



St. Michael's / St. Mary's

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

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 30/July 1, 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. Michael's Parish Council: Mary Prellwitz, John Ragland, Deb Jones, Megan Grant, Mary Mach, Eddie Lytle

Trustees: Keith Mach and Randy Prellwitz

St. Mary's PCCW: Deb Vanwesten

Knights of Columbus: Randy 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.

St. Michael's PCCW: Carmen Ragland

CCD Coordinator: Beth Hansmire

Ministers' Schedules July 7/8				Mass intentions July 2 nd – 8 th		
	5:30 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM	Monday	No Mass	NO MASS
Acolyte	John Ragland	Bob VanWesten	Dan Arner	Tuesday	Noon	Sherrie Brandenburg+
Lector	Chris Higgins	Scott DeWald	Randy Prellwitz	Wednesday	8:00 am	Special Intention
Server	Aldo Ramos		CJ Goeking	Thursday	5:30 pm	Special Intention
Server			Devin Wanamaker	Friday	Noon	Bro o' Mojo
Music	Mary Mach	Lorrie Hofstetter	Donna Winslow	Saturday	9:00am	Special Intention
Gifts Greeters	Bob & Shirley Gibson	Sasha & Katie Lemke	Ron & Shana Riskstrew		5:30 pm	7 Sisters
Collection	Mary Mach/Eddie Lytle			Sunday	8:00 am	Charlie Barringer+
	Church Cleaning for July – Katie Lemke				10:00 am	People of the Parishes

Parish collection data:

June 24, 2018

St. Michael's

St. Mary's

	\$1,095.00	\$315.00
Loose Plate	156.00	27.00
Cemetery		20.00
Children	9.00	
Building Upkeep	50.00	
Debt Retirement	285.00	
Total	\$1,595.00	\$362.00

Debt Reduction

Loan Payment

Current Totals: Due Dec. 2018

\$17,360.33

Joy of the Gospel Rebates	5,718.32
Debt Reduction Envelopes	7,272.00

Amt. needed for Loan Payment \$4,370.01

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

It takes \$2,089.36 a week to run St. Michael's Parish.	
Operation Cost	\$2,089.36
This week's collection	\$1,310.00

SHORTAGE!!!!...

\$779.36

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK: When in time of spiritual desolation, we resist actively—we humbly turn to God and beg for help; we meditate on God's faithful love; we examine the desolation and gain deeper understanding regarding its causes and remedies; when we make small, "suitable" gestures of courage that counter its destructive tendencies—then, Ignatius affirms, we have found the road that leads surely through the darkness of desolation into the light of God's love.

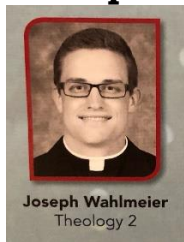
-Saint Ignatius

Please pray for:

Frank Kosmacek * Eddie Lytle * Vonja Scheer * Steve Graff
Tom Huber * Evelyn Birkel * Bob Gibson * Paul Prellwitz

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.

SEMINARIAN OF THE WEEK
Joseph Classen Wahlmeier



Son of Patrick & Debra Wahlmeier from St. Michael Parish in Hastings, NE is in his 3rd year of Theology at North American College in Rome.

1ST FRIDAY ADORATION Sign-up sheets in the back of church.

SEMI POT-LUCK Saturday July 7th after Mass. Please sign up.

THANK YOU for the increased collections these past few weeks. Mother Angelica of EWTN says, keep us between your gas & electric bills. That may work for a global source of income but we need it weekly. So, thank you & keep up the good work!

THANK YOU ST. MICHAEL'S – Thank you for the lovely brunch put on after church. I am truly blessed to be part of a great church. Thank you for helping me grow my faith in God during the past years. – *Macy Ohlde*

THANK YOU to all who helped make Totus Tuus a great success! I'm not going to mention names because there are silent contributors, someone who can't attend anything but who prays diligently for its success. The team told me that among themselves they agree, Fairbury was their favorite!

ST MICHAEL'S PCCW provides candles for you at a minimal cost. \$2.00 for 6-day candles & \$.35 for 10-hour candles. Votive candles are located in the northwest transept of the church.

HOW COME CATHOLICS LIGHT CANDLES?

Fire and light have always been an important feature of worship in the Christian and Jewish religions. As far back as the time of Exodus we hear how the people were instructed to "keep a flame burning perpetually" (Exodus 27:19-20), as "perpetual incense before the Lord from generation to generation" (Exodus 30:7-8) and as a "lamp stand in the Tent of Meeting... set up before the Lord as He has commanded Moses" (Exodus 40:24-25).

We see here that the ancient Jewish people used a perpetual fire to be two major things: *a constant act of devotion, and a symbol of a holy space where God dwells.* This practice is most clearly seen being continued by the tabernacle

in every church. The tabernacle, which is the Latin for 'tent', is where the body of Christ is kept between Masses. Just like in ancient times, a candle is kept perpetually burning beside it for the same reasons practiced back then; God is physically with us within the 'tent' and we wish to perpetually adore him.

Candles are lit for prayer intentions. To "light a candle for someone" indicates one's intention to say a prayer for another person, and the candle symbolizes that prayer. As long as the candle burns the petition is before the Lord.

BIBLE STUDY ON the first chapters of Luke, i.e. The stories of the Annunciations of John the Baptist & Jesus. Wednesday evening at 7:00PM in the Center. Starting July 11.

FAIRBURY RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE Tuesday, **July 10th, 11:30am – 5:30pm** at the Fairbury Elks Lodge – 525 G Street. For appointment call Verna 402-729-2550.

REVIVE: Young Adult Conference for adults ages 22-40 is an opportunity for networking, encounter with Jesus, and renewal in the faith! It will take place at the Newman Center in Lincoln on **July 13th-14th**. Keynote speaker, Mass and BBQ with the Bishop and live entertainment! For more information: olaurae@gmail.com and to register visit: <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/revivelnk>

CRISTO REY PARISH KERMES FESTIVAL 2018 Cristo Rey Catholic Church will be having their annual Kermes Festival at the Lancaster Event Center and Saturday, **July 14** from 10am – 11pm.

DAY OF EQUIPPING: This training seminar, presented by Bart Schuchts, will be held **July 20-21** at Pius X High School in Lincoln, NE. If you desire the Holy Spirit operating in your life, this training is for you. Cost is \$80 / person. To register, go to <https://jpiihealingcenter.org>. Contact the Office of Evangelization for information on student rates or need based scholarships, 402-473-0615.

TOGETHER ON A JOURNEY TO SAINTHOOD Saturday, July 21, 10:00am at St. Michael's church in Lincoln. Tickets can be purchased at spiritcatholicradio.com, by calling 855-571-0200 or at the door.