





# St. Michael's / St. Mary's

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

14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 7/8, 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

**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.

**Knights of Columbus:** Randy Prellwitz

**St. Michael's PCCW:** Carmen Ragland

**CCD Coordinator:** Beth Hansmire

Ministers' Schedules July 14/15				Mass intentions July 9 <sup>th</sup> - 15 <sup>th</sup>		
	5:30 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM	Monday	No Mass	NO MASS
<b>Acolyte</b>	Luis Ramos	Bob VanWesten	Randy Prellwitz	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Noon</b>	Special Intention
<b>Lector</b>	Keith Mach	Rhonda Burkhardt	Ronn Brackle	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Noon</b>	7 Sisters
<b>Server</b>	Salvador Chavez		RJ Suey	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>5:30 pm</b>	Special Intention
<b>Server</b>			Braden Suey	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Noon</b>	Huber & Weeks Families
<b>Music</b>	Mary Banahan	Lorrie Hofstetter	Janice Bell	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	Special Intention
<b>Gifts/Greeters</b>	Barb Arner	Mr. & Mrs. Ken Milius	Rosalie Tynan		<b>5:30 pm</b>	Special Intention
<b>Collection</b>	Megan Grant/Deb Jones			<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	People of the Parishes
Church Cleaning for July - Katie Lemke					<b>10:00 am</b>	Rosella Prellwitz+

<b>Parish collection data:</b>			<b>Debt Reduction</b>	<b>Loan Payment</b>
June 30/Jul 1, 2018	<b>St. Michael's</b>	<b>St. Mary's</b>	<b>Current Totals: Due Dec. 2018</b>	<b>\$17,360.33</b>
Adult	\$1,478.00	\$150.00	Joy of the Gospel Rebates	5,718.32
Loose Plate	126.00	15.00	Debt Reduction Envelopes	7,472.00
Children	5.00		<b>Amt. needed for Loan Payment</b>	<b>\$4,170.01</b>
Debt Retirement	200.00		<b>PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,809.00</b>	<b>\$165.00</b>	It takes \$2,089.36 a week to run St. Michael's Parish.	
			Operation Cost	\$2,089.36
			This week's collection	\$1,609.00
			<b>SHORTAGE!!!!...</b>	<b>\$480.36</b>

## **THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:**

Freedom consists not in doing what we like, but in having the right to do what we ought. St. John Paul II

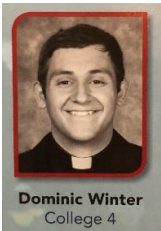
## **Please pray for:**

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

### Dominic Ian Winter



Son of James & Cheryl Winter from St. Joseph and St. Mary Parishes in Lincoln, NE is in his 1<sup>st</sup> Year of Theology.

**SEMI POT-LUCK** Saturday **August 4** after Mass. Please sign up.

**1ST FRIDAY ADORATION SIGN UP SHEET** for **August 3** is in the back of Church. Please sign up. PLEASE NOTE THIS IS **FRIDAY, AUGUST 3<sup>RD</sup>**.

**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!

**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 10<sup>th</sup>**, 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 13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>**. 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](http://spiritcatholicradio.com), by calling 855-571-0200 or at the door.

**SOLE TO SOUL** Free shoes on Saturday, July 28<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am – Noon at the Church of Christ in Beatrice on 10<sup>th</sup> & Grant.

**2<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION RETREAT** "Love Made Visible" Sept. 27-30. Register online at: [goodcounselretreat.com](http://goodcounselretreat.com). Or call 402-786-2705 for more information.

**4K for CANCER** We will be sponsoring the 4K for Cancer **July 12-13**. They will be sleeping in the gym and we will be providing supper on the 12<sup>th</sup> and breakfast on the 13<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to the Parish for sponsoring this group.