



St. Michael's & St. Mary's

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31st Sunday of Ordinary Time

October 29/30, 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, Deb Jones, Megan Grant Trustees: Keith Mach and Randy Prellwitz

St. Michael's PCCW: Linda McMurphy

Knights of Columbus: Dan Arner

CCD Coordinator: Beth Hansmire

Confession schedule: Saturday 4:45 PM to 5:15 PM Sunday 7:45 AM

Ministers' Schedules for November 5/6, 2016

	5:30 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
Acolyte	Joe Busing	Bob VanWesten	James Huber
Lector	Randy Prellwitz	Daryl Anderson	Lorraine Borch
Server	Aldo Ramos		Braden Suey
Server	Salvador Chavez		RJ Suey
Music	Mary Banahan	Lorrie Hofstetter	LeAnn Krause
Gifts/Greeters	Ronn & Betty Brackle	John & Donna Rut	Georgann Friedreichsen
Collection	Fr Birkel		
Church Cleaning for November – Donna Rut			

Mass intentions for the week of October 31/November 6

Monday		St. Michael's	No Mass
Tuesday	6:00 AM 6:00 PM	St. Michael's St. Michael's	The People of the Parishes Special Intention
Wednesday	12:10 PM	St. Michael's	Special Intention
Thursday	5:30 PM	St. Michael's	Jim Courtney+
Friday	12:10 PM	St. Michael's	Special Intention of KSP
Saturday	5:30 PM	St. Michael's	Gregory Oswald+
Sunday	8:00 AM	St. Mary's	People of the Parishes
Sunday	10:00 AM	St. Michael's	Special Intention

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.

Please pray for:

Randy Wilhelm

Vonia Scheer

Mary Ann Muller

Frank Kosmacek

Denny Kofler

Eddie Lytle

Tom Huber

- **BULLETIN:** If you have news for the bulletin, please call the Rectory 729-2058 or email st.michael.fairbury@gmail.com. Deadline for additions - Thursday by 10:00 AM.
- **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.

Parish News & Upcoming Events

Parish collection data:

	10/23/16	<u><i>St. Michael's</i></u>	<u><i>St. Mary's</i></u>
Loan Payment to be made December - \$17,360.33	Adult Plate	\$1,056.00	\$550.00
St Michael's Debt Reduction current total \$9,943.27	Mission Sunday	51.00	48.00
	Mission Co-op	409.00	65.00
	Debt Reduction	299.00	85.00
	Cemetery	550.00	300.00
	Total	\$2,365.00	\$1,048.00

Amount needed to

make December loan Payment - \$7,367.06

Thought of the Week: It is a good and noble thing to pray for the dead.

ALL SAINTS DAY: Tuesday November 1st IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION this year. All Catholics are required to attend Mass. The Masses for that day, 6:00AM & 6:00PM, are in the Church.

Wednesday November 2nd is ALL SOUL'S DAY. We honor and pray for all the departed who are in Purgatory. A Mass will be offered for each \$10.00 in the "All Soul's Day" envelopes, unless otherwise specified.

Adoration of the Our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament will be Thursday evening, from after Mass until midnight. Please sign-up for an hour.

SEMINARIAN OF THE WEEK: Lane Barnhill from Sts Peter & Paul, Falls City in his 3rd year of College at St. Gregory the Great Seminary

Choice of texts for the Mass I usually choose the Preface for the Eucharistic Prayer that corresponds by number to the last

number of the Sunday. I.e., on the Sundays of Ordinary Time: 2, 12, 22, & 32, I choose "Preface II of the Sunday's in Ordinary Time". On 09, 10, 19, 20, 29, & 30, I choose one of the other Eucharistic Prayers, each of which have their own preface. During Advent & Lent, the Sunday sometimes has a Preface prescribed for that particular Sunday, i.e. there is a particular preface for the Sunday of Lent in which the Gospel of the man born blind is read.

A s Christians we are called to serve. The one to one transformative power of mentoring results in a ripple effect that over time, makes a huge difference and can impact families for generations. The TeamMates Mentoring Program is a one to one, school-based mentoring program serving kids in 3rd through 12th grade that will support you in your quest to make that difference for a child. Please consider the opportunity and call Patty Swartz, Fairbury's TeamMate Coordinator, at 402-239-7102 for more information. There is a child out there who could sure use your wisdom and Mentoring. Thank-you.

PCCW MEETING HIGHLIGHTS/NOTES FROM OCT 17

MEETING Mary Prellwitz reported that she has collected close to 2000 Best Choice labels and needs that amount to be able to send them in for a refund. So, please remember to save and turn in your labels. Thank you.

Shirley Gibson distributed publicity fliers for the upcoming soup Luncheon Oct 23, right after Mass from 11 -1.

Beth Hansmire reported on the progress being made for the upcoming newly revamped Christmas Bazaar which will include vendors, cookie and candy sale, raffle items, and the basket auction. The date is Dec. 3 and 4.

O ur Christmas Bazaar is in planning mode. If anyone would have an item to be used as a raffle item, please notify Janice Bell or Donna Winslow. Gift certificates, cash or homemade items are welcome. Our lists and tickets will be printed by mid-October. Thank you, Janice.

T he Annual Christmas Bazaar is expanding this year! This year we are opening up our doors to vendors and crafters which will be in

addition to the traditional cookie walk, coffee, and rolls. This will allow our parishioners and community members an opportunity to gather, mingle, and shop for holiday gifts, crafts, and food at St. Michael's while supporting the PCCW. If interested in receiving more information about reserving a booth or if you just have questions, please contact Raven Gerths @ 402-380-4691 or Beth Hansmire @ 402-300-0868.

