

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

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Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

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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:** Dan Arner

**CCD Coordinator:**

# 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 Regina Marie and Sister Mary Gabriel** in your prayers.

## Ministers' Schedules for Next Weekend

	5:30 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
<b>Acolyte</b>	Bruce Busing	Jim VanWesten	Steve Graff
<b>Lector</b>	Randy Prellwitz	Rhonda Burkhart	Charlie Barringer
<b>Server</b>	Connor Gerth		RJ Suey
<b>Server</b>	Ryan Umland		Braden Suey
<b>Organ/Piano</b>	Carolyn Osborne	Lorrie Hofstetter	Allen Scheer
<b>Gifts/Greeters</b>		Doris DeWald and Brent Bachle	
<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>	\$1458.00	\$57.00	\$0.00
	<b>St. Mary's</b>	\$331.00	\$136.00	
	<b>St. Michael's Debt</b>	<b>Last Week</b>	<b>Total</b>	
		\$225.00	\$4225.00	

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

Monday	June 8	<b>11:30 AM</b>	St. Michael's	Peter Brahm+
Tuesday	June 9	<b>11:30 AM</b>	St. Michael's	All Souls Day Intentions of LeRoy Vetch
Wednesday	June 10	<b>11:30 AM</b>	St. Michael's	All Souls Day Intentions of Joshua & Carolyn Whitney
Thursday	June 11	<b>11:30 AM</b>	St. Michael's	Living Members of Daniel Phelan Family
Friday	June 12	<b>11:30 AM</b>	St. Michael's	Rosalie Hamm+
Saturday	June 13	5:30 PM	St. Michael's	Charles & Anna Margaret Steele+
Sunday	June 14	8:00 AM	St. Mary's	Robert Smith+
Sunday	June 14	10:00 AM	St. Michael's	The People of the Parishes

<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**

- **TOTUS TUUS Mass Schedule** : Daily Mass time will be at **11:30 a.m.** every day this week for the TOTUS TUUS program. Please make note of this change. Everyone is encouraged to attend. *Mass will be held in the main body of the church.* **Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup>**, please join the high school students for **Eucharistic Adoration at 8:45 p.m.**
- **TOTUS TUUS:** TOTUS TUUS begins this Sunday evening with the high school students from 8:00-10:00 p.m. Kindergarten thru 8<sup>th</sup> grade will meet from 9:00-3:00 p.m. Monday-Friday. **If your child is not able to attend every day or all day, please send them whenever they are able to attend.** *Remember to send a sack lunch with your children Monday-Thursday.*
- **TOTUS TUUS Potluck Supper:** **All Parishioners** are invited to a potluck supper, Wednesday, **June 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 p.m.** in the school gym. This is a good time for parents and parish members to meet the teachers, where they are from, etc. The team will explain a little about the history and mission of Tutus Tuus. The grade school students usually show us what they have learned during the week, so please mark your calendars to join the potluck supper.
- **Working on Ministries Schedule:** We are working on the new ministries schedule for the acolytes, lectors, keyboardist, and servers, for the month of July, August and September. If you have any request (gone on vacation, softball/baseball games, etc.) please call Carolyn at the parish office (729-2058), email her at [carolyn@stmichaelsfairbury.org](mailto:carolyn@stmichaelsfairbury.org) or leave a note in the collection marked "ministries". Please have your request in by June 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- **Olivewood:** We want to thank you for allowing our representatives to display olivewood carvings at you parish on **May 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015.** On behalf of the Palestinian Christian families in the Bethlehem area, my family, and my staff, we wish to express our sincere appreciation for your trust. Thanks to the support of your parishioners, our total sales were **\$2,195.10**. We are grateful for your understanding, interest and kind hospitality during our visit with you. Thank you again so much for your time and consideration. Please keep us and all the Palestinian Christians of the Holy Land in your thoughts and prayers. May the Lord Jesus Bless you and all your loved ones.  
**Faithfully yours in Christ,      Awad Qumseya**

- **PCCW Meeting and Carry In Dinner:** The St. Michael's PCCW meeting will be June 15<sup>th</sup> in the parish center. The carry in dinner will begin at **6:00 p.m.** Char Mees, Mary Mach, Kim Swanda, Tammi Mans, Tammy Suey, Mary McCord, Sue Rine, Sandra Phelps, Mary Feldkamp and Caryn Bales are in charge of the carry-in dinner. A short meeting will immediately follow.
- **Summer Food Service Program:** Fairbury Public Schools is providing a "Summer Lunch Program" in order to make sure that no children in the Fairbury School District goes hungry. The Program is available to any child ages 1-18 regardless of income or enrollment status. **Every child receives a free meal.** Food will be served at Central Elementary from June 1-July 31 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. **Activity Time 11:00-11:30 a.m.** Dress Code: Shoes and Shirts are required. Any questions, please call Jane Rhine at 402-729-6119.
- **Please note:** Summer vacation continues but there is never a vacation from God. Make sure to include Him in your travel plans. Bills still need to be paid, however, please remember to consistently contribute your parish offering during the summer months.
- **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 21<sup>st</sup>. 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. Tickets may be purchased at [spiritcatholicradio.com](http://spiritcatholicradio.com), at the Spirit 102.7-FM studios in Lincoln, Gloria Deo in Lincoln, John XXIII Diocesan Center and UNL Newman Center.
- **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 \$9425.00.** St. Mary's goal is \$2,176.00.
- **Word Among Us:** We have FREE copies of the Word Among Us for June. Please pick yours up today and take home for daily devotions.



