



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

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3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

April 29/30, 2017

**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, Deb Jones, Megan Grant Trustees: Keith Mach and Randy Prellwitz

**St. Michael's PCCW:** Beth Hansmire

**Knights of Columbus:** Dan Arner

**CCD Coordinator:** Beth Hansmire

**Confession schedule:** Saturday 4:45 PM to 5:15 PM

## Ministers' Schedules for May 6/7, 2017

	5:30 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
<b>Acolyte</b>	Bruce Busing	Bob VanWesten	James Huber
<b>Lector</b>	Randy Prellwitz	Rhonda Burkhart	Devin Lovgren
<b>Server</b>	Brock Beed		Paul Mach
<b>Server</b>	Connor Gerths		Devin Wanamaker
<b>Music</b>	Mary Prellwitz	Lorrie Hofstetter	LeAnn Krause
<b>Gifts/Greeters</b>	Dianna Armstrong	John & Donna Rut	Barb Arner
<b>Collection</b>	LeAnn Krause/Dave Panko		
<b>Church Cleaning for May – Trish Endorf</b>			

## Mass intentions for the week of April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017

<b>Monday</b>	No Mass	St. Michael's	No Mass
<b>Tuesday</b>	Noon	St. Michael's	Special Intention
<b>Wednesday</b>	Noon	St. Michael's	Special Intention
<b>Thursday</b>	5:30	St. Michael's	Derek & Sarah Schroeder
<b>Friday</b>	Noon	St. Michael's	Special Intention
<b>Saturday</b>	9:00AM 5:30PM	St. Michael's	Eddie Carraher+ Special Intention
<b>Sunday</b>	8:00 AM	St. Mary's	People of the Parishes
<b>Sunday</b>	10:00 AM	St. Michael's	Special Intention

*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:**

Randy Wilhelm  
Vonia Scheer  
Evelyn Birkel

Frank Kosmacek  
Steve Graff

Eddie Lytle  
Tom Huber

- **BULLETIN:** If you have news for the bulletin, please call the Rectory 729-2058 or email [st.michael.fairbury@gmail.com](mailto:st.michael.fairbury@gmail.com). Deadline for additions - Thursday by 10:00 AM.
- **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.

# Parish News & Upcoming Events

## Parish collection data:

	<u>4/16/17</u>	<u>St. Michael's</u>	<u>St. Mary's</u>
<b>T</b> <u>Thought of the Week</u> Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death! And on those in the tombs bestowing life!!	Adult	\$1,168.00	\$250.00
	Plate	97.00	17.01
	Building	20.00	
	Debt Reduction	65.00	
	Children	56.00	
	Holy Land	124.00	
	CSA Rebate		
<b>Total</b>		\$1,530.00	\$396.01

<b>Debt Reduction Current Totals:</b>	<b>Loan Pmt – 12/17</b>
	<b>\$17,360.33</b>
Joy of the Gospel Rebates	4,327.38
Debt Reduction Envelopes	2,625.00
<b>Balance Needed to Pay loan</b>	<b>\$10,407.95</b>

**S** EMINARIAN OF THE WEEK: Alec Jeffrey Sasse is in his 1<sup>st</sup> Year of Theology at St. Charles Borromeo seminary. He is from St. Peter/St. Michael in Lincoln, NE.

**S** t. Mary's will have a Mothers Day breakfast on Sunday May 14 after church. Everyone is to bring rolls. Thank you!

**F** AIRBURY DEANERY OFFICERS AND ALTAR SOCIETY OFFICERS: The Fairbury Deanery will be having their Spring Open Meeting today Sunday, April 30, 2017 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Beatrice. Registration will begin at 1:30 p.m., with the meeting starting at 2:00. Note: Registration is a \$1. There will also be a containers for donations to the Burse Fund (Priests) and Funds for Nuns.

The program for that day will be by Mallory Einfalt. Mallory is the President of Pi Alpha Chi Sorority (Catholic woman's sorority) at the University of Nebraska. This is one of the programs that the LDCCW supports. I have heard their presentation and it is very informative and interesting.

