

St. Michael's & St. Mary's

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Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Feast of Saint Michael, Gabriel and Raphael

September 28, 2014



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, Trish Endorf **Trustees:** Bob VanWesten and Bob Bachle

St. Mary's PCCW: Deb Vanwesten

St. Michael's Parish Council: Brenda Mannschresk, Doug Kapke, LeAnn Krause, Dave Panko, Dave Banahan, Bruce Busing, Chad Mans, Matt Umland, **Trustees:** Randy Prellwitz and Keith Mach

St. Michael's PCCW: Brenda Mannschreck

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.

Ministers' Schedules for Next Weekend

	5:30 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
Acolyte	Randy Prellwitz	Bob VanWesten	Steve Graff
Lector	Keith Mach	Scott DeWald	Charlie Barringer
Server	Connor Gerth		Paul Mach
Server	Brock Beed		Joey Whitney
Organ/Piano	Mary Prellwitz	Lorrie Hoffstetter	Allen Scheer
Gifts/Greeters	Janice Olberding	Daryl & Denise Anderson	Kathleen Selig
Collection	Matt Umland & Chad Mans		

Our Offering to God Last Weekend	St. Michael's	\$ 1129.00
	St. Mary's	\$ 552.00

Please pray for: Rosalie Hamm, 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, Bill Muller, Noelle Salazar, Bernie Boerner, Paul Prellwitz, Brad Eveleth, Kathy Blobaum, Bob McCord, Shirley Sweetser, Ed Lytle, LeRoy Prellwitz, Rita Stone, 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	September 29	NO MASS	St. Michael's	NO MASS
Tuesday	September 30	NO MASS	St. Michael's	NO MASS
Wednesday	October 1	12:10 PM	St. Michael's	David Tynan+
Thursday	October 2	5:30 PM	St. Michael's	Ray Roskilly+
Friday	October 3	12:10 PM	St. Michael's	Darrel Wolcott+
Saturday	October 4	5:30 PM	St. Michael's	For a Successful Surgery
Sunday	October 5	8:00 AM	St. Mary's	The People of the Parishes
Sunday	October 5	10:00 AM	St. Michael's	All Souls Day Intentions of Kathleen Selig

Confessions	St. Michael's	Saturday	4:45 PM to 5:15 PM
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Daily Mass: Please check Mass schedule carefully for Mass times this week!!!

NEW ITEMS

- **Day of Prayer:** Sunday, September 28 is to be set aside as a Day of Prayer for the III Extraordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, scheduled to take place from October 5 to 19th to treat the topic: *The Pastoral Challenges of the Family in the Context of Evangelization.*
- **Penny Harvest:** The CCD is collecting money for the Blue Valley Giving Tree Project during the months of October and November. They are asking the parish to help with their project. A Penny Harvest Jar is located on the back table of the church. Please be as generous as possible with your change to help the less fortunate.



- **Membership Drive:** The Knights of Columbus will be distributing cards and pencils to the men of the parish prior to weekend Masses on October 4 and 5. Please complete the cards and place in the collection plate. The pencils are yours to keep. Contact information provided will be used to assist the council in assisting those men in learning more about the Knights.



- **LDCCW October Pro-Life Diaper Drive:** The LDCCW is sponsoring the 5th Annual October Pro-Life Diaper Drive, collecting diapers throughout the month of October in each of the Lincoln Diocese parishes. **The assistance of everyone in the Lincoln Diocese is requested.** Donations will be shared with the Crisis Pregnancy Centers approved by the Bishop's Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities and Catholic Social Services across the Diocese and St. Gianna's Home. Listen to Spirit Catholic Radio for Diaper Drive announcements.

- **Raffle Donations:** If anyone would like to donate items for the Christmas Bazaar Raffle, please contact Janice Bell at 729-5203.
- **Know Your Knights Part One:** The Knights were founded on March 29, 1882 at St. Mary's church in New Haven, CT to provide financial support in the form of life insurance to widows and orphans as well as to assist the parish priest. It was chartered as a Catholic men's fraternal organization with the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. Since that time the Knights have grown in size to over 1.8 million Catholic men belonging to over 15,500 councils in the U.S., Canada, Mexico, Philippines, Cuba, Poland and most recently, South Korea. In 2013, the Knights donated over \$170 million and 70.5 million hours of voluntary service. Time donated to charity was worth more than \$1.6 billion. For more information visit the Supreme website at kofc.org. and attend an open house on October 12th during the pancake feed in the parish center.
- **Ministry Schedule:** Please pick up your ministry schedule in the back of the church. Remember, if you are unable to serve your ministry, it is your job to find a replacement.



- **Thank you!** We would like to thank Eddie Lytle for the donation of items for both the school and center kitchens and the purchase of a new dishwasher in the center. Eddie donated these items in memory of Linda.
- **Thank you!** We would like to thank the Velma Hammer Family and Mel Nespor Family for their donation to the automatic door opener installed on the ramp door.
- **Thank you!** We would like to thank Bob and Shirley Gibson and Char Mees for their fall decorations around the front sign.
- **PCCW Brunch:** To promote parish unity and fellowship, the PCCW will be serving a light brunch following Mass this weekend, September 28th, in the center. A free will donation will be taken up. Please join us this weekend for brunch!

