



# ST. MICHAEL'S ST. MARY'S

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St. Mary's 5th & Amanda Streets, Alexandria, NE

4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

March 10/11, 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 March 17/18, 2018

	5:30 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
<b>Acolyte</b>	John Ragland	Bob VanWesten	Randy Prellwitz
<b>Lector</b>	Keith Mach	Rhonda Burkhart	Ronn Brackle
<b>Server</b>	Connor Gerths		RJ Suey
<b>Server</b>	Salvador Chavez		Braden Suey
<b>Music</b>	Mary Mach	Lorrie Hofstetter	Donna Winslow
<b>Gifts/Greeters</b>	Annette Barber	Richie & Rhonda Burkhart	Jim & Janice Bell
<b>Collection</b>	Megan Grant/Deb Jones		

### Church Cleaning for March – Ellen VanWesten

### Mass intentions for the week of March 12<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>

<b>Monday</b>	No Mass	St. Michael's	NO MASS
<b>Tuesday</b>	No Mass	St. Michael's	NO MASS
<b>Wednesday</b>	Noon	St. Michael's	Special Intention
<b>Thursday</b>	5:30PM	St. Michael's	Howard Bailey+
<b>Friday</b>	Noon	St. Michael's	Kathy & Chris Higgins' Twins
<b>Saturday</b>	9:00AM	St. Michael's	Special Intention
	5:30 PM	St. Michael's	Birkel Family
<b>Sunday</b>	8:00 AM	St. Mary's	The People of the Parishes
	10:00 AM	St. Michael's	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:**

Rozella Prellwitz  
Vonia Scheer  
Evelyn Birkel

Frank Kosmacek  
Steve Graff  
Bob Gibson

Eddie Lytle  
Tom Huber  
Gloria Trimm

- **BULLETIN:** If you have news for the bulletin, please call the Rectory 729-2058 or email [st.michael.fairbury@gmail.com](mailto: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:

<b>March 4, 2018</b>	<u><b>St. Michael's</b></u>	<u><b>St. Mary's</b></u>
Adult	\$1,848.00	\$390.00
Plate	119.00	27.51
Building Upkeep	25.00	
Debt Reduction	50.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,042.00</b>	<b>\$417.51</b>

<b>Debt Reduction Current Totals:</b>	<b>Loan Pmt Due December 2018</b>
	<b>\$17,360.33</b>
Joy of the Gospel Rebates	1,976.42
Debt Reduction Envelopes	1,840.00
<b>Amount needed for Loan Payment</b>	<b>\$13,973.91</b>

### **THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:**

The emptier a person's heart is, the more he or she needs to buy, own, and consume.

-Pope Francis

### **SEMINARIAN OF THE WEEK**

#### **Carson Jerome Kain**

son of Fritz & Tama Kain of St. Patrick Parish in McCook, NE is in his 3rd year of Theology at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary.

### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

No Stations this Friday.

### **I WILL BE OUT OF TOWN**

till Tuesday. If you need a Priest, please call St Joseph's in Beatrice, 402-223-2923, except for the 13<sup>th</sup>, when you should call Wymore, 402-645-3162.

**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	\$1,992.00
<b>SHORTAGE!!!!...</b>	<b>\$97.36</b>

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.

**ALEXANDRIA OPEN FORUM** Tuesday March 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm come and ask questions about the faith, Scripture, Tradition, etc. We'll meet in the Church basement.

**THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** Council #4434 will be having their meeting on March 12 in the parish center at 7:00. Rosary will be prior to the meeting in the basement chapel at 6:30.

**THE NEXT KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY** will be March 16 in the school gym from 5:30 to 7:00.

**THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** Council #4434 would like to welcome 2 new members Dave Banahan and Chris Higgins. Give a welcome to these brother Knights.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** Are you thinking of doing almsgiving during Lent? The Knights of Columbus has an

opportunity for you. We will be setting the cart in back church and we ask each person of the parish to donate 40 cans of canned goods for the 40 days of lent. These canned goods will then be given to the local food bank.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** Friday at 5:00pm

**CONFESSIONS FOR HOLY WEEK:** Please note that the order is different this year on Sunday. Palm Sunday **Fairbury 1pm-2pm.** Beatrice 3pm-5:00pm. Tuesday of Holy Week Hebron 7pm-7:45pm.

**ST PATRICK'S DAY DINNER** Saturday March 17<sup>th</sup> in the parish Center following the 5:30 Mass. The menu: Corned beef, cabbage, Irish soda bread & dessert. Sign up on the sheet in the back of church. *You don't have to bring a dish but if you plan to, let us know.*

## **FOR LENT, FOR LIFE**

<https://avemariaradio.net/>

## **WINTER MAGNIFICAT**

**PRAYER** Meal on Sunday, March 18, at 4:00pm., Hillcrest Country Club. Reservations are due by Tuesday, March 13. Pre-paid Registration only. Send a \$25 check payable to Magnificat, c/o Tina Colgan, 521 N 56<sup>th</sup> St., Lincoln, NE 68504. For more information text or call Rhonda at 402-525-6396.

## **LIFE IN THE SPIRIT**

**RETREAT** March 16-18. Register at [www.goodcounselretreat.com](http://www.goodcounselretreat.com) or call the Retreat House at 402-786-2705. For more information contact Magnificat Coordinator Rhonda Litt at 402-525-6396 (Call or text).

## **MOTHERS OF GIRLS AGE**

**10-13!** Please join us for the upcoming "Fearfully & Wonderfully Made Mother-Daughter Program" Sat., 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](mailto:jmdavis17@gmail.com) or you may find a registration form in your school office.

## **GRIEF EDUCATION & SUPPORT CLASS**

March 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at Beatrice Community Hospital – Conference Room, 4800 Hospital Parkway, Beatrice, NE (Hwy77) from 5:00pm to 7:00pm. Pre-registration is Necessary. Prior to the first class please call to register 402-223-2366.

## **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](http://www.lincolndiocese.org/retreats/quest)



**CLOSING OF THE  
SECOND VATICAN  
ECUMENICAL COUNCIL  
ADDRESS OF  
POPE PAUL VI  
TO THE POOR, THE  
SICK AND THE  
SUFFERING**

8 December 1965

To all of you, brothers in trial, who are visited by suffering under a thousand forms, the council has a very special message. It feels on itself your pleading

eyes, burning with fever or hollow with fatigue, questioning eyes which search in vain for the why of human suffering and which ask anxiously when and whence will come relief.

Very dear brothers, we feel echoing deeply within our hearts as fathers and pastors your laments and your complaints. Our suffering is increased at the thought that it is not within our power to bring you bodily help nor the lessening of your physical sufferings, which physicians, nurses and all those dedicated to the service of the sick are endeavoring to relieve as best they can.

But we have something deeper and more

valuable to give you, the only truth capable of answering the mystery of suffering and of bringing you relief without illusion, and that is faith and union with the Man of Sorrows, with Christ the Son of God, nailed to the cross for our sins and for our salvation. Christ did not do away with suffering. He did not even wish to unveil to us entirely the mystery of suffering. He took suffering upon Himself and this is enough to make you understand all its value. All of you who feel heavily the weight of the cross, you who are poor and abandoned, you who weep, you who are persecuted for justice, you who are ignored, you the unknown victims of suffering,

take courage. You are the preferred children of the kingdom of God, the kingdom of hope, happiness and life. You are the brothers of the suffering Christ, and with Him, if you wish, you are saving the world.

This is the Christian science of suffering, the only one which gives peace. Know that you are not alone, separated, abandoned or useless. You have been called by Christ and are His living and transparent image. In His name, the council salutes you lovingly, thanks you, assures you of the friendship and assistance of the Church, and blesses you.