

St. Michael's & St. Mary's

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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. Michael's	PO Box 406, Fairbury, NE 68352	Phone: 729-2058
St. Mary's	5th & Amanda Streets, Alexandria, NE	
St. Michael's Prayer Chain	Carmen Juarez: 729-3623	
St. Michael's/St. Mary's Secretary	Carolyn Osborne: 729-5387	Mobile: 300-0148

St. Mary's Parish Council: Peggy Niederklein, Rhonda Burkhart, Donna Rut, Daryl Anderson, Trish Endorf **Trustees:** Bob VanWesten and Bob Bachle

St. Mary's PCCW: Deb Vanwesten

St. Michael's Parish Council: Brenda Mannschresk, Doug Kapke, LeAnn Krause, Dave Panko, Dave Banahan, Bruce Busing, Chad Mans, Matt Umland, **Trustees:** Randy Prellwitz and Keith Mach

St. Michael's PCCW: Lorraine Borch

Knights of Columbus: Joshua Whitney

CCD Coordinator: Carolyn Whitney

Parish News & Upcoming Events

BULLETIN: If you have news for the bulletin, please call the Rectory 729-2058 or contact Carolyn 729-5387 or email carolyn@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'S OF THE WEEK: Please keep our Seminarian's of the week, **Alec Sasse and Andrew Schwenka**, in your prayers.

Ministers' Schedules for Next Weekend

	5:30 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
Acolyte	Joe Busing	Bob VanWesten	Steve Graff
Lector	Keith Mach	Scott DeWald	Charlie Barringer
Server	Brock Beed		Joey Whitney
Server	Connor Gerth		Aldo Ramos
Organ/Piano	Mary Mach	Lorrie Hoffstetter	Allen Scheer
Gifts/Greeters	Jay & Raven Gerths and family	Bob & Trish Endorf	Kenny & LeAnn Krause
Collection	Steve Graff and Carolyn Osborne		

Our Offering to God Last Weekend	St. Michael's	\$ 1570.75
	St. Mary's	\$ 536.00

Please pray for: Rosalie Hamm, Betty (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, Paul Prellwitz, Brad Eveleth, Kathy Blobaum, Bob McCord, Ed Lytle, LeRoy Prellwitz, Rita Stone, Catherine Nutsch, Chase Guthals, Graysen Snyder, Brandi Warnke, Darren Martinez, 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.*

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday	January 26	NO MASS	St. Michael's	NO MASS
Tuesday	January 27	12:10 PM	St. Michael's	Bill & Arlene Wagner+
Wednesday	January 28	12:10 PM	St. Michael's	Al Bongers+
Thursday	January 29	NO MASS	St. Michael's	NO MASS
Friday	January 30	12:10 PM	St. Michael's	Fr. Peter Gadiant
Saturday	January 31	5:30 PM	St. Michael's	Steve Wilson+
Sunday	February 1	8:00 AM	St. Mary's	The People of the Parishes
Sunday	February 1	10:00 AM	St. Michael's	Don Gregory+

Confessions	St. Michael's	Saturday	4:45 PM to 5:15 PM
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Daily Mass: Please check Mass schedule carefully for Mass times this week!!!

NEW ITEMS

- **Daily Mass Schedule:** We will not have Mass on Monday (26th) or Thursday (29th) this week.
- **THANK YOU!!!** To all who gave me cards, prayers or other gifts at Christmas or for my birthday. Thank you, again & God bless you! Father John
- **Handicapped Parking:** A request has been made for additional handicapped parking spaces in front of the Church. We are working towards that end; for now, if you are not in need, please try and leave the spaces near the front for those who are in need.

- **Why Latin?** In recent years, there has been a movement in the direction of bringing Latin and chant back into the Church. The natural question asked by many is “why?” When Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI opened the Year of Faith, he encouraged all to read the documents of the Second Vatican Council. With regards to music, the Second Vatican Council gave Gregorian chant “pride of place” among the many forms of liturgical music. By singing Gregorian chant at the Mass, we are falling more in line with the teachings of the Church, as set by the council. Some may fear that we are taking a leap backwards. This is not the case. We are simply taking the beauty of the old, (extraordinary form of the Mass) and using it to enrich the new (the Mass as we know it today). Imagine a pendulum, swinging from the Latin masses before Vatican II to the Novis Ordo (new order) which sprung out of the conclave. Pope Benedict appropriately gave us notice that the documents of Vatican II actually placed the pendulum in its proper place, balancing the beauty of both Forms of the Mass.

