



ST. MICHAEL'S ST. MARY'S

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3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

March 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 March 10/11, 2018

	5:30 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
Acolyte	Ronn Brackle	Bob VanWesten	James Huber
Lector	Chris Higgins	Scott DeWald	Lorraine Borch
Server	Aldo Ramos		CJ Goeking
Server			Devin Wanamaker
Music	Mary Prellwitz	Lorrie Hofstetter	LeAnn Krause
Gifts/Greeters	Lori Arnold	Mark & Peggy Niederklein	Barb Arner
Collection	Mary Mach/Eddie Lytle		

Church Cleaning for March – Ellen VanWesten

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

Monday	Noon	St. Michael's	Jerry Pugsley+
Tuesday	8:00 am	St. Michael's	Special Intention
Wednesday	No Mass	St. Michael's	NO MASS
Thursday	No Mass	St. Michael's	NO MASS
Friday	No Mass	St. Michael's	NO MASS
Saturday	No Mass	St. Michael's	
	5:30 PM	St. Michael's	Tucker Jaurez+
Sunday	8:00 AM	St. Mary's	The People of the Parishes
	10:00 AM	St. Michael's	Charlie Barringer+

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, Hospice
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:

February 25, 2018

	<u>St. Michael's</u>	<u>St. Mary's</u>
Adult	\$1,325.00	\$235.00
Plate	38.00	50.00
Children	4.00	
Catholic Press	30.00	
Debt Reduction	430.00	
Total	\$1,827.00	\$285.00

Debt Reduction Current Totals:	Loan Pmt Due December 2018
	\$17,360.33
Joy of the Gospel Rebates	1,976.42
Debt Reduction Envelopes	1,790.00
Amount needed for Loan Payment	\$14,023.91

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

The emptier a person's heart is, the more he or she needs to buy, own, and consume.

-Pope Francis

SEMINARIAN OF THE WEEK

Robert William Johnson
son of Jimmy & Teresa Johnson of St. Thomas Parish in Lincoln, NE is in his 2nd year of Theology at Mt. St. Mary Seminary.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

No Stations this Friday.

THE KNIGHTS OF

COLUMBUS Council #4434 will be having their meeting on March 12 in the parish center at 7:00. Rosary will be prior to the meeting in

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

Operation Cost	\$2,089.36
This week's collection	\$1,397.00
SHORTAGE!!!!...	\$692.36

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.

the basement chapel at 6:30.

THE NEXT KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY will be March 16 in the school gym from 5:30 to 7:00.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Council #4434 would like to welcome 2 new members Dave Banahan and Chris Higgins. Give a welcome to these brother Knights.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
Are you thinking of doing almsgiving during Lent? The Knights of Columbus has an opportunity for you. We will be setting the cart in back church and we ask each person of the parish to donate 40 cans of canned goods for the 40 days of lent. These canned goods will then be given to the local food bank.

ST PATRICK'S DAY DINNER Saturday March 17th in the parish Center following the 5:30 Mass. The menu: Corned beef, cabbage, Irish soda bread &

dessert. Sign up on the sheet in the back of church.

FOR LENT, FOR LIFE
<https://avemariaradio.net/>

A UNIQUE SET OF EYEWEAR was found outside church.

MOTHERS OF GIRLS AGE 10-13! Please join us for the upcoming "Fearfully & Wonderfully Made Mother-Daughter Program" Saturday, March 24th, 9-12 Noon. Cost is \$20/girl or \$30 family. Registration and payment are required by March 17th. To register or ask questions, please call or email Jennifer Davis @ 402-261-6375 or jmdavis17@gmail.com or you may find a registration form in your school office.

YOU'RE INVITED TO THE NEXT QUEST RETREAT!
Quest is a retreat for freshmen and sophomores in high school. Quest #34 will be March 17-18 at Aquinas High School in David City, NE. For information:

READINGS

CLOSING OF THE SECOND VATICAN ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

ADDRESS OF POPE PAUL VI TO THE POOR, THE SICK AND THE SUFFERING

8 December 1965

To all of you, brothers in trial, who are visited by suffering under a thousand forms, the council has a very special message. It feels on itself your pleading eyes, burning with fever or hollow with fatigue, questioning eyes which search in vain for the why of human suffering and which ask anxiously when and whence will come relief.

Very dear brothers, we feel echoing deeply within our hearts as fathers and pastors your laments and your complaints. Our suffering is increased at the thought that it is not within our power to bring you bodily help nor the lessening of your physical sufferings, which physicians, nurses and all those dedicated to the service of the sick are endeavoring to relieve as best they can.

But we have something deeper and more valuable to give you, the only truth capable of answering the mystery of suffering and of bringing you relief without illusion, and that is faith and union with the Man of Sorrows, with Christ the Son of God, nailed to the cross for our sins and for our salvation. Christ did not do away with suffering. He did not even wish to unveil to us entirely the mystery of suffering. He took suffering upon Himself and this is enough to make you understand all its value. All of you who feel heavily the weight of the cross, you who are poor and abandoned, you who weep, you who are persecuted for justice, you who are ignored, you the unknown victims of suffering, take courage. You are the preferred children of the kingdom of God, the kingdom of hope, happiness and life. You are the brothers of the suffering Christ, and with Him, if you wish, you are saving the world.

This is the Christian science of suffering, the only one which gives peace. Know that you are not alone, separated, abandoned or useless. You have been called by Christ and are His living and transparent image. In His name, the council salutes you lovingly, thanks

you, assures you of the
friendship and assistance of the
Church, and blesses you.