

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

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

5<sup>TH</sup> Sunday of Lent

March 12/13, 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 March 19/20, 2016</b>			
	<b>5:30 PM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>
<b>Acolyte</b>	Bruce Busing	Bob VanWesten	Steve Graff
<b>Lector</b>	Keith Mach	Rhonda Burkhardt	Charlie Barringer
<b>Server</b>	Brock Beed		Paul Mach
<b>Server</b>	Connor Gerthes		Devin Wanamaker
<b>Music</b>	Mary Mach	Lorrie Hofstetter	LeAnn Krause
<b>Gifts/Greeters</b>	Bob & Shirley Gibson	Doris DeWald & Brent Bachle	Volunteer
<b>Collection</b>	Doug Kapke/Devin Lovgren		
<b>Church Cleaning for March – Ellen VanWesten</b>			

- **BULLETIN:** If you have news for the bulletin, please call the Rectory 729-2058 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, Michael McHale in your prayers.

<b><i>THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE</i></b>				
Monday	March 14	NO MASS		
Tuesday	March 15	12:10PM	St. Michael's	Carmen Jaurez
<b><u>Wednesday</u></b>	<b><u>March 16</u></b>	<b><u>8:00AM</u></b>	<b><u>St. Michael's</u></b>	Leonard Jr. & Lynette Stolzer
Thursday	March 17	5:30PM	St. Michael's	David Dewald+
Friday	March 18	12:10PM	St. Michael's	Jim Cortney+
Saturday	March 19	5:30 PM	St. Michael's	Catharine Nutsch+
Sunday	March 20	8:00 AM	St. Mary's	People of the Parishes
Sunday	March 20	10:00 AM	St. Michael's	George & Eleanore Schaefer+
<b>Confessions</b>	St. Michael's	Saturday	4:45 PM to 5:15 PM	
	St. Mary's	Sunday	7:45 AM	

*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:**

Susan Hammer  
 Betty (Mrs. Morgan) Brackle  
 Eddie Lytle

Marie Kosmacek  
 Vonja Scheer  
 Rita Stone

# Parish News & Upcoming Events

## **Parish collection data:**

<b>3/6/2016</b>	<b><u>St. Michael's</u></b>	<b><u>St. Mary's</u></b>
Adult	\$1,780.00	\$535.00
Plate	56.00	137.00
Register	0.00	
Combined Collection	10.00	
Debt Reduction	0.00	
Children	0.00	
Music Fund	100.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,946.00</b>	<b>\$672.00</b>

St Michael's Debt Reduction current total \$1,410.00.

**Thought of the Week:** Do not fear to do penance. It brings life.

**We are currently** taking donations for Easter flowers, simply mark them as such: Lilies \$8.50 each.

**Palm Sunday 10:00AM Mass** will begin in the Center with the blessing of Palms & a procession to the Church for Mass.

**Confessions will be heard** in Beatrice & Fairbury on Sunday March 20<sup>th</sup>. Beatrice 3:30-5:00PM & Fairbury 7:00-7:30PM. Hebron on Tuesday 7:00-7:30PM.

**We have about six** five-gallon plastic buckets, if you want some, let me know.

**When to sit after Communion???** In general you may sit when the doors of the tabernacle are closed. If you are still praying & would like to remain kneeling, that is, of course, perfectly fine.

**Sign-up sheets** are out for ministries for Holy Week. Please sign-up. Thank you.

**ATTENTION ALL CATHOLIC WOMEN:** There is still time to register for the 60th Biennial Convention of the Lincoln Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (LDCCW)! The theme for the convention is "The Francis Effect". Join Bishop Conley on Friday, April 15, in McCool Junction and Bishop Emeritus Bruskwitz on Saturday, April 16, in York for this great event. Multi-generation attendees will receive special recognition. Register today to meet the April 1 deadline. Registration form is in the March 11 edition of the

Southern Nebraska Register or you may register online at <http://bit.do/LDCCW>.

