

St. Michael's & St. Mary's

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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 and Trish Endorf **Trustees:** Bob VanWesten and Bob Bachle

St. Mary's PCCW: Deb Vanwesten

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

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.
- **SEMINARIAN OF THE WEEK:** Please keep our Seminarian of the week, **Matthew Kovar and Daniel LeDuc** in your prayers.
- **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.

Ministers' Schedules for Next Weekend

	5:30 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
Acolyte	Joe Busing	Jim VanWesten	Steve Graff
Lector	Keith Mach	Rhonda Burkhart	Charlie Barringer
Server	Brock Beed		RJ Suey
Server	Connor Gerth		Braden Suey
Organ/Piano	Carolyn Osborne	Lorrie Hofstetter	Mary Prellwitz
Gifts/Greeters	Deb Jones	Bob and Marilyn Bachle	Rosalie Tynan
Collection	Matt Umland and Chad Mans		

Our Offering to God Last Weekend	St. Michael's	\$1900.25
	St. Mary's	\$ 494.00
	St. Michael's Debt	\$ 35.00

Please pray for: 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, Brad Eveleth, Kathy Blobaum, Bob McCord, Ed Lytle, 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	March 23	NO MASS	St. Michael's	NO MASS
Tuesday	March 24	12:10 PM	St. Michael's	Bill and Arlene Wagner+
Wednesday	March 25	12:10 PM	St. Michael's	Jim Melcher+
Thursday	March 26	5:30 PM	St. Michael's	All Souls Day Intentions of Paul Prellwitz
Friday	March 27	12:10 PM	St. Michael's	Marian Uldrich+
Saturday	March 28	5:30 PM	St. Michael's	Doug Endorf+
Sunday	March 29	8:00 AM	St. Mary's	The People of the Parishes
Sunday	March 29	10:00 AM	St. Michael's	Special Intentions

Confessions	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!!!

NEW ITEMS

- **Penance Service:** Penance service will be on March 29th at St. Joseph's in Beatrice from 3:00-4:30 p.m., March 29th at St. Michael's in Fairbury at 7:00 p.m., March 31st at Sacred Heart, Hebron at 7:00 p.m.
- **Ministries for Holy Week:** We still have a lot of ministries that will need to be filled for Holy Week Services. Please take the time to volunteer your services.
- **Combined Collection:** It's not too late to drop you envelope into the collection basket for the Combined Collection.

- **Knights of Columbus News:** The Knights are selling lottery tickets as a statewide fundraiser for seminarian and postulate support. 1st prize is \$2500.00, 2nd prize is \$1000, 3rd prize is \$750.00 and 4th prize is \$500.00. Last year over \$16,000 was distributed. Drawing will be held during the state convention in Kearney on April 25. Winner's need not be present. Contact Steve Graff to purchase tickets. Cost per ticket is \$10.00
- **Palm Sunday Processional:** On Palm Sunday, March 29th, (Sunday Mass only), we will be meeting in the center and processing to the church. Please mark your calendars for this special occasion.
- **Autism Awareness Month:** To celebrate Autism Awareness Month, Three's Pieces would like to invite local businesses (this even includes churches) to show their support by Lighting It Up Blue. Three's Pieces will be running a contest on April 2nd. 1st place in each category will receive \$100 in Chamber Bucks, 2nd place in each category will receive \$50.00 in Chamber Bucks, and 3rd place in each category will receive \$25.00 in Chamber Bucks. Decorating can be as easy as changing your porch lights from white to blue.
- **Catholics at the Capitol:** Tuesday, March 24, 2015, the Diocesan Councils of Catholic Women, together with Catholic daughters of America, Knights of Columbus and Nebraska Catholic Conference will sponsor "**Catholics at the Capitol**" (formerly Legislative Day). Registrations begins at 8:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Church (14th & K) in Lincoln
- **PCCW Brunch:** The PCCW is planning to serve a light brunch this Sunday, March 22 in the parish center. A free will donation will be taken up.
- **Save the Date:** Lincoln Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (LDCCW) Spring Full Board meeting at Lourdes Central Catholic School auditorium, Nebraska City, on Saturday, April 18, 2015, 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. More details to follow.



- **Easter Flowers:** If you would like to donate money to purchase Easter Flowers this year, please place your money in an envelope marked "Easter Flowers" and drop in the collection basket.

