



ST. MICHAEL'S ST. MARY'S

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4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Dec 23/24, 2017

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 (402) 729-2058.

St. Mary's Parish Council: Duane Bartek & Ritchie Burkhart

Trustees: Bob VanWesten and Bob Bachle

St. Mary's PCCW: Deb Vanwesten

St. Michael's Parish Council: Mary Prellwitz, John Ragland, Deb Jones, Megan Grant, Mary Mach, Eddie Lytle.

Trustees: Keith Mach and Randy Prellwitz

St. Michael's PCCW: Beth Hansmire

Knights of Columbus: Randy Prellwitz

CCD Coordinator: Beth Hansmire

Confession schedule: Saturday 4:45 PM to 5:15 PM

Ministers' Schedules for December 30/31, 2017

	5:30 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
Acolyte	Luis Ramos	Bob VanWesten	Randy Prellwitz
Lector	Randy Prellwitz	Rhonda Burkhardt	Devin Lovgren
Server	Aldo Ramos		CJ Goeking
Server			Devin Wanamaker
Music	Mary Banahan	Lorrie Hofstetter	LeAnn Krause
Gifts/Greeters	Mary Feldkamp	Jill & Jason Stewart	Jim & Janice Bell
Collection	Father Birkel		
Church Cleaning for December- Peggy Niederklein			

Mass intentions for the week of Dec 25th – 31st

Monday	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	St. Mary's St. Michael's	Special Intention The People of the Parishes
Tuesday	No Mass	St. Michael's	NO MASS
Wednesday	No Mass	St. Michael's	NO MASS
Thursday	5:30PM	St. Michael's	John Bernasek+
Friday	Noon	St. Michael's	Special Intention
Saturday	9:00 AM 5:30PM	St. Michael's St. Michael's	Special Intention Special Intention
Sunday	8:00 AM	St. Mary's	Jerry Pugsley+
Sunday Mary, Mother of God	10:00 AM 4:00 PM	St. Michael's St. Michael's	The People of the Parishes Special Intention

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.

Please pray for:

Randy Wilhelm
Vonia Scheer
Evelyn Birkel

Frank Kosmacek
Steve Graff
Bob Gibson

Eddie Lytle
Tom Huber
Rozella Prellwitz

- **BULLETIN:** If you have news for the bulletin, please call the Rectory 729-2058 or email st.michael.fairbury@gmail.com. Deadline for additions - Thursday by 10:00 AM.
- **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.

Parish News & Upcoming Events

Parish collection data:

December 17, 2017

	<u>St. Michael's</u>	<u>St. Mary's</u>
Adult	\$1,005.00	\$480.00
Plate	77.10	22.00
Building Fund	25.00	
Debt Reduction	795.00	
Cemetery		20.00
Total	\$1,902.10	\$522.00

Debt Reduction Current Totals:	Loan Pmt - 12/17
	\$17,360.33
Joy of the Gospel Rebates	7,101.75
Debt Reduction Envelopes	11,880.00
Amount applied to next year	\$1,621.42

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION It takes \$2,089.36 a week to run St. Michael's Parish.

<i>Operation Cost</i>	\$2,089.36
<i>This weeks</i>	<i>collection</i>
\$1,142.10	

Shortage!!!!... \$947.26

That does NOT include the money needed to make our loan payment, \$333.85 per week but Joy of the Gospel rebates also go towards that.

VOCATIONS TO PRAY FOR:

Sr. Mary Jacinta of St. John Lalande Parish in Blue Springs, MO and Sr. Mary Ruth of Sts. Ann & Joachim in Fargo, ND are both in their 1st vows at School Sister of Christ the King.

Seriously, if the weather is such that it's not safe to be out, then not coming to Mass is not a sin.

Masses for the Christmas, December 24,

Sunday afternoon at **4:00PM** in Saint Michael's,
 Monday morning at **8:00AM** in St Mary's &
 Monday morning at **10:00AM** in Saint Michael's.

Masses for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, January 1st,

Sunday afternoon at **4:00PM** in Saint Michael's,
 Monday morning at **8:00AM** in St Mary's &
 Monday morning at **10:00AM** in Saint Michael's.

NUMBER PLEASE, we are updating our parish records. Please send us your mobile telephone numbers, preferably by email. Thank you!

THE DIOCESE OF LINCOLN REQUIRES that its employees and volunteers report any allegation of abuse or neglect of a minor or elder connected with church related activity to law enforcement, consistent with the requirements of Nebraska Law. If anyone has information that a minor or elder is being or has been subjected to

abuse or neglect please report it immediately to local law enforcement or to the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services toll-free number 1-800-652-1999, and also to any Parish Pastor, School Administrator, Teacher, or to any Diocesan official at the Catholic Chancery 402-488-0921, so that immediate steps may be taken for the protection of the minor or elder.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will be having a special Mass in memory of the deceased Knights of council #4434 on **January 8th** at 6:30pm. There will be a short remembrance ceremony and refreshments, immediately following the Mass, in the parish center. ***Everyone is welcome to come.*** The Knights of Columbus will be leading the Rosary before Mass on Saturday December 30th and after Mass on December 31st. Everyone is invited. The Knights of Columbus will be taking donations of cleaning supplies to donate to the Hope Crisis Center. When families are relocated, they often don't have cleaning supplies, these donations will help alleviate a shortage of cleaning supplies. All cleaning items are welcome. Examples would be items like paper towels, Windex, bathroom cleaners, etc... Please put any donations in the cart located in the back of church. Your donations are appreciated.

FAIRBURY RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE is Tuesday, **January 9, 2018** from 11:30am-5:30pm at Fairbury Elks Lodge - 525 G Street. For appointments call Verna at 402-729-2550. Walk-ins are welcome.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE MEMBERS of Council #4434 for receiving the Star Council award. The criteria for this award are high and our council did well to meet these goals. If you aren't already a knight and are curious what activities we do, please speak with Grand Knight – Randy

Prellwitz, or any other Knight. We would be happy to explain all the benefits you can receive as a member of the Knights of Columbus.

INTRO TO DELIVERANCE The Diocesan Office of Evangelization will be hosting this free event consisting of four 20 minute talks. Join up in Beatrice at St. Joseph Parish Hall on Thursday, **January 4th** from 7:00-8:30pm. No registration needed. Contact Matt at Matthew-simmons@cdolinc.net or 402-805-9668 with any questions.

ANNUAL MASS OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS will be celebrated on Thursday, **December 28th**. Reading of names will begin at 6:30pm with Mass at 7:00pm at John XXIII Diocesan Center Chapel, 3700 Sheridan Blvd., Lincoln.

UNBOUND Retreat at Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House, **January 19-21, 2018** with Fr., William Holoubek. This weekend retreat is geared towards men and women who have already read the book or watched the video series, and will provide opportunities for praying the five keys with a prayer team. Please register at www.goodcounselretreat.com.

HEALING: Bringing the Gift of God's Mercy to the World will be presented by Dr. Mary Healy, S.T.D. at St. Thomas Aquinas Church/UNL Newman Center on **Feb. 24** from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Registration for this presentation is \$10. All are welcome for the 6 p.m. vigil Mass, then join Dr. Healy for a healing prayer service from 7-10 p.m. There is no cost or registration required for the prayer service. Register for the presentation at <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/healing-presentation>.