



# ST. MICHAEL'S ST. MARY'S

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HOLY FAMILY SUNDAY

Dec 30/31, 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 Burkhardt

*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 January 6/7, 2018

	5:30 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
<b>Acolyte</b>	Bruce Busing	Bob VanWesten	James Huber
<b>Lector</b>	John Ragland	Scott DeWald	Ronn Brackle
<b>Server</b>	Connor Gerths		RJ Suey
<b>Server</b>	Salvador Chavez		Braden Suey
<b>Music</b>	Mary Prellwitz	Lorrie Hofstetter	Donna Winslow
<b>Gifts/Greeters</b>	Bob & Shirley Gibson	John & Donna Rut	Keith & Mary Mach
<b>Collection</b>	Mary Prellwitz & John Ragland		

### Church Cleaning for January – Donna Rut

### Mass intentions for the week of January 1<sup>st</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>

<b>Monday</b>	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	St. Mary's St. Michael's	People of the Parishes Special Intention
<b>Tuesday</b>	NO MASS	NO MASS	NO MASS
<b>Wednesday</b>	Noon	St. Michael's	Special Intention
<b>Thursday</b>	5:30PM	St. Michael's	Joe Busing+
<b>Friday</b>	Noon	St. Michael's	Special Intention
<b>Saturday</b>	9:00 AM	St. Michael's	Special Intention
	5:30 PM	St. Michael's	Special Intention
<b>Sunday</b>	8:00 AM	St. Mary's	The Seven Sisters
	10:00 AM	St. Michael's	The People of the Parishes

*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](mailto: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:

<b>December 24, 2017</b>	<u><b>St. Michael's</b></u>	<u><b>St. Mary's</b></u>
Adult	\$1,220.00	\$1,055.00
Plate	119.00	31.00
Christmas	1,168.00	2,711.82
Debt Reduction (went to 2017 pmt)	355.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,862.00</b>	<b>\$3,797.82</b>

<b>Debt Reduction Current Totals:</b>	<b>Loan Pmt Due December 2018</b>
	<b>\$17,360.33</b>
Joy of the Gospel Rebates	1,976.42
Debt Reduction Envelopes	0.00
<b>Amount needed for Loan Payment</b>	<b>\$15,384.00</b>

### **THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:**

"Let us free Christmas from the worldliness that has taken it hostage! The true spirit of Christmas is the beauty of being loved by God."  
Pope Francis

Anthony Robert Bedient son of Mr. & Mrs. Robert Bedient and Mr. & Mrs. Larry Kopsa from St. Joseph Parish in York, NE is in his 3rd Year of Theology at Mount St. Mary Seminary.

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

Operation Cost	\$2,089.36
This weeks collection	\$2,507.00
OVERAGE!!!!...	\$417.67

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.

**WE SUPPORT VOCATIONS & PRAY FOR**  
Sr. Carmencita of The Child Jesus from Perryville, AR and Sr. Celine Marie of the Infant Jesus of Prague from N. Barrington, IL are both Jr. Professed Novice at Carmel of Jesus, Mary & Joseph.

**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 SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD,**

January 1<sup>st</sup>,  
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.

### **BISHOP APPEAL FOR VOCATIONS TOTALS**

St. Mary's - \$460.00 (Goal-\$880)  
St. Michael's - \$3,835.00 (Goal-\$3,800)

**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED** Decorate the church for Christmas it looked beautiful and we received many compliments on it.

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

**THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** will be having a special Mass in memory of the deceased Knights of council #4434 on **January 8<sup>th</sup>** 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 30<sup>th</sup> and after Mass on December 31<sup>st</sup>. Everyone is invited. The Knights of Columbus will be taking donations of cleaning supplies to donate to the Hope Crisis Center. All cleaning items are welcome. 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.

**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 4<sup>th</sup>** from 7:00-8:30pm. No registration needed. Contact Matt at [Matthew-simmons@cdolinc.net](mailto:Matthew-simmons@cdolinc.net) or 402-805-9668 with any questions.

**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](http://www.goodcounselretreat.com).

**FOR MEN & WOMEN SEEKING HEALING FROM DIVORCE:** The Catholic Divorced Survival Guide was created to bring hope and healing to divorced and separated Catholics. The next session will begin **February 5, 2018** and is held at John XXIII Diocesan Center, Lincoln, NE from 7-9pm. Classes are kept small. Register by calling the Family Life Office at, 402-473-0620, or catholicflo@cdolinc.net

**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 at <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/healing-presentation>.