



ST. MICHAEL'S ST. MARY'S

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1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

Feb 17/18, 2018

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 Burkhart

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: Carmen Ragland

Knights of Columbus: Randy Prellwitz

CCD Coordinator: Beth Hansmire

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

Ministers' Schedules for February 24/25, 2018

	5:30 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
Acolyte	Luis Ramos	Bob VanWesten	Dan Arner
Lector	Randy Prellwitz	Rhonda Burkhart	Ronn Brackle
Server	Aldo Ramos		CJ Goeking
Server			Devin Wanamaker
Music	Mary Mach	Lorrie Hofstetter	LeAnn Krause
Gifts/Greeters	Bob & Shirley Gibson	John & Donna Rut	Beth Hansmire & Girls
Collection	Father Birkel		

Church Cleaning for February – Deb VanWesten

Mass intentions for the week of February 19th – 25th

Monday	Noon	St. Michael's	Special Intention
Tuesday	Noon	St. Michael's	Robert Smith+
Wednesday	Noon	St. Michael's	Special Intention
Thursday	NO Mass	St. Michael's	No Mass
Friday	Noon	St. Michael's	Special Intention
Saturday	9:00 AM	St. Michael's	Special Intention
	5:30 PM	St. Michael's	Norma Bernasek+
Sunday	8:00 AM	St. Mary's	Special Intention
	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, Hospice
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:

February 4, 2018	<u>St. Michael's</u>	<u>St. Mary's</u>
Adult	\$643.00	\$180.00
Plate	60.00	18.25
Children	5.95	
Building Upkeep	615.00	
Catholic Press	110.00	15.00
Debt Reduction	160.00	
Cemetery		100.00
Total	\$1,593.95	\$313.25

Debt Reduction Current Totals:	Loan Pmt Due December 2018
	\$17,360.33
Joy of the Gospel Rebates	1,976.42
Debt Reduction Envelopes	850.00
Amount needed for Loan Payment	\$14,533.91

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

One does not live on bread alone,
but on every word that comes forth
from the mouth of God.

-Mt. 4:4b

WE SUPPORT VOCATIONS & PRAY FOR:

Sr. Regina of the Holy Infant of Prague
from Piedmont, OK and Sr. Francisca of
the Immaculate Heart of Mary from
Omaha, NE are both Junior Professed
Novice, in the Carmel of Jesus, Mary &
Joseph.

Caleb Daniel Hile son of Daniel & Debra
Hile of St. Joseph Parish in Lincoln, NE is
in his 2nd Year of Theology at St. Charles
Borromeo Seminary.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS Fridays
of Lent at 5:00PM

CULTURE OF LIFE UPDATE: The
Knights of Columbus would like to
thank the members of St. Michael's
for their support during One
Rose/One Life weekend. \$300.00
were donated for the event. You can
find additional information about
Culture of Life programs by going on

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

<i>Operation Cost</i>	\$2,089.36
This week's collection	\$1,433.95
SHORTAGE!!!!...	\$655.41

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.

ST MICHAEL'S PCCW booklets are
ready for pickup!

MANY THANKS TO ALL who have
been removing snow this winter!
The parish & the Pastor are grateful.
God bless you!!!

line at KofC.org and typing in the search box :Culture of Life.

A UNIQUE SET OF EYEWEAR was found outside church.

ST. MARY'S (WYMORE) SOUP & PIE SUPPER is today Sunday, February 18, from 4:00pm-7:00pm at 115 N 11th.

PCCW MEETING February 19
Hosting the meeting are LeAnn Krause and Carol Steele. Rosary at 6:30pm, meeting at 7:00pm.

HEALING: Bringing the Gift of God's Mercy to the World at St. Thomas Aquinas Church/UNL Newman Center on **Feb. 24** from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Registration for this presentation is \$10. Register <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/healing-presentation>.

2-Day UNBOUND Conference: Participants will learn about Unbound through live presentations & videos and how it teaches 5 simple "keys" to break the chains of emotional, spiritual and mental bondage and unlock the doors to freedom. Join us at North American Martyrs Parish-Lincoln, NE, Friday, March 2nd- 6-9pm & Saturday, March 3rd - 8-5pm. The event is free but registration is required. Please register by going to: lincolndiocese.org/unbound

MOTHERS OF GIRLS AGE 10-13!
Please join us for the upcoming "Fearfully & Wonderfully Made Mother-Daughter Program" Saturday, March 24th, 9-12 Noon. Cost is \$20/girl or \$30 family.