- **CCD:** Classes are from 6:45-8:00 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.
- **Holy Week Retreat:** The Marian sisters will be hosting their annual Holy Week Retreat. The retreat will provide an opportunity for single young women (ages 17-35) to reflect on their identity as a daughter of God the Father during Holy Week. The silent retreat will be led by Fr. Sean Kilcawley and be held at Good Counsel Retreat House at Waverly, NE on April 2-4, 2015. The cost is \$30 for students and \$40 for non-students. For more information or to register, please visit their website at www.mariansisters.org or contact the Marian Sisters at marian-vocations@cdolinc.net or phone 402-786-2750.
- **Stations of the Cross:** Stations of the Cross will be Friday, March 27th at 5:00 p.m. at St. Michael's.
- **Working on Ministries Schedule:** We are working on the new ministries schedule for acolytes, lectors, keyboardist and servers for the months of April, May & June. If you have any special requests, please call Carolyn at the parish office, e-mail her at carolyn@stmichaelsfairbury.org or leave a note in the collection marked "Ministries". **Requests must be in by March 23rd.**
- **Campin' with the Marians:** The Marian Sisters of the Diocese of Lincoln are sponsoring their annual summer camp, Campin'with the Marians, at Camp Kateri. Camps for girls entering grades 6-9 will be held June 21-24 and June 25-28. If you are interested, registration fliers can be found at www.mariansisters.org. This summer we are celebrating the Year of Consecrated Life. Spaces are limited; please register ASAP as we fill up fast. If you have questions, you may contact Sr. Janelle at 402-440-9998. Counselors are also needed and the opportunity is open for girls who are entering 10th through college on an application basis. Please enquire about counseling positions at marianscamping@gmail.com.

- **SKY Camp 2015 is almost here!** Sign up your 6th-9th graders for an awesome camp experience at Camp Kateri Tekakwitha! Activities include archery, obstacle course, swimming, catechesis, campfires, and Mass! Space is limited for each camp, sign up at www.lincolndiocese.org.
- **Thought of the Week:** The Holy Spirit helps us to live as stewards of His bountiful gifts.
- **2015 Blaze Retreat:** St. Joseph Catholic Church in Lincoln presents the 2015 BLAZE Junior High Youth Rally. This is open to all 7th and 8th graders in the Diocese. Featuring Bishop Conley and Catholic speaker and recording artist, Chris Padgett. Blaze will take place on April 18th from 9-5 and will cost \$25.00. Register at stjosephblaze.com. They will be raffling a mini iPod, a trip to Laser Quest and several other prizes.
- **March Church Cleaning for St. Mary's:** Ellen VanWesten
- **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.
- **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.
- **St. Michael's Debt Reduction:** Our loan for the operation of the school is \$156,243.00. We plan to make payment 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.
- **Rice Bowls:** CRS Rice Bowl brings our Lenten journey back to Africa this week, to the Democratic Republic of Congo. We join our fasting in solidarity with people who go hungry, and we remember in prayer the importance of building a community that is willing to support those most in need.

- **Mass times when you are traveling:** Traveling?? There are web-sites to find the time of Masses at different locations. <http://masstimes.org>
- **St. Michael's & St. Mary's Website:** You can find St. Michael's and 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 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.

Prayer 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. Amen.



THE EVENTS OF HOLY WEEK

Date	Day of the Week	Time	Town & Church	Liturgy or Event
March 29	Sunday	3:00-4:30 p.m.	Beatrice, St. Joseph's	Penance Service
March 29	Sunday	7:00 p.m.	Fairbury, St. Michael's	Penance Service
March 30	Monday	5:00 p.m.	Lincoln, The Cathedral	Chrism Mass
March 31	Tuesday	12:10 p.m.	Fairbury, St. Michael's	Daily Mass
March 31	Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Sacred Heart, Hebron	Penance Service
April 1	Wednesday	12:10 p.m.	Fairbury, St. Michael's	Daily Mass
April 2	Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Fairbury, St. Michael's	Mass of the Lord's Supper <i>Confessions before Mass (6:00-6:40pm)</i>
April 3	Friday	12:00 p.m.	Fairbury, St. Michael's	Stations of the Cross
		5:30 p.m.	Fairbury, St. Michael's	Celebration of the Lord's Passion <i>Confessions 4:30-5:10 pm</i>
		7:00 p.m.	Alexandria, St. Mary's	Celebration of the Lord's Passion
April 4	Saturday	8:05 p.m.	Fairbury, St. Michael's	Easter Vigil
April 5	Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Alexandria, St. Mary's	Easter Sunday Mass
		10:00 a.m.	Fairbury, St. Michael's	Easter Sunday Mass

