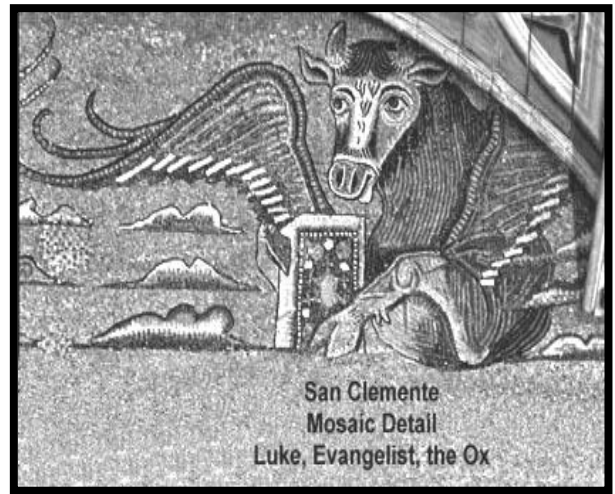
Man, for Matthew, who established Christ as Man through his genealogical table.



The Lion, for Mark, since he begins the book with the preaching of John the Baptist in the desert; a lion that sleeps with its eyes open is a symbol of the Divinity of Jesus in the tomb



The Ox, for Luke, because of the ox or calf chosen as a sacrifice in the Temple by Zechariah (John the Baptist's father), and Christ as the sacrifice in the New Law (oxen were often used for sacrifice in the temple).



The Eagle, for John, because the eagle looks toward and flies into the sun, which represents John's gaze on the eternal generation of the Word, proving His Divinity



The pictures to the right representing the four evangelists are taken from a mosaic in St. Clement's Basilica in Rome.

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