

St. Michael's & St. Mary's

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EPIPHANY

January 3, 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: Lorraine Borch

Knights of Columbus: Dan Arner

CCD Coordinator: Mary Mach

Ministers' Schedules for Next Weekend			
	5:30 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
Acolyte	Bruce Busing		James Huber
Lector	Keith Mach	Daryl Anderson	Lorraine Borch
Server	Connor Gerthes		RJ Suey
Server	Brock Beed		Braden Suey
Music	Mary Mach	Lorrie Hofstetter	LeAnn Krause
Gifts/Greeters	Annette Barber		Jim & Janice Bell
Collection	Doug Kapke & Devin Lovgren		

- **BULLETIN:** If you have news for the bulletin, please call the Rectory 729-2058 or or email 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, Luke Fleck, in your prayers.

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE				
Monday	January 4		St. Michael's	No Mass
Tuesday	January 5	12:10PM	St. Michael's	Norman Medina+
Wednesday	January 6	12:10PM	St. Michael's	Paul Mach
Thursday	January 7	5:30PM	St. Michael's	Bill & Arlene Wagoner+
Friday	January 8	12:10PM	St. Michael's	Monsignor Pohl+
Saturday	January 9	5:30 PM	St. Michael's	Father Lyons+
Sunday	January 10	8:00 AM	St. Mary's	The People of the Parishes
Sunday	January 10	10:00 AM	St. Michael's	Don Gregory+
Confessions	St. Michael's	Saturday	4:45 PM to 5:15 PM	
	St. Mary's	Sunday	7:45 AM	

Please pray for: 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

Parish collection data:

	<u>St. Michael's</u>	<u>St. Mary's</u>
12/27/2015		
Adult	\$1,852.00	\$325.00
Plate	298.00	\$25.00
Children	12.00	
Debt Retirement	250.00	
Total	\$2,412.00	\$350.00
Christmas	\$1,073.00	\$1,470.00
Loose Plate	\$431.00	\$49.00
	Total \$1,504.00	Total \$ 1,519.00

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

Thought of the Week: Christ has revealed Himself to the nations! Come! let us adore him.

The Word Among Us copies for January are available. Please feel free to 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.

CCW---We are in need of a president. The office is not difficult, but does require a monthly meeting moderator and overseeing/checking on committees each month to insure a "smooth operation". All women of the parish are automatically members, please give this serious consideration as the same few should not be asked to take on these responsibilities year after year.

PCCW---College Students--PCCW will send thinking of you/study encouragement cards to all parish students and or young service people of the parish. So, parents, please let us know who and where your son or daughter are, so they can be included. Thank you.

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

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 8th 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.

The Mass consists in some sense in two parts, namely the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist, these being so closely interconnected that they form but one single act of worship. For in the Mass is spread the table both of God's Word and of the Body of Christ, and from it the faithful are to be instructed and refreshed. There are also certain rites that open and conclude the celebration.

(General instruction of the Roman Missal #28)

