

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

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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 9, 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:** Peggy Niederklein, Rhonda Burkhart, And Donna Rut **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 **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, **Sr. Cecilia Joseph Mai Ngoc Nguyen** and **Sr. Maria Theresa Huong Le** in your prayers.

## Ministers' Schedules for Next Weekend

	5:30 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
<b>Acolyte</b>	Joe Busing	Jim VanWesten	James Huber
<b>Lector</b>	Keith Mach	Bob Bachle	Charlie Barringer
<b>Server</b>	Paul Mach		Braden Suey
<b>Server</b>	Ryan Umland		RJ Suey
<b>Organ/Piano</b>	Mary Prellwitz	Lorrie Hofstetter	Mary Mach
<b>Gifts/Greeters</b>		John & Donna Rut	
<b>Collection</b>	Steve Graff and Carolyn Osborne		

<b>Our Offering to God Last Weekend</b>		<b>Adult</b>	<b>Plate</b>	<b>Children</b>
	<b>St. Michael's</b>	\$1485.00	\$118.00	\$7.00
	<b>St. Mary's</b>	\$270.00	\$12.00	
	<b>St. Michael's Debt</b>	<b>Last Week</b>	<b>Total</b>	
		\$325.00	\$6310.00	

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

Monday	August 10	<b>NO MASS</b>	St. Michael's	<b>NO MASS</b>
Tuesday	August 11	12:10 PM	St. Michael's	Walter & Dorrine Milius+
Wednesday	August 12	12:10 PM	St. Michael's	Bill & Arlene Wagner+
Thursday	August 13	5:30 PM	St. Michael's	Carl & Alvina Birkel+
Friday	August 14	<b>5:30 PM</b>	St. Michael's	The Family of Kathleen O'Keefe
Saturday	August 15	5:30 PM	St. Michael's	Marcellan Siegel+
Sunday	August 16	8:00 AM	St. Mary's	The People of the Parishes
Sunday	August 16	10:00 AM	St. Michael's	Don Gregory+

<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, 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**

- **Bishop Flavin Memorial Mass:** Bishop Emeritus Bruskevitz will be the homilist and main celebrant at the 20<sup>th</sup> annual memorial Mass for the late Bishop Glennon P. Flavin at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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 56<sup>th</sup> Street (south of SW 56<sup>th</sup> and Van Dorn Street)
- **Solemnity of the Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary:** The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into heaven takes place on August 15<sup>th</sup>. Mass will take place at the following time: Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. at St. Michael's.
- **Class on the Natural Law,** similar to the Saint Thomas Aquinas course. Each class consists of an approximately 30 minute video & discussion, ***Tuesday at 12:40*** in the center.
- **Knights of Columbus:** The Knights of Columbus will have their monthly meeting, August 10<sup>th</sup> beginning with Rosary at 6:30 p.m. followed by the meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the parish center.
- **Pancakes:** Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, the Knights will be sponsoring Pancakes and Sausage in the center, immediately following Mass. A free will donation will be taken up.
- **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](mailto:arjansky@gmail.com) or text/call 402-826-0219 to register.



- **Sole to Soul** will be held Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to noon at 10<sup>th</sup> and Grant Street in Beatrice. Anyone who is in need of gently used shoes is welcome and encouraged to come to this giveaway.
- **Thought of the Week:** We build our faith by partaking in the Eucharist.
- **Word Among Us:** We have FREE copies of the Word Among Us for the **month of August**. Please pick yours up today and take home for daily devotions.
- **Miniature Quilt Auction:** Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 Burkhardt
- **Mass times when you are traveling:** Traveling?? There are web-sites to find the time of Masses at different locations. <http://masstimes.org>
- **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.
- **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.
- **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.



## Council Women of the Eucharist

Council Women of the Eucharist was initiated by the Past Presidents of the LDCCW in 1987 to encourage an increase in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament and to pray for the particular needs of the Church - holy families and vocations. As we near the end of this "Year for Consecrated Life", please consider joining the association of LDCCW members who are already members of Council Women of the Eucharist. Since 1987

1,146 ladies have signed up to pray one hour for these special intentions. Members sign a pledge card stating that they will spend one hour each week in prayer for the intentions of holiness and happiness in families and for a Christ-like response to vocations to the priesthood and religious life. After making the pledge, a membership card, signed by the Bishop, is presented. Please contact Kathy Broz if interested in joining Council Women of the Eucharist. Her contact information is 308-737-1052 or [kc.broz@gmail.com](mailto:kc.broz@gmail.com).





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Rosary Campaign of the  
Rosary Evangelization Apostolate

**NATIONAL** **54** **ROSARY**   
**DAY** **NOVENA**

## 2015 National 54 Day Rosary Novena

**Launch August 15, 2015 Feast of the Assumption**

**Closing October 7, 2015 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

**Why:** A Message of Hope in response to the spiritual crisis in our culture and nation and to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops call to prayer.

**What:** Pray the rosary for 54 straight days for the Novena Intentions

- 27 days in *petition* from August 15 through September 10, 2015
- 27 days in *thanksgiving* from September 11 through October 7, 2015

**Where:** At home individually or with families, or in a parish community or other groups



# The Holy Rosary

The word Rosary means "Crown of Roses". Our Lady has revealed to several people that each time they say a Hail Mary they are giving her a beautiful rose and that each complete Rosary makes her a crown of roses. The rose is the queen of flowers, and so the Rosary is the rose of all devotions and it is therefore the most important one. The Holy Rosary is considered a perfect prayer because within it lies the awesome story of our salvation. With the Rosary in fact we meditate the mysteries of joy, of sorrow and the glory of Jesus and Mary. It's a simple prayer, humble so much like Mary. It's a prayer we can all say together with Her, the Mother of God. With the Hail Mary we invite Her to pray for us. Our Lady always grants our request. She joins Her prayer to ours. Therefore it becomes ever more useful, because what Mary asks She always receives, Jesus can never say no to whatever His Mother asks for. In every apparition, the heavenly Mother has invited us to say the Rosary as a powerful weapon against evil, to bring us to true peace. With your prayer made together with Your heavenly Mother, you can obtain the great gift of bringing about a change of hearts and conversion. Each day, through prayer you can drive away from yourselves and from your homeland many dangers and many evils.

It can seem a repetitive prayer but instead it is like two sweethearts who many times say one another the words: "I love you"...

The Blessed Holy Father John Paul II on October 16th, 2002 with the Apostolic Letter Rosarium Virginis Mariae on the Most Holy Rosary has added 5 new mysteries of the Rosary: The Mysteries of the Light. [WWW.THEHOLYROSARY.ORG](http://WWW.THEHOLYROSARY.ORG)

The whole Rosary is composed of twenty decades. Each decade is recited in honor of a mystery in Our Lord's Life and that of his Blessed Mother.

It is customary to recite five decades at a time while meditating on one set of mysteries.

The decades may be separated, if the entire chaplet is completed on the same day.

Each Mystery may be meditate "bead by bead" for every Hail Mary of the decade.

**The Mysteries  
of the Rosary**

**JOYFUL** on Monday and  
Saturday.

**LIGHT** on Thursday

**SORROWFUL** on Tuesday and  
Friday.

**GLORIOUS** on Wednesday and  
Sunday.



