

# 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](mailto: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.
- **SISTERS OF THE WEEK:** Please keep our Sisters of the week, **Sister Fiat Marie and Sister John Marion** in your prayers.

## Ministers' Schedules for Next Weekend

	5:30 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
<b>Acolyte</b>	Bruce Busing	Jim VanWesten	James Huber
<b>Lector</b>	Randy Prellwitz	Rhonda Burkhart	Joshua Whitney
<b>Server</b>	Paul Mach		Joey Whitney
<b>Server</b>	Peyton Grubbs		Devin Wanamaker
<b>Organ/Piano</b>	Mary Prellwitz	Lorrie Hofstetter	Allen Scheer
<b>Gifts/Greeters</b>	Ronn & Betty Brackle	Jill & Jason Stewart & family	Lorraine Borch
<b>Collection</b>	Bruce Busing and Dave Banahan		

<b>Our Offering to God Last Weekend</b>		<b>Adult</b>	<b>Plate</b>	<b>Children</b>
	<b>St. Michael's</b>	\$2111.00	\$69.00	\$18.00
	<b>St. Mary's</b>	\$151.00	\$82.00	
	<b>St. Michael's Debt</b>	<b>Last Week</b>	<b>Total</b>	
		\$0.00	\$3135.00	

## ***THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE***

Monday	May 11	<b>12:10 PM</b>	St. Michael's	Norman Medina+
Tuesday	May 12	12:10 PM	St. Michael's	All Souls Day Intentions of Viola Scheer
Wednesday	May 13	<b>5:30 PM</b>	St. Mary's	Carl & Alvina Birkel+
Wednesday	May 13	<b>7:00 PM</b>	St. Michael's	The People of the Parishes
Thursday	May 14	<b>5:30 PM</b>	St. Michael's	All Souls Day Intentions of Joshua and Carolyn Whitney
Friday	May 15	<b>NO MASS</b>	St. Michael's	<b>NO MASS</b>
Saturday	May 16	5:30 PM	St. Michael's	Donna Vetch+
Sunday	May 17	8:00 AM	St. Mary's	The People of the Parishes
Sunday	May 17	10:00 AM	St. Michael's	Geraldine & Gary Hergott+

<b>Confessions</b>	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!!!**

**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, Marie Kosmacek, 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.*

## **NEW ITEMS**

- **Mother's Day:** Let's make sure to honor our mothers in an appropriate way. Visit them, call them, or send them a card. If they are deceased, pray for the repose of their souls. Finally, in the month of May, let's not forget to thank Mary, Our Mother, for all the help and guidance she gives.



Let's seek her guidance often since she is a mother who will never fail us.

- **THANK YOU!!** We would like to extend a big "THANK YOU" to all the teachers and our CCD coordinator (Carolyn Whitney, Janet Beranek, Georganne Friedrichsen, Mary Mach, and Joshua Whitney) for all their time and talents they donated to teach the faith to our children. Thank you!!!

- **Knights of Columbus Recognizes Servers:** The Knights of Columbus Council #4434 would like to recognize the twelve servers who assist the pastor during weekend Masses. In addition to a certificate of appreciation, they will also receive Chamber of Commerce Chamber bucks. Thank you to the following servers who served from July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015.

Ryan Umland	Peyton Grubbs	Paul Mach	Joey Whitney
Aldo Ramos	RJ Suey	Bradon Suey	Connor Gerth
Brock Beed	Devin Wanamaker	Salvador Chavez	Brett Wanamaker

If you have not received your folder, you may pick them up in the Sacristy.

- **PCCW Meeting:** The PCCW meeting will hold their monthly meeting, May 18<sup>th</sup> beginning with Rosary at 6:30 p.m. immediately followed by the meeting. Cathy Barringer, Margie Brahm and Donna Winslow are in charge of refreshments.
- **May 31<sup>st</sup> Mass Time:** Please note: Mass on **Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>** will be at **9:45 a.m.** at St. Michael's. ***NO 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's on May 31<sup>st</sup>. St. Mary's Mass will be held around noon, after the blessing of the cemetery fence.***

- **Knights Meeting:** The Knights of Columbus will have their monthly meeting May 11<sup>th</sup>, Rosary beginning at 6:30 p.m. with the meeting immediately following in the center. **Prior to the meeting hamburgers and hotdogs will be served.**
- **Al Kresta Coming to Lincoln:** You hear *Kresta in the Afternoon* from 3 to 5 p.m. on Spirit 102.7-FM, and now you'll have the chance to hear *Kresta in the Evening!*—as Al Kresta comes to Lincoln. Join Spirit 102.7-FM and the Diocese of Lincoln for this FREE event on Thursday, May 14 at Pius X High School in Lincoln at 7 p.m. Al Kresta is a broadcaster, journalist and author. He is president and CEO of Ave Maria Radio and host of “Kresta in the Afternoon.” He draws upon his unique faith background to create a fascinating, spiritually-constructive talk radio programs. Visit [spiritcatholicradio.com](http://spiritcatholicradio.com) for details or call 855-571-0200.