**F** FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH on 1630 I Street in Fairbury, is having there "Garage/Plant Sale on Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup> from 8:00am – 6:00pm, and Saturday, May6<sup>th</sup> from 8:00am – 1:00pm.

**P** LEASE JOIN US on Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> for a brunch in honor of St. Michael's High School Graduates. It will be held immediately after the 10:00am Mass and will be in the parish center. Egg casseroles, rolls, coffee cake, juice and coffee will be served. Join us in congratulating Paul Mach and Garret Ragland.

**K** NIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #4434 will meet Monday May 8<sup>th</sup>. Rosary at 6:30, and the meeting at 7:00PM in the Parish Center.

**C** .C.D. PICNIC: Knights of Columbus Council #4434 will be grilling hamburgers and hot dogs for the children and their families, and the teachers in the city park at 5:30PM on May 3rd. Parents/children please

bring a salad or side dish/chips.

## **ST. GERMANUS CATHOLIC CHURCH & OUR LADY OF FATIMA SHRINE**

**SARAPAHOE, NEBRASKA** The parishioners of St. Germanus Catholic Church invite you to celebrate 100 years of Our Lady of Fatima. **Saturday, May 13th (7am)** Join in a 16 mile pilgrimage walk ending in Arapahoe at Our Lady of Fatima Shrine. **Pre-registration is required. (\$20 entry). Sunday, May 14th (10am)** Bishop James Conley will celebrate Mass at the Shrine. *Free dinner to follow.* For more information and to register, Email: **OurladyoffatimaNebraska@gmail.com**

**ONE BOOK + ONE DIOCESE:** This spring, the Diocese of Lincoln Evangelization Office is recommending *An Introduction to the Devout Life* by St. Francis de Sales. Addressed as a personal letter, the book genuinely represents our desire to lead a devout and holy life, how we should approach God in prayer and the Sacraments, the practice of 16 important virtues, how to resist temptations and be firm in our practice of devotion. It is a book to be read again and again, and to use as a guide for the rest of your life. No one will come away without being profoundly impressed and without being motivated to begin their spiritual journey . . . which leads ultimately to God and to Heaven. An online study guide for use as individuals or groups is available at:  
[https://static1.squarespace.com/static/57082740746fb9895f9277d8/t/5768348f893fc0d9d35ab5af/1466446992402/dis\\_devout\\_life.pdf](https://static1.squarespace.com/static/57082740746fb9895f9277d8/t/5768348f893fc0d9d35ab5af/1466446992402/dis_devout_life.pdf)

### **EASTER SEASON**

“The fifty days from the Sunday of the Resurrection to Pentecost Sunday are celebrated in joy and exultation as one feast day, indeed as one ‘great Sunday’ (St. Athanasius, *Epistula festalis*: PG 26, 1366). These are the days above all others in which the Alleluia is sung” (Universal Norms, 22).

- The days of the Easter octave form the “early hours” of this “great Sunday,” with accounts of the Lord who rose early in the morning, and the early preaching of the disciples who were witnesses to his resurrection.
- The first eight days of the Easter Season make up the octave of Easter and are celebrated as Solemnities of the Lord. At Mass, Morning Prayer, and Vespers, throughout the octave, a double alleluia is added to the dismissal and its response. The sequence, *Victimae paschali*, obligatory at Mass on Easter Sunday, is optional on the other days of the octave. Easter Preface I is used (“on this day”) through the octave day of Easter, namely, the Second Sunday of Easter.
- Throughout the Easter Season the neophytes should be assigned their own special place among the faithful. Intercession should be made in the Eucharistic Prayer for the newly baptized during the Easter octave.
- The paschal candle, a symbol of the presence of the risen Christ among the people of God, remains in the sanctuary near the altar or ambo through Vespers on Pentecost Sunday. Its use is encouraged at all liturgical celebrations, especially Mass and the liturgy of the Hours.
- Infant baptisms could fittingly be celebrated on any Sunday of the Easter Season, including Pentecost day. It is also appropriate that children receive their first communion on one or other of the Sundays of Easter.