

St. Michael's & St. Mary's

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 8, 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. Michael's/St. Mary's Secretary	Carolyn Osborne: 729-5387	Mobile: 300-0148

St. Mary's Parish Council: Peggy Niederklein, Rhonda Burkhart, Donna Rut, Daryl Anderson, Trish Endorf **Trustees:** Bob VanWesten and Bob Bachle

St. Mary's PCCW: Deb Vanwesten

St. Michael's Parish Council: Brenda Mannschresk, Doug Kapke, LeAnn Krause, Dave Panko, Dave Banahan, Bruce Busing, Chad Mans, Matt Umland, **Trustees:** Randy Prellwitz and Keith Mach

St. Michael's PCCW: Lorraine Borch

Knights of Columbus: Joshua Whitney

CCD Coordinator: Carolyn Whitney

Parish News & Upcoming Events

BULLETIN: If you have news for the bulletin, please call the Rectory 729-2058 or contact Carolyn 729-5387 or email carolyn@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'S OF THE WEEK: Please keep our Seminarian's of the week, **Joseph Wahlmeier and Cody Wallinger** in your prayers.

Ministers' Schedules for Next Weekend

	5:30 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
Acolyte	Joe Busing	Bob VanWesten	Randy Prellwitz
Lector	Joshua Whitney	Daryl Anderson	Charlie Barringer
Server	Ryan Umland		RJ Suey
Server	Joey Whitney		Braden Suey
Organ/Piano	Carolyn Osborne	Lorrie Hoffstetter	Mary Prellwitz
Gifts/Greeters	Janice Olberding	Mr. & Mrs. Ken Milius	Steve Graff
Collection	Doug Kapke and Brenda Mannschreck		

Our Offering to God Last Weekend	St. Michael's	\$ 905.00
	St. Mary's	\$ 50.00
	St. Michael's Debt	\$ 50.00

Please pray for: Rosalie Hamm, Betty (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, Paul Prellwitz, Brad Eveleth, Kathy Blobaum, Bob McCord, Ed Lytle, LeRoy Prellwitz, Rita Stone, Catherine Nutsch, Graysen Snyder, Brandi Warnke, Darren Martinez, 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.*

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday	February 9	NO MASS	St. Michael's	NO MASS
Tuesday	February 10	12:10 PM	St. Michael's	Jim Melcher+
Wednesday	February 11	12:10 PM	St. Michael's	Melvin Nespor+
Thursday	February 12	5:30 PM	St. Michael's	All Souls Day Intentions of Rozella Prellwitz
Friday	February 13	12:10 PM	St. Michael's	Carl & Alvina Birkel+
Saturday	February 14	5:30 PM	St. Michael's	Leonard Hammer+
Sunday	February 15	8:00 AM	St. Mary's	The People of the Parishes
Sunday	February 15	10:00 AM	St. Michael's	Don Gregory+

Confessions	St. Michael's	Saturday	4:45 PM to 5:15 PM
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Daily Mass: Please check Mass schedule carefully for Mass times this week!!!

NEW ITEMS

- Lent will be upon us soon:** Lent begins Wednesday, February 18th with the observance of Ash Wednesday. Masses for Ash Wednesday will be at 12:10 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at St. Michael's and 5:30 p.m. at St. Mary's. ***Ash Wednesday Masses will be held in the main body of the church.*** Please mark your calendars to attend one of the Masses.



- Knights Fish Fry:** With Lent, comes the Knights Fish Fry. Mark these dates on your calendar: February 20, March 6, and March 20. Let's support the Knight's by attending!!!



- **St. Mary's-Wymore Soup & Pie Supper:** St. Mary's in Wymore is sponsoring their annual Soup Supper, Sunday, February 22nd from 3:30-7:00 p.m. at the church hall (115 No. 11th). They will be serving vegetable, chili and ham and bean soup. Free will donation.

- **Discover the Mystery of the Feminine Genius!** Thursday, February 19th at 7:30 p.m. at the Dawson Hall, Blessed John XXIII Center, 3700 Sheridan Blvd, Lincoln. This is a Bishop Conley Lecture Series; Terry Polakovic, Co-Founder and President of Endow. The event is provided at no cost to attendees. For more information contact arjansky@gmail.com

- **Catholic Press Month:** February is Catholic Press month. We will take up our annual collection to pay for the cost (\$15.00) of the Southern Register. Please help us offset the cost that is charged to our church each year. ***Envelopes are inserted in your offering envelopes this year.*** These can be dropped in the collection basket anytime.