- **Ascension Thursday:** Ascension Thursday is a Holy Day of Obligation. This year it will take place on May 14<sup>th</sup>. Mass will take place in the main body of the church. The schedule of Masses for that day will be as follows:

May 13, Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. at St. Mary's

May 13, Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. at St. Michael's

May 14, Thursday, 5:30 p.m. at St. Michael's



- **Annual Charity and Stewardship (DDP) Appeal:** Thank you for your generosity and your support of the Charity and Stewardship (DDP) Appeal. St. Michael's goal is \$11,246.00. ***To date St. Michael's has pledged \$2415.00.*** St. Mary's goal is \$2,176.00. If you haven't made your pledge, stop at the table in the back of the church, or contact Randy Prellwitz or Bob Bachle.
- **"Blue Mass":** All are invited to join Bishop James Conley at a "Blue Mass" honoring Law Enforcement, Fire & Rescue, Dept. of Corrections, Emergency First Responders, civilian employees, family members and retirees on May 15, 2105 (National Peace Officer Memorial Day) at 9:45 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 1420 K Street in Lincoln. Bishop Conley will have a special blessing following the Mass of Emergency Vehicles.

- **Nepal Earthquake:** Catholic Social Services is accepting cash donations for victims of the earthquake in Nepal. All money collected will be forwarded to those impacted by this terrible disaster. Please keep all the victims and their families in your prayers. Please send donations to Catholic Social Services, 2241 O Street, Lincoln, NE. 68510.
- **Totus Tuus:** Mark your calendars for the week of June 7-12<sup>th</sup>. The youth-led Totus Tuus group will conduct our Summer CCD week for Kindergarten-8<sup>th</sup> grade students in the daytime and in the evenings for high school youth. ***Grandparents-if you have grandchildren that would like to attend, they are very welcome.*** Contact Carolyn at 729-2058 for more information.
- **Host Families and Meals for TOTUS TUUS Teachers:** We are in need of 2 host families for the teachers of TOTUS TUUS. This would require sleeping arrangements, and a morning continental breakfast (cereal, fruit or toast is sufficient). We are also in need of volunteers to provide meals twice daily for the teachers. If you have any questions, or would be interested in helping out our summer CCD program, please give Carolyn a call at the parish office (729-2058) or email [carolyn@stmichaelsfairbury.org](mailto:carolyn@stmichaelsfairbury.org).



- **Rosary during the Month of May:** There is a sign-up sheet on the back table to volunteer to lead the Rosary before Mass during the month of May. You will need to start 20 minutes before Mass begins. Please consider volunteering.
- **St. Mary's Cemetery Fund:** The cemetery fund for St. Mary's Cemetery is in need of some new funds as the summer growing season draws near as does the need to pay for the mowing. If you would like to replenish the fund, please put your donations in your church support envelope that is marked "Cemetery Fund". Cemeteries require funds for maintenance purposes. Any help you can give will be greatly appreciated.
- **Word Among Us:** We have FREE copies of the Word Among Us. Please pick yours up today and take home for daily devotions.
- **Thought of the Week:** Stewards know themselves to be both recipients and caretakers of God's many gifts.

- **May Church Cleaning for St. Mary's:** Trish Endorf
- **Mass times when you are traveling:** Traveling?? There are web-sites to find the time of Masses at different locations. <http://masstimes.org>
- **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 & St. Mary's Website:** You can find St. Michael's and St. Mary's website at [www.stmichaelsfairbury.org](http://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.





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**Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,**

Blest Art will be visiting your parish on behalf of the Palestinian family carvers in Bethlehem district. Our mission is to support those families in the Holy Land.

For centuries, the Christians of Bethlehem district have earned a living by carving olive wood religious art to sell it to visiting pilgrims. Fewer pilgrims are journeying to the Holy Land today, making it difficult for Christian artisans to support their families by the dignified work of their hands in the land of Christ's birth.

Because of the lack of work, there has been a dramatic rise in Christian emigration from the Holy Land. They are now less than 1% of the population in the Holy Land is just Christians.



Since the start of its mission—Blest Art has helped hundreds of struggling families. Mr. Jeryes Qumseya, through his own experience as a master carver, has worked to make it possible for Christians in the Holy Land to maintain both their livelihood and their ancestral homes in the land of our Lord.

When Blest Art visits your parish we will have hand-carved Nativity sets, statues of many sizes, last suppers, crosses, rosaries, and many other pieces of beautiful olive wood religious art. By purchasing a piece of art from the Holy Land to support your brothers and sisters; whom choose to stay and protect the holy sites where Jesus himself lived. Your purchase will make a difference in the lives of many Christian families.

**We gladly accept cash, checks, and all major credit cards.** Please note that we do not ask for, nor do we accept, any donations. Thank you in advance for your purchase when we come to visit.

**Jeryes Qumseya**  
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Web site: [www.BlestArt.org](http://www.BlestArt.org).  
You can order beautiful carvings to be shipped  
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Please visit our display  
**Saturday and Sunday**  
**May 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015**  
At the end of each Mass