

St. Michael's & St. Mary's

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St. Michael's Prayer Chain	Carmen Juarez: 729-3623	

HOLY FAMILY

December 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. 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

Ministers' Schedules for Next Weekend			
	5:30 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
Acolyte	Joe Busing	31 st : Jim VanWesten Bob Vanwesten	James Huber
Lector	Randy Prellwitz	31 st : Rhonda Burkhart Daryl Anderson	Devin Lovgren
Server	Aldo Ramos		Paul Mach
Server	Salvador Chavez		Devin Wanamaker
Music	Mary Banahan	Lorrie Hofstetter	Janice Bell
Gifts/Greeters	Salvador Chavez	31 st : Bob & Donna Milius Bob & Trish Endorf	Barb Arner
Collection	LeAnn Krause & Dave Panko		

NOTICE: Starting January 2016 we have prepared a new Lay Ministry Schedule. If you are unable to fulfill your assigned time on a regular rotated basis please contact the office at (402) 729-2058 or email frjohn@stmichaelsfairbury.org. If you are unable to fulfill an individual assignment please contact another Lay Minister.

ALERT: Due to New Year's falling on Friday, all bulletin notices must be submitted by Tues at noon.

- **BULLETIN:** If you have news for the bulletin, please call the Rectory 729-2058 or or email info@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.
- **SEMINARIAN OF THE WEEK:** Please keep our Seminarian of the week, **Jason Doher**, in your prayers.

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE				
Monday	December 28		St. Michael's	No Mass
Tuesday	December 29	12:10PM	St. Michael's	Steve Wilson+
Wednesday	December 30	12:10PM	St. Michael's	Msgr Hintz+
Thursday	December 31	4:00PM	St. Michael's	John Bernasek+
		6:00PM	St. Mary's	People of the Parishes
Friday	January 1	9:00AM	St. Michael's	William Muller+
Saturday	January 2	5:30 PM	St. Michael's	World Refugees
Sunday	January 3	8:00 AM	St. Mary's	David Dewald+
Sunday	January 3	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	

Please pray for: Betty (Mrs. Morgan) Brackle, Iola Busing, Rose O'Keefe, Vonja Scheer, Doug Wiedel, Leona Gaydusek, Zachary Rowe, Noelle Salazar, Brad Eveleth, Bob McCord, Eddie Lytle, Rita Stone, 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.*

Parish News & Upcoming Events

Parish collection data:

	<u><i>St. Michael's</i></u>	<u><i>St. Mary's</i></u>
12/20/2015		
Adult	\$1,177.00	\$355.00
Plate	100.00	\$12.00
Center rent	30.00	Cemetery \$350.00
Flowers	30.00	
Children	6.12	
Debt Retirement	250.00	
Total	\$1,593.12	\$717.00
Flowers	\$209.25	

St Michael's Debt Reduction current total \$1,310.00.

Thought of the Week: Christ is born for us, come! Let us adore him.

Christmas Decorating Clean Up--- The date and time has been set for Sunday January 10 immediately following the after mass K of C pancake feed. We will also be doing some general clean up---vacuuming and dusting---so please bring your favorite vacuum to get under the pews and up the steps to the choir loft. Also, please bring swiffers and dust cloths to dust the pews, railings, window sills, statues and stations. We will not be cleaning the Altar area. Bring the family and your best friends and we will make short work of all of this.

PCCW---The yearbook will be ready for pick up in January. The chairmen and committees will stay the same unless you notify us otherwise by January 1, 2016. If you need to make a change, notify any officer or Father. Also, please notify us of any phone # changes--there seem to be quite a few of those, please check closely. Also, let us know of any other mistakes or omissions. Thank you.

PCCW---We are in need of a president. The office is not difficult, but does require a monthly meeting moderator and overseeing/checking on committees each month to insure a "smooth operation". All women of the parish are automatically members,

please give this serious consideration as the same few should not be asked to take on these responsibilities year after year.

PCCW---College Students--PCCW will send thinking of you/study encouragement cards to all parish students and or young service people of the parish. So, parents, please let us know who and where your son or daughter are, so they can be included. Thank you.

Listed are winners of St. Michaels Christmas raffle. Pewter music box - Lila Thomas, \$100 Mary Kay gift certificate-Justin Schmit, \$100 cash prize from Dave BanahanTrucking-Cindy Blackburn, Sofa Mate from Barbers Home furnishing-Emma Young , Ham from Livingston Enterprise- Sherrill Goeking, Oil change from C&O ford-Catherine Thomas., Gift certificate for First Friday wine tasting-Linda Hersmeier, \$50 cash prize from Rosalie Tynan-LeRoy Vetch, \$100 cash prize from Jan Weeks-Barrett Miller grandson of Larae Endorf, 31 bag from Lori Arnold-Sue Hynek.

Thank you to the donors of our raffle prizes.

6th annual LDCCW Winter Symposium at Waverly Retreat House is for all ladies of the Diocese: Friday & Saturday, Jan. 15 and 16. The theme is "Seeking God through works of mercy." Friday evening begins at 7:30 p.m. with a Rosary Vigil for the Unborn followed by the Divine Mercy Chaplet (sung) and Marian songs led by Ellen Soukup and a wine & cheese social. Saturday will run from 8:30-3:00, with local speakers and two panels consisting of (1) Sisters from the Lincoln Diocese and (2) Mothers of Religious Sisters. The Most Reverend Bishop James D. Conley will celebrate Mass at 11:15 a.m.. Call or email the Retreat House (402-786-2795 or <http://www.goodcounselretreat.com/retreat/schedule>) to sign up.

Prayer Cards available: with a Prayer of Renunciation, Deliverance & Healing are on the back table.

Best of Northern Ireland & the Republic of Ireland. 11 days.
April 18-28, 2016, led by veteran pilgrimage leader Father John Vakulskas. Belfast, Derry, Shrine of Knock, Shrine at Ballymoe dedicated to Father Flanagan, founder of Boys Town, Galway, Ring f Kerry, Kilarney, Connemara, Dublin & much more. R/T Omaha \$3229. Includes R/T air, tours, transfers most meals, First class hotels, daily Mass & free time. Limited seat, For more info: Fr John Vakulskas PO Box 347 Okoboji, IA 51355 712-490-8047 or johnvakulskas@gmail.com

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 substitute teachers, 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.

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.

A T Mass or the Lord's Supper the People of God is called together, with a Priest presiding and acting in the person of Christ, to celebrate the memorial of the Lord or Eucharistic Sacrifice. In an outstanding way there applies to such a local gathering of the holy Church the promise of Christ: "Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in their midst". For in the celebration of Mass, in which the Sacrifice of the Cross is perpetuated, Christ is really present in the very assembly gathered in his name, in the person of the minister, in his word, and indeed substantially and uninterruptedly under the Eucharistic species.

(General instruction of the Roman Missal #27)