- **Knights of Columbus Meeting:** The Knights of Columbus will have their monthly meeting February 9th starting with Rosary at 6:30 p.m. followed by the meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the center.

- **Pancakes:** Sunday, February 8th, the Knights will be sponsoring Pancakes and Sausage in the center, immediately following Mass. A free will donation will be taken up.




- **PCCW Meeting:** The PCCW will hold their monthly meeting, February 16th beginning with the Rosary at 6:30 p.m. immediately followed by the meeting in the center. Barb Arner and Carol Steele are in charge of refreshments.

- **Food Pantry:** During the month of February, we will be collecting food for the Blue Valley Food Pantry. Please give from you heart to help those in need!

- **Thought of the week:** Find time this week to be alone with God in prayer.

- **Pope Francis “Rediscovering the Heart of a Disciple”**: The PCCW will be sponsoring a 4-week study on Pope Francis “Rediscovering the Heart of a Disciple”. The cost of the book is \$10.00. The dates for the study are: February 16th @7:15 p.m.; February 23 @7:00 p.m.; March 2 @ 7:00 p.m. and March 10 @7:00 p.m. Please call Carolyn at 729-2058 to request your book. Also please read pages 1-39 before the first meeting so we can discuss the questions at the end of each chapter. If you have any questions about the study call Deborah at 402-424-3665. Everyone is welcome to join in the study group.
- **LDCCW Ash Wednesday Day of Recollection** given by Rev. Thomas McGuire on February 18th at the Good Counsel Retreat House in Waverly. “Does God Notice Me...” will be the topic of the day. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. and concludes at 2:00 p.m. with Mass & ashes. Sack Lunch on your own between 11:00 a.m.-12:45 p.m.
- **Now Recruiting:** Jefferson County 0-3 Head Start is now recruiting pregnant mothers and families with children through ages 3. The Step Ahead Early Childhood program is recruiting children ages 3-5 (must be 3 but not yet 5 by July 31, 2015). Free to income eligible parents. For more information call 729-2161.
- **The Holy Family Shrine** will host John Dorman in concert on Saturday, February 21st at 6:00 p.m. Please come and enjoy an hour of adoration and sacred music in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. All donations go to support the shrine. For more information call the Shrine at 402-332-4565.
- **Handicapped Parking:** A request has been made for additional handicapped parking spaces in front of the Church. We are working towards that end; for now, if you are not in need, please try and leave the spaces near the front for those who are in need.
- **St. Michael’s PCCW Booklets for 2015:** If you haven’t received your new PCCW Booklet, please stop by the back of the church and pick yours today. Remember the annual dues of \$5.00 are due March 1st.

