

St. Michael's & St. Mary's

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Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 21, 2014



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, Trish Endorf **Trustees:** Bob VanWesten and Bob Bachle

St. Mary's PCCW: Deb Vanwesten

St. Michael's Parish Council: Brenda Mannschresk, Doug Kapke, LeAnn Krause, Dave Panko, Dave Banahan, Bruce Busing, Chad Mans, Matt Umland, **Trustees:** Randy Prellwitz and Keith Mach

St. Michael's PCCW: Brenda Mannschreck

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.

Ministers' Schedules for Next Weekend

	5:30 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
Acolyte	Joe Busing	Jim VanWesten	James Huber
Lector	Randy Prellwitz	Bob Bachle	Joshua Whitney
Server	Peyton Grubbs		RJ Suey
Server	Brock Beed		Braden Suey
Organ/Piano	Carolyn Osborne	Lorrie Hoffstetter	Mary Prellwitz
Gifts/Greeters	Bob & Monica Hinrichs	Bob & Trish Endorf	Tom Murphy
Collection	Doug Kapke & Brenda Mannschreck		

Our Offering to God Last Weekend	St. Michael's	\$ 2225.00
	St. Mary's	\$ 248.00

Please pray for: Rosalie Hamm, Betty (Morgan) Brackle, Bob Seigel, Iola Busing, Rose O'Keefe, Vonja Scheer, Marcellan Siegel, Lorraine Callison, Doug Wiedel, Leona Gaydusek, Norma Bernasek, Jim Cortney, Rozella Prellwitz, Zachary Rowe, Bill Muller, Noelle Salazar, Bernie Boerner, Paul Prellwitz, Brad Eveleth, Kathy Blobaum, Bob McCord, Shirley Sweetser, Ed Lytle, LeRoy Prellwitz, Rita Stone, 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.*

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday	September 22	NO MASS	St. Michael's	NO MASS
Tuesday	September 23	12:10 PM	St. Michael's	Marian Uldrich+
Wednesday	September 24	12:10 PM	St. Michael's	Darrel Wolcott+
Thursday	September 25	5:30 PM	St. Michael's	Darlene Nespor+
Friday	September 26	12:10 PM	St. Michael's	Paul & Mary Kuehne
Saturday	September 27	5:30 PM	St. Michael's	Eugene Mees
Sunday	September 28	8:00 AM	St. Mary's	All Souls Day Intentions of Bob & Donna Milius
Sunday	September 28	10:00 AM	St. Michael's	The People of the Parishes

Confessions	St. Michael's	Saturday	4:45 PM to 5:15 PM
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Daily Mass: Please check Mass schedule carefully for Mass times this week!!!

NEW ITEMS

- **Celebration of the Feast of the Archangels:** Sunday, September 28th, St. Michael's will be celebrating the Feast of the Archangels (St. Michael). The readings and prayers will be proper to this weekend.
- **PCCW Brunch:** To promote parish unity and fellowship, the PCCW will be serving a light brunch following Mass next weekend, September 28th, 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!!



- **Catechetical Sunday:** Sunday, September 21st 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 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, Carolyn Whitney, Mary Mach, Twilya L'Ecuyer and Joshua Whitney.***

- **First Friday Adoration in October:** First Friday Adoration will be held on ***Thursday, October 2nd***, in anticipation of First Friday (October 3rd). The Knights are asking for parish participation and support. Please sign-up for August 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.



