

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.
- **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, **Sr. Mary Grace and Sister Teresa Marie** in your prayers.

Ministers' Schedules for Next Weekend

	5:30 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
Acolyte	Joe Busing	Bob VanWesten	Randy Prellwitz
Lector	Keith Mach	Daryl Anderson	Lorraine Borch
Server	Paul Mach		Aldo Ramos
Server	Peyton Grubbs		Devin Wanamaker
Organ/Piano	Carolyn Osborne	Lorrie Hofstetter	Mary Prellwitz
Gifts/Greeters	Bob & Shirley Gibson	John & Donna Rut	Kenny & LeAnn Krause
Collection	LeAnn Krause and Dave Panko		

Our Offering to God Last Weekend		Adult	Plate	Children
	St. Michael's	\$1336.00	\$92.00	\$12.00
	St. Mary's	\$345.00	\$27.00	
	St. Michael's Debt	Last Week	Total	
		\$575.00	\$3710.00	

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday	May 18	NO MASS	St. Michael's	NO MASS
Tuesday	May 19	12:10 PM	St. Michael's	Dan Birkel+
Wednesday	May 20	12:10 PM	St. Michael's	Jim Melcher+
Thursday	May 21	5:30 PM	St. Michael's	Walter & Dorrine Milius+
Friday	May 22	12:10 PM	St. Michael's	All Souls Day Intentions of Kathleen Selig
Saturday	May 23	5:30 PM	St. Michael's	Leslie & Mary Naiman+
Sunday	May 24	8:00 AM	St. Mary's	David DeWald+
Sunday	May 24	10:00 AM	St. Michael's	The People of the Parishes

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!!!

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

- **The I-80 Collar Series!** Spirit 102.7-FM presents the first ever I-80 Collar Series—a softball match between priests of the Diocese of Lincoln and the Archdiocese of Omaha on Father’s Day, Sunday, June 21st. Tailgating begins at 3:30 p.m. and the game begins at 5:00 p.m. at the Werner Park in Papillion. All proceeds from the I-80 Collar Series will go to vocations in the two dioceses. All proceeds from ticket sales will assist in promoting vocation to the priesthood, consecrated and religious life in the Archdiocese of Omaha and the Diocese of Lincoln. For a list of priests playing in the game, visit spiritcatholicradio.com. Tickets may be purchased at spiritcatholicradio.com, at the Spirit 102.7-FM studios in Lincoln, Gloria Deo in Lincoln, John XXIII Diocesan Center and UNL Newman Center.
- **PCCW Meeting:** The PCCW meeting will hold their monthly meeting, May 18th 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. ***Please join us to sing praises to Our Mother Mary.***
- **Blest Art:** Blest Art will be visiting our parish on behalf of the Palestinian family carvers in Bethlehem district. Their mission is to support those families in the Holy Land. When Blest Art visits our parish they 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. ***Please visit the display next weekend, May 23 and 24th following Mass.***
- **May 31st Mass Time:** Please note: Mass on **Sunday, May 31st** will be at 9:45 a.m. at St. Michael’s. ***NO 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mary’s on May 31st. St. Mary’s Mass will be held around noon, after the blessing of the cemetery fence, by the Most Reverend James D. Conley, Bishop of Lincoln.***

- **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 \$5925.00.*** 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.
- **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 7-12th. The youth-led Totus Tuus group will conduct our Summer CCD week for Kindergarten-8th 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.



- **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:** Stewardship means helping to further the Church's mission.
- **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. 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.





Next week the Easter Season concludes with the celebration of the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles and Mary at Pentecost. What follows here are a few basic questions and answers concerning this great event.

Who is the Holy Spirit?

The Holy Spirit is God and the third Person of the Blessed Trinity.

The Holy Spirit is also called the Holy Ghost, the Paraclete, the Advocate, the Spirit of Truth, the Spirit of God, and the Spirit of Love.

From whom does the Holy Spirit proceed?

The Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father and the Son.

The Holy Spirit does not proceed from the Father and the Son by spiritual generation. Only the Son proceeds from the Father by generation. This is one of the mysterious truths that we know only from revelation.

Is the Holy Spirit equal to the Father and the Son?

The Holy Spirit is equal to the Father and the Son, because He is God.

Because of the oneness of nature in the Blessed Trinity, the Father is entirely in the Son and in the Holy Spirit; the Son is entirely in the Father and in the Holy Spirit; and the Holy Spirit is entirely in the Father and in the Son. No one of the three divine Persons is outside the other, for none precedes the other in eternity, nor surpasses the other in power, nor exceeds the other in any way. This indwelling of one divine Person in the others is called circumincession.



What does the Holy Spirit do for the salvation of mankind?

The Holy Spirit dwells in the Church as the source of its life and sanctifies souls through the gift of grace.

Although the sanctification of mankind, like all other outward works of God, is performed by all three Persons of the Blessed Trinity, it is attributed to the Holy Spirit, the third Person. The sanctification of mankind is attributed to the Holy Spirit because He is the love of the Father and the Son and because the sanctification of man by grace shows forth God's boundless love.