

St. Michael's & St. Mary's

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Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 20, 2015



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: 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: Lorraine Borch

Knights of Columbus: Dan Arner

CCD Coordinator: Mary Mach

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.

Ministers' Schedules for Next Weekend

	5:30 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
Acolyte	Ronn Brackle	Jim VanWesten	Steve Graff
Lector	Keith Mach	Daryl Anderson	Charlie Barringer
Server	Paul Mach		RJ Suey
Server	Ryan Umland		Braden Suey
Organ/Piano	Mary Prellwitz	Lorrie Hofstetter	Allen Scheer
Gifts/Greeters		Jim & Ellen VanWesten	Jim & Janis Bell
Collection	Doug Kapke & Devin Lovgren		

Our Offering to God Last Weekend		Adult	Plate	Children
	St. Michael's	\$1990.00	\$105.00	\$9.00
	St. Mary's	\$420.00	\$28.00	
	St. Michael's Debt	Last Week	Total	
		\$15.00	\$8185.00	

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE



Monday	September 21	NO MASS	St. Michael's	NO MASS
Tuesday	September 22	12:10 PM	St. Michael's	Paul & Mary Kuehne
Wednesday	September 23	12:10 PM	St. Michael's	Paul & Mary Kuehne
Thursday	September 24	5:30 PM	St. Michael's	Paul & Mary Kuehne
Friday	September 25	12:10 PM	St. Michael's	Paul & Mary Kuehne
Saturday	September 26	5:30 PM	St. Michael's	Paul & Mary Kuehne
Sunday	September 27	8:00 AM	St. Mary's	Paul & Mary Kuehne
Sunday	September 27	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, Graysen Snyder, Brandi Warnke, Darren Martinez, Marie Kosmacek, Viola Scheer, Robert Keith Guillory, Francis Nutsch, 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

- **Celebration of the Feast of the Archangels:** Next weekend, St. Michael's will be celebrating the Feast of the Archangels (St. Michael). The readings and prayers will be proper to this weekend and **not** in the missals.
- **CCD:** CCD classes will begin ***Wednesday, September 23rd***. 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 a 3rd & 4th Grade Teacher, 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.
- **PCCW Brunch:** To promote parish unity and fellowship, the PCCW will be serving a light brunch following Mass next weekend, September 27th, in the center. Verna Horky, Annette Barber and Jennipher Barber are in charge of the brunch. A free will donation will be taken up. Please join us next weekend for brunch!
- **Rosary:** We are looking for volunteers (men and women) to lead the Rosary before Mass during the month of October. A sign-up sheet is on the back table for anyone interested in leading the Rosary. Please start the rosary 20 minutes before Mass will begin. Thank you!!

- **First Friday Adoration in October:** First Friday Adoration will be held on ***Thursday, October 1st***, in anticipation of First Friday (October 2nd). The Knights are asking for parish participation and support. Please sign-up for October in the back of the Church. Please commit to at least one hour (if not more). Each hour has two time slots, but there is no limit to the number of people who may be present.

- **Bishop's Appeal for Vocations:** On September 19-20 the Diocese of Lincoln will undertake the Bishop's Appeal for Vocations collection. Your contribution will help to fund the formation of our future priests. We who have been blessed generously by God are called to respond in generosity. Please plan to contribute generously at the parish, or online at lincolndiocese.org

- **PCCW:** The PCCW will hold their monthly meeting, September 21st beginning with the Rosary at 6:30 p.m. immediately followed by the meeting in the center. Gloria Trimm and Sherrill Goeking are in charge of refreshments.
- **A Father/Son Program** to promote respect for human sexuality and chastity will be presented on Sunday, October 18, 2015 from 2:00-4:00 pm at St. Joseph Church Resurrection Hall, 1940 S. 77th in Lincoln, NE. Boys 10-14 years old and their fathers are invited to register. (Registration forms will be sent home with CCD students). Cost is \$10 per family. This program is presented by the Lincoln FertilityCare Center and the Family Life Office.



- **Catechetical Sunday:** Sunday, September 20th is Catechetical Sunday in the United States. It is a day to become reinvigorated in our Christian duty to pass on our Catholic faith to others. Among all Christians, parents have the special duty from God to train their children in the practice of the faith. Parents are exhorted to take a very active role in the religious education of their children by:

1. Making sure that their children regularly attend Mass and the CCD program.
2. Meeting the religion teachers and offering gratitude and support for the teachers' efforts in helping the parents teach the faith to the children.
3. Helping their children memorize their prayers and 92 questions required for their grade levels.
4. Praying daily with their children.

