



St. Michael's & St. Mary's

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1st Sunday of Advent

November 26/27, 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, Deb Jones, Megan Grant Trustees: Keith Mach and Randy Prellwitz

St. Michael's PCCW: Linda McMurphy

Knights of Columbus: Dan Arner

CCD Coordinator: Beth Hansmire

Confession schedule: Saturday 4:45 PM to 5:15 PM Sunday 7:45 AM

Ministers' Schedules for December 3 / 4, 2016

	5:30 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
Acolyte	Joe Busing	Bob VanWesten	VOLUNTEER
Lector	Randy Prellwitz	Scott DeWald	Devin Lovgren
Server	Aldos Ramos		RJ Suey
Server	Salvador Chavez		Braden Suey
Music	Mary Prellwitz	Lorrie Hofstetter	LeAnn Krause
Gifts/Greeters	Lori Arnold	Mike Hofstetter Family	Barb Arner
Collection	Megan Grant/Deb Jones		
Church Cleaning for November – Donna Rut			

Mass intentions for the week of November 28th – December 4th

Monday	12:10 PM	St. Michael's	Gregory Oswald+
Tuesday	12:10 PM	St. Michael's	Len Prellwitz+
Wednesday	12:10 PM	St. Michael's	Norma Bernasek All Souls Day Int.
Thursday	5:30 PM	St. Michael's	Gregory Oswald+
Friday	12:10 PM	St. Michael's	Dorothy Lowe+
Saturday	5:30 PM	St. Michael's	Paul J Nutsch Family
Sunday	8:00 AM	St. Mary's	People of the Parishes
Sunday	10:00 AM	St. Michael's	Midge & Joe Vocelka+

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

Mary Ann Muller

Frank Kosmacek

Denny Kofler

Eddie Lytle

Tom Huber

- **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:

	<u>11/20/16</u>	<u>St. Michael's</u>	<u>St. Mary's</u>
Shortly we will make the loan payment of \$17,360.33. Prior to the October 30 th Collection we had a Debt Reduction total of \$9,943.27 and needed \$7,367.06 to make the balance of the loan payment in December. The weekend of October 30 th we received \$1,481.00 and together with the 2016 Joy of the Gospel rebate of \$6,297.43 we had \$7,778.43 towards the \$7,367.06 leaving a credit of \$411.37 towards our 2017 loan payment. Thank you everyone who helped make this payment possible this year.	Adult	\$1,470.00	\$506.00
	Plate	98.00	
	Debt Reduction	330.00	
	Total	\$1,898.00	\$506.00

Thought of the Week: As we approach Thanksgiving Day, let us take a moment to consider all the blessings we receive from God and how we in turn thank God for His blessings.

Adoration of the Our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament will be Thursday December 1st, from after Mass until midnight. Please sign-up for an hour.

SEMINARIAN OF THE WEEK: Micah Charles Braunsroth St. Wenceslaus in Wahoo, NE is in his 3rd year of college at St. Gregory the Great Seminary.

Raffle Tickets for the PCCW Christmas Bazaar are available. Please sell tickets to your friends and family. Additional sets of tickets are in the back of the church. Please put the money you collect and ticket stubs in the Saturday or Sunday collection baskets. The drawing for the prizes will be Sunday, December 4th following Mass and breakfast (sponsored by the Knights of Columbus).

The Annual Christmas Bazaar is expanding this year! The date is Dec. 3 and 4. This year we are opening up our doors to vendors and crafters which will be in addition to the traditional cookie walk, coffee, and rolls. This will allow our parishioners and community

members an opportunity to gather, mingle, and shop for holiday gifts, crafts, and food at St. Michael's while supporting the PCCW. If interested in receiving more information about reserving a booth or if you just have questions, please contact Raven Gerths @ 402-380-4691 or Beth Hansmire @ 402-300-0868.

Ladies we are going to have a silent auction with the baskets for the Christmas bazaar. I am in charge. We are asking each of you to donate a basket and you can bid on them during the Christmas bazaar. You can do any theme and any price range. You could do for kids, sports, coffee, spa, religious to name a few. I have a paper to put on them when you bring them for the bazaar. This is also a money maker for PCCW. If you have any questions call me and I can help you. Thank you Chairman Mary Prellwitz 402-729-6647.

The St. Michaels Knights of Columbus council 4434 will be having their pancake feed on December 4th following the 10:00 am mass. It will be held in the St. Michaels School gymnasium. There will be pancakes, sausages, biscuits and gravy. It is a free will donation.

Christmas decorating will take place **December 11th** right after mass. Please consider staying and for all those who help will get rolls and coffee/juice afterward! Thanks!

Memorial tree ornaments- if you have had a loved one pass away and would like to give an ornament in memory of them please bring your ornaments along with a paper attached saying who the ornament is in memory of. There will be a box in the entrance of church labeled memorial ornaments please drop yours in there so we can fill our tree and maybe add another tree!!

PCCW November 21 Meeting Highlights

-This year's Diaper Drive project will be donated to Hope Crisis Center.

-Plans for the new and improved Christmas Bazaar scheduled for December 3 and 4 are going great.

-Decorating the church for Christmas will be December 11 immediately following Mass with coffee, rolls and juice served after.

- Remember to bring a memory ornament for the memorial tree if you have someone you would like to be remembered.
- The December PCCW meeting will be changed from Dec. 19 to the 20th in The Center at 6:00

The St. Michaels Knights of Columbus council 4434 will meet on Monday December 12th at 7:00 PM in the parish center. Rosary will be at 6:30 prior to the meeting.

As Christians we are called to serve. The one to one transformative power of mentoring results in a ripple effect that over time, makes a huge difference and can impact families for generations. The TeamMates Mentoring Program is a one to one, school-based mentoring program serving kids in 3rd through 12th grade that will support you in your quest to make that difference for a child. Please consider the opportunity and call Patty Swartz, Fairbury's TeamMate Coordinator, at 402-239-7102 for more information. There is a child out there who could sure use your wisdom and Mentoring. Thank-you.

ABORTION Tuesdays Planned Parenthood is doing abortions every Tuesday now that a new abortionist Deborah Turner has been hired. Please pray on Tuesdays for the mothers/fathers with abortion appointments plus our sidewalk counselors who offer hope and help. Please pass this info on to any groups or email/phone trees. From: Lincoln Right to Life Pam McCabe [402-489-7968](tel:402-489-7968) or bobandpammccabe@yahoo.com

Keith Mach wanted to let everyone know he visited Steve Graff and that he's is recovering from a stroke. He plans to be home in 4 to 6 weeks. If you want to visit he is at the following address: St. Jane DeChantal, Room 300, 2200 S 52nd St., Lincoln NE 68506

Door Prizes

St. Michael's

Basket Auction

Christmas Bazaar & Craft Fair

*See Santa
1pm-2pm*

Many Local Businesses & Vendors

December 3rd, 2016

8am-4pm

Pampered Chef

Plunder Jewellery

St. Michael's Catholic School Gym
Fairbury, NE

Mary & Martha

Hats & Bows

Join Us for a fun-filled day of shopping, food, and gathering

R+F & Mary Kay

Wood Crafts & Homemade Food

*Cookie Walk
Coffee & Rolls*

Scentsy & 31 Bags

Home Decor & Gifts

Raffle Drawings