Registration and payment are required by March 17th. To register or ask questions, please call or email Jennifer Davis @ 402-261-6375 or jmdavis17@gmail.com or you may find a registration form in your school office.

YOU'RE INVITED TO THE NEXT QUEST RETREAT! Quest is a retreat for freshmen and sophomores in high school. Quest #34 will be March 17-18 at Aquinas High School in David City, NE. For information:

www.lincolndiocese.org/retreats/quest



TOTUS TUUS is scheduled for June 17th-22nd!! Mark your calendars and plan for your children to attend classes with these amazing teachers in learning about our faith for a week! More information to come. Alece Panko is the contact person for Totus Tuus. So if you have any questions please contact her at (402) 419-4691.

TOTUS TUUS (Latin for "Totally Yours") is a summer Catholic catechetical program dedicated to the youth in order to evangelize and teach the faith of the Church. The aim is to help all youth develop their relationship with Jesus Christ so that there is an intimate friendship whereby He may lead them to the Father in the Holy Spirit.

The program calls upon college students and seminarians to carry out this mission. Those hired are trained and put onto teams of four (two men and two women) to go out into a parish for one week during the summer,

putting on a "parish mission" in order to teach the faith and inspire the young.

From a sermon by Saint Leo the Great, pope

(Sermo 6 de Quadragesima, 1-2: PL 54, 285-287)

Purification of spirit through fasting and almsgiving

Dear friends, at every moment the earth is full of the mercy of God, and nature itself is a lesson for all the faithful in the worship of God. The heavens, the sea and all that is in them bear witness to the goodness and omnipotence of their Creator, and the marvelous beauty of the elements as they obey him demands from the intelligent creation a fitting expression of its gratitude.

But with the return of that season marked out in a special way by the mystery of our redemption, and of the days that lead up to the paschal feast, we are summoned more urgently to prepare ourselves by a purification of spirit.

The special note of the paschal feast is this: the whole Church rejoices in the forgiveness of sins. It rejoices in the forgiveness not only of those who are then reborn in holy baptism but also of those who are already numbered among God's adopted children.

Initially, men are made new by the rebirth of baptism. Yet there still is required a daily renewal to repair the shortcomings of our mortal nature, and whatever degree of progress has been made there is no one who should not be more advanced. All must therefore strive to ensure that on the day of redemption no one may be found in the sins of his former life.

Dear friends, what the Christian should be doing at all times should be done now with greater care and devotion, so that the Lenten fast enjoined by the apostles may be fulfilled, not simply by abstinence from food but above all by the renunciation of sin.

There is no more profitable practice as a companion to holy and spiritual fasting than that of almsgiving. This embraces under the single name of mercy many excellent works of devotion, so that the good intentions of all the faithful may be of equal value, even where their means are not. The love that we owe both God and man is always free from any obstacle that would prevent us from having a good intention. The angels sang: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. The person who shows love and compassion to those in any kind of affliction is blessed, not only with the virtue of good will but also with the gift of peace.

The works of mercy are innumerable. Their very variety brings this advantage to those who are true Christians, that in the matter of almsgiving not only the rich and affluent but also those of average means and the poor are able to play their part. Those who are unequal in their capacity to give can be equal in the love within their hearts.

THE FORGIVENESS PRAYER

by Fr. Robert DeGrandis

Lord Jesus Christ, I ask today to forgive everyone in my life. I know that You will give me strength to forgive and I thank You that You love me more than I love myself and want my happiness more than I desire it for myself.

Lord Jesus, I want to be free from the feelings of resentment, bitterness, and unforgiveness toward You for the times I thought You sent death, hardships, financial difficulties, punishments and sickness into our family.

Lord, I forgive myself for my sins, faults and failings. For all that is truly bad in myself or all that I think is bad, I do forgive myself. For any delvings in the occult; Ouija boards, horoscopes, seances, fortune telling, lucky charms, for taking Your name in vain, for not worshiping You, for hurting my parents, for getting drunk, for taking dope, for sins against my purity, for adultery,

for abortion, for stealing, for lying. I am truly forgiving myself today. Thank you, Lord, for Your grace at this moment.

I truly forgive my mother. I forgive her for all the times she hurt me, resented me, was angry with me and for all the times she punished me. I forgive her for the times she preferred my brothers and sisters to me. I forgive her for the times she told me I was dumb, ugly, stupid, the worst of the children or that I cost the family a lot of money. For the times she told me I was unwanted, an accident, a mistake or not what she expected, I forgive her.

