



ST. MICHAEL'S ST. MARY'S

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1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Dec 2/3, 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 9/10, 2017

	5:30 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
Acolyte	Ronn Brackle	Bob VanWesten	Randy Prellwitz
Lector	Keith Mach	Rhonda Burkhardt	Devin Lovgren
Server	Aldo Ramos		RJ Suey
Server			Braden Suey
Music	Mary Banahan	Lorrie Hofstetter	Janice Bell
Gifts/Greeters	Barb Arner	Jill & Jason Stewart Family	Beth Hansmire & Girls
Collection	Mary Prellwitz/John Ragland		

Church Cleaning for December- Peggy Niederklein

Mass intentions for the week of Dec 4th – 9th

Monday	Noon	St. Michael's	Norma Bernasek+
Tuesday	Noon	St. Michael's	David DeWald+
Wednesday	Noon	St. Michael's	Al & Phyllis Boerner+
Thursday	8:00 AM	St. Michael's	Norma Bernasek+
Friday HOLY DAY	5:30 pm	St. Michael's	Charlie Barringer+
Saturday	9:00 AM 5:30PM	St. Michael's St. Michael's	Intention of the Celebrant Intention of the Celebrant
Sunday	8:00 AM	St. Mary's	Prudence Knowles+
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:

November 26th, 2017	<u>St. Michael's</u>	<u>St. Mary's</u>
Adult	\$1,410.00	\$210.00
Plate	93.00	28.75
Children	5.00	
Debt Reduction	510.00	
Total	\$2,018.00	\$238.75

Debt Reduction Current Totals:	Loan Pmt – 12/17
	\$17,360.33
Joy of the Gospel Rebates	6,153.26
Debt Reduction Envelopes	10,510.00
Balance Needed to Pay loan	\$997.07

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

See the Lord coming from afar;
 his splendor fills the earth.
 -Advent Antiphon, Liturgy of
 the Hours

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

It takes \$2,089.36 a week to run
 St. Michael's Parish. (NOTE: This
 weeks numbers are for the 26th)

Operation Cost \$2,089.36

This weeks collection \$1,508.00

Shortage!!!!... \$581.36

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.

LECTORS/READERS

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Sunday Missal is available for
 you in the Sacristy.

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 The Co-
 Chairs are Monica Cervantes &
 Diane Stone with a committee
 of Mary Feldkamp, Sandra
 Phelps, Carmen Ragland and
 Sabrina Wanamaker.

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.

INTRODUCTION 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.

THAN 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.