- **St. Michael’s PCCW Booklets for 2015:** The annual dues of \$5.00 are due March 1. The dues as well as the PCCW fundraising projects (Spring Buffet, Fall Soup Supper, Holiday Bazaar, dinners, etc.) help to support parish, deanery and diocesan needs. The PCCW helps supports youth projects, nursing home activities, missionary projects and the education of priests and nuns.

As a member of the St. Michael’s Parish Community, every woman is automatically a member of the PCCW. Each one of you is needed to ensure the continued success of the activities of the PCCW. Your contributions, hard work and dedication to our parish activities are greatly appreciated.

- **Knights of Columbus News:** The Knights of Columbus would like to thank those who contributed to the One Rose/One Life Campaign this past weekend. A total of \$240.00 was collected and will be forwarded to the Nebraska Knights of Columbus Culture of Life Foundation. Donations will still be accepted using the envelope provided two weeks ago in the bulletin or place donation in a plain envelope and mark One Rose/One Life on the outside.



- **Sole to Soul** will be held on Saturday, February 14th from 9:00 a.m. to noon at Church of Christ, 924 Grant Street, Beatrice, NE. Anyone who is in need of gently used shoes is welcome and encouraged to come to this giveaway.

- **First Friday Adoration in February:** First Friday Adoration will be held on **Thursday, February 5th**, in anticipation of First Friday (February 6th). The Knights are asking for parish participation and support. Please sign-up for February in the back of the Church. Please commit to at least one hour (if not more). Each hour has two time slots, but there is no limit to the number of people who may be present.



- **Trumpet Fest:** The 11th annual Trumpet Fest will be held on Feb. 8th at 3:00 p.m. at Pius X High School with proceeds going to support Catholic Social Services. This year's event is titled "Trumpet Fest in Honor of Mac McCune". For questions regarding this event, contact Murray at 402-540-3130, Rev. Daniel Rayer, Chancellor, 402-488-0921, (fax) 402-488-3569 or email Fr.dan-rayer@lincolndiocese.org
- **Valentine's Dinner:** The Fairbury United Methodist Church, 605 E Streets, will be sponsoring a Valentine's Dinner, Saturday, February 14th from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. All reservations need to be made by Thursday, February 12th (no tickets will be sold at the door). \$13.00 per person-tickets may be purchased at the church office Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. or by calling 729-2247.
- **WMF Soup Supper and Bake Sale**, Friday, February 6th at Faith Lutheran, 1630 I Street, serving from 5:00-8:00 p.m. Free Will donation.
- **St. Michael's Debt Reduction:** Our loan for the operation of the school is: \$191, 243.00 We took \$30,000.00 out of savings & added \$5,000.00 from checking to make an initial \$35,000.00 payment. We plan to make payments of \$17,360.33 each year for nine years to pay off the debt. The Bishop has made our loan so that it does not accrue interest.
- **St. Mary's PCCW:** The annual dues of \$5.00 are due March 1 for the St. Mary's PCCW and can be paid to Donna Rut. All ladies of St. Mary's Parish are automatically a member of the PCCW. Any donations will gladly be accepted also. The dues and donations will be used to purchase supplies for the altar.
- **Thought of the week:** The early apostles inspire us to eagerly respond to God's call to a life of stewardship.

- **A Lifeline for Marriage:** Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. It is designed to provide the tools to help get your marriage back on track. It will give you the opportunity to rediscover each other and examine your lives together in a new and positive way. This program has helped tens or thousands of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. For confidential information about or to register for the February program beginning with a weekend on February 20-22, call 1-888-317-5654 or www.retrouvaille.org on the web.
- **Our lady of Good Counsel Lenten Retreats:** Don't be left out for the upcoming Lenten Retreats. Feb. 13-15, Fr. Steve Thomlison will speak on "Angels & Demons: Spiritual Warfare & Discernment" for men and women. Feb 27-March 1, Fr. Mark Cyza will speak on "Friends of the Cross" for men and women. March 13-15, Fr. Troy Schweiger will speak on "A man after God's own Heart" Man to Man, men only. March 27-29, Fr. Gary Coulter will speak on "Discipleship in Mark" for men and women. You can register at www.goodcounselretreat.com or call 402-786-2705.
- **Diocese of Lincoln Natural Family Planning** Creighton Model Introductory Sessions for February 2015 will be held Monday, February 2, Thursday, February 12 and Tuesday, February 24 at 7:00 p.m. Pre-registration is required. For more information call 488-2040.
- **Philosophy and Theology of the Angelic Doctor:** Dr. Theresa Farnan for this comprehensive overview of the philosophy and theology of the Angelic Doctor. Farnan presents a distinctive aspect of St. Thomas's philosophy and theology, followed by application of the Thomistic response to contemporary issues. The series provides practical wisdom amidst the many problems we face in today's society. Fr. John is getting the DVD's of this series & would run it as a course; 25 minute video, followed by discussion. Please let Fr. John know if you are interested.
- **Parish Financial Statements for 2014 Tax Year:** These statements are available for both parishes this weekend. Please check the back of the church for your envelope and pick them up as soon as possible.
- **St. Mary's January Cleaning:** Donna Rut