**Good Friday is an unusual day.** There is no Mass that day and it is the only day we are told to “depart in silence.” It is awkward to announce that & even when I have, people often start talking as soon as they are out of their pew or outside. To depart in silence means to think about what we just encountered: The Passion and death of Christ. Please be silent at least until you are in your vehicle.

**PCCW** Meeting March 21, 2016 Rosary 6:30. Business meeting 7:00.

**Plan to attend** the third part of the *Understanding Gender Identity: Tools for Informed Conversation* series on March 16th. Ms. Sheri Rickert will address the facts and issues of the NSAA gender participation policy. She is the Policy Director and General Counsel for the Nebraska Catholic Conference. Her presentation begins at 7:00 P.M. at John XXIII. Presentations will be available on the Catholic Diocese of Lincoln YouTube channel and the Catholic Diocese of Lincoln Facebook page.

**There are still 2 weeks to sign up for the Women’s Cursillo Weekend.** **Cursillo** Weekends will be held at St. Mary Parish in Sutton, NE, on March 31-April 3, 2016. Cursillo offers the opportunity for personal growth in your faith, thus allowing you to better share your faith with others. The Weekend begins on Thursday evening and ends on Sunday evening. If you would like to participate and/or would like more information about Cursillo, contact Kathy Springer, Coordinator for the Women’s Weekend (402-826-2699 or [ks90710@windstream.net](mailto:ks90710@windstream.net)) or go to the Lincoln Diocese Cursillo webpage: <http://www.seas-np.org/cursilloregistrations.html>.

### **St. Joseph School (Beatrice) Openings For 2016–2017**

**Position:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Homeroom Teacher

**Job Description:** St. Joseph School is looking for an elementary classroom teacher for the 2016-17 school year, preferably Catholic, faith-filled, and possessing a strong academic foundation and classroom management skills.

Applicants must hold a current Nebraska teaching certificate. Please send a cover letter, resume, transcripts, and references to Sister Mary Faustina, [sr.mary-faustina@cdolinc.net](mailto:sr.mary-faustina@cdolinc.net). If you have

questions, you may call [402-223-5033](tel:402-223-5033). Thank you for your consideration. God bless you!

**Position:** Principal/Head Teacher

**Job Description:** St. Joseph School is looking for a qualified and faithful, Catholic administrator for our small school of 87 children Prek-5th grade. In addition to administration, this position includes teaching some specialty classes.

Applicants must hold a current Nebraska teaching certificate. To apply, please send a letter of interest, resume, transcripts, and three letters of recommendation (one letter being from the applicant's pastor) to Fr. Robert Barnhill, [fr.robert-barnhill@cdolinc.net](mailto:fr.robert-barnhill@cdolinc.net), St. Joseph School, 420 N. 6<sup>th</sup> St., Beatrice, NE 68310. For additional information email or call [\(402\) 223-2923](tel:402-223-2923).

**D****iocesan Youth Ministry Retreats 2016** High school students are invited to participate in retreat being held this school year. Quest retreats are for freshmen & sophomores TEC (Teens Encounter Christ) are for juniors & seniors.

Questions? Contact Jess or Georgeanne at 402-488-2040 or email Georgeanne at [Georgeanne-Rashilla@cdolinc.net](mailto:Georgeanne-Rashilla@cdolinc.net).

To register [www.lincolndiocese.org/ministries-offices/youth-ministry](http://www.lincolndiocese.org/ministries-offices/youth-ministry).

TEC #95 April 9-11 Camp Kateri

TEC #96 April 23-25 Camp Kateri

**H****elp the Hungry:** The Knights of Columbus is offering their support to the parish youth's kid's collection. The Knights will match their donations in the amount of \$1.00 for each pound of food donated. The Knights will write a check based on that total after the food pantry weighs the food. This is part of the six pillars of support by the Knights: Youth, Community, Church, Council, Family, and Culture of Life.

