



ST. MICHAEL'S ST. MARY'S

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5TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Feb 3/ 4, 2018

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: Carmen Ragland

Knights of Columbus: Randy Prellwitz

CCD Coordinator: Beth Hansmire

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

Ministers' Schedules for February 10/11, 2018

	5:30 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
Acolyte	Ronn Brackle	Bob VanWesten	Randy Prellwitz
Lector	Chris Higgins	Rhonda Burkhardt	Devin Lovgren
Server	Aldo Ramos		CJ Goeking
Server			Devin Wanamaker
Music	Mary Banahan	Lorrie Hofstetter	Janice Bell
Gifts/Greeters	Mary Feldkamp	Mr. & Mrs. Ken Milius	Kenny & LeAnn Krause
Collection	Mary Mach & Eddie Lytle		

Church Cleaning for February – Deb VanWesten

Mass intentions for the week of February 5th – 11th

Monday	NO MASS	St. Michael's	NO MASS
Tuesday	Noon	St. Michael's	Special Intention of Fr Birkel
Wednesday	Noon	St. Michael's	The Seven Sisters
Thursday	5:30 PM	St. Michael's	Charlie Barringer+
Friday	Noon	St. Michael's	Jerry Pugsley+
Saturday	9:00 AM	St. Michael's	Special Intention
	5:30 PM	St. Michael's	Special Intention
Sunday	8:00 AM	St. Mary's	Special Intention
	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. 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:

January 28, 2018

	<u>St. Michael's</u>	<u>St. Mary's</u>
Adult	\$1,142.00	\$929.56
Plate	54.00	3.75
Children	4.00	
Debt Reduction	315.00	
Total	\$1,515.00	\$933.31

Debt Reduction Current Totals:	Loan Pmt Due December 2018
	\$17,360.33
Joy of the Gospel Rebates	1,976.42
Debt Reduction Envelopes	590.00
Amount needed for Loan Payment	\$14,793.91

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

There is no such thing as harmless disinformation; trusting in falsehood can have dire consequences.

-Pope Francis.

PARISH INFORMATION

\$2,089.36 a week to run St. Michael's Parish.

Operation Cost \$2,089.36

This weeks \$1,200.00

collection

SHORTAGE!!!!... \$889.36

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. Guadalupe of the Holy Eucharist (Jr. Professed Novice) of Oklahoma City, OK & Sr. Bernadette of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (Novice) of Thornton, CO in the Carmel of Jesus, Mary & Joseph.

Robert John Froschl son of Phillip & Laurel Froeschl of Sts. Peter & Paul in Falls City, NE is in his 2nd Year of Theology at Mt. St. Mary Seminary.

ST MICHAEL'S PARISH COUNCIL SUMMARY:

We are currently just breaking even financially.

The Diocese is implementing a complete diocese program to educate our young people on how to stay safe & know that their sexuality is sacred.

We reviewed the policy of keeping the church locked, due to the vandalism, we are going to continue to lock the church & look into security cameras.

We would like to replace the west set of windows on the Center to match the east set. This would cost \$7,500. If someone would like to make a gift of new windows, please let us know.

We were given a donation for new computers, for the office & collection counting.

We will post directions for the thermostat in the Center.

We will replace the vandalized fire extinguisher.

We have our next meeting scheduled for April 15th.

ST MICHAEL'S PCCW booklets are ready for pickup! Please get yours soon!!!

KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #4434 will be having their first fish fry of the year on Friday February 16, 2018 in the school gymnasium. The menu will be: Fried fish/Baked fish, green beans, baked potato, coleslaw, macaroni and cheese. Ice tea, water, and deserts. Please come and enjoy a great fish meal. Proceeds help the Knights of Columbus council with many service projects throughout the year. These service projects benefit our parish, local community, state and nation. This is a free will donation.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #4434 will be having their February council meeting February 12, 2018 in the parish center at 7:00pm. Rosary will be held at 6:30 in the chapel.

YOUR ACTION NEEDED NOW. Our state legislature is considering an important legislative bill (LB295) that advances educational opportunity for Nebraska's low-income and working-class families. LB295 enacts a tax credit for private donations to nonprofits that would provide K-12 private-school scholarships for poor and working-class children. Take action now, visit www.necatholic.org

for more information. God bless your faithful advocacy!

FOR MEN & WOMEN SEEKING HEALING FROM DIVORCE: 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

"HEIGHTEN OUR HEART-TO-HEART COMMUNICATION" Marriage Encounter-weekend in Lincoln, Feb. 9--11. Contact couple Pat & Janelle Benson: Janelle 308-940-1105, Pat 308-940-0670, Home 308-946-3568

HEALING: Bringing the Gift of God's Mercy to the World at St. Thomas Aquinas Church/UNL Newman Center on **Feb. 24** from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Registration for this presentation is \$10. Register <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/healing-presentation>.

HEALING HEARTS SUPPORT SESSIONS The sessions will be held on six weekly Tuesday evenings beginning February 13, 2018, 7:00-9:00 p.m., at John XXIII Diocesan Center, 37th & Sheridan Blvd. Suggested Donation: \$25 (for materials) To register, please call 402-473-0620.

JOY & HOPE ANNIVERSARY RECOGNITION MASS and reception for all married couples will be held Sunday, February 11, 2018 at the regular 9:00 a.m. Suggested donation of \$10 per couple to cover reception costs appreciated! Registration forms are available [in the church], or call the Family Life Office, (402) 473-0620.