

# St. Michael's & St. Mary's

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St. Mary's	5th & Amanda Streets, Alexandria, NE	
St. Michael's Prayer Chain	Carmen Juarez: 729-3623	

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

December 6, 2015



***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 729-2058.*

**St. Mary's Parish Council:** Duane Bartek, Ritchie Burkhart, Peggy Niederklein, Rhonda Burkhart and Donna Rut **Trustees:** Bob VanWesten and Bob Bachle

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

**St. Michael's Parish Council:** Mary Mach, Eddie Lytle, Devin Lovgren, Doug Kapke, LeAnn Krause, Dave Panko, Dave Banahan and Bruce Busing **Trustees:** Keith Mach and Randy Prellwitz

**St. Michael's PCCW:** Lorraine Borch

**Knights of Columbus:** Dan Arner

**CCD Coordinator:** Mary Mach

<b>Ministers' Schedules for Next Weekend</b>			
	<b>5:30 PM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>
<b>Acolyte</b>	Randy Prellwitz	Jim Vanwesten	Steve Graff
<b>Lector</b>	Keith Mach	Daryl Anderson	Charlie Barringer
<b>Server</b>	Aldo Ramos		Paul Mach
<b>Server</b>			Devin Wanamaker
<b>Music</b>	Mary Banahan	Lorrie Hofstetter	Janice Bell
<b>Gifts/Greeters</b>	Barb Armstrong	Mike Hofstetter family	Rosalie Tynan
<b>Collection</b>	Mary Mach & Eddie Lytle		

## Parish News & Upcoming Events

- ❑ **BULLETIN:** If you have news for the bulletin, please call the Rectory 729-2058 or or email [info@stmichaelsfairbury.org](mailto:info@stmichaelsfairbury.org) News must be in Thursday by 10:00 AM to be in the week's bulletin.
- ❑ **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.
- ❑ **SEMINARIAN OF THE WEEK:** Please keep our Seminarian of the week, **Timothy Danek**, in your prayers.

**THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE**

Monday	December 7	5:30PM 7:00PM	St. Michael's St Mary's	Norman Medina+ People of the Parishes
Tuesday	December 8	6:30AM	St. Michael's	Walter & Dorrine Millius+
Wednesday	December 9	12:10PM	St. Michael's	Bill & Arlene Wagoner+
Thursday	December 10	5:30PM	St. Michael's	All Souls Day Intentions of Tom & Twiyla L'Ecuyer
Friday	December 11	12:10PM	St. Michael's	Special Intention
Saturday	December 12	5:30 PM	St. Michael's	Paul Busing+
Sunday	December 13	8:00 AM	St. Mary's	The People of the Parishes
Sunday	December 13	10:00 AM	St. Michael's	Monsignor Hain+
<b>Confessions</b>	St. Michael's	Saturday	4:45 PM to 5:15 PM	
	St. Mary's	Sunday	7:45 AM	

**Please pray for:** Betty (Mrs. Morgan) Brackle, Bob Seigel, Iola Busing, Rose O’Keefe, Vonja Scheer, Lorraine Callison, Doug Wiedel, Leona Gaydusek, Norma Bernasek, Jim Cortney, Rozella Prellwitz, Zachary Rowe, Noelle Salazar, Bernie Boerner, Brad Eveleth, Bob McCord, Eddie Lytle, Rita Stone, Graysen Snyder, Brandi Warnke, Darren Martinez, Marie Kosmacek, Francis Nutsch, Knoxley Gerths, Dorothy Dondlinger, Military Personnel, all the unborn children & their parents, pro-life legislation, and anyone else who maybe ailing. *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.*

**New Items**

**Parish collection info:**

**11/29/2015**

	<b><u>St. Michael’s</u></b>	<b><u>St. Mary’s</u></b>
Adult	\$1,077.00	\$255.00
Plate	313.00	7.00
Debt	50.00	
Children	9.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,451.00</b>	<b>\$262.00</b>

St Michael’s Debt Reduction current total income \$10,270.00

**Joy of the Gospel rebates have started! \$9,130.29 for St Michael’s & \$1,430.00 for St Mary’s! Well done & God’s blessings to all!!!**

**Tuesday December 8<sup>th</sup> is a HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION. It is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Mother of the Lord. Masses are Monday evening & early Tuesday morning.**

**St. Mary’s will have a Christmas breakfast on December 20! Everyone is to bring rolls. Also, we will decorate the church for Christmas after the breakfast.**

**Soup Luncheon thank you for all the food donations, to the ladies who donated their time to work, and the Jr. High girls who**

helped assist and clean tables. Thank you to everyone who attended and for their generous offerings. We collected over \$700.00. Thanks LaRae Endorf and Monica Hinrichs.