- **Thought of the Week:** We are all one body. Are we using our gifts to build up the Body of Christ?
- **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.
- **June Church Cleaning for St. Mary's:** Jill Stewart
- **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.
- **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.



Wednesday, June 10, 2015

6:15 p.m. in the school gym

Drinks will be provided

Please join us in meeting the TOTUS TUUS Teachers and learn a little about the history and mission of TOTUS TUUS.

To end the program, the children will be singing some of the songs they have learned.

## **The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ is traditionally referred to as Corpus Christi. Corpus Christi (Body and Blood of Christ) is a Eucharistic solemnity, or better, the solemn commemoration of the institution of that Sacrament. It is a day in which we reflect upon the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ which we receive at each Mass in the Holy Eucharist! It is, moreover, the Church's official act of homage and gratitude to Christ, who by instituting the Holy Eucharist gave to the Church her greatest treasure - the source and summit of our faith! Holy Thursday (at the conclusion of Lent), assuredly, marks the anniversary of the institution, but the commemoration of the Lord's passion that very night suppresses the rejoicing proper to the occasion. The observance of this Solemnity, therefore, accents the joyous aspect of Holy Thursday.



The Mass and the Office for Corpus Christi was edited or composed by St. Thomas Aquinas upon the request of Pope Urban IV in the year 1264 following a Eucharistic miracle in Bolsena-Orvieto, Italy in which a consecrated Host bled at the altar during the consecration. It is unquestionably a classic piece of liturgical work, wholly in accord with the best liturgical traditions. It is a perfect work of art. An interesting note is that the city of Corpus Christi, Texas is named after the Body & Blood of Christ which is honored on this Solemnity. Frequently the Solemnity is marked by a Eucharist Procession, Devotion, and Adoration.

### **Prayer for the *Joy of the Gospel* Campaign**

Heavenly Father,

You sent your Son to bring glad tidings to the poor and to preach  
the Good News of salvation to all.

Fill us with joy in hearing His Word of truth and in seeing the  
good works that he continues to do in our lives.

Help us to follow His example so that we speak with faith,  
rejoice in hope, and act with charity.

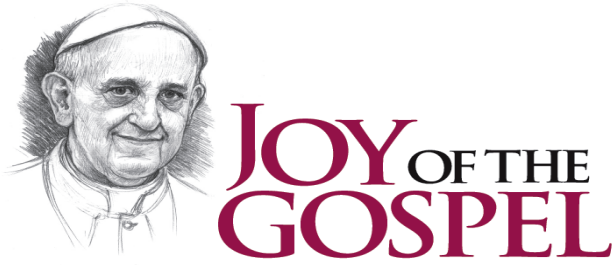
Grant success to our endeavors and plans in conducting this  
campaign in the Diocese of Lincoln.

Help us all to rejoice in sharing the gifts that you have given us  
so that others may know your providential care.

And guide us as we strive to proclaim the "*Joy of the Gospel*" to  
all the world.

We ask this in union with the Holy Spirit, through Christ our Lord.





## ***This is Kick-Off Weekend at St. Mary's!***

The Diocese of Lincoln, inspired by the witness of faith, hope and joy from Pope Francis is now embarking on an ambitious diocesan-wide capital campaign entitled the *Joy of the Gospel*.

After much prayer, many years of consultation that began before Bishop Conley arrived, and a review of a feasibility study conducted late last year, we have embarked upon an historic project to ensure that the Church can respond to current demands and prepare for the next generation of Catholics.

It has become clear that the financial resources made available by the *Joy of the Gospel* will have a great impact on our parishes, our families, our youth, our children, our lay leaders, and our priests.

*Joy of the Gospel*, seeks to raise a minimum of \$53 million to address key challenges across the diocese including:

- Catholic Education
- Clergy Retirement
- Seminarian Formation
- St. Gregory the Great Seminary
- New Evangelization
- Local Parish Initiatives

The goal of the campaign is to meet and explain, in detail, the complete goals and needs for *Joy of the Gospel* campaign. Volunteers are reaching out to the parish family on behalf of Father Birkel, the diocese and Bishop Conley to present the campaign case. Please welcome and listen to what they offer.

You will hear more about *Joy of the Gospel* at the parish in coming weeks!



