



St. Michael's St. Mary's

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25th Sunday of Ordinary Time

September 23/24, 2017

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 (402) 729-2058.

St. Mary's Parish Council: Duane Bartek & Ritchie Burkhart

Trustees: Bob VanWesten and Bob Bachle

St. Mary's PCCW: Deb Vanwesten

St. Michael's Parish Council: Mary Prellwitz, John Ragland, Deb Jones, Megan Grant, Mary Mach, Eddie Lytle.

Trustees: Keith Mach and Randy Prellwitz

St. Michael's PCCW: Beth Hansmire

Knights of Columbus: Randy Prellwitz

CCD Coordinator: Beth Hansmire

Confession schedule: Saturday 4:45 PM to 5:15 PM

Ministers' Schedules for September 30th /October 1st, 2017

	5:30 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
Acolyte	Ronn Brackle	Bob VanWesten	Dan Arner
Lector	Keith Mach	Scott DeWald	Devin Lovgren
Server	Connor Gerths	.	RJ Suey
Server	Salvador Chavez		Braden Suey
Music	Mary Prellwitz	Lorrie Hofstetter	LeAnn Krause
Gifts/Greeters	Ronn & Betty Brackle	Jim & Ellen VanWesten	Jason & Megan Grant
Collection	Megan Grant/Deb Jones		
Church Cleaning for September – Peggy Niederklein			

Mass intentions for the week of Sept. 25th – Oct 1st

Monday	NO MASS	NO MASS	<u>NO MASS</u>
Tuesday	Noon	St. Michael's	Special Intention
Wednesday	Noon	St. Michael's	Wilma James+
Thursday	5:30 pm	St. Michael's	Special Intention
Friday	Noon	St. Michael's	Special Intention
Saturday	9:00 AM 5:30PM	St. Michael's	Special Intention Special Intention
Sunday	8:00 AM	St. Mary's	People of the Parishes
Sunday	10:00 AM	St. Michael's	Special Intention

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:

Randy Wilhelm
Vonia Scheer
Evelyn Birkel

Frank Kosmacek
Steve Graff
Bob Gibson

Eddie Lytle
Tom Huber
Rozella Prellwitz

- **BULLETIN:** If you have news for the bulletin, please call the Rectory 729-2058 or email st.michael.fairbury@gmail.com. Deadline for additions - Thursday by 10:00 AM.
- **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.

Parish News & Upcoming Events

Parish collection data:

9-17-17	<u>St. Michael's</u>	<u>St. Mary's</u>
Adult	\$1,160.00	\$360.00
Plate	52.00	17.00
Children	3.00	
Building Fund	.00	
Hurricane Relief	.00	
Debt Reduction	65.00	
Total	\$1,280.00	\$377.00

Debt Reduction Current Totals:	Loan Pmt - 12/17
	\$17,360.33
Joy of the Gospel Rebates	4,327.38
Debt Reduction Envelopes	6,505.00
Balance Needed to Pay loan	\$6,527.95

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

“The love which the Apostle Paul celebrates in the First Letter to the Corinthians—the love which is ‘patient’ and ‘kind,’ and ‘endures all things’ (1 Cor 13:4, 7)—is certainly a demanding love. But this is precisely the source of its beauty: by the very fact that it is demanding, it builds up the true good of man and allows it to radiate to others,”
 St. John Paul II, *Letter to Families*, 14.

THE CHURCH WAS VANDALIZED

Sometime after Mass and before 5 p.m. someone set off a dry chemical fire extinguisher in the main body of the church. Literally every surface in the church was covered with white dust. Holes spent two days cleaning the church. While I was not able to have an actual meeting with the council I did consult with each

member. It has been generally agreed and so I have decided that the church will remain locked, except from 4:45 to 6:30 on Saturday and Sunday from 9:40 to 11 a.m. We may certainly revise this in the future after deciding on another course of protection. Consider this all it would take is for the perpetrator to decide that was fun and decide to do it again, and maybe throw the empty fire extinguisher through a stained glass window! Or see what would happen if he pushed the statue of St Michael off of its shelf!!

PLEASE PRAY FOR the people on our **“Please Pray For”** section at the front of this Bulletin.

ST. MICHAEL'S will host Father Sean Kilcawley who will give a talk on the Theology of the Body, Tuesday October 17th; 7:00-8:30.

Please mark your calendars & watch for more details. We plan to meet in the Parish Center. This talk is for adults & teens.

Highlights of the Sept. 18 PCCW Meeting

Mary Prellwitz presented \$90 to treasury from the labels project.

Thank you to all. Keep saving those Best Choice Labels and turning them in to the container in the vestibule of the church.

Janet Beranek, service chairman, purchased eight sets of round tables and chairs for The Center Meeting area. They have been delivered and are a wonderful addition.

Kathleen Selig has enjoyed phone contact with our Unbound Child we sponsor in the Philippines.

Fairbury Deanery is again sponsoring the October Diaper Drive. A baby crib will be placed in the vestibule for your donations. Thank you so much for your support of this project.

Our Fall and Holiday fund-raising events are in the planning stages.

Watch the bulletin for more details.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND in Hastings, NE on Sept.29 – Oct. 1. “Enhance our couple love.” Contact Pat & Janelle Benson 308-946-3568 for more details.

UNBOUND 2-DAY CONFERENCE:

Participants will learn about Unbound through live presentations & videos and how it teaches 5 simple “keys” to break

the chains of emotional, spiritual and mental bondage and unlock the doors to freedom. Join us at St. Vincent de Paul’s Parish-Seward, NE Friday, October 20th- 6-9pm & Saturday, October 21st - 8-5pm. The event is free & registration is required. Please register at: www.lincolndiocese.org/unbound

MOTHER-DAUGHTER Chastity program Nov 12th 2-4:30 @ John XXIII. The program explores God's special gift of human fertility and becoming a woman. Cost is \$20/child or \$30/family (non-refundable). Reservations are required by November 5th. Space is limited. Please contact Jennifer Davis @ 402-261-6375 or jmdavis17@gmail.com to register.

EWTN through the help of people like you, have brought encouragement to soldiers overseas. Our soldiers are living in a very different world and EWTN is reaching them with hope Truth and encouragement. Consider donating. For more information go to www.ewtn.com.