

St. Michael's & St. Mary's

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Palm Sunday

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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, **Michael McHale and James O'Neil** 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

	8:05 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
Acolyte	Volunteer	Jim VanWesten	Volunteer
Lector	Randy Prellwitz	Bob Bachle	Keith Mach
Server	Volunteer		Volunteer
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Organ/Piano	Volunteer	Lorrie Hofstetter	Carolyn Osborne
Gifts/Greeters	Mary Prellwitz	Mike Hofstetter Family	Keith & Mary Mach Family
Collection	Bruce Busing and Dave Banahan		

Our Offering to God Last Weekend	St. Michael's	\$1673.00
	St. Mary's	\$ 567.00
	St. Michael's Debt	\$ 350.00

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 30	NO MASS	St. Michael's	NO MASS
Tuesday	March 31	12:10 PM	St. Michael's	Leonard Prellwitz+
Wednesday	April 1	12:10 PM	St. Michael's	All Souls Day Intentions of Rosalie Tynan
Thursday	April 2	7:00 PM	St. Michael's	Norman Medina+
Friday	April 3	5:30 PM	St. Michael's	Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Friday	April 3	7:00 PM	St. Mary's	Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Saturday	April 4	8:05 PM	St. Michael's	Robert Smith+
Sunday	April 5	8:00 AM	St. Mary's	The People of the Parishes
Sunday	April 5	10:00 AM	St. Michael's	Don Gregory+

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.
- **Holy Thursday:** We still need men to volunteer to have their feet washed at Holy Thursday services, please volunteer.

- **Good Friday Collection:** Christians around the world are united in a special way during Lent, Holy Week and Easter. Our hearts, minds and prayers are also especially aware of the Holy Land. Our parish, once a year on Good Friday, is called on to support Christians in the Holy Land. Many Christians in the Holy Land depend on the collection for their lives. As a pontifical collection requested by Pope Francis, the annual Good Friday collection offers a direct link for parishioners to be witnesses of peace and to help protect the Holy Places. When you donate on Good Friday, you are supporting Christians in the Holy Land. Franciscans and others in the Holy Land are housing and feeding the poor, providing formation and education, maintaining shrines and parishes, and conducting pastoral ministry. For more information, visit www.myfranciscan.org. ***The Good Friday collection is requested by the Holy Father. Please be as generous as your abundance allows.***
- **Stations of the Cross:** Stations of the Cross will be on Good Friday, April 3rd at 12:00 p.m. at St. Michael's.
- **Attention Youth:** If anyone is interested in going to Sky Camp or Campin' with the Marions and need assistance with the cost, please contact Carolyn Whitney at 729-6638.
- **Attention Graduating Seniors:** The Knights of Columbus Council #4434 announces the Scholastic Achievement Award process to assist with college expenses. Graduating seniors of St. Michael's Parish can apply by sending a letter of request including your future plans and High School and Church activities to: Grand Knight Joshua Whitney, 1223 D Street, Fairbury, NE. 68352. Letters must be turned in by April 26th.
- **Fish Fry Summary:** The Knight of Columbus would like to thank everyone who supported our three Lenten Fish Fries. We would like to also thank those who were generous in the donations of the deserts and treats to round out our meals. The council served 349 meals and received \$2537.00 in donations. A check in the amount of \$630.00 was presented to Brandi Warnke from profits of the last fish fry. This is the major fundraiser for the council which allows us to support many of our service programs.

- **Word Among Us:** We have FREE copies of the Word Among Us. Please pick yours up today and take home for daily devotions.
- **Mass Time Change:** **April 18, 2015** Mass time will be changed to **4:00 p.m.** This is so the young members of our Parish may attend Mass before going to their **JR-SR. Prom.** Please mark your calendars with this time change.
- **World Meeting of Families 2015—September 22-27, 2015 in Philadelphia, PA**
Plans are proceeding for the diocesan pilgrimage to the World Meeting of Families in September, 2015. The theme of the meeting, “Love Is Our Mission: The Family Fully Alive. **The Lincoln Diocese is excited to offer a pilgrimage to the World Meeting of Families, with a variety of options, all of which include attending the Papal Mass with Pope Francis! Prices for the pilgrimage will be increasing \$50 on April 1st, so the sooner you register, the better! For more information or to register, go to <http://www.lincolndiocese.org/WMF>, or call 402-488-2040.**
- **TEC Weekend:** The next TEC retreat weekend is April 11-13 at Camp Kateri. To register visit the Youth Ministry page at lincolndiocese.org.
- **Fairbury United Methodist Annual Garage Sale:** Friday, April 10, from 2:00-7:00 p.m. and Saturday, April 11 from 8:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. There will also be a bake and food sale during this time.
- **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
- **CCD:** No CCD this week. Classes will resume on April 8.

- **Lincoln Diocesan Council of Catholic Women:** Seeking God through works of mercy. LDCCW Full Board meeting, April 18, 2015, at Lourdes Central Catholic School auditorium, 412 2nd Ave., Nebraska City. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m., spiritual reflection/meditation @ 8:30 with meeting to begin at 9:00 a.m. Speakers include Fr. Michael McCabe, Superintendent of Lourdes Central Catholic School, and Sister Cynthia of the Franciscan Sisters of the Sorrowful Mother. Mass with Most Reverend Bishop Conley will be celebrated at noon with a meal to follow-free will donation. Meeting will end by 3:00 p.m. Please contact Ann Jansky: arjansky@gmail.com or text/call 402-826-0219 to register.



- **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.
- **Ministries Schedule:** New ministries schedules are on the back table of the church. Please pick yours up today.
- **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:** Jesus’ suffering is an example of how we are to give sacrificially of ourselves.
- **April Church Cleaning for St. Mary’s:** Donna Milius

- **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:** We follow Jesus this week on our Lenten journey as he enters into Jerusalem, a community he knew well. CRS Rice Bowl asks us, too, to prayerfully enter into our own communities, to find those who are hungry and thirsty, who need our help. How does our Lenten journey motivate us to serve those we encounter in our daily lives?
- **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.

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