- **October Pancake Breakfast:** The Knights of Columbus are going to donate the proceeds after expenses from the **October Pancake breakfast** to the Newman Center in Lincoln. The parish is welcome to attend this free will breakfast, October 12th. The Newman Center is the catholic center in Lincoln serving the UNL campus and surrounding area. Many vocations are fostered there and the center is a thriving community of young men and women sharing their faith. **The pancake breakfast will be held in the parish center.** *Please plan to attend.*
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- **Thank you!** We would like to thank everyone who donated food for Donna Vetch and Brian Starck funeral dinners. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.
 - **Holy Land Pilgrimage** with Fr. Gary Coulter and Fr. Ronald Homes-all are invited to an **Information Night:** Sunday, September 28 at 7:00 p.m. at the Aquinas High School, David City; or Monday, September 29 at 7:00 p.m. at John XXIII Center in Lincoln. Learn about the Holy Land 10-day Pilgrimage Feb. 6-16, 2015. See www.frcoulter.com/holyland
 - **Bishop's Appeal for Vocations:** On September 21-22 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
 - **Blue Mass:** Bishop Conley will be celebrating a Blue Mass on Monday, September 29, 2014 at 9:45 A.M. at St. Mary's Catholic Church (1420 K Street, Lincoln, NE.). Law enforcement, fire and emergency medical service personnel of all faiths in the Lincoln area, along with members of the general public are invited to attend the Mass. This year's Blue Mass is sponsored by the Bishop Louis B. Kucera Assembly #0590, Knights of Columbus, Lincoln, NE.
 - **CCD:** 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. Please remember to enter the driveway on E street and exit on 8th street.
 - **Word Among Us:** We have FREE copies of the Word Among Us for the month of **September**. Please pick yours up today and take home for daily devotions.

- **Parish Council Meeting:** St. Michael's Parish Council will meet, Sunday, September 21st at 11:00 a.m. in the parish center.
- **Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House:** God may be calling you to "come away to a quiet place and abide with Him". Hear His soft & serene voice in the still silence of a retreat. He wants to give you HIS love & HIS Mercy and the Peace that only HE can give! Upcoming retreats: September 26-28, Fr. Son T. Dinh, "Retreat in Vietnamese language"; Women's Retreat, October 3-5, Fr. Michael Mitchell, LC "The Kingdom of Christ". Men and Women Retreat, October 10-12, Fr. Jeremy Hazuka (Legion of Mary) "Mary & laity call to Holiness" You can register at www.goodcounselretreat.com and receive immediate confirmation or call Good Counsel Retreat House at 402-786-2705 to register now.
- **NEW! Catholic's DIVORCE HEALING Program** - The Family Life Office is pleased to announce the beginning of an exciting, new DVD ministry to men and women who have suffered from divorce: *The Catholic's DIVORCE SURVIVAL Guide*. The 12-week program features 30-minute video presentation each week that cover a range of topics from denial, anger, and grief to annulments, spirituality, and forgiveness. Join us beginning Monday, October 6th, at the John XXIII Diocesan Center, 3700 Sheridan Blvd., from 7-9 p.m. Registration fee is \$50, and space is limited. This pilot program will be led by Fr Kilcawley. To register, call the Family Life Office at 402-488-2040.
- **St. Mary's Cemetery Fence:** St. Mary's is collecting funds for a new iron fence on the east and south sides of the cemetery. The cost of the project is \$30,000.00. Donations can be dropped in the collection basket marked "Cemetery Fence" or mailed to St. Mary's, P.O. Box 406, Fairbury, NE. 68352. Any size of donation will be greatly appreciated. ***To date \$18800.00 has been donated.***
- **Thought of the week:** Jesus Christ gave and still gives all He has and is.
- **St. Mary's Church Cleaning for September:** Rhonda Burkhart
- **Best Choice Labels:** Please continue to save you labels, and put them in the container at the back of the church.

- **St. Isidore Catholic Radio** is a new apostolate to raise funds to boost the KVSS 102.7 signal in a 7 mile radius around the Beatrice listening area. We are asking area Catholic Church communities to join us by participating in our Saturday, October 4th, Garage Sale at St. Joseph Church Parish Hall from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. We are also taking contributions of clean and gently used items after all 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Masses on each Sunday during September. The drop off location prior to the sale is the former Masonic Building on our grounds. We cannot accept the following: car seats, pianos, mattresses, big wooden furniture, computers, bed pillows, carpeting, tires, drapes, exercise equipment, doors, TVs, or gas appliances. The proceeds will be used for the hardware, internet access and maintenance of an antenna constructed before June 2015 in the St. Joseph bell tower. Contact Garage Sale Project Leaders: Harold and Peggy Nielsen [402-228-4090](tel:402-228-4090), if you have questions. Monetary donations may be mailed to: St. Isidore Catholic Radio, Box 27 Beatrice, NE 68310. Thank you for helping us to reach our goal!
- **Website:** You can find St. Michael's/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 and it will be something they will not have to worry about.** You may turn them in to the office or you may keep at you 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.



