

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: 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: Brenda Mannschreck

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, **Samuel Beardslee and Anthony Bedient**, in your prayers.

Ministers' Schedules for Next Weekend

	5:30 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
Acolyte	Bruce Busing	Bob VanWesten	James Huber
Lector	Randy Prellwitz	Daryl Anderson	Charlie Barringer
Server	Connor Gerth		Joey Whitney
Server	Brock Beed		Devin Wanamaker
Organ/Piano	Carolyn Osborne	Lorrie Hoffstetter	Allen Scheer
Gifts/Greeters	Matt & Deb Umland	Hoffstetter Family	Joshua and Carolyn Whitney and family
Collection	Steve Graff and Carolyn Osborne		

Our Offering to God Last Weekend	St. Michael's	\$ 2631.00
	St. Mary's	\$ 390.00

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, Bill Muller, Noelle Salazar, Bernie Boerner, Paul Prellwitz, Brad Eveleth, Kathy Blobaum, Bob McCord, Shirley Sweetser, Ed Lytle, LeRoy Prellwitz, Rita Stone, Lois Muller, Catherine Nutsch, 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	October 13	NO MASS	St. Michael's	NO MASS
Tuesday	October 14	12:10 PM	St. Michael's	Jerry Huber+
Wednesday	October 15	12:10 PM	St. Michael's	Juanita Aguilera
Thursday	October 16	5:30 PM	St. Michael's	Bill & Arlene Wagner+
Friday	October 17	12:10 PM	St. Michael's	Dana Deger+
Saturday	October 18	5:30 PM	St. Michael's	Velma Hammer+
Sunday	October 19	8:00 AM	St. Mary's	The People of the Parishes
Sunday	October 19	10:00 AM	St. Michael's	Kathy Judd

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

- **World Mission Sunday:** Next weekend our parish will celebrate World Mission Sunday. This year we are invited to reach out and help build the church in Mongolia, the world's youngest Catholic Church, as well as local churches throughout the Missions, in the most remote areas across our world. Through the work of these churches, and their witness to Christ, the poor receive practical help and experience God's love and mercy. His hope and peace. Please keep the Missions in your daily prayers. Please come prepared next weekend to give generously in the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. For more information, please visit www.IAmAMissionary.org. **Envelopes are attached to this week's bulletin.**

- **Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities:** The Knights will be conducting the annual fundraising drive for programs that support people with intellectual disabilities in the state. The drive will be held on the weekend of October 18 and 19th prior to weekend Masses. Money collected will be forwarded to the Knights of Columbus state foundation with one half being returned to the council. Last year our share went to Villa Marie School in Waverly. The following are but a few of the organizations that received funds: Easter Seals, Special Olympics, Madonna School, Villa Marie and other local organizations that serve those with intellectual disabilities that are not government funded. Your support will be greatly appreciated.



- **St. Michael's Soup Luncheon:** St. Michael's PCCW will be hosting their Annual Soup Luncheon, Sunday, October 26th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the school gym. **Help Support the PCCW, please invite friends and family.**

- **LDCCW October Pro-Life Diaper Drive:** The LDCCW is sponsoring the 5th Annual October 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 50,000 diapers which will provide diapers for only 23 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.



- **St. James Catholic Church** in Courtland, NE will host its annual Soup Supper from 4:00-7:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 18 in the Church's Parish Hall (500 West First Street). The menu includes chili, turkey noodle, ham & bean and vegetable beef soup with relishes, rolls, drinks and dessert. There will be a free-will offering. There are several items to be raffled. Come join us.



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

- **Knights of Columbus:** The Knights of Columbus will hold their monthly meeting, October 13th, beginning with Rosary at 6:30 p.m. followed by the meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the center.
- **St. Michael's Parish Council Meeting:** St. Michael's Parish Council will meet Sunday, October 19th at 11:00 a.m. in the parish center.
- **PCCW:** The PCCW will hold their monthly meeting, October 20th 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.
- **Keep Christ in Christmas:** The Knights of Columbus will begin sales of religious Christmas cards to raise funds for seminarian support. A selection of ten different designs, as well as a limited selection of cards in Spanish, will be available. Price range from \$5.50 to \$12.50. Each box contains 12-18 cards, some with different designs, others with all cards of one design. Sales dates for St. Michael's will be October 12, 19, 26, November 9 and October 19 for St. Mary's. Cards will be displayed in front of church or the parish center during the pancake feeds and parish brunch. Color brochures will be on display on the bulletin table.
- **Holy Family Shrine Concert:** The Holy Family Shrine in Gretna is delighted to once again welcome back singer/songwriter Jim Nailon. The concert will start at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 25. Please bring your Family and friends to this wonderful evening in the setting of the Chapel at the Holy Family Shrine. If the weather cooperates and we have clear skies, a beautiful sunset should enhance the evening. All donations go the Shrine. A small reception will follow the concert. To get to the Shrine, take I-80 to exit 432, turn south onto highway 31 and go 1 mile to Pflug Road, Turn west on Pflug Road and go 1 mile.
- **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.



- **Raffle Donations:** If anyone would like to donate items for the Christmas Bazaar Raffle, please contact Janice Bell at 729-5203.



- **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!!

- **October Pancake Breakfast:** The Knights of Columbus are going to donate the proceeds after expenses from the **October Pancake breakfast** to the Newman Center in Lincoln. The parish is welcome to attend this free will breakfast, October 12th. The Newman Center is the catholic center in Lincoln serving the UNL campus and surrounding area. Many vocations are fostered there and the center is a thriving community of young men and women sharing their faith. **The pancake breakfast will be held in the parish center. Please plan to attend.**



- **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. ***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.
- **Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House:** God may be calling you to “come away to a quiet place and abide with Him”. Hear His soft & serene voice in the still silence of a retreat. He wants to give you HIS love & HIS Mercy and the Peace that only HE can give! Men’s Day of Reflection, October 25, Bishop James Conley “Catholic Discipleship” one day only \$50; Men and Women Retreat, October 31-Nov. 2, 2014, Fr. Thomas Dunavan, “Saints Yesterday & Today”. You can register at www.goodcounselretreat.com and receive immediate confirmation or call Good Counsel Retreat House at 402-786-2705 to register now.
- **Thought of the week:** The greatest of earthly possessions pale in comparison to the wisdom that leads us to follow God.

- **St. Mary's Cemetery Fence:** St. Mary's is collecting funds for a new iron fence on the east and south sides of the cemetery. The cost of the project is \$30,000.00. Donations can be dropped in the collection basket marked "Cemetery Fence" or mailed to St. Mary's, P.O. Box 406, Fairbury, NE. 68352. Any size of donation will be greatly appreciated. ***To date \$22950.00 has been donated.***
- **St. Mary's Church Cleaning for October:** Peggy Neiderklein
- **Best Choice Labels:** Please continue to save you labels, and put them in the container at the back of the church.
- **Website:** You can find St. Michael's/St. Mary's website at www.stmichaelsfairbury.org. You can view the weekly bulletins and monthly calendar.
- **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 and it will be something they will not have to worry about.** You may turn them in to the office or you may keep at you home.



St. Michael's Fall Soup Luncheon

Sunday, October 26

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 \$6.00, Children \$3.00)

***Take-out orders available call 729-2058 or 300-0148 by Friday,
October 24***

Silent Auction on a Variety

of Gift Baskets (Great gifts

for weddings, showers,

birthdays, and Christmas Gifts)