**I****am hosting** a St Patrick's Dinner, Corned Beef, Cabbage, Potatoes, Dessert. If you are interested, please sign up. There is a sheet on the back table. Thursday March 17, 6:30PM.

**DEADLINE TO SIGN-UP: MARCH 13, 2016.**

**S****paghetti Dinner** at St. Joseph Catholic Church Parish Center in Beatrice, Sunday, April 10 2016 from 4:00pm-7:00pm. Dinner

The parish center will be beautifully decorated to give you an Italian atmosphere while you enjoy your dinner. Advance tickets are \$9.00/Adults and \$3.00/Children 3-12. Tickets at the door are \$10.00/Adults and \$3.00/Children 3-12.

**Nebraska Knights of Columbus Lottery:** The Knights are conducting their state wide lottery to raise money for the seminarians. The drawing will be held during the state convention in Kearney on April 23 during the evening banquet. You need not be present to win. Prizes are: 1<sup>st</sup> Place \$2,500.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place \$1,000.00, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place \$750.00 and 4<sup>th</sup> Place \$500.00. Cost per ticket is \$10.00. Contact Steve Graff to purchase ticket.

**SAVE THE DATE:** Friday, April 15, 2016 - LDCCW Pre-convention Banquet at McCool Junction and Saturday, April 16, 2016 - LDCCW 60th Biennial Convention at St. Joseph, York. Register online at <https://form.jotform.com/60260925221143> or contact Ann Jansky [402-826-0219](tel:402-826-0219) or [arjansky@gmail.com](mailto:arjansky@gmail.com).

**BYOB** (Bring Your Own Bread) & we will supply the water. Wednesdays we will meet for Bread & water after the 12:10 Mass & after the Stations on NFFF (Non Fish Fry Fridays) in the Center.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** Friday's at 5:00PM, during Lent.

**The 40 Days For Life Spring Campaign** The 40 Days for Life prayer vigil is from February 10<sup>th</sup> through March 20<sup>th</sup>, between 6:00 AM – 8:00 PM daily. Please sign up for your hours on [www.40daysforlife.com/Lincoln](http://www.40daysforlife.com/Lincoln) or at your local parish. Many babies have been saved from abortion, abortion workers converted, and abortion centers closed because of the prayerful witness of those participating in the 40 Days For Life Campaign.

**FORMED.ORG:** What do YOU need to find this material? First, an access code at the website [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org). You should see the registration box. The Saint Michael and St. Mary's parish access code is **ZYD94C**. Now, you set up a username and password. That's

it. You are now set up to use all the great programs on FORMED.org anytime by simply logging in.

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

**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.

When the people are gathered, and as the Priest enters with the Deacon and ministers, the Entrance Chant begins. Its purpose is to open the celebration, foster the unity of those who have been gathered, introduce their thoughts to the mystery of the liturgical time or festivity, and accompany the procession of the Priest and ministers.

This chant is sung alternately by the choir and the people or similarly by a cantor and the people, or entirely by the people, or by the choir alone. In the Dioceses of the United States of America, there are four options for the Entrance Chant: (1) the antiphon from the Missal or the antiphon with its Psalm from the *Graduale Romanum*, as set to music there or in another setting; (2) the antiphon and Psalm of the *Graduale Simplex* for the liturgical time; (3) a chant from another collection of Psalms and antiphons approved by the Conference of Bishops or the Diocesan Bishop including Psalms arranged in responsorial or metrical forms; (4) another liturgical chant that is suited to the sacred action, the day, or the time of year, similarly approved by the Conference of Bishops or the Diocesan Bishop.

If there is no singing at the Entrance, the antiphon given in the Missal is recited either by the faithful, or by some of them, or by a reader; otherwise, it is recited by the Priest



himself, who may even adapt it as an introductory explanation.

*(General instruction of the Roman Missal #47 & #48)*