- **Rosary:** We are looking for volunteers (men and women) to lead the Rosary before Mass during the month of October. A sign-up sheet is on the back table for anyone interested in leading the Rosary. Please start the rosary 20 minutes before Mass will begin. Thank you!!



- **First Friday Adoration in October:** First Friday Adoration will be held on **Thursday, October 2nd**, in anticipation of First Friday (October 3rd). The Knights are asking for parish participation and support. Please sign-up for August in the back of the Church. Please commit to at least one hour (if not more). Each hour has two time slots, but there is no limit to the number of people who may be present.



- **October Pancake Breakfast:** The Knights of Columbus are going to donate the proceeds after expenses from the **October Pancake breakfast** to the Newman Center in Lincoln. The parish is welcome to attend this free will breakfast, October 12th. The Newman Center is the catholic center in Lincoln serving the UNL campus and surrounding area. Many vocations are fostered there and the center is a thriving community of young men and women sharing their faith. **The pancake breakfast will be held in the parish center. Please plan to attend.**



- **Thank you!** We would like to thank everyone who donated food for Marcellan Siegel funeral dinner. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.
- **CCD:** Classes are from 6:45 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Please do not drop your children off before 6:35 p.m., because there will not be any adult supervision. Please remember to enter the driveway on E street and exit on 8th street.
- **Word Among Us:** We have FREE copies of the Word Among Us for the month of ***October***. Please pick yours up today and take home for daily devotions.
- **Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House:** God may be calling you to “come away to a quiet place and abide with Him”. Hear His soft & serene voice in the still silence of a retreat. He wants to give you HIS love & HIS Mercy and the Peace that only HE can give! Upcoming retreats: Women’s Retreat, October 3-5, Fr. Michael Mitchell, LC “The Kingdom of Christ”. Men and Women Retreat, October 10-12, Fr. Jeremy Hazuka (Legion of Mary) “Mary & laity call to Holiness” You can register at www.goodcounselretreat.com and receive immediate confirmation or call Good Counsel Retreat House at 402-786-2705 to register now.
- **St. Mary’s Cemetery Fence:** St. Mary’s is collecting funds for a new iron fence on the east and south sides of the cemetery. The cost of the project is \$30,000.00. Donations can be dropped in the collection basket marked “Cemetery Fence” or mailed to St. Mary’s, P.O. Box 406, Fairbury, NE. 68352. Any size of donation will be greatly appreciated. ***To date \$20300.00 has been donated.***
- **Thought of the week:** The only possession that is significant is our faith in God.
- **St. Mary’s Church Cleaning for October:** Peggy Neiderklein
- **Best Choice Labels:** Please continue to save you labels, and put them in the container at the back of the church.

- **Website:** You can find St. Michael's/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 and it will be something they will not have to worry about.** You may turn them in to the office or you may keep at you 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. Amen.



Saint Michael, the Archangel

God had made Heaven and the Earth and all the Angels and all the extra important Angels, called Archangels. The Archangels were God's very special friends and were Shining and Strong and Powerful. One Archangel was called Michael. Michael, the Archangel, was "the Angel of the Lord", who was sent to Moses and Jacob and Abraham and to other people throughout the history of the world.

Saint Michael, the Archangel, who ranks among the seven Archangels, is also one of the three Angels mentioned by name in the Scriptures; the others being Saint Raphael and Saint Gabriel. Saint Gabriel is the messenger to the Blessed Virgin Mary in the Mystery of the Incarnation. Michael is the defender of Jesus Christ in his Sacred Humanity. Saint Michael, the Archangel. He is spoken of twice in the Old Testament, and twice in the New.

The name Michael signifies "Who is like to God" and was the war cry of the good Angels in the battle fought in heaven against Satan and his followers. Because of the victory, Saint Michael, the Archangel, is revered in Catholic tradition and liturgy as the Protector of the Church, as once, he was regarded as the Protector of the Israelites. In the Eastern Church, Saint Michael, the Archangel, is placed over all the Angels, as Prince of the Seraphim.

As distinct from the Guardian Angels, the Archangels are God's messengers to man in matters of grave moment; e.g., Gabriel to the Virgin Mary, Raphael to Tobias; and to the Archangels God also entrusts the care of persons of exalted rank or sanctity to the Archangels. Saint Michael, the Archangel, was the angel who communicated with Joan of Arc. In spite of her efforts to save her king and country with the help of God, Joan was betrayed by her own people to the English who tried her as a witch and burned her at the stake.

Saint Michael, the Archangel, is usually depicted with a sword. This sword is double edged: truth and justice. As the Archangel of battle and defender of Heaven, Michael is said to be the Patron Saint of policemen. In the Christian Bible, Michael is said to be the Angel who told the Virgin Mary of her approaching death.



