



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

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3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

December 10/11, 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 December 17/18, 2016

|   | 5:30 PM                   | 8:00 AM           | 10:00 AM          |
|---|---------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Acolyte</b>  | Joe Busing                | Bob VanWesten     | James Huber       |
| <b>Lector</b>   | Randy Prellwitz           | Scott DeWald      | Lorraine Borch    |
| <b>Server</b>   | Aldo Ramos                |                   | RJ Suey           |
| <b>Server</b>   | Salvador Chavez           |                   | Braden Suey       |
| <b>Music</b>  | Mary Banahan              | Lorrie Hofstetter | Janice Bell       |
| <b>Gifts/Greeters</b>                                   | Mary Feldcamp             | John & Donna Rut  | Keith & Mary Mach |
| <b>Collection</b>                                       | LeAnn Krause / Dave Panko |                   |                   |
| <b>Church Cleaning for December – Peggy Niederklein</b> |                           |                   |                   |

## Mass intentions for the week of December 12<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>

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| <b>Monday</b>    |          |               | No Mass                               |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | 12:10 PM | St. Michael's | Special Intention                     |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | 12:10 PM | St. Michael's | Members of the WM Courtney family     |
| <b>Thursday</b>  |          | St. Michael's |                                       |
| <b>Friday</b>    | 12:10 PM | St. Michael's | All members of the Wm Niemeyer family |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | 5:30 PM  | St. Michael's | Special Intention                     |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | 8:00 AM  | St. Mary's    | Special Intention                     |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | 10:00 AM | St. Michael's | People of the Parishes                |

*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

Frank Kosmacek

Eddie Lytle

Vonia Scheer

Denny Kofler

Tom Huber

Mary Ann Muller

Steve Graff

- **BULLETIN:** If you have news for the bulletin, please call the Rectory 729-2058 or email [st.michael.fairbury@gmail.com](mailto: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:

|  | <u>12/4/16</u>     | <u>St. Michael's</u> | <u>St. Mary's</u> |
|--|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| <b><u>Thought of the Week:</u></b><br>You are loved. | Adult              | \$1,465.00           | \$205.00          |
|  | Plate              | 114.00               | 30.00             |
|  | Debt Reduction     | 80.00                |                   |
|  | Cloistered Sisters | 10.00                |                   |
|  |                    |                      |                   |

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| <b><u>SEMINARIAN OF THE WEEK:</u></b> | <b><u>Total</u></b> | \$1,669.00 | \$235.00 |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|------------|----------|

Douglas Allen Daro from St. Mary's in David City, NE is in his 3<sup>rd</sup> year of Theology at Mount St. Mary's Seminary.

## **Advent Confessions:**

Sunday December 18 St Joseph in Beatrice 3:00pm-4:30PM.  
 Sunday December 18 St Michael's in Fairbury 7:00pm-7:30PM.  
 Tuesday December 20 Sacred Heart in Hebron 7:00pm-7:30PM.  
 (Several Priests will be hearing Confessions).

**Christmas falls** on a Sunday this year. The schedule for Masses will be:

Saturday **4:00PM** at St Michael's;  
*Sunday 8:00AM at St Mary's & ;*  
 Sunday 10:00AM at St Michael's.  
 Confessions Saturday 2:00PM-3:00PM.

**Marian antiphons** classically correspond to the Liturgical season, so during Easter we use the Regina Coeli. The antiphon for Advent is one many do not know, Alma Redemptoris Mater;

Loving Mother of the Redeemer,  
 Gate of heaven, star of the sea,  
 Assist your people who have fallen yet strive to rise again.  
 To the wonderment of nature you bore your Creator,  
 Yet remained a virgin after as before.  
 You who received Gabriel's joyful greeting,  
 Have pity on us poor sinners.

**S**t. Mary's parish in Alexandria will have a Christmas breakfast after Mass on Sunday December 18. Everyone is to bring rolls.

**D**oor Prize Winners from the Baazar:  
Janice Bell-Stationary Set with Stagecoach Gift Card  
Marci-Amazing Grace Wooden Sign  
Cheryl Lofing-Crystal Nativity  
Bonna Richards-Nebraska Door Hanger  
Linda Hermsmeier-Coffee Mug, Towel, Utensil Set

**T**hank you to everyone that helped us make the 2016 Christmas Bazaar & Craft Fair a HUGE success. The Baazaar would not have been possible without all of the hard work and dedication from the Bazaar Committee, volunteers, and donations. We also want to thank everyone for taking the time to attend our event and hope that it was a great opportunity to shop local and gather with friends. The Bazaar welcomed in over 150 people to the event. We were also delighted to provide interviews and news broadcasting for News Channel Nebraska 21 and Fairbury News Now. We anticipate our event to continue to grow and look forward to future events planned.

God Bless and Happy Holidays!  
Raven Gerths

**A**Mass in Honor of the Holy Innocents will be celebrated on Wednesday, December 28th, reading of names will begin at 6:30 p.m. and Mass will be at 7:00 p.m. at John XXIII Diocesan Center Chapel, 3700 Sheridan Blvd., Lincoln. Those who have lost a child through miscarriage, stillbirth, infant death or abortion are invited to attend this special Memorial Mass. If you would like your child's name to be remembered & placed on the banner for this year, please call the Family Life Office at 473-0620 before 5:00 p.m. on Dec. 19th. If you placed your child's name previously, it will remain on the list.

**C**hristmas decorating will take place **December 11th** right after Mass. Please consider staying and all those who help will get rolls and coffee/juice afterward! Thanks!

**M**emorial tree ornaments- if you have had a loved one pass away and would like to give an ornament in memory of them please

bring your ornaments along with a paper attached saying who the ornament is in memory of. There will be a box in the entrance of church labeled memorial ornaments please drop yours in there so we can fill our tree and maybe add another tree!!

**The St. Michaels Knights of Columbus** Council 4434 will meet on Monday December 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the parish center. Rosary will be at 6:30 prior to the meeting, in the chapel.

**As 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 3<sup>rd</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

**ABORTION Tuesdays** Planned Parenthood is doing abortions every Tuesday now that a new abortionist Deborah Turner has been hired. Please pray on Tuesdays for the mothers/fathers with abortion appointments plus our sidewalk counselors who offer hope and help. Please pass this info on to any groups or email/phone trees. From: Lincoln Right to Life Pam McCabe [402-489-7968](tel:402-489-7968) or [bobandpammccabe@yahoo.com](mailto:bobandpammccabe@yahoo.com)

**Steve Graff** is recovering from a stroke. He plans to be home in 4 to 6 weeks. If you want to visit he is at the following address: St. Jane DeChantal, Room 300, 2200 S 52nd St., Lincoln NE 68506

**Prayers/special** needs for Leona Gaydusek, who was admitted to the Cedarwood home in Fairbury on November 21.