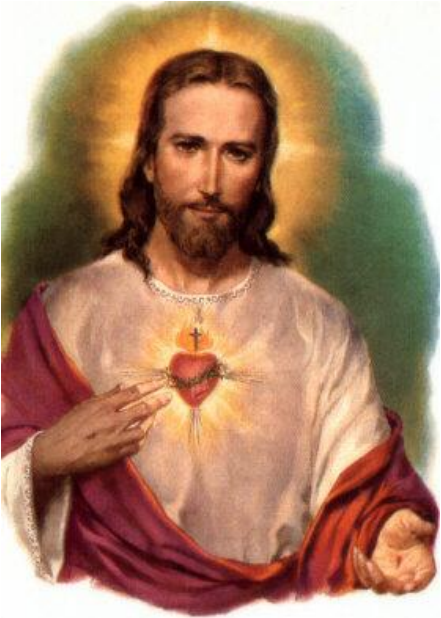
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Valentine's Dinner: The Fairbury United Methodist Church, 605 E Streets, will be sponsoring a Valentine's Dinner, Saturday, February 14th from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. All reservations need to be made by Thursday, February 12th (no tickets will be sold at the door). \$13.00 per person-tickets may be purchased at the church office Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. or by calling 729-2247.
- St. Michael's Debt Reduction:** Our loan for the operation of the school is: \$191, 243.00 We took \$30,000.00 out of savings & added \$5,000.00 from checking to make an initial \$35,000.00 payment. We plan to make payments of \$17,360.33 each year for nine years to pay off the debt. The Bishop has made our loan so that it does not accrue interest.
- St. Mary's PCCW:** The annual dues of \$5.00 are due March 1 for the St. Mary's PCCW and can be paid to Donna Rut. All ladies of St. Mary's Parish are automatically a member of the PCCW. Any donations will gladly be accepted also. The dues and donations will be used to purchase supplies for the altar.
- CCD:** Classes are from 6:45p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Please do not drop your children off before 6:35 p.m., because there will not be any adult supervision. ***Parents, please remember that if your child will be receiving one of the sacraments in the next two years, that they must be attending CCD classes to receive the sacraments.*** Please remember to enter the driveway on E street and exit on 8th street.
- Philosophy and Theology of the Angelic Doctor:** Dr. Theresa Farnan for this comprehensive overview of the philosophy and theology of the Angelic Doctor. Farnan presents a distinctive aspect of St. Thomas's philosophy and theology, followed by application of the Thomistic response to contemporary issues. The series provides practical wisdom amidst the many problems we face in today's society. Fr. John is getting the DVD's of this series & would run it as a course; 25 minute video, followed by discussion. Please let Fr. John know if you are interested.
- St. Mary's February Cleaning:** Deb VanWesten

- **Our Lady of Good Counsel Lenten Retreats:** Don't be left out for the upcoming Lenten Retreats. Feb. 13-15, Fr. Steve Thomlison will speak on "Angels & Demons: Spiritual Warfare & Discernment" for men and women. Feb 27-March 1, Fr. Mark Cyza will speak on "Friends of the Cross" for men and women. March 13-15, Fr. Troy Schweiger will speak on "A man after God's own Heart" Man to Man, men only. March 27-29, Fr. Gary Coulter will speak on "Discipleship in Mark" for men and women. You can register at www.goodcounselretreat.com or call 402-786-2705.
- **Census:** *If you haven't returned your census slips, please do so as soon as possible.* The census papers help us get an accurate count of the members of the churches. If you have misplaced your copy, please call Carolyn at 729-2058 for a replacement. If you know your Sacrament information, please include that also. Please return them in the collection basket or drop off at the parish office.
- **Best Choice Labels:** Please continue to save your labels and put them in the container at the back of the church. For every 1000 labels we collect, we receive \$30.00.
- **Website:** You can find St. Michael's/St. Mary's website at www.stmichaelsfairbury.org. You can view the weekly bulletins and monthly calendar.
- **Guide 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 and 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.

Novena Prayer

Divine Jesus, You have said, "Ask and you shall receive; seek and you shall find; knock and it shall be opened to you." Behold me kneeling at Your feet, filled with a lively faith and confidence in the promises dictated by Your Sacred Heart to Saint Margaret Mary. I come to ask this favor: Mention your request.



To whom can I turn if not to You, Whose Heart is the source of all graces and merits? Where should I seek if not in the treasure which contains all the riches of Your kindness and mercy? Where should I knock if not at the door through which God gives Himself to us and through which we go to God? I have recourse to You, Heart of Jesus. In You I find consolation when afflicted, protection when persecuted, strength when burdened with trials, and light in doubt and darkness.

Dear Jesus, I firmly believe that You can grant me the grace I implore, even though it should require a miracle. You have only to will it and my prayer will be granted. I admit that I am most unworthy of Your favors, but this is not a reason for me to be discouraged. You are the God of mercy, and You will not refuse a contrite heart. Cast upon me a look of mercy, I beg of You, and Your kind Heart will find in my miseries and weakness a reason for granting my prayer.

Sacred Heart, whatever may be Your decision with regard to my request, I will never stop adoring, loving, praising, and serving You. My Jesus, be pleased to accept this my act of perfect resignation to the decrees of Your adorable Heart, which I sincerely desire may be fulfilled in and by me and all Your creatures forever.

Grant me the grace for which I humbly implore You through the Immaculate Heart of Your most sorrowful Mother. You entrusted me to her as her child, and her prayers are all-powerful with You. Amen.