- **The Catholic Social Services (CSS) Donation Trailer** is coming to Fairbury on January 30th and will be here until February 6th. This is your chance to donate your good, used items to CSS. All useable donated items will be distributed to the needy across southern Nebraska or sold at one of Catholic Social Services' Gift & Thrift Stores with proceeds used to support our Emergency Services program. Even well used clothing will be accepted for recycling. **We are not able to accept any Gas appliances, televisions or toys.** A great many of the toys are made in China and have problems with toxic materials in their manufacture. Since we do not have a repair facility, we are looking for gently used items that are immediately usable and not broken. Let us share God's love for us by serving people in need. Thank you for your generosity.
- **Census:** If you haven't returned your census slips, please do so as soon as possible. If you know your Sacrament information, please include that also. Please return them in the collection basket or drop off at the parish office.
- **CCD:** Classes are from 6:45p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Please do not drop your children off before 6:35 p.m., because there will not be any adult supervision. ***Parents, please remember that if your child will be receiving one of the sacraments in the next two years, that they must be attending CCD classes to receive the sacraments.*** Please remember to enter the driveway on E street and exit on 8th street.
- **Society of St. Vincent de Paul:** Inspired by Gospel values, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, a Catholic lay organization, leads women and men to join together to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to those who are needy and suffering in the tradition of its founder, Blessed Frederic Ozanam, and patron, St. Vincent de Paul. The newly formed Beatrice conference is looking for individuals or couples to join our local conference that serves Beatrice and the surrounding communities in Southeast Nebraska. It is a great way to show our children and our communities what it means to grow in faith and stewardship. Want to join? Please contact Joseph Bewer, St. Joseph Conference President, at (402) 202-2642. Our next meeting is January 29th at 7 p.m. in the teacher's lounge at St. Joseph Catholic School, Beatrice.

- **World Meeting of Families 2015—September 22-27, 2015 in Philadelphia, PA**
 Saint John Paul II, hailed as Pope to the Family, created the World Meeting of Families in 1994 in Rome to explore the critical role the family plays in society and to give families opportunities to talk about the challenges and blessings that all families have. The theme of the meeting, “Love Is Our Mission: The Family Fully Alive.” The glory of men and women is their capacity to love as God loves—and no better means exists to teach the meaning of love than the family. His Holiness, Pope Francis also inspired the theme. He embodies the message of mercy, joy and love at the heart of the Gospel. **The Lincoln Diocese is excited to offer a pilgrimage to the World Meeting of Families, with a variety of options. For more information or to register, go to <http://www.lincolndiocese.org/WMF>, or call 402-488-2040.**
- **Website:** You can find St. Michael’s/St. Mary’s website at www.stmichaelsfairbury.org. You can view the weekly bulletins and monthly calendar.
- **Save the Date:** The annual Nebraska Walk for Life will be Saturday, January 31st starting at 10:00 a.m. at the State Capitol in Lincoln. A short program at the Capitol will be followed by the walk to the UN-L Student Union at 14th & R Street for our keynote speech from Mario St. Francis. Mario is a former model and actor and is now the Media Director for World Youth Day. His message of conversion will resonate with both young and old at the Walk! Activities will conclude by 1:00 p.m. at the Union. For more information contact Nebraska Right to Life at 402-438-4802.
- **Introducing Date Night:** Kids, work, bills, chores...with all there is to keep track of in life, and it may have been a while since you and your spouse have made time for just the two of you! If you have been looking for a way to get out for a nice evening together, then this is the event you have been looking for! On Friday, February 20 from 6-7 p.m. at Old Chicago in the Haymarket, married couples of all ages are invited to come together for complimentary hors d’oeuvres, cash bar, fellowship, and a short presentation by Fr. Sean Kilcawley that will explore what it means to be a married couple. After that, you are welcome to mingle a bit more, or go out to eat, for a walk, etc. to finish your date. For questions, call 402-488-2040, or visit Lincolndiocese.org/DateNight. Sponsored by the Office of Family Life and Evangelization.

