

St. Michael's & St. Mary's

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St. Michael's Prayer Chain	Carmen Juarez: 729-3623	

2ND Sunday of Ordinary Time

January 17, 2016



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: Linda McMurphy

Knights of Columbus: Dan Arner

CCD Coordinator: Mary Mach

Ministers' Schedules for January 23/24, 2016

	5:30 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
Acolyte	Joe Busing	Bob VanWesten	James Huber
Lector	Keith Mach	Rhonda Burkhart	Devin Lovgren
Server	Brock Beed		Paul Mach
Server	Connor Gerthes		Devin Wanamaker
Music	Mary Banahan	Lorrie Hofstetter	LeAnn Krause
Gifts/Greeters	Jason & Megan Grant	Bob & Donna Milius	Rhonda Carey
Collection	Bruse Busing/Dave Banahan		
Church Cleaning for January – Donna Rut			

- **BULLETIN:** If you have news for the bulletin, please call the Rectory 729-2058 or or email 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, Rev. Mr. Nathan Hall in your prayers.

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE				
Monday	January 18		St. Michael's	No Mass
Tuesday	January 19	12:10PM	St. Michael's	Steve Wilson+
Wednesday	January 20	12:10PM	St. Michael's	Catharine Nutsch+
Thursday	January 21	5:30PM	St. Michael's	Rosa Jaurez+
Friday	January 22	12:10PM	St. Michael's	William A. Muller+
Saturday	January 23	5:30 PM	St. Michael's	Leslie & Mary Naiman+
Sunday	January 24	8:00 AM	St. Mary's	People of the Parishes
Sunday	January 24	10:00 AM	St. Michael's	Don Gregory+
Confessions	St. Michael's	Saturday	4:45 PM to 5:15 PM	
	St. Mary's	Sunday	7:45 AM	

Please pray for: Susan Hammer, Bruce Schwartz, Betty (Mrs. Morgan) Brackle, Iola Busing, Rose O'Keefe, Vonja Scheer, Zachary Rowe, Noelle Salazar, Brad Eveleth, Bob McCord, Eddie Lytle, Rita Stone, Darren Martinez, Marie Kosmacek. *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.*

Parish News & Upcoming Events

Parish collection data:

	<u><i>St. Michael's</i></u>	<u><i>St. Mary's</i></u>
1/10/2016		
Adult	\$1,860.00	\$260.00
Loose Plate	\$63.00	\$10.00
Building	\$115.00	\$25.00
Children	\$7.00	
Debt Retirement	\$500.00	
Total	<hr/> \$2,545.00	<hr/> \$295.00

St Michael's Debt Reduction current total \$1,560.00.

Thought of the Week: The generosity of God knows no limits.

Lent is less than a month away! In order to make this lent a more fulfilling time, take a look at the following: livethefast.com

Why Fast?

- Fasting opens up our hearts to conversion
- Fasting gives weight to our prayer intentions
- Fasting strengthens us in resisting temptations
- Fasting and prayer promote peace in our hearts and peace with one another
- Fasting teaches us the difference between “wanting” and “needing”
- Fasting reminds us of the plight of the poor and for many in the world who are perpetually hungry
- Fasting and prayer can free us from addictive behavior
- “Fasting will lead us to a new freedom of heart and mind.” —
Fr. Slavko Barbaric O.F.M
- Fasting invites the Holy Spirit in to heal our hearts, our relationship with God and our relationship with others

With all fasting, we strongly recommend consulting your physician—as everyone's physical health is unique.

A ltar Society Meeting, Monday, January, 18th - Rosary at 6:30pm and Meeting at 7:00pm.

S ouper Bowl of Caring is an ecumenical, youth-led movement that empowers congregations and faith groups to collect dollars and food for local charities. Since 1990, groups throughout the country have teamed up around the time of the Super Bowl to be a champion for their neighbors in need. This event is a simple and meaningful way to learn about the needs in the community and to do something to help.

I believe this movement is special and would like to invite you to get involved.

Participating is easy. It can be as simple as making an announcement one week and collecting from your congregation, school or civic club the next week. One canned good or one dollar per person can make a huge difference. Here is an example of one way to participate:

- After worship services on Super Bowl Sunday, February 7th, have volunteers stand at the exits and accept donations, or take a collection during the service.
- Send donations directly to MTKO or to another nonprofit organization of your choice.
- Report donations to www.souperbowl.org so they are included in national totals.
- Enjoy the football game knowing you've helped those in need!

Feeding the hungry is at the core of Matt Talbot's mission - we serve two hot nutritious meals every day of the year and provide over 100,000 meals annually. In addition to hunger relief, MTKO also offers homeless prevention services such as life skills training, drug & alcohol counseling, case management, and transitional housing, plus help with basic and emergency needs such as showers and laundry services.

Please consider participating in Souper Bowl of Caring and in supporting MTKO's hunger relief and homeless prevention services.

Give me a call or send an email with any questions or to let me know you will be participating (402-817-0619, vicky.drozd@mtkserves.org).

FORMED.ORG: Saint Michael and St. Mary Catholic Parish's and every Catholic parish in the Lincoln Diocese have subscriptions to a dynamic new online platform called FORMED. It offers free access to the best Catholic content all in one place. The material offered can be accessed from a home computer, tablet, or smart phone. Every parishioner has access through the internet.

With FORMED you will find video movies and programs that explain the Catholic faith, faith formation, marriage enrichment, Scripture study, Sacrament preparation, Small group teen material, and audio talks from Lighthouse Media. This is all part of the parish subscription.

FORMED is a great way to bolster what we Catholics believe, why we believe it and how to live it out every day. FORMED is the Catholic faith explained – on demand.

What do YOU need to find this material? First, an access code at the website www.formed.org. You should see the registration box. The Saint Michael and St. Mary's parish access code is ZYD94C.

Now, you set up a username and password. That's it. You are now set up to use all the great programs on FORMED.org anytime by simply logging in.

Spaghetti Feed January 31st at the Fairbury VFW on Hwy 15 from 11:00 am to 1:00pm for a free will donation. All proceed got the Relay For Life.

PCCW Books for 2016 are available in the back of Church. Please take your copy & if you would like an extra or are new to the parish, please take one without a name on it. God Bless you.

Ministries calendars are on the table, they are the same as the electronic copies.

The Word Among Us copies for January-February 9th, are available. Please take one.

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

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 8th street.

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.

Among those things assigned to the Priest, the prime place is occupied by the Eucharistic Prayer, which is the high point of the whole celebration. Next are the orations, that is to say, the Collect, the Prayer over the Offerings, and the Prayer after Communion. These prayers are addressed to God by the Priest who presides over the assembly in the person of Christ, in the name of the entire holy people and of all present. Hence they are rightly called the “presidential prayers.”

(General instruction of the Roman Missal #30)