- **Selling Land or an Appreciated Stock or Asset?** You have worked a lifetime to accumulate assets. Now you would like to sell or liquidate to be able to use the money during retirement but you are faced with Capital Gains tax that could be as high as 20%.

By using a Charitable Remainder trust you can **avoid** the capital gains tax and receive all the money back that you placed into the trust over a period of years. You decide the number of years to receive income and the percentage you want back annually.

This has worked great for those that want to use some of their hard earned money in retirement that may be tied up in assets. The benefit to you is avoidance of the capital gains tax. Call me for more details. Les Mach, the Catholic Foundation 402-443-6180.

THEME BASKETS

DEAR FELLOW PARISHIONERS,

Once again, we are having the "Theme Basket Silent Auction" at our annual Soup Luncheon which will be held in the School gym, October 26, 2014. We are inviting everyone in the Parish to donate one or more Theme Baskets to sell. You may do this as an individual, family, and Parish group, group of friends, business or CCD project. The items you place in the basket will reflect the theme you choose. There is no set limit to the cost, size, or number of items placed in each basket. (Please no "white elephant" items.) Use your talents and imagination in creating your special basket! (Theme ideas are listed at the bottom of this page, or you may choose an idea of your own.)

When you have selected the theme and items for your basket, please complete the form enclosed in the bulletin, and turn in half the form to the secretary/office or drop it in the collection basket at Mass. The other half of the form you will want to attach to your completed basket.

Please bring the assembled basket, wrapped in clear plastic wrap/cellophane, to the church or to the office in the crypt by Friday, October 17th, if possible, so they can be displayed in the back of the church. They will also be displayed on the stage on October 26th. Feel free to contact Mary Prellwitz at [402-729-6647](tel:402-729-6647) for questions or other arrangements.

Each of these baskets will have a paper for people to write their name and bid on and all starting bids will be set by the donor. The person with the highest bid will win and purchase that basket. You do not need to be present to win and there is no limit to the number of bids you place on a basket or the number of baskets you bid on. Please encourage your family and friends to attend the soup luncheon and try their luck on purchasing a basket. These will make wonderful birthday, anniversary, wedding, get well, and/or Christmas gifts!!

If you have any questions please contact

Mary Prellwitz at [402-729-6647](tel:402-729-6647) or randyprellwitz@windstream.net

Suggestions for Theme Baskets

Movie night	Baby items	Summer Fun	Coffee/Tea	Golf
Office Organizer	School Kits	Bowling	Holiday Theme	Bath Time
Chocolate	Pamper Yourself	Relaxation	Game Night	Stress Relief
Religious	Mexican Fiesta	Hair Care	Kitchen Utensils	Grilling
Fishing	Baking	Grocery Items	Patriotic	Foot Care
Camping	First Aid	Car Care	Teen Fun	Go Huskers
Sewing	Ball Game	Memory Album	Kids toys/games	Pet Lover's

Please complete this form and turn it into the Office or drop it in the collection basket at Mass by October 13th or 14th.

(We are requesting this information ahead of time so we can have a typed list of all the baskets available at the Soup Luncheon)

Theme Basket Form-Soup Luncheon 2014

Basket Theme/Title:

Contents:

Approximate Value: \$ _____

Provide Starting Bid: \$ _____

Donated By:

Please complete this form
and attach it to your completed basket.

(If possible, bring the basket to the parish office by October 17th, so it can
be displayed the week before the Soup Luncheon, or bring to the school
by 10 a.m. on October 26.)

Theme Basket Form-Soup Luncheon 2014

Basket Theme/Title:

Contents:

Approximate Value: \$ _____

Provide Starting Bid: \$ _____

Donated By:
