

St. Michael's & St. Mary's

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Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Feast of Saint Michael, Gabriel and Raphael

September 27, 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	Bruce Busing	Bob VanWesten	Steve Graff
Lector	Randy Prellwitz	Scott DeWald	Lorraine Borch
Server	Brock Beed		RJ Suey
Server	Connor Gerths		Braden Suey
Organ/Piano	Mary Prellwitz	Lorrie Hofstetter	Mary Mach
Gifts/Greeters	Ronn & Betty Brackle	Bob & Donna Milius	Linda Hermsmier & Deborah Jones
Collection	Mary Mach & Eddie Lytle		

Our Offering to God Last Weekend		Adult	Plate	Children
	St. Michael's	\$677.00	\$85.25	\$8.00
	St. Mary's	\$310.00	\$14.00	
	St. Michael's Debt	Last Week	Total	
		\$0.00	\$8185.00	

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday	September 28	NO MASS	St. Michael's	NO MASS
Tuesday	September 29	12:10 PM	St. Michael's	All Souls Day Intentions of Tom & Twilya L'Ecuyer
Wednesday	September 30	12:10 PM	St. Michael's	Dave Tynan+
Thursday	October 1	5:30 PM	St. Michael's	Bill & Arlene Wagner+
Friday	October 2	12:10 PM	St. Michael's	Walter & Dorrine Milius+
Saturday	October 3	5:30 PM	St. Michael's	Charles & Anna Margaret Steele+
Sunday	October 4	8:00 AM	St. Mary's	All Souls Day Intentions of Jim & Ellen VanWesten
Sunday	October 4	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, Knoxley Gerths, 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



- **Save the Date:** St. Michael's PCCW will be hosting their Annual Soup Luncheon, Sunday, October 25th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the school gym. ***Mark your calendar and help support the PCCW by attending and donating your time and talent.*** Please invite friends and family.

- **Penny Harvest:** The CCD is collecting money for the Blue Valley Giving Tree Project during the months of October and November. They are asking the parish to help with their project. A Penny Harvest Jar is located on the back table of the church. Please be as generous as possible with your change to help the less fortunate.



- **LDCCW October Pro-Life Diaper Drive:** The LDCCW is sponsoring the 6th Annual October Pro-Life Diaper Drive, collecting diapers throughout the month of October in each of the Lincoln Diocese parishes. **The assistance of everyone in the Lincoln Diocese is requested.** Donations will be shared with the Crisis Pregnancy Centers approved by the Bishop's Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities and Catholic Social Services across the Diocese and St. Gianna's Home. Listen to Spirit Catholic Radio for Diaper Drive announcements.

- **Ministry Schedule:** Please pick up your ministry schedule in the back of the church. Remember, if you are unable to serve your ministry, it is your job to find a replacement.
- **Word Among Us:** We have FREE copies of the Word Among Us for the month of **October**. Please pick yours up today and take home for daily devotions.
- **Get Ready to Pledge:** Spirit Catholic Radio continues to grow throughout Nebraska. It is a source of guidance, prayer and support. Now more than ever Spirit Catholic Radio can be the tool that evangelizes your family. Strengthen that prayer support by pledging to Spirit Catholic Radio during their Fall Care-a-thon. If you have \$10, \$20 or more to donate please call 855-571-1025 or go online on September 29.

- **Plant Sale:** Saturday, October 3rd from 8:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m. at Faith Lutheran, 1630 I Street. Benefits go to Samaritan's Purse Christmas Child Shoe Boxes.
- **St. Stephen's Altar Society Salad Luncheon & Card Party:** Thursday, October 22. Doors open at 11:00 a.m., serving starts at 11:30 a.m., at St. Stephen's Parish Hall, 204 North Union, Exeter, NE. Bridge and Pitch in the afternoon. Tickets are \$10.00 at the door.
- **Prince of Peace Catholic Church will host Sarah Hart** in a free concert on Sunday evening, October 11 at 7:00 p.m. The concert titled *An Evening of Praise* promises to be an inspirational evening of music and praise led by Grammy nominated Christian singer/songwriter Sarah Hart. Prince of Peace is located at 2407 West 56th Street in Kearney.
- **St. Joseph Parish-Colon Roast Beef Dinner, Sunday, October 4.** Serving roast beef, real mashed potatoes and gravy, cole slaw, homemade rolls, kolaches and pies. 11:00 to 2:00. An adult \$10, children age 5 to 10 is \$4 and 4 and under is free! Also featured during the day is a silent auction, cake walk, children's games and bake sale. Live auction begins at 1:30 p.m.
- **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. **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 this weekend, September 27th, in the center. A free will donation will be taken up. Please join us this 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 on the back table for anyone interested in leading the Rosary. Please start the rosary 20 minutes before Mass will begin. Thank you!!
- **Thought of the Week:** God's laws are just and trust worthy.



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- **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.



- **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.
- **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.
- **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
- **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.
- **October Church Cleaning for St. Mary's:** Deb VanWesten
- **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.



Saint Michael, the Archangel

God had made Heaven and the Earth and all the Angels and all the extra important Angels, called Archangels. The Archangels were God's very special friends and were Shining and Strong and Powerful. One Archangel was called Michael. Michael, the Archangel, was "the Angel of the Lord", who was sent to Moses and Jacob and Abraham and to other people throughout the history of the world.

Saint Michael, the Archangel, who ranks among the seven Archangels, is also one of the three Angels mentioned by name in the Scriptures; the others being Saint Raphael and Saint Gabriel. Saint Gabriel is the messenger to the Blessed Virgin Mary in the Mystery of the Incarnation. Michael is the defender of Jesus Christ in his Sacred Humanity. Saint Michael, the Archangel. He is spoken of twice in the Old Testament, and twice in the New.

The name Michael signifies "Who is like to God" and was the war cry of the good Angels in the battle fought in heaven against Satan and his followers. Because of the victory, Saint Michael, the Archangel, is revered in Catholic tradition and liturgy as the Protector of the Church, as once, he was regarded as the Protector of the Israelites. In the Eastern Church, Saint Michael, the Archangel, is placed over all the Angels, as Prince of the Seraphim.

As distinct from the Guardian Angels, the Archangels are God's messengers to man in matters of grave moment; e.g., Gabriel to the Virgin Mary, Raphael to Tobias; and to the Archangels God also entrusts the care of persons of exalted rank or sanctity to the Archangels. Saint Michael, the Archangel, was the angel who communicated with Joan of Arc. In spite of her efforts to save her king and country with the help of God, Joan was betrayed by her own people to the English who tried her as a witch and burned her at the stake.

Saint Michael, the Archangel, is usually depicted with a sword. This sword is double edged: truth and justice. As the Archangel of battle and defender of Heaven, Michael is said to be the Patron Saint of policemen. In the Christian Bible, Michael is said to be the Angel who told the Virgin Mary of her approaching death.



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 25, 2015. 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 16th, if possible, so they can be displayed in the back of the church. They will also be displayed on the stage on October 25th. 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 10th or 11th.

(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 2015

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 16th, so it can
be displayed the week before the Soup Luncheon, or bring to the school
by 10 a.m. on October 25.)

Theme Basket Form-Soup Luncheon 2015

Basket Theme/Title:

Contents:

Approximate Value: \$ _____

Provide Starting Bid: \$ _____

Donated By:
