



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

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

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

December 2, 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:** Chris Goeking, LeAnn Krause, Mary Prellwitz, John Ragland, Deb Jones, and Megan Grant

*Trustees:* Keith Mach and Randy Prellwitz

**St. Mary's PCCW:** Deb Vanwesten

**BULLETIN:** If you have news for the bulletin, please call the Rectory 402 729-2058 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

**Knights of Columbus:** Randy Prellwitz

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

**CCD Coordinator:** Beth Hansmire

| Ministers' Schedules December 8/9, 2018          |               |                       |                       | Mass intentions Dec. 3 <sup>rd</sup> - 9 <sup>th</sup>            |                           |   |
|--|---------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---|---------------------------|---|
|  | 5:30 PM       | 8:00 AM               | 10:00 AM              | Monday  | NO MASS                   | NO MASS   |
| <b>Acolyte</b>                                   | Bruce Busing  | Bob VanWesten         | Randy Prellwitz       | <b>Tuesday</b>  | <b>Noon</b>               | Gary Richard+   |
| <b>Lector</b>                                    | Keith Mach    | Rhonda Burkhart       | Randy Prellwitz       | <b>Wednesday</b>  | <b>Noon</b>               | Special Intention   |
| <b>Server</b>                                    | Aldo Ramos    |                       | CJ Goeking            | <b>Thursday</b>   | <b>5:30pm</b>             | Karen Nutsch+   |
| <b>Server</b>                                    |               |                       | Devin Wanamaker       | <b>Friday</b>   | <b>5:30pm<br/>7:00 pm</b> | Special Intention (at St. Michael's)<br>Special Intention (at St. Mary's) |
| <b>Music</b>                                     | Mary Banahan  | Lorrie Hofstetter     | Donna Winslow         | <b>Saturday</b><br><i>Holy Day-<br/>Immaculate<br/>Conception</i> | <b>9:00 am</b>            | Special Intention<br>(at St. Michael's)                                   |
| <b>Gifts/Greeters</b>                            | Mary Feldkamp | Mr. & Mrs. Ken Milius | Ron & Shana Rickstrew |   | <b>5:30 pm</b>            | Charlie Barringer+  |
| <b>Collection</b>                                | Fr. Birkel    |                       |                       | <b>Sunday</b>   | <b>8:00 am</b>            | Gary Richard+   |
| Church Cleaning for December - Peggy Niederklein |               |                       |                       |   | <b>10:00 am</b>           | People of the Parishes  |

**Parish collection data:** Please note this is only Nov. 17/18 not Nov. 24/25!

| Nov. 17/18, 2018 | St. Michael's | St. Mary's |
|------------------|---------------|------------|
| Adult            | \$1,095.00    | \$270.00   |
| Loose Plate      | 127.00        | 5.00       |
| Building Upkeep  | 5.00          |            |
| Debt Retirement  | 295.00        |            |

**Total** \$1,522.00 \$275.00

## Debt Reduction

Loan Total

Current Totals: Due Dec. 2018

Joy of the Gospel Rebates 7,445.37

Debt Reduction Envelopes 12,757.00

**Amount towards NEXT Years Payment \$2,842.04**

## 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 1,227.00

**SHORTAGE!! \$826.36**

**THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:** We should always observe Advent with faith and love, offering praise and thanksgiving to the Father for the mercy and love he has shown us in this mystery. -St. Charles Borromeo

**Please pray for:**

Frank Kosmacek \* Eddie Lytle \* Vonja Scheer \* Steve Graff \* Megan Vales

Tom Huber \* Evelyn Birkel \* Bob Gibson \* Paul Prellwitz \* Tim Cary

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 VOCATIONS**

**SR. MARGARET ANNE OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS** of Kansas City, KS is a Novice and **SR. MARY ANNE** of Kansas City, KS is a Postulant at Carmel of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

**JOY OF THE GOSPEL REBATES** This week we received Joy of the Gospel rebates for St. Mary's in the amount of \$20.00 and for St. Michael's in the amount of \$1,168.55.

**THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** will be having their December pancake feed after Mass on Sunday December 2nd in the Parish Center. There will be pancakes, biscuits and gravy, eggs, sausages, fruit cocktail, orange juice, coffee and water. Please come support the Knights of Columbus Council #4434. This is a free will offering and proceeds go to fund events and donations for those less fortunate.

**CHRISTMAS DECORATING FOR THE CHURCH** is scheduled for Sunday December 9th following mass! Let's come together to start the celebration of Christ birth!

**PCCW MEETING** December 10<sup>th</sup> is the Carry-In Dinner with the Knights of Columbus and Spouses. The Committee is Mary Feldkamp, Sandra Phelps, Sabrina Wanamaker and Co-Chairs - Monica Cervantes and Diane Stone.

**ST. MICHAEL'S CCD IS IN NEED OF A CCD TEACHER** If you are interested in guiding our youth in our faith, please contact Beth Hansmire.

**FAIRBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH** is having their Holly Jolly Christmas Boutique and Bakery on Dec. 7 from 2:00pm - 7:00pm, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am - 4:00pm and Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> from 11:30am - 1:30pm at 605 E Street.

**RELIGIOUS AWARD CEREMONY FOR BOYS & GIRLS!** The Diocesan Mass and Award Ceremony is March 24, 2019 at 2:00pm with Bishop Finn. Award applications are due: Youth Ministry Office by February 8, 2019. Visit [www.lincolndiocese.org/scouting](http://www.lincolndiocese.org/scouting) for more information. If you have any questions, please contact Michele at 402-473-0625.

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**HOLY INNOCENTS MASS** A memorial Mass for those who have lost a child through miscarriage, stillbirth, infant death or abortion on December 28<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm - Reading of Names and 7:00pm Mass at John XXIII Diocesan Center Chapel, 3700 Sheridan Blvd. in Lincoln. If you would like your child's name to be remembered and added on the banner for this year, please call the Family Life Office at 402-473-0620 before 5:00pm on December 19<sup>th</sup>.

**THE CATHOLIC COFFEE HOUSE** "Navigating the church now" on Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>, Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>, and Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> at the Gianna's Java and Gelato Guadalupe Center at 2241 O St. in Lincoln from 7-8:30pm.