October is Pro-Life month Bring in (to the grocery cart in the vestibule) Diapers and support Nebraska Pro-Life Organizations and Catholic Social Services.

Building The Domestic Church: The Knights of Columbus will lead the rosary on Oct 30 at 9:40 am prior to Mass. The special intentions are for the unborn as the Right to Life October campaign ends. The Knights families will be seated as a group on the north side of St. Michaels. All parish families are invited to join the Knights in prayer.

Training sponsored by LCDDW Saturday, Nov 5, 2016 at St. Ann's Parish Hall, 202 N. 5th, Doniphan, NE. Click on the Leadership Training tab on the LDCCW web page tiny.cc/LDCCW to register or contact Ann Jansky at arjansky@gmail.com or 402-826-0219 (cell) with questions. Cost is \$30 for the day.

Fall Supper in Steele City at the Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall on Main Street on Sunday November 6 from 4:30pm to 7:00pm. Adult - \$9.00, Children ages 5-12 - \$4.50

Knights of Columbus Meeting: The Knights of Columbus will meet at 7:00 on Nov 14 at 7:00 pm in the parish center.
MASS FOR THE DECEASED MEMBERS WILL BE IN THE CHURCH, STARTING AT 6:30PM.

SOLE to SOUL will be held Saturday, November 5th from 9am to noon at Church of Christ, 924 Grant in Beatrice. Anyone in need of gently used shoes is welcome and encouraged to come. Not asking for any monetary donations.

All Saints' Day is a solemn holy day of the Catholic Church celebrated annually on November 1. The day is dedicated to the saints of the Church, that is, all those who have attained heaven. It should not be confused with All Souls' Day, which is observed on November 2, and is dedicated to those who have died and not yet reached heaven.

Although millions, or even billions of people may already be saints, All Saints' Day observances tend to focus on known saints --that is those recognized in the canon of the saints by the Catholic Church.

All Saints' Day is also commemorated by members of the Eastern Orthodox Church as well as some protestant churches, such as Anglican, Lutheran and Anglican churches.

Generally, All Saints' Day is a Catholic Holy Day of Obligation, meaning all Catholics are required to attend Mass on that day, unless they have an excellent excuse, such as serious illness.

Other countries have different rules according to their national bishop's conferences. The bishops of each conference have the authority to amend the rules surrounding the obligation of the day.

All Saints' Day was formally started by Pope Boniface IV, who consecrated the Pantheon at Rome to the Virgin Mary and all the Martyrs on May 13 in 609 AD. Boniface IV also established All Souls' Day, which follows All Saints.

The choice of the day may have been intended to co-opt the pagan holiday "Feast of the Lamures," a day which pagans used to placate the restless spirits of the dead.

The holy day was eventually established on November 1 by Pope Gregory III in the mid-eighth century as a day dedicated to the saints and their relics. The May 13 celebration was subsequently abandoned.

In Ireland, the Church celebrated All Saints' Day on April 20, to avoid associating the day with the traditional harvest festivals and pagan feasts associated with Samhain, celebrated at the same time.

Following the establishment of the Frankish Empire, and following the reign of Charlemagne, the holy day, which was already celebrated on November 1, became a holy day of obligation by decree of Pope Gregory IV and Louis the Pious, who was king over a portion of Charlemagne's former empire.

Following the Protestant Reformation, many Protestants retained the holy day, although they dismissed the need to pray for the dead. Instead, the day has been used to commemorate those who have recently died, usually in the past year, and to remember the examples of those who lived holy lives.

The Catholic practice however, celebrates all those who have entered heaven, including saints who are recognized by the Church and those who are not.

Holy day customs vary around the world. In the United States, the day before is Halloween and is usually celebrated by dressing in costumes with themes of death commonly associated. Children go door-to-door in costume, trick-or-treating, that is soliciting candy from their neighbors. The holiday has lost much of its connection to its religious origins.

Although nearly everyone celebrates Halloween for the fun of the secular holiday, the following religious solemnity, is not widely practiced or acknowledged by most Americans unless they are Catholic.

In other countries, such as Portugal, Spain and Mexico, traditional practices include performance of the play, "Don Juan Tenorio" and offerings made to the dead. All Saints' Day occurs on the same day as the Mexican "Día de los Inocentes" a day dedicated to deceased children.

Across much of Europe, the day is commemorated with offerings of flowers left on the graves of the dead. In Eastern Europe, candles are lit on graves instead of offerings of flowers.

In some places, such as the Philippines, graves can be painted and repaired by family members. Many of these practices blur the distinction between All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day.

These celebrations often blur the distinction between All Saints' Day, which is properly dedicated to those who are in heaven, and All Souls' Day, on which prayers are offered for all those who have died, but have not yet reached heaven.

In Mexico, the Day of the Dead holy days extend from October 31 through November 2.

It is important to remember these basic facts:

Halloween is a secular holiday that comes the night before All Saints' Day.

All Saints' Day is on November 1, and it is a Holy Day of Obligation.

All Souls' Day is on November 2, and it is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation.

The Day of the Dead is a Mexican holiday that has spread in popularity into parts of the United States and across Latin America. It is celebrated from October 31 through November 2, to coincide with both the American tradition and the Catholic holy days. Those three days are dedicated to all of the dead.