

St. Michael's & St. Mary's

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Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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: 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

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 OF THE WEEK:** Please keep our Seminarian of the week, **Joseph Allen**, in your prayers.

Ministers' Schedules for Next Weekend

	5:30 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
Acolyte	Ronn Brackle	Bob VanWesten	Steve Graff
Lector	Randy Prellwitz	Daryl Anderson	Charlie Barringer
Server	Paul Mach		RJ Suey
Server	Aldo Ramos		Braden Suey
Organ/Piano	Mary Prellwitz	Lorrie Hofstetter	Allen Scheer
Gifts/Greeters	Bob & Shirley Gibson	Daryl & Denise Anderson	Rosalie Tynan
Collection	Steve Graff & Carolyn Osborne		

Our Offering to God Last Weekend		Adult	Plate	Children
	St. Michael's	\$1853.00	\$110.00	\$12.00
	St. Mary's	\$385.00	\$12.00	
	St. Michael's Debt	Last Week	Total	
		\$110.00	\$8500.00	

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday	October 12	12:10 PM	St. Michael's	Carl & Alvina Birkel+
Tuesday	October 13	NO MASS	St. Michael's	NO MASS
Wednesday	October 14	12:10 PM	St. Michael's	Steve Wilson+
Thursday	October 15	5:30 PM	St. Michael's	All Souls Day Intentions of Tom & Twiyla L'Ecuyer
Friday	October 16	12:10 PM	St. Michael's	Bill & Arlene Wagner+
Saturday	October 17	5:30 PM	St. Michael's	Doug Endorf+
Sunday	October 18	8:00 AM	St. Mary's	Rosalie Hamm+
Sunday	October 18	10:00 AM	St. Michael's	The People of the Parishes

Confessions	St. Michael's	Saturday	4:45 PM to 5:15 PM
	St. Mary's	Sunday	7:45 AM

Daily Mass: Please check Mass schedule carefully for Mass times this week!!!

Please pray for: 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, Brad Eveleth, Kathy Blobaum, Bob McCord, Ed Lytle, Rita Stone, Graysen Snyder, Brandi Warnke, Darren Martinez, Marie Kosmacek, Viola Scheer, Francis Nutsch, Knoxley Gerths, Bill Muller, 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

- **Keep Christ in Christmas:** The Knights of Columbus will begin sale of religious Christmas cards to raise funds for seminarian support. A selection of twelve different designs will be available. Prices range from \$6.50 to \$11.50. Each box contains 12-18 cards, selected boxes with different designs, others with all cards of one design. Sales dates for St. Michael's will be October 25 (Soup Luncheon), October 11 & November 8th (pancake feed) and November 1 (front of Church). Cards will be available at St. Mary's after Mass on October 25.
- **World Mission Sunday:** Next weekend, we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. This year we are invited to support the 1,150 of the youngest dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Island, and parts of Latin America and Europe. Please keep the Missions in your prayers and please be generous in next weekend's collection for the Society of the Propagation on the Faith. Envelopes are attached to this week's bulletin.
- **PCCW:** The PCCW will hold their monthly meeting, October 19th beginning with Rosary at 6:30 p.m. immediately followed by the meeting in the center. Janet Beranek and Mary Prellwitz are in charge of refreshments.
- **Faith & Reason:** A distinctly Catholic seminar at Hastings, St. Cecilia. If you are at least 14 years old, you are invited to join us in Hastings, on Saturday, October 24, 2015 for an unprecedented seminar regarding why the Church teaches what it teaches with regard to marriage, family, life and love. Speakers will draw from a wide knowledge base, including medicine, psychology, history, law and other areas that support the philosophical and theological foundations for Catholic social teachings. The seminar is free and boast of a dozen highly qualified speakers from across the state of Nebraska. For more information, call 402-469-5149 or go to www.stceciliahastings.com. The seminar is a one-day seminar and is intended for all Catholics 14 years old and up. We encourage parents and grandparents to attend with their children and/or grandchildren in order to foster this discussion of the Catholic faith within the family.
- **St. Michael's Parish Council** will have a meeting on Sunday, October 11 at noon. This is a closed meeting, members of the council & trustees only. The meeting will be in the Parish center.

