

St. Michael's & St. Mary's

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St. Michael's Prayer Chain	Carmen Juarez: 729-3623	

3RD Sunday of Lent

February 27/28, 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, Dave Banahan and Bruce Busing

Trustees: Keith Mach and Randy Prellwitz

St. Michael's PCCW: Linda McMurphy

Knights of Columbus: Dan Arner

CCD Coordinator: Mary Mach

Ministers' Schedules for March 5/6, 2016

	5:30 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
Acolyte	Joe Busing	Bob VanWesten	Randy Prellwitz
Lector	Keith Mach	Daryl Anderson	Devin Lovgren
Server	Brock Beed		Paul Mach
Server	Connor Gerths		Devin Wanamaker
Music	Mary Banahan	Lorrie Hofstetter	LeAnn Krause
Gifts/Greeters	Ronn & Betty Brackle	John & Donna Rut	Ron & Shana Rickstrew
Collection	Father Birkel		
Church Cleaning for March – Ellen VanWesten			

- **BULLETIN:** If you have news for the bulletin, please call the Rectory 729-2058 or email 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, Daniel LeDuc in your prayers.

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday	February 29	NO MASS		
Tuesday	March 1	8:00AM	St. Michael's	Rosalie Hamm+
Wednesday	March 2	12:10PM	St. Michael's	Walter & Dorrine Millius+
Thursday	March 3	5:30PM	St. Michael's	Charles & Doris Mach+
Friday	March 4	12:10PM	St. Michael's	Bill & Arlene Wagner+
Saturday	March 5	5:30 PM	St. Michael's	David Dewald+
Sunday	March 6	8:00 AM	St. Mary's	People of the Parishes
Sunday	March 6	10:00 AM	St. Michael's	William A Muller+
Confessions	St. Michael's	Saturday	4:45 PM to 5:15 PM	
	St. Mary's	Sunday	7:45 AM	

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:

Susan Hammer
Betty (Mrs. Morgan) Brackle
Eddie Lytle

Marie Kosmacek
Vonja Scheer
Rita Stone

Parish News & Upcoming Events

Parish collection data:

2/21/2016

	<u>St. Michael's</u>	<u>St. Mary's</u>
Adult	\$1,290.00	\$190.00
Plate	78.08	35.00
Register	90.00	
Joy of the Gospel	4,262.77	500.00
Debt Reduction	200.00	
Children	4.00	
Music Fund		
Total	\$5,924.85	\$725.00

St Michael's Debt Reduction current total \$1,360.00.

Thought of the Week: Quitters never win and winners never quit.

Adoration of Our Blessed Lord truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament will take place Thursday evening from after Holy Mass until midnight. Please sign-up & spend an hour with Jesus.

Since one of the purposes of the Communion Rail is for the people to meet and receive the Lord in an unhurried & uninterrupted manner, it seems that the time to come to the rail is as soon as the Priest receives the Precious Blood.

Lay Ministry Assignment Sheets are out on the back table for the months of March, April and May! Thank all of you for your continued help.

You may access a copy online from our website under Bulletin.

Sunday Brunch/Coffee We will be serving a light brunch after Mass usually on the **4th Sunday** of each month again this year. We will begin on February the 28th in the **Center**.

St Michael's Parish Council will meet Sunday February 28th at 12:15.

Help the Hungry: The Knights of Columbus is offering their support to the parish youth's kid's collection. The Knights will match their donations in the amount of \$1.00 for each pound of food donated. The Knights will write a check based on that total after the food pantry weighs the food. This is part of the six pillars of support

by the Knights: Youth, Community, Church, Council, Family, and Culture of Life.

I am hosting a St Patrick's Dinner, Corned Beef, Cabbage, Potatoes, Dessert. If you are interested, please sign up. There is a sheet on the back table. Thursday March 17, 6:30PM.

DEADLINE TO SIGN-UP: MARCH 13, 2016.

Spaghetti Dinner at St. Joseph Catholic Church Parish Center in Beatrice, Sunday, April 10 2016 from 4:00pm-7:00pm. Dinner The parish center will be beautifully decorated to give you an Italian atmosphere while you enjoy your dinner. Advance tickets are \$9.00/Adults and \$3.00/Children 3-12. Tickets at the door are \$10.00/Adults and \$3.00/Children 3-12.

Nebraska Knights of Columbus Lottery: The Knights are conducting their state wide lottery to raise money for the seminarians. The drawing will be held during the state convention in Kearney on April 23 during the evening banquet. You need not be present to win. Prizes are: 1st Place \$2,500.00, 2nd Place \$1,000.00, 3rd Place \$750.00 and 4th Place \$500.00. Cost per ticket is \$10.00. Contact Steve Graff to purchase ticket.

SAVE THE DATE: Friday, April 15, 2016 - LDCCW Pre-convention Banquet at McCool Junction and Saturday, April 16, 2015 - LDCCW 60th Biennial Convention at St. Joseph, York. Register online at <https://form.jotform.com/60260925221143> or contact Ann Jansky [402-826-0219](tel:402-826-0219) or arjansky@gmail.com.

