

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

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St. Michael's Prayer Chain	Carmen Juarez: 729-3623	

BAPTISM of the LORD

January 10, 2016



*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. 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:** Linda McMurphy

**Knights of Columbus:** Dan Arner

**CCD Coordinator:** Mary Mach

<b>Ministers' Schedules for Next Weekend</b>			
	<b>5:30 PM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>
<b>Acolyte</b>	Ronn Brackle	Bob VanWesten	Steve Graff
<b>Lector</b>	Randy Prellwitz	Scott DeWald	Charlie Barringer
<b>Server</b>	Aldo Ramos		RJ Suey
<b>Server</b>	Salvator Chavez		Braden Suey
<b>Music</b>	Mary Prellwitz	Lorrie Hofstetter	Janice Bell
<b>Gifts/Greeters</b>	Mary Feldcamp	John & Donna Rut	Keith & Mary Mach
<b>Collection</b>	Mary Mach & Eddie Lytle		

- **BULLETIN:** If you have news for the bulletin, please call the Rectory 729-2058 or or email [info@stmichaelsfairbury.org](mailto:info@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.
- **SEMINARIAN OF THE WEEK:** Please keep our Seminarian of the week, Robert Froeschl, in your prayers.

<b>THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE</b>				
Monday	January 11		St. Michael's	No Mass
Tuesday	January 12	8:00AM	St. Michael's	Msgr Hain+
Wednesday	January 13	12:10PM	St. Michael's	Walter & Dorrine Millius+
Thursday	January 14	5:30PM	St. Michael's	Rosa Juarez
Friday	January 15	12:10PM	St. Michael's	Doug Endorf+
Saturday	January 16	5:30 PM	St. Michael's	David DeWald+
Sunday	January 17	8:00 AM	St. Mary's	The People of the Parishes
Sunday	January 17	10:00 AM	St. Michael's	Leonard & Pat Stolzer
<b>Confessions</b>	St. Michael's		Saturday	4:45 PM to 5:15 PM
	St. Mary's		Sunday	7:45 AM

**Please pray for:** Bruce Schwartz, Betty (Mrs. Morgan) Brackle, Iola Busing, Rose O'Keefe, Vonja Scheer, Doug Wiedel, Zachary Rowe, Noelle Salazar, Brad Eveleth, Bob McCord, Eddie Lytle, Rita Stone, Darren Martinez, Marie Kosmacek. *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.*

# Parish News & Upcoming Events

## **P**arish collection data:

	<u>St. Michael's</u>	<u>St. Mary's</u>
<b>1/3/2016</b>		
Adult	\$1,450.00	\$450.00
Plate	\$56.30	\$2.00
Holy Day	\$130.00	\$135.00
Cemetery		\$500.00
Children	\$8.00	
Debt Retirement		
<b>Total</b>	<hr/> <b>\$1,644.30</b> <hr/>	<hr/> <b>\$1,087.00</b> <hr/>

St Michael's Debt Reduction current total \$1,560.00.

**T**hought of the Week: Christ has taken even our sins upon himself; Come let us worship him!

**T**hank you to all who gave me cards, prayers, gifts this Christmas! You are very generous & thoughtful & I pray for you often! May God bless you throughout this year & forever!

**K**nights of Columbus meeting Tuesday January 12<sup>th</sup>. The Rosary is at 6:30PM in the chapel; the meeting starts at 7:00PM in the Center.

**M**inistries calendars are on the table, they are the same as the electronic copies.

**T**he Word Among Us copies for January-February 9<sup>th</sup>, are available. Please take one.

**Knights Receive Award:** Knights of Columbus Council 4434 will be presented with the Star Council award on Jan 10 during Mass. This is the highest honor awarded to a council by the Supreme Council in New Haven. To qualify for this award a council must have an active membership program with positive growth, an active insurance program led by a full time field agent who represents multiple councils, and a service program that completes four projects in the areas of Church, Council, Community, Family, Youth, and Culture of Life. Reports and per capita payments must be submitted on time to the State Council and Supreme Council. Grand Knight Dan Arner will accept the award from State Deputy Tony Hergott and District Deputy Joe Keaschall.

**Church Drive by the Knights:** The Knights of Columbus will conduct a membership drive on Jan 10 after Mass in the parish center in conjunction with the second Sunday pancake feed. Men who are practical Catholics over the age of 18, and their families, are invited to meet the men and families of council 4434, the District Deputy and State Deputy to learn more about the Knights. Learn about the fraternal benefits available through the insurance program i.e. life insurance, annuities, IRA's, estate planning. Those who are interested and desire to join will be provided a date of the next installation ceremony. Many have been asked, now is the time to join.

**Christmas Decorating Clean Up**--- The date and time has been set for Sunday January 10 immediately following the after mass K of C pancake feed. We will also be doing some general clean up---vacuuming and dusting---so please bring your favorite vacuum to get under the pews and up the steps to the choir loft. Also, please bring swiffers and dust cloths to dust the pews, railings, window sills, statues and stations. We will not be cleaning the Altar area. Bring the family and your best friends and we will make short work of all of this.

**Red Cross Blood Mobile** will be held on Tuesday, January 12 from 11:30am – 5:30 pm at the Fairbury Elks Lodge located at 525 G Street.

**6th annual LDCCW Winter Symposium** at Waverly Retreat House is for all ladies of the Diocese: Friday & Saturday, Jan. 15 and 16. The theme is "Seeking God through works of mercy." Friday evening begins at 7:30 p.m. with a Rosary Vigil for the Unborn followed by the Divine Mercy Chaplet (sung) and Marian songs led by Ellen Soukup and a wine & cheese social. Saturday will run from 8:30-3:00, with local speakers and two panels consisting of (1) Sisters from the Lincoln Diocese and (2) Mothers of Religious Sisters. The Most Reverend Bishop James D. Conley will celebrate Mass at 11:15 a.m.. Call or email the Retreat House (402-786-2795 or <http://www.goodcounselretreat.com/retreat/schedule>) to sign up.

**Prayer Cards available:** with a Prayer of Renunciation, Deliverance & Healing are on the back table.

**Best of Northern Ireland & the Republic of Ireland.** 11 days. April 18-28, 2016, led by veteran pilgrimage leader Father John Vakulskas. Belfast, Derry, Shrine of Knock, Shrine at Ballymoe dedicated to Father Flanagan, founder of Boys Town, Galway, Ring f Kerry, Kilarney, Connemara, Dublin & much more. R/T Omaha \$3229. Includes R/T air, tours, transfers most meals, First class hotels, daily Mass & free time. Limited seat, For more info: Fr John Vakulskas PO Box 347 Okoboji, IA 51355 712-490-8047 or [johnvakulskas@gmail.com](mailto:johnvakulskas@gmail.com)

**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. **We are in need of substitute teachers, please contact Mary Mach (300-0321) or Fr. John (729-2058).** Please remember to enter the driveway on E street and exit on 8<sup>th</sup> street.

**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](http://www.lincoln.diocese.org/ycl).

**W**hen the Sacred Scriptures are read in the Church, God himself speaks to his people, and Christ, present in his word, proclaims the Gospel.

Therefore, the readings from the Word of God are to be listened to reverently by everyone, for they are an element of the greatest importance in the Liturgy. Although in the readings from Sacred Scripture the Word of God is addressed to all people of whatever era and is understandable to them, a fuller understanding and a greater efficaciousness of the word is nevertheless fostered by a living commentary on the word, that is, by the Homily, as part of the liturgical action.

*(General instruction of the Roman Missal #29)*