**There is a** sign-up sheet for Christmas. Please volunteer.

**Christmas decorating** of St. Michael's will be held Sunday December 13th after Mass. This will be a fun opportunity for everyone to help out and get to know one another. Also for those that help there will be breakfast after decorating!

**Nebraska Brass quintet** will perform Sunday December 13<sup>th</sup> at Fairbury United Methodist at 2PM. Adults \$12, Seniors \$10, Students FREE.

**A Cursillo** (the full name is "Cursillo de Cristiandad") is an encounter with Christ. Cursillo (pronounced **kur-see-yo**) is a Spanish word meaning "little" or "short course," so a Cursillo is a "short course in Christianity." The goal of Cursillo is to make Christ the prime influence in society by helping adult Christians better understand their power and mission to become leaven in civic, social and economic life. We need Christian leaven in the world!! Are you interested in being that leaven in your corner of the world? Learn more about Cursillo. Cursillo Weekends are scheduled at St. Mary Parish in Sutton, NE, February 25-28, 2016 (Men) and March 31–April 3, 2016 (Women). If you would like more information, about Cursillo or the Winter/Spring 2016 Weekends, call or email John Springer, Lay Director for the Lincoln Diocese (402-826-2699; [jejspringer@windstream.net](mailto:jejspringer@windstream.net)). There is also information on the Lincoln Diocese Cursillo webpage: <http://www.seas-np.org/cursilloregistrations.html>.

**When the people are gathered**, and as the Priest enters with the Deacon and ministers, the Entrance Chant begins. Its purpose is to open the celebration, foster the unity of those who have been gathered, introduce their thoughts to the mystery of the liturgical time or festivity, and to accompany the procession of the Priest and ministers. (*General instruction of the Roman Missal #47*)

**Saint Michael's Christmas Bazaar** See back page for details.

**Prayer Cards available:** with a Prayer of Renunciation, Deliverance & Healing are on the back table.

**Best of Northern Ireland & the Republic of Ireland.** 11 days. April 18-28, 2016, led by veteran pilgrimage leader Father John Vakulskas. Belfast, Derry, Shrine of Knock, Shrine at Ballymoe dedicated to Father Flanagan, founder of Boys Town, Galway, Ring f Kerry, Kilarney, Connemara, Dublin & much more. R/T Omaha \$3229. Includes R/T air, tours, transfers most meals, First class hotels, daily Mass & free time. Limited seat, For more info: Fr John Vakulskas PO Box 347 Okoboji, IA 51355 712-490-8047 or [johnvakulskas@gmail.com](mailto:johnvakulskas@gmail.com)

**Penny Harvest:** The CCD is collecting money for the Blue Valley Giving Tree Project during the months of October and November. They are asking the parish to help with their project. A Penny Harvest Jar is located on the back table of the church. Please be as generous as possible with your change to help the less fortunate.



**CCD:** Classes are from 6:45 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Please do not drop your children off before 6:35 p.m., because there will not be any adult supervision. **We are in need of substitute teachers, please contact Mary Mach (300-0321) or Fr. John (729-2058).** Please remember to enter the driveway on E street and exit on 8<sup>th</sup> street.

**Thought of the Week:** People Look east...Look to the Lord!

**Year of Consecrated Life** continues until February 2, 2016. Make a pilgrimage, adopt a community, and find out more ways to celebrate our Religious at [www.lincoln.diocese.org/ycl](http://www.lincoln.diocese.org/ycl).

**December Church Cleaning for St. Mary's:** Peggy Niederklein

SAINT MICHAEL'S CHRISTMAS  
BAZAAR

Dec 5<sup>th</sup> 9AM – 12PM

Saturday

Homemade cookies & candy sold by  
the pound

Homemade crafts-White elephant  
items

Coffee & Rolls will be served

Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> 11AM – 12:30PM

Sunday

Men's Pancake & Sausage Breakfast

Free will offering

Raffle tickets sold both days

Raffle drawing at noon on Sunday