WMF Soup Supper & Bake Sale, Friday March 4th, 2016 at Faith Lutheran, 1630 I Street Fairbury, 5:00PM-8:00PM. Free will donation.

Soup Supper Steele City Presbyterian Sunday March 6th 4:30PM-7:00PM, Soup, Sandwiches & Pie, tea or coffee. Free will offering.

Cast away from you all the crimes you have committed, says the Lord, and make for yourselves a new heart and a new spirit. (Ez)

In Pope Emeritus Benedict's Lenten message of 2009, he reaffirms the value of fasting: "*The Church Fathers, too, speak of the force of fasting to bridle sin, especially the lusts of the "old Adam," and open in the heart of the believer a path to God. Moreover, fasting is a practice that is... recommended by the saints of every age`.*"

Why is fasting recommended by “the saints of every age?” Fasting opens our hearts to conversion, gives weight to our prayer intentions. Fasting strengthens us in resisting temptations, promotes peace in our hearts and peace with one another. Fasting teaches us the difference between wanting and needing and reminds us of the plight of the poor and hungry. Fasting invites the Holy Spirit in to heal our hearts, our relationship with God and our relationship with others.

In keeping with the theme of a "new heart," Fr. Slavko Barbaric said, “Fasting will lead us to a new freedom of heart and mind.”

The penitential season of Lent comes to us so that we can increase our faith, get rid of bad habits and grow closer to Christ. Fasting does indeed help to “bridle sin.” It’s one of the reasons fasting is so popular during Lent. Fasting helps us to gain a new heart and a new spirit for Christ. No matter who we are, no matter how virtuous others think we are, all of us have room to grow closer to Christ.

When we picture a new heart, perhaps we think of Valentine’s Day. The best way we can love others, especially our spouses, is to be the best that we can be. In the ideal, spouses, by the nature of the sacrament of marriage, act with self-denial towards each other and their children. Our inclination to sin, however, can be strong. This is why practicing the virtues, engaging in self-denial (like fasting or abstaining from meat or treats) is so important to our own ongoing spiritual journey and to eternal life. Practice makes perfect. If we never practice self-denial, if we are always indulging, we are less likely to grow in the virtues.

Let us fast and pray for all the community prayer intentions, for those in war torn countries and for those in abusive relationships.

Holy Mary, pray for us! Holy Spirit, teach us to pray!

BYOB (Bring Your Own Bread) & we will supply the water. Wednesdays we will meet for Bread & water after the 12:10 Mass & after the Stations on NFFF (Non Fish Fry Fridays) in the Center.

Our Lord, in the Most Blessed Sacrament, is now reserved in the basement Chapel, also. Please worship Him there present when you enter.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS Friday's at 5:00PM, during Lent.

Lenten Fish Fry: The Knights of Columbus will be serving Lenten fish dinners on the following dates: Feb 26 and March 11. Serving will be from 5:30 pm until 7:00 pm. Fried and baked fish will be served as well as coleslaw, green beans, bread, desserts, with coffee, lemonade and ice tea to drink. Take-out orders can be requested. Cost: free will offering. This is the Knights major fund raiser for the year. Profits support youth, community, church, and family programs.

The 40 Days For Life Spring Campaign begins with a Kickoff event from 6:30 – 7:30 PM on Tuesday, February 9th at Cornerstone Christian Church, 4849 Old Cheney Rd. Weather permitting, we will walk to Planned Parenthood for closing prayers so please bring a flashlight. The 40 Days for Life prayer vigil is from February 10th through March 20th, between 6:00 AM – 8:00 PM daily. Please sign up for your hours on www.40daysforlife.com/Lincoln or at your local parish. (insert parish hours if assigned i.e., Blessed Sacrament has been assigned the hours from 6:00AM – 1:00PM on Wednesday). Many babies have been saved from abortion, abortion workers converted, and abortion centers closed because of the prayerful witness of those participating in the 40 Days For Life Campaign.

FORMED.ORG: What do YOU need to find this material? First, an access code at the website www.formed.org. You should see the registration box. The Saint Michael and St. Mary's parish access code is **ZYD94C**.

Now, you set up a username and password. That's it. You are now set up to use all the great programs on FORMED.org anytime by simply logging in.

Prayer Cards available: with a Prayer of Renunciation, Deliverance & Healing are on the back table.

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.

Sacred Silence also, as part of the celebration, is to be observed at the designated times. Its nature, however, depends on the moment when it occurs in the different parts of the celebration. For in the Penitential Act and again after the invitation to pray, individuals recollect themselves: whereas after a reading or after the Homily, all meditate briefly on what they have heard; then after Communion, they praise God in their hearts and pray to him.

Even before the celebration itself, it is a praiseworthy practice for silence to be observed in the church, in the sacristy, in the vesting room, and in adjacent areas, so that all may dispose themselves to carry out the sacred celebration in a devout and fitting manner.

(General instruction of the Roman Missal #45)