



ST. MICHAEL'S ST. MARY'S

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3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Dec 16/17, 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 23/24, 2017

	5:30 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
Acolyte	John Ragland	Bob VanWesten	Dan Arner
Lector	Keith Mach	Scott DeWald	Ronn Brackle
Server	Connor Gerths		RJ Suey
Server	Salvador Chavez		Braden Suey
Music	Mary Mach	Lorrie Hofstetter	Janice Bell
Gifts/Greeters	Annette Barber	Bob & Donna Milius	Barb Arner
Collection	Megan Grant/Deb Jones		
Church Cleaning for December- Peggy Niederklein			

Mass intentions for the week of Dec 18th – 24th

Monday	5:30 PM Mass,	St. Michael's with Exposition	Special Intention until 6:30PM.
Tuesday	Noon	St. Michael's	Special Intention
Wednesday	Noon	St. Michael's	Joe Busing+
Thursday	No Mass	No Mass	No Mass
Friday	Noon	St. Michael's	Lindsey Rickstrew+
Saturday	9:00 AM 5:30PM	St. Michael's St. Michael's	Special Intention Lauren Hubka
Sunday	8:00 AM	St. Mary's	David DeWald+
Sunday Christmas	10:00 AM 4:00 PM	St. Michael's St. Michael's	The People of the Parishes Special Intention

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 10, 2017	<u>St. Michael's</u>	<u>St. Mary's</u>
Adult	\$861.00	\$230.00
Plate	86.20	54.00
Building Fund	115.00	
Children	2.00	
Holy Day	55.00	
Debt Reduction	175.00	
Total	\$1,294.20	\$284.00

Debt Reduction Current Totals:	Loan Pmt - 12/17
	\$17,360.33
Joy of the Gospel Rebates	7,101.75
Debt Reduction Envelopes	11,085.00
Amount applied to next year	\$826.42

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK: JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON!

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

Operation Cost \$2,089.36
This weeks collection \$1,119.20

Shortage!!!!... \$970.16

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:

Sr. Peter Marie of Ascension Parish in Overland Park, KS and Sr. Mary Immaculata of 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.
PLEASE VOLUNTEER FOR A MINISTRY.

Number please, we are updating our parish records. Please send us your mobile telephone numbers, preferably by email. Thank you!

PCCW DECEMBER 11, 2017 MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

A delicious carry in meal was enjoyed by the PCCW and the K of C in The Parish Center. After the meal, the committee of Monica Cervantes, Diane Stone, Carmen Ragland, and Sandra Phelps provided a several door prize drawing. The Knights and The PCCW then each held their meetings. We received Christmas Greetings from The Unbound Director and our sponsored child, Jessa, in that program. The Sisters of Saint Joseph also sent Greetings. Their greetings included two memory cards to remember and pray for our deceased members. We will fill out both of them, one to hang on our memory tree, and one to go on theirs. The total combined earnings from all of the facets of The Christmas Bazaar-- Vendor tables, Raffle sales, Candy and Cookie sales, and coffee and rolls was almost \$1900. Thank you so much to everyone who contributed to this event and its success. We voted to continue giving our annual

Christmas monetary gifts to Father, The Church Secretary, and The CCD Teachers. Also, the refrigerator in the school kitchen has been repaired and we will pay the bill. We received a significant donation from a member designating it to be used for a specific item. We voted to purchase more white tables for The Parish. We will purchase eight, eight foot rectangular tables, and two, six foot rectangular tables and supplement from our account whatever amount more is needed. The 2018 yearbook organizational meeting is scheduled for Jan. 16 at The Center. Plans are to have it printed and distributed by the first of February. Please let us know if there is a particular committee or project you would like to be on. Also, please take time to look at this year's yearbook and let us know which committees/assignments you cannot be on. Otherwise, we will assume you are ok with your assignment and you can be counted on. Please remember that all Parish Women are automatically members of PCCW and that we share equally in the responsibilities of the organization. Everyone's continued support is needed for the success of our organization.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will be having a special Mass in memory of the deceased Knights of council #4434 on January 8th at 6:30pm. There will be a short remembrance ceremony and refreshments, immediately following the Mass, in the parish center. **Everyone is welcome to come.** The Knights of Columbus will be leading the Rosary before Mass on Saturday December 30th and after Mass on December 31st. Everyone is invited. The Knights of Columbus will be taking donations of cleaning supplies to donate to the Hope Crisis Center. When families are relocated, they often don't have cleaning supplies, these donations will help alleviate a shortage of cleaning supplies. All cleaning items are welcome. Examples would be items like paper towels, Windex, bathroom cleaners, etc... Please put any donations in the cart located in the back of church. Your donations are appreciated.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE MEMBERS of Council #4434 for receiving the Star Council award. The criteria for this award are high and our council did well to meet these goals. If you aren't already a knight and are curious what activities we do, please speak with Grand Knight – Randy Prellwitz, or any other Knight. We would be happy to explain all the benefits you can receive as a member of the Knights of Columbus.

LEONA GAYDUSEK would like to thank everyone for all the lovely cards for her birthday.

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

INTRO TO DELIVERANCE The Diocesan Office of Evangelization will be hosting this free event consisting of four 20 minute talks. Join up in Beatrice at St. Joseph Parish Hall on Thursday, January 4th from 7:00-8:30pm. No registration needed. Contact Matt at Matthewsimmons@cdolinc.net or 402-805-9668 with any questions.

ANNUAL MASS OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS will be celebrated on Thursday, December 28th. Reading of names will begin at 6:30pm with Mass at 7:00pm at John XXIII Diocesan Center Chapel, 3700 Sheridan Blvd., Lincoln.

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.