I forgive my father. I forgive him for any nonsupport, any lack of love, affection or attention. I forgive him for any lack of time, for not giving me his companionship, for his drinking or arguing and fighting with my mother or the other children. For his severe punishments, for desertion, for being away from home, for divorcing my mother or for any running around, I do forgive him.

Lord, I extend forgiveness to my sisters and brothers. I forgive those who rejected me, lied about me, hated me, resented me, and competed for my parents' love, those who hurt me, who physically harmed me. For those who were too severe on me, punished me or made my life unpleasant in any way, I do forgive them.

Lord, I forgive my spouse for lack of love, affection, consideration, support, attention, communications, for faults, failings, weaknesses and those other acts or words that hurt or disturb me.

Jesus, I forgive my children for their lack of respect, obedience, love, attention, support, warmth, understanding, their bad habits, falling away from the church and bad actions which disturb me.

My God, I forgive my in-laws, mother, father, son or daughter-in-law and other relatives by marriage. For their lack of love, words of criticism, thoughts, actions or omissions that injure and cause pain, I do forgive them. Please help me to forgive my relatives, my grandmother and grandfather who may have interfered in our family, been possessive or my parents, who may have caused confusion or turned one parent against the other.

Jesus, help me to forgive my co-workers who are disagreeable or make life miserable for me. For those who push their work off on me, gossip about me, won't cooperate with me, try to take my job, I do forgive them.

My neighbors need to be forgiven, Lord. For all their noise, letting their property run down, not tying up their dogs who run through my yard, not taking in their trashcans, being prejudiced and running down the neighborhood, I do forgive them.

I now forgive my clergyman, my congregation and my church for all their lack of support, pettiness, bad sermons, lack of friendliness, not affirming me as they should, not providing me with inspiration, for not using me in a key position, for not inviting me to serve in a major capacity and for any other hurt they have inflicted. I do forgive them today.

Lord, I forgive all professional people who have hurt me in any way: doctors, lawyers, policemen, hospital workers, for the things that they did to me, I truly forgive them today.

Lord, I forgive my employer for not paying me enough money, for not appreciating my work, for being unkind and unreasonable with me, for being angry or unfriendly, for not promoting me and for not complimenting me on my work.

Lord, I forgive my schoolteachers and instructors of the past, as well as the present. For those who punished me, humiliated me, insulted me, treated me unjustly, made fun of me, called me dumb or stupid, made me stay after school.

Lord, I forgive my friends who have let me down, lost contact with me, do not support me, were not available when I needed help, borrowed money and did not return it, gossiped about me.

Lord Jesus, I especially pray for the grace of forgiveness for that one person in life who has hurt me the most. I ask to forgive

anyone who I consider my greatest enemy; the one who is the hardest to forgive or the one who I said I would never forgive.

Thank You, Jesus, that I am free of the evil of unforgiveness. Let Your Holy Spirit fill me with light and let every dark area of my mind be enlightened.

Amen.

PRAYERS TO BREAK SOUL TIES

I reaffirm my baptism into the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and I accept Jesus Christ as my Lord and my Savior. I claim the shed blood of Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God, over myself, my family, my relatives, friends, and loved ones for our protection. And I praise you and thank you, Lord Jesus, for giving me the power of your name to reclaim authority over my own spirit, mind and body, and to break free of any ungodly ties that exist between _____ and me.

In the name of Jesus Christ, by the power of His cross and His blood, I break, I cut, and I dissolve all ungodly soul ties that still exist between _____ and me.

In Jesus' name I break, cut and dissolve any and all ungodly ties

between _____'s spirit and my spirit,

between _____'s mind and my mind,

between _____'s soul,
between _____'s heart,
between _____'s body,
between _____'s

emotions,

between _____'s will,

between _____'s

memory, and

between _____'s

imagination.

In the name of Jesus Christ, I reclaim and take back from _____, anything that I surrendered to _____, or anything that _____ took from me. In the name of Jesus Christ I return and give back to _____ anything that I took from _____, or anything that _____ surrendered to me. And now I place the cross of Jesus Christ between _____ and me; and I say by the authority of the Holy Name that is above all names, Jesus Christ, that nothing shall go from _____ to me or from me to _____ without being filtered through the cleansing, protective, and salvific blood of Jesus Christ. I forgive with the forgiveness of Jesus all hurts that _____ did to me; and I am sorry for the hurts that I did to _____. I place _____ in the hands of God. I beg of You, Jesus my Lord, to keep only the godly ties that should exist between _____ and me for our peace, happiness and salvation. Amen.