

# St. Michael's & St. Mary's

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All Saints Day

November 1, 2015



*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. 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 or email [info@stmichaelsfairbury.org](mailto: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, **Kyle Bartek**, in your prayers.

## Ministers' Schedules for Next Weekend

	5:30 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
<b>Acolyte</b>	Joe Busing	Jim VanWesten	Steve Graff
<b>Lector</b>	Keith Mach	Daryl Andersen	Devin Lovgren
<b>Server</b>	Salvador Chavez		Devin Wanamaker
<b>Server</b>			Aldo Ramos
<b>Organ/Piano</b>		Lorrie Hofstetter	Mary Mach
<b>Gifts/Greeters</b>		John & Donna Rut	Marge Gregory
<b>Collection</b>	Mary Mach & Eddie Lytle		

<b>Our Offering to God Last Weekend</b>		<b>Adult</b>	<b>Plate</b>	<b>Children</b>
	<b>St. Michael's</b>	\$1,440.00	\$91.25	\$90.50
	<b>St. Mary's</b>	\$285.00	\$24.00	
	World Mission Sunday	St Michaels \$45.00	St Mary's \$0.00	St Michael's Building \$2.00
	<b>St. Michael's Debt</b>	<b>Last Week</b>	<b>Total</b>	
		\$0.00	\$8,870.00	

## ***THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE***

Monday	November 2	<b>12:10 PM</b>	St. Michael's	All Souls Day Intentions of Tom & Twiyla L'Ecuyer
Tuesday	November 3	<b>12:10 PM</b>	St. Michael's	Bill & Arlene Wagner+
Wednesday	November 4	12:10 PM	St. Michael's	<b>NO MASS</b>
Thursday	November 5	5:30 PM	St. Michael's	<b>NO MASS</b>
Friday	November 6	12:10 PM	St. Michael's	<b>NO MASS</b>
Saturday	November 7	5:30 PM	St. Michael's	Doug Endorf+
Sunday	November 8	8:00 AM	St. Mary's	The People of the Parishes
Sunday	November 8	10:00 AM	St. Michael's	Don Gregory+

<b>Confessions</b>	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 (Mrs. 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, 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**

**J**oin **Bishop Conley** for the third Newman Institute Lecture: Dr. John Freeh, professor at Wyoming Catholic College, will speak on "'As the gentle rain from heaven:' Shakespeare's Heart of Mercy" on Wednesday, November 11, at 7 p.m. in the Social Hall in the lower level of the Newman Center. The lecture is free and is a great way to prepare for the Jubilee year of Mercy and benefit from the great works of Shakespeare.

**A**dditional **Raffle gifts** are: \$100.00 cash, donated by Jan Weeks. Insulated cooler by 31 bags, donated by Lori Arnold.

**A**dditional **Raffle Tickets** are available ---they will be placed in the back of the church.

**I**ntellectual **Disabilities Weekend**: The Knights of Columbus would like to thank the members of St. Michaels Parish for their generous donations during Intellectual Disabilities Weekend. The total collected was \$150.00 of which \$75.00 will be forwarded to Villa Marie School in Waverly. The remaining donations will be used by the state foundation for activities to support programs that provide services to those with disabilities.

**K**night's **Columbus News**: Monthly meeting of the Knights Council 4434 has been moved from the second Monday of the month to the second Tuesday of the month. Next meeting will be held on Nov 10 at 7 PM. Memorial Rosary for deceased Knights will be at 6:30 in the Grotto. Family members of deceased Knights are welcome to attend the Rosary and a memorial ceremony prior to the meeting in the parish center.

**T**he **American Lutherans** have issued a challenge to see who can donate the most food ...& more importantly to re-stock the shelves of the food pantry. Challenge will run for the month of November. Take the food to Bluse Valley & tell the staff to which Church you belong & ask them to weigh & record the number of pounds each time you make a donation.

**A**lert: I will be printing the Bulletins early. I will print the Bulletins for November 8 & 15 on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. All items must be in by the 1<sup>st</sup>.

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**I will be out of the office** from November 4-20. If you need a priest, please contact St Joseph in Beatrice. 402-223-2923

**St Mary's Fall Dinner & Bazaar:** 115 No 11<sup>th</sup> Wymore. Sunday November 8<sup>th</sup> 3:30-7:00 Turkey, Ham & trimmings; Raffles & General Store. Adults \$9, Children 5-12 \$4.00.

**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](mailto:johnvakulskas@gmail.com)

**Keep Christ in Christmas:** The Knights of Columbus will continue with the 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, some of multiple designs, most with the same designs. Cards will be on sale after Mass on Nov 1, during pancake feed on Nov 8 (parish center), and Nov 22.

**We are in need of substitute CCD teachers. Please contact Mary Mach (300-0321) or Fr. John (729-2058).**

**Pulling weeds, planting seeds: how to offer Jesus' hope to persons with same-sex attraction:**

Andrew Comiskey (M.Div.) has worked extensively with the healing of the sexually and relationally broken. He is founder and Director of Desert Stream/Living Waters Ministries, a multifaceted outreach to the broken. Andrew's ministry grows both out of his own commitment to overcome homosexuality and his experience as a husband to Annette and father of four children.

This event is for those who know & love someone with same-sex attraction and desire guidance. It will be held at JXXIII Diocesan Center, 3700 Sheridan Blvd., Lincoln, Monday, November 9, 2015 from 7-9pm. Questions: Contact the Family Life Office, [\(402\) 488-2040](tel:4024882040)

**I** want to join!

The history of the Order shows how the foresight of Father Michael J. McGivney, whose cause for sainthood is being investigated by the Vatican, brought about what has become the world's foremost Catholic fraternal benefit society. The Order has helped families obtain economic security and stability through its life insurance, annuity and long-term care programs, and has contributed time and energy worldwide to service in communities.

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER IN SPANISH!** Give your marriage a well-deserved vacation. Plan to go on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and come back with a relationship that is refreshed and full of energy! The next weekend will be from November 14-15 in Omaha, and will be offered in Spanish. To register or for more information, contact Esther Gonzalez, [e.gzlez@hotmail.com](mailto:e.gzlez@hotmail.com), [\(402\) 614-1002](tel:4026141002) Home Phone.

**Presbyterian Fall Supper** Presbyterian Fellowship will hold supper Sunday November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 from 4:30-7:00pm, in the Presbyterian Fellowship Hall Steele City, NE Items on the Menu: Baked steak, mashed potatoe with gravy, choice of vegetable, salads, roll & homemade pie coffee / tea. \$9.00 per person, ages 5-12: \$4.50.

**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](mailto:Keri-Timmerman@huskeratholic.com) or 402-474-7914 ext. 131.

**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 8<sup>th</sup> street.

**W****ord Among Us:** We have FREE copies of the Word Among Us for the month of **November**. Please pick yours up today and take home for daily devotions.

**T****hought of the Week:** *I can do all things in him who strengthens me.*

Revised Standard Version *Philippians 4:13*

**T****he 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](http://www.lincoln.diocese.org/ycl).

**N****ovember Church Cleaning for St. Mary's:** Donna Rut

**M****ass times when you are traveling:** Traveling?? There are web-sites to find the time of Masses at different locations. <http://masstimes.org>

**G****uide 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.

**P****rayer 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.



**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.

Today, All Saints' Day is still a holy day of obligation, but only when it falls on a Sunday. 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 Parthenon 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.





