

St. Michael's & St. Mary's

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

4TH Sunday of Lent

March 5/6, 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 12/13, 2016			
	5:30 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
Acolyte	Ronn Brackle	Bob VanWesten	James Huber
Lector	Randy Prellwitz	Scott DeWald	Lorraine Borch
Server	Aldo Ramos		RJ Suey
Server	Salvador Schavez		Braden Suey
Music	Mary Prellwitz	Lorrie Hofstetter	Janice Bell
Gifts/Greeters	Dianna Armstrong	Mark & Peggy Niederklein	Rosalie Tynan
Collection	LeAnn Krause & Dave Panko		
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, Andrew Litt in your prayers.

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday	March 7	NO MASS		
Tuesday	March 8	12:10PM	St. Michael's	Father Lyons+
Wednesday	March 9	12:10PM	St. Michael's	Jim Courtney+
Thursday	March 10	5:30PM	St. Michael's	Tucker Juarez+
Friday	March 11	12:10PM	St. Michael's	Leonard & Pat Stolzer
Saturday	March 12	5:30 PM	St. Michael's	Rosalie Hamm+
Sunday	March 13	8:00 AM	St. Mary's	People of the Parishes
Sunday	March 13	10:00 AM	St. Michael's	Msgr Plescak+
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
Vonia Scheer
Rita Stone

Parish News & Upcoming Events

Parish collection data:

2/28/2016

	<u>St. Michael's</u>	<u>St. Mary's</u>
Adult	\$1,271.00	\$180.00
Plate	64.00	37.00
Register	15.00	
Debt Reduction	50.00	
Children	0.00	
Music Fund		
Total	<hr/> \$1,400.00	<hr/> \$217.00

St Michael's Debt Reduction current total \$1,410.00.

Thought of the Week: Do not fear to do penance. It brings life.

Knights of Columbus will pray a rosary in the chapel at 6:30PM on Tuesday March 8th, a meeting will follow in the Center at 7:00PM.

Gender Identity and Child Development

GThe second part of the *Understanding Gender Identity: Tools for Informed Conversation* series is Wednesday, March 9th at John XXIII from 7-8 p.m. The speaker will be Dr. Cody Hollist. He is an associate professor in the Department of Child, Youth and Family Studies at UN-L. He will share his knowledge of gender identity and child development. This three-part series will address gender identity in light of the recent NSAA gender participation policy. Presentations will be available on the Catholic Diocese of Lincoln YouTube channel and the Catholic Diocese of Lincoln Facebook page.

When to sit after Communion??? In general you may sit when the doors of the tabernacle are closed. If you are still praying & would like to remain kneeling, that is, of course, perfectly fine.

Sign-up sheets are out for ministries for Holy Week. Please sign-up. Thank you.

Good Friday is an unusual day. There is no Mass that day and it is the only day we are told to "depart in silence." It is awkward to announce that & even when I have, people often start talking as soon as they are out of their pew or outside. To depart in silence

means to think about what we just encountered: The Passion and death of Christ. Please be silent at least until you are in your vehicle.

S**T. JOSEPH SCHOOL (BEATRICE) OPENINGS FOR 2016 – 17**

Position: 3rd Grade Homeroom Teacher

Job Description: St. Joseph School is looking for an elementary classroom teacher for the 2016-17 school year, preferably Catholic, faith-filled, and possessing a strong academic foundation and classroom management skills.

Applicants must hold a current Nebraska teaching certificate. Please send a cover letter, resume, transcripts, and references to Sister Mary Faustina, sr.mary-faustina@cdolinc.net. If you have questions, you may call [402-223-5033](tel:402-223-5033). Thank you for your consideration. God bless you!

Position: Principal/Head Teacher

Job Description: St. Joseph School is looking for a qualified and faithful, Catholic administrator for our small school of 87 children Prek-5th grade. In addition to administration, this position includes teaching some specialty classes.

Applicants must hold a current Nebraska teaching certificate. To apply, please send a letter of interest, resume, transcripts, and three letters of recommendation (one letter being from the applicant's pastor) to Fr. Robert Barnhill, fr.robert-barnhill@cdolinc.net, St. Joseph School, 420 N. 6th St., Beatrice, NE 68310. For additional information email or call [\(402\) 223-2923](tel:402-223-2923).

Why should I go on a Cursillo ... I don't need a retreat? In a conversation between Marcus Grodi and Ralph Martin on **The Journey Home**, Marcus commented that "there are a lot of people out there who haven't taken a retreat in years, if ever ... in what sense was that an important part of what allowed God to have the space to open you up?" Ralph responded that "giving time to God is something that it's hard for us people to normally do in the busyness of life. There are classes to go to ... there are exams to take and papers to write ... there are jobs to go to ... there are family crises ... there are financial pressures ... there are health pressures ... this, that, and the other thing ... and there is world news ... and we somehow get caught up in the busyness of life ..." Ralph then talked about how it is precisely because of those things that we need to get away on a retreat, so that we can just be quiet and be aware

of Who God is and who we are. He knew that he needed to develop that personal relationship with Jesus if he was going to persevere ... that it wasn't going to be enough to just be part of the crowd ...he needed to know Him. How about you? Cursillo Weekends are scheduled at St. Mary Parish in Sutton, NE, on March 31-April 3, 2016. If you would like more information, about Cursillo or the Women's Weekend, call or email Kathy Springer, Coordinator for the Weekend (402-826-2699 or ks90710@windstream.net). There is also information on the Lincoln Diocese Cursillo webpage: <http://www.seas-np.org/cursilloregistrations.html>.

Laudato Si –You are invited to a symposium on Pope Francis's Encyclical letter Laudato Si, on care for our Common Home Monday, March 7th beginning at 7:00PM at St Michael parish in Lincoln. Speakers which include Bishop James Conley, will look at the various aspects of this landmark document. The symposium is free and open to the general public. St Michael parish is located just south and west of the corner of 84th Street & Yankee Hill Road in southeast Lincoln.

Diocesan Youth Ministry Retreats 2016 High school students are invited to participate in retreat being held this school year. Quest retreats are for freshmen & sophomores TEC (Teens Encounter Christ) are for juniors & seniors. Questions? Contact Jess or Georgeanne at 402-488-2040 or Georgeanne-Rashilla@cdolinc.net. To register www.lincolndiocese.org/ministries-offices/youth-ministry.

TEC #95 April 9-11 Camp Kateri

TEC #96 April 23-25 Camp Kateri

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.

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.

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

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.

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 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 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.

CD: 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.

The rites that precede the Liturgy of the Word, namely, the Entrance, the Greeting, the Penitential Act, the Kyrie, the Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) and Collect, have the character of a beginning, an introduction, and a preparation.

Their purpose is to ensure that the faithful, who come together as one, establish communion and dispose themselves properly to listen to the Word of God and to celebrate the Eucharist worthily.

In certain celebrations that are combined with Mass according to the norms of the liturgical books, the Introductory rites are omitted or take place in a particular way.