



ST. MICHAEL'S ST. MARY'S

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2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Dec 9/10, 2017

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 (402) 729-2058.

St. Mary's Parish Council: Duane Bartek & Ritchie Burkhardt

Trustees: Bob VanWesten and Bob Bachle

St. Mary's PCCW: Deb Vanwesten

St. Michael's Parish Council: Mary Prellwitz, John Ragland, Deb Jones, Megan Grant, Mary Mach, Eddie Lytle.

Trustees: Keith Mach and Randy Prellwitz

St. Michael's PCCW: Beth Hansmire

Knights of Columbus: Randy Prellwitz

CCD Coordinator: Beth Hansmire

Confession schedule: Saturday 4:45 PM to 5:15 PM

Ministers' Schedules for December 16/17, 2017

	5:30 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
Acolyte	Volunteer	Bob VanWesten	James Huber
Lector	Randy Prellwitz	Rhonda Burkhardt	Lorraine Borch
Server	Connor Gerths		CJ Goeking
Server	Salvador Chavez		Devin Wanamaker
Music	Mary Prellwitz	Lorrie Hofstetter	LeAnn Krause
Gifts/Greeters	Lori Arnold	John & Donna Rut	Jason & Megan Grant
Collection	Mary Prellwitz/John Ragland		
Church Cleaning for December- Peggy Niederklein			

Mass intentions for the week of Dec 11th – 17th

Monday	No Mass	St. Michael's	No Mass
Tuesday	Noon	St. Michael's	The Seven Sisters
Wednesday	8:00 AM	St. Michael's	Lauren Hubka
Thursday	<u>8:00 AM</u>	<u>St. Michael's</u>	<u>Special Intention</u>
Friday	Noon	St. Michael's	Special Intention
Saturday	9:00 AM 5:30PM	St. Michael's St. Michael's	Special Intention Special Intention
Sunday	8:00 AM	St. Mary's	David DeWald+
Sunday	10:00 AM	St. Michael's	The People of the Parishes

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

Evelyn Birkel

Frank Kosmacek

Steve Graff

Bob Gibson

Eddie Lytle

Tom Huber

Rozella Prellwitz

- **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:

December 3rd, 2017	<u>St. Michael's</u>	<u>St. Mary's</u>
Adult	\$1,366.00	\$320.00
Plate	146.10	26.00
Debt Reduction	400.00	
Total	\$1,912.10	\$346.00

Debt Reduction Current Totals:	Loan Pmt – 12/17
	\$17,360.33
Joy of the Gospel Rebates	7,101.75
Debt Reduction Envelopes	10,910.00
Amount applied to next year	\$651.42

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

The Lord is our Judge, our
Lawgiver, our King; he it is who will
save us.

-Is 33:22

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

It takes \$2,089.36 a week to run St.
Michael's Parish.

Operation Cost \$2,089.36

This weeks collection \$1,512.10

Shortage!!!!... \$577.26

That does NOT include the money
needed to make our loan payment,
\$333.85 per week but Joy of the
Gospel rebates also go towards that.

VOCATIONS TO PRAY FOR:

St. Peter Marie from Ascension
Parish in Overland Park, KS and Sr.
Mary Immaculata from Immaculate
Conception in Gresham, NE are
both in their 1st Vows at School
Sister of Christ the King.

PENANCE SERVICES Beatrice

December 17th, 3-5PM & Fairbury 7-
30PM. Hebron Tuesday at 7PM.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

St Michael's 4:00 Christmas Eve
Saint Mary's 8:00 Christmas Day
St Michael's 10:00 Christmas Day.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING

will be held Monday
December 11th at 7:00 PM in the
parish center. Rosary will be held
at 6:30 PM, prior to the meeting, in
the basement chapel.

CARRY IN DINNER WITH KNIGHTS AND SPOUSES

is
December 11, 2017 at 5:30pm. The
Co-Chairs are Monica Cervantes &
Diane Stone with a committee of
Mary Feldkamp, Sandra Phelps,
Carmen Ragland and Sabrina
Wanamaker. The committee will
bring a meat dish. If you plan on
attending please bring a side dish
equivalent to a 9x13 baking dish.

ON BEHALF OF THE PCCW, we would like to thank every committee member, volunteer, vendor, and visitor for helping make our 2017 Christmas Bazaar & Craft Fair another successful event. May God bless each and every one of you this holiday season!

Door Prize Winners:

Deb Grummert-Holiday Snowman
Figurine

Mary Hasselbring-Holiday Snowman
Figurine

Jenny Barber-Joy Holiday Block Set
Josee Warnke-Christmas Tree Ornament
Arthur Paugh-Nebraska Husker Ornament
Set

IF INTERESTED IN JOINING ST. MICHAEL'S PCCW planning committee or changing committees for next year, please contact a PCCW member. Many committees are looking for volunteers and fresh ideas. Let's all help make 2018 the best year yet for St. Michael's!

ST. MARYS will have a Christmas breakfast on Sunday December 17. The breakfast is after church and everyone is to bring rolls.

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS: The Knights of Columbus will be selling Christmas cards 1/2 hour before and after weekend Masses in the parish center. Sales will start October 28 and end November 19. Each box contains 15 or 16 cards and are priced between \$7.00 and \$12.00. All profits will go towards seminarian support.

INTRO TO DELIVERANCE Have you ever wondered what exactly deliverance is or how it fits into our

Catholic Faith? The Diocesan Office of Evangelization will be hosting this free event consisting of four 20 minute talks. This is open to all: Laity, religious, clergy, members of the Christian community and anyone who would like a better understanding of the meaning of deliverance, the Unbound ministry & How each person can benefit from it. Join up in Beatrice at St. Joseph Parish Hall on Thursday, January 4th from 7:00-8:30pm. No registration needed. Contact Matt at Matthew-simmons@cdolinc.net or 402-805-9668 with any questions.

ANNUAL MASS OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS will be celebrated on Thursday, December 28th. All are invited to attend this Memorial Mass, especially those families who have suffered the loss of a baby through miscarriage, stillbirth, infant death or abortion. Reading of names will begin at 6:30pm with Mass at 7:00pm at John XXIII Diocesan Center Chapel, 3700 Sheridan Blvd., Lincoln. If you would like your child's name to be remembered and placed on the banner for this year, please call the Family Life Office at 402-473-0620 before 5:00pm on Dec. 19th. If you placed your child's name previously, it will remain on the list.

UNBOUND Retreat at Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House, January 19-21, 2018 with Fr., William Holoubek. This weekend retreat is geared towards men and women who have already read the book or watched the video series, and will provide opportunities for praying the five keys with a prayer team. Please register at www.goodcounselretreat.com