- **Bishop James Conley to offer Mass for Healing and Reparation:** A special Mass will be held on Friday, October 16, at 5:00 p.m. in the Cathedral of the Risen Christ, 3500 Sheridan Blvd, Lincoln. All people who are involved in the pro-life movement-and especially those who have been directly impacted by abortion-are encouraged to attend the Mass and show the Church's respect for human dignity at all stages. Extended Eucharistic Adoration and confessions will also be available.
- **Bishops' Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities, Pro Life Banquet and Conference** on Friday & Saturday, October 30-31, at the Cornhusker Hotel. The Friday night banquet begins at 5:00 p.m. with a social hour with Nebraska's Bishops. A tribute to Dr. Jerome Lejeune, father of Modern Genetics who discovered the cause of Downs syndrome, will follow the social hour. The Saturday's conference begins at 8:30 a.m. with Mass at St. Mary's Church and the five speaker sessions follow beginning at 9:30 a.m. The sessions include the topics of doctor-prescribed suicide, the death penalty, human life and marriage. For more information about speakers and registration, go to <http://necatholic.org> or call Nebraska Catholic Conference at 402-477-7517.
- **The UNL Catholic sorority, Pi Alpha Chi,** was recently added as a LDCCW supported project under the Spirituality Commission. Pi Alpha Chi is holding a Chili & Cinnamon Rolls night on Thursday, October 15, from 8 p.m. to midnight at the Newman Center. Everyone is invited! All proceeds will go to Project Rachel. Buy a ticket for \$4 in advance from any Pi Chi member or \$5 at the door. For more information about Project Rachel, visit: <http://hopeafterabortion.com>.
- **Huskeratholic Live!** Please join Father Robert Matya and Father Steve Mills of the UNL Newman Center-St. Thomas Aquinas Church on Friday, November 6, 2015 for the benefit of the Newman Center with 5:30 p.m. Mass, 6:00 p.m. Social Hour and 7:00 p.m. Dinner and Program at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln City Union. \$110 per plate. Limited seating available. Reserve your tickets now by contacting Keri Timmerman at Keri-Timmerman@huskeratholic.com or 402-474-7914 ext. 131.
- **Raffle Donations:** If anyone would like to donate items for the Christmas Bazaar Raffle, please contact Janice Bell at 729-5203.

- **Intellectual Disabilities Weekend:** The annual collection by the Knight of Columbus to raise funds for K of C Intellectual Disabilities Foundation of Nebraska will take place prior to weekend Masses on October 17 and 18. All funds collected remain in the state to support non-profit organizations that assist those with disabilities. One half of the money collected is returned to the local council for further distribution. The funds collected at St. Michael's are forwarded to Villa Marie in Waverly. To thank you for your support a candy treat will be given to you.



- **Theme Baskets:** Please don't forget to turn in your Theme Basket sheet for our fundraiser at the Soup Luncheon, October 25th. Any questions, call Mary Prellwitz (729-6647).



- **Knights of Columbus:** The Knights of Columbus will hold their monthly meeting, October 12th, beginning with Rosary at 6:30 p.m. followed by the meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the center.



- **Save the Date:** St. Michael's PCCW will be hosting their Annual Soup Luncheon, Sunday, October 25th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the school gym. ***Mark your calendar and help support the PCCW by attending and donating your time and talent.*** Please invite friends and family.

- **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 8th street.



- **LDCCW October Pro-Life Diaper Drive:** The LDCCW is sponsoring the 6th Annual Pro-Life Diaper Drive, collecting diapers throughout the month of October in each of the Lincoln Diocese parishes. A baby in their first year will use approximately 2,100 diapers, that's only 6 diapers per day. The LDCCW goal is to collect 90,000 diapers which will provide diapers for only 43 babies for one year. Your assistance is needed. Thank you to those that have already donated. Listen to Spirit Catholic Radio for Diaper Drive announcements.
 - **Word Among Us:** We have FREE copies of the Word Among Us for the month of **October**. Please pick yours up today and take home for daily devotions.
 - **Rosary:** We are looking for volunteers (men and women) to lead the Rosary before Mass during the month of October. A sign-up sheet is on the back table for anyone interested in leading the Rosary. Please start the rosary 20 minutes before Mass will begin. Thank you!!
- A small illustration of a woman in a white veil and brown habit, kneeling in prayer with her hands clasped. A string of brown rosary beads is draped around her, with a small cross at the bottom.
- **Thought of the Week:** God has given us innumerable gifts. We are all very rich.
 - **The 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.
 - **October Church Cleaning for St. Mary's:** Deb VanWesten
 - **Mass times when you are traveling:** Traveling?? There are web-sites to find the time of Masses at different locations. <http://masstimes.org>
 - **Guide to Planning a Catholic Funeral:** On the back table, are copies of "A Guide to Planning a Catholic Funeral". The booklets have Scripture readings, music selections and a planning guide to help you plan for funerals. **You may fill these out now, so your family will know what your wishes are, in the time of passing it will be something they will not have to worry about.** You may turn them in to the office or you may keep at your home.

- **Prayer for Rain:** O God, heavenly Father, who by the Son Jesus Christ hast promised to all those who seek thy kingdom and its righteousness all things necessary to sustain their life: Send us, we entreat thee, in this time of need, such moderate rain and showers, that we may receive the fruits of the earth, to our comfort and to thy honor; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



St. Michael's Fall Soup Luncheon

Sunday, October 25

11:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m.

In the St. Michael's School Gym

Serving: Chili, Chicken Noodle, and Potato Soup

Sandwiches and Pie

Free Will Donation

(Suggested Donation-Adult \$7.00, Children \$3.00)

Silent Auction on a Variety

of Gift Baskets (Great gifts

for weddings, showers,

birthdays, and Christmas Gifts)



