

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

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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	

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

February 6/7, 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 February 13/14, 2016

	5:30 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
<b>Acolyte</b>	Joe Busing	Bob VanWesten	James Huber
<b>Lector</b>	Randy Prellwitz	Daryl Anderson	Devin Lovgren
<b>Server</b>	Aldo Ramos		RJ Suey
<b>Server</b>	Salvador Schavez		Braden Suey
<b>Music</b>	Mary Banahan	Lorrie Hofstetter	Janice Bell
<b>Gifts/Greeters</b>	Mary Feldkamp	Daryl & Denise Anderson	Keith & Mary Mach
<b>Collection</b>	Doug Kapke/Devin Lovgren		
<b>Church Cleaning for February – Deb VanWesten</b>			

St Mary's Ash Wednesday Reader: Rhonda Burkhart  
Acolyte: Bob VanWesten

- **BULLETIN:** If you have news for the bulletin, please call the Rectory 729-2058 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, Jerome Carson in your prayers.

<b>THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE</b>				
Monday	February 8	8:00AM	St. Michael's	Rhonda Cary All Souls Day Int.
Tuesday	February 9	NO MASS	NO MASS	
Wednesday	February 10	5:45PM 7:00PM	St. Mary's St. Michael's	Duane & Nancy Bartek All Souls Day Int. Special Intention
Thursday	February 11	5:30PM	St. Michael's	Kathleen Selig All Souls Day Int.
Friday	February 12	12:10PM	St. Michael's	Rosalie Hamm+
Saturday	February 13	5:30 PM	St. Michael's	Steve Wilson+
Sunday	February 14	8:00 AM	St. Mary's	People of the Parishes
Sunday	February 15	10:00 AM	St. Michael's	William A. Muller+
<b>Confessions</b>	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

Bruce Schwartz  
 Vonja Scheer  
 Rita Stone

# Parish News & Upcoming Events

## **Parish collection data:**

	<u>St. Michael's</u>	<u>St. Mary's</u>
<b>1/31/2016</b>		
Adult	\$1,546.00	\$475.00
Plate	\$77.00	\$20.50
Cemetery	\$0.00	\$50.00
Debt Reduction	\$150.00	
Children	\$9.00	
Music Fund	\$0.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,782.00</b>	<b>\$545.50</b>

St Michael's Debt Reduction current total \$1,160.00.

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

**Thought of the Week:** Praise and thank the Lord daily for His kindness and truth.

**Justice Served** *Bishop James Conley Lincoln Journal-Star, February 4, 2016* When I became Bishop of Lincoln in 2012, I undertook a systematic review of the safe-environment and child-protection policies and procedures governing the Church in southern Nebraska. To assist me, I asked our independent Review Board, a group of experts in criminal justice, psychology, and education, to recommend enhancements to our background checks and training programs.

The Diocese of Lincoln is fully compliant with the child protection laws of Nebraska, and the child protection policies of the Catholic Church. Last autumn, I announced that our diocese would begin undergoing annual independent audits of our compliance with child protection policies. And this week, the Diocese of Lincoln will announce the appointment of a full-time safe environment coordinator to assist in child-protection education and coordination across southern Nebraska. Parents can be confident that the Diocese of Lincoln is committed to ensuring the safety of their children and families.

In December of 2015, I announced that Bishop Robert Finn, the former bishop of Kansas City, Missouri, would serve as the chaplain to a community of religious sisters, his long-time friends, in the Diocese of Lincoln. In 2012, Bishop Finn was convicted of a misdemeanor for failing to report a priest in possession of child pornography. Because of serious acts of negligence under his leadership, Bishop Finn faced serious penalties. He faced a criminal court, and served the sentence he was given. He resigned his leadership position in the Church. He also accepted responsibility for his actions, and he has expressed sincere regret to those whom his negligence may have harmed.

Justice required serious consequences, and justice was served. There is a point, however, when demands for justice can become something much less worthy, and far less worthwhile. I invited Bishop Finn to Lincoln because he desires to spend his retirement serving the Church. He does not have a position of authority, administration, or oversight. He has a purely religious role, in an appropriate adult setting, which he has undertaken in humility. He is not paid by the Diocese of Lincoln; his role of chaplain provides him only room and board. Bishop Finn has not ever been accused of sexual abuse of children. His ministry as chaplain does not represent an issue for anyone's safety. The anger of former abuse victims or their relatives is understandable. Their pain is real, and the Church has an on-going duty to help them heal. But those who have acknowledged and paid the penalty for past actions, who seek to serve in humility, and who pose no on-going danger to anyone, have a right not be harassed and disparaged once justice is served. To do otherwise is not justice; it is malice. And it is not worthy of our community.