Today we also recognize and bless those people who make the sacrifices necessary to teach religion in our parish CCD program. They assist parents in fulfilling their duty to train their children in the practice of our Catholic faith. May the Holy Spirit and the prayerful help of our Blessed Mother, Mary, bring them the energy, the inspiration, and the joy they need to pass the faith on to the next generation of disciples of Christ the Lord.

If you haven't taken the time to thank our CCD teachers and Religious Ed Coordinator please take the time to thank them for their time. Our CCD teachers and coordinator are: ***Janet Beranek, Georgann Friedrichsen, Mary Mach, Fr. John and Lorrie Hofstetter.***

- **Thought of the Week:** We are called to serve one another.

- **Debt Reduction Envelopes:** Attached to this week's bulletin are the debt reduction envelopes for your donations.
- **A Mother/Daughter Program** to promote respect for human sexuality and chastity will be presented on Sunday, October 25, from 2:00-4:30 pm at St. Joseph Church Resurrection Hall, 1940 S. 77th, in Lincoln. Girls 10-13 years old and their mothers are invited to register. (Registration forms will be sent home with CCD students). The program is presented by the Family Life Office and the Lincoln FertilityCare Center.
- **Join EWTN for Pope Francis' Visit to the U.S. September 22-27!** EWTN will provide live coverage of the Holy Father's Masses, national addresses and the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia, EWTN will be there every step of the way so you don't miss a moment! Visit www.ewtn.com for more information, up-to-date schedules and online streaming.
- **Poland & Eastern Europe Pilgrimage:** Come along, April 11-22, 2016 to some of the most historical places in all of Europe. We'll see the home of John Paul II, visit the Shrine of Divine Mercy, walk through Auschwitz Concentrations Camp and so much more! We'll have Mass each day in great Churches and Cathedrals along the way. Cost is \$3,799 with departure from Omaha. For a brochure and more information, contact Fr. Dan Guenther, P.O. Box 658, Cherokee, Iowa 51012 or call 712-225-4606 or email frdanquenther@gmail.com
- **Julie's Hot Dog Sled** will be at St. Joseph's in Beatrice, Sunday, September 20th from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Hot dogs, chips, desserts and pop. Tickets \$7.00 (\$3.00 for dessert only). Raffle and door prizes.
- **Working on Ministries Schedule:** We are working on the new ministries schedule for the acolytes, lectors, keyboardist, and servers, for the month of October, November, and December. If you have any request please call Carolyn at the parish office (729-2058), email her at carolyn@stmichaelsfairbury.org or leave a note in the collection marked "ministries". Please have your request in by September 21st.
- **The Year of Consecrated Life** continues until February 2, 2016. Make a pilgrimage, adopt a community, and find out more ways to celebrate our Religious at www.lincoln.diocese.org/ycl.

- **September Church Cleaning for St. Mary's:** Peggy Niederklein
- **Diocesan Youth Ministry Retreats 2015-2016:** High school students are invited to participate in retreats being held this school year. Quest retreats are for freshman and sophomores. TEC (Teens Encounter Christ) are for juniors and seniors. Questions? Contact Jeff or Georgeanne at 402-488-2040 or email Georgeanne-Rashilla @cdolinc.net. To register, go to www.lincolndiocese.org/ministries-offices/youth-ministry. Quest, Oct. 24-25 at Holdrege; TEC, Oct. 10-12 at Hastings; TEC, Nov. 20-22 at McCook, TEC, Feb. 13-15 at Wahoo.
- **Mass times when you are traveling:** Traveling?? There are web-sites to find the time of Masses at different locations. <http://masstimes.org>
- **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.



Catechetical Sunday

20th of September 2015

Families,

faith communities

and catechists

nurturing faith

together

O God, our Heavenly Father, you have given us the gift of these catechists to be heralds of the Gospel to our parish family. We lift them up to you in thanksgiving and intercede for them concerning their hopes and needs. May we be attentive to the presence of your Word in them, a Word that lifts up and affirms, calls forth and challenges, is compassionate and consoles. We pray that our parish family will always be blessed with those who have responded to the call to share in Christ's prophetic mission as catechists. May we too be open to the universal call to service that Christ addresses to all of his disciples, contributing our gifts to the communion of faith, the Church. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