The critics of Bishop Finn have been invited to meet with the Diocese of Lincoln, and they have refused. That is their choice.

The life and ministry of Jesus remind me that justice and mercy are not opposed to each other. Bishop Finn, like all of us sinners, will be shown both.

The Church in Lincoln is committed to serving and protecting our people. We will do that without further punishing those who have already met the demands of justice.

**S**t **Michael's PCCW** meeting February 15, 2016; Rosary 6:30PM ,  
Meeting 7:00PM

**S**t. **Mary's Soup Supper** in Wymore (115 N. 11<sup>th</sup>) is Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup> from 3:30pm to 7:00pm. They will be serving chili, vegetable and ham & bean soups with cornbread and desserts for a Free Will Offering.

**K****nights of Columbus** meeting Tuesday February 9<sup>th</sup>. Rosary 6:30PM in the chapel, meeting 7:00PM in the Center.

**O****ne Rose/One Life**: The Knights of Columbus would like to thank the parish for their contributions. \$137.00 will be forwarded to the State Council of Nebraska for the Culture of Life Foundation to be used for pro-life programs in Nebraska.

**L****enten Fish Fry**: The Knights of Columbus will be serving Lenten fish dinners on the following dates: Feb 12 and 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 cold slaw, green beans, bread, deserts, 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.

**F****rank and Leona Gaydusek** will be celebrating their 55<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on today Sunday, February 7, 2016. Their children are honoring them with a card shower. Please send cards to: Frank and Leona Gaydusek, 2911 Fox Road, Mahaska, KS 66955.

**T****he 40 Days For Life Spring Campaign** begins with a Kickoff event from 6:30 - 7:30 PM on Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> through March 20<sup>th</sup>, between 6:00 AM - 8:00 PM daily. Please sign up for your hours on [www.40daysforlife.com/Lincoln](http://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.

**D**uring Lent instead of the traditional Moses Basket collection (kids collection) we will be asking the children to bring up a canned or non-perishable food item. We will keep it all by the statue of Mary until Easter and donate it to the Local Food Pantry! Bring your items on Saturday night also!

**Y**ear-end contribution reports are out. They are on the back table.

**L**ent starts Wednesday! In order to make this lent a more fulfilling time, take a look at the following: [livethefast.org](http://livethefast.org)  
**Also; Word Among Us booklets are out.**

**S**ouper Bowl of Caring Send donations directly to MTKO or to another nonprofit organization of your choice.

- Report donations to [www.souperbowl.org](http://www.souperbowl.org) so they are included in national totals.
- Enjoy the football game knowing you've helped those in need!

*Feeding the hungry is at the core of Matt Talbot's mission - we serve two hot nutritious meals every day of the year and provide over 100,000 meals annually. In addition to hunger relief, MTKO also offers homeless prevention services such as life skills training, drug & alcohol counseling, case management, and transitional housing, plus help with basic and emergency needs such as showers and laundry services.*

**F**ORMED.ORG: What do YOU need to find this material? First, an access code at the website [www.formed.org](http://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.

**PCCW Books for 2016** are available in the back of Church. Please take your copy & if you would like an extra or are new to the parish, please take one without a name on it. God Bless you.

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

**The Christian faithful** who come together as one in expectation of the Lord's coming are instructed by the Apostle Paul to sing together Psalms, hymns, and spiritual canticles (cf Col 3:16). Singing is the sign of the heart's joy (cf Acts 2:46). Thus St. Augustine says rightly, "Singing is for one who loves," and there is also an ancient proverb: "Whoever sings well prays twice over."

Great importance should therefore be attached to the use of singing in the celebration of the Mass, with due consideration for the culture of peoples and abilities of each liturgical assembly. Although it is not always necessary (e.g., in weekday Masses) to sing all the texts that are in principle meant to be sung, every care should be taken that singing by the ministers and the people not be absent in celebrations that occur on Sundays and on Holydays of Obligation.

However, in the choosing of the parts actually to be sung, preference is to be given to those that are of greater importance and especially to those which are to be sung by the Priest or the Deacon or a reader, with the people replying, or by the Priest and people together.

*(General instruction of the Roman Missal #.39-40)*