



# St. Michael's / St. Mary's

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

15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 14/15, 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 Burkhardt

*Trustees:* Bob VanWesten and Bob Bachle

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

*Trustees:* Keith Mach and Randy Prellwitz

**St. Mary's PCCW:** Deb Vanwesten

**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

**Knights of Columbus:** Randy Prellwitz

**St. Michael's PCCW:** Carmen Ragland

**CCD Coordinator:** Beth Hansmire

Ministers' Schedules July 21/22				Mass intentions July 16 <sup>th</sup> - 22 <sup>nd</sup>		
	5:30 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM	Monday	No Mass	NO MASS
<b>Acolyte</b>	Bruce Busing	Bob VanWesten	James Huber	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Noon</b>	John Kelly+
<b>Lector</b>	John Ragland	Scott DeWald	Lorraine Borch	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Noon</b>	Special Intention
<b>Server</b>	Aldo Ramos		CJ Goeking	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>5:30 pm</b>	Sherrie Brandenburg+
<b>Server</b>			Devin Wanamaker	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Noon</b>	Special Intention
<b>Music</b>	Mary Prellwitz	Lorrie Hofstetter	LeAnn Krause	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	Special Intention
<b>Gifts/Greeters</b>	Lori Arnold	Jill & Jason Stewart	Kenny & LeAnn Krause		<b>5:30 pm</b>	Special Intention
<b>Collection</b>	Father Birkel			<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	People of the Parishes
	Church Cleaning for July - Katie Lemke				<b>10:00 am</b>	The 7 Sisters

## Parish collection data:

July 8, 2018	St. Michael's	St. Mary's
Adult	\$1,320.00	\$90.00
Loose Plate	98.02	57.00
Children	15.00	
Debt Retirement	1,600.00	
Building Upkeep	45.00	
Cemetery		50.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,078.02</b>	<b>\$197.00</b>

## Debt Reduction

Current Totals: Due Dec. 2018

## Loan Payment

\$17,360.33

Joy of the Gospel Rebates 5,718.32  
Debt Reduction Envelopes 9,072.00

**Amt. needed for Loan Payment \$2,570.01**

### 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 \$1,478.02

**SHORTAGE!!!!... \$611.34**

Printing in Black & White to save money

## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

Help me to remember that nothing is going to happen to me today that you and I together can't handle.

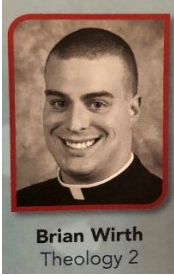
## Please pray for:

Frank Kosmacek \* Eddie Lytle \* Vonja Scheer \* Steve Graff  
Tom Huber \* Evelyn Birkel \* Bob Gibson \* Paul Prellwitz

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.

## SEMINARIAN OF THE WEEK

### Brian Robert Wirth



Son of James & Cheryl Wirth from St. Mary & St. Benedict Parishes in Nebraska City, NE is in his 3<sup>rd</sup> Year of Theology.

**SEMI POT-LUCK** Saturday **August 4** after Mass. Please sign up.

**1ST FRIDAY ADORATION SIGN UP SHEET** for **August 3** is in the back of Church. Please sign up. PLEASE NOTE THIS IS **FRIDAY, AUGUST 3<sup>RD</sup>**.

**THE PRAYER AUXILIARY OF ST. MONICA** was established by the Lincoln Diocesan Council of Catholic Women in 1978. It is intended to reach out to alienated members of our family, to pray for the return of our youth to the Church, and for the works of the LDCCW. The Fairbury Deanery has been assigned the Month of July to pray to St. Monica. The week of July 15-21 the parishes of Fairbury and Alexandria will be encouraged to pray to St. Monica. Please include in your daily prayers the prayer to St. Monica. it is as follows: O God, You are the comfort of those who mourn, and the Savior of all who trust in You. Blessed Monica's loving tears moved you to convert her son, Augustine. Help us, who pray to You for the salvation of our sons and daughters, too. May we also grieve for our sins, and win the grace of Your pardon, through the intercession of this loving saint, through Christ Our Lord, Amen. -Thank you, Janice Bell

**THANK YOU** The 4K for Cancer was here and they were very happy with our facilities and would like to thank everyone who was involved in making this a great success.

**SUNDAY BRUNCH** July 22 Mary Kay Bedlan, Cyndi Shinn and Mary McCord are serving.

**ST MICHAEL'S PCCW** provides candles for you at a minimal cost. \$2.00 for 6-day candles & \$.35 for 10-hour candles. Votive candles are located in the northwest transept of the church.

## HOW COME CATHOLICS LIGHT CANDLES?

*Fire and light have always been an important feature of worship* in the Christian and Jewish religions. As far back as the time of Exodus we hear how the people were instructed to "keep a flame burning perpetually" (Exodus 27:19-20), as "perpetual incense before the Lord from generation to generation" (Exodus 30:7-8) and as a "lamp stand in the Tent of Meeting... set up before the Lord as He has commanded Moses" (Exodus 40:24-25).

We see here that the ancient Jewish people used a perpetual fire to be two major things: *a constant act of devotion, and a symbol of a holy space where God dwells.* This practice is most clearly seen being continued by the tabernacle in every church. The tabernacle, which is the Latin for 'tent', is where the body of Christ is kept between Masses. Just like in ancient times, a candle is kept perpetually burning beside it for the same reasons practiced back then; God is physically with us within the 'tent' and we wish to perpetually adore him.

*Candles are lit for prayer intentions.* To "light a candle for someone" indicates one's intention to say a prayer for another person, and the candle symbolizes that prayer. As long as the candle burns the petition is before the Lord.

**DAY OF EQUIPPING:** This training seminar, presented by Bart Schuchts, will be held **July 20-21** at Pius X High School in Lincoln, NE. If you desire the Holy Spirit operating in your life, this training is for you. Cost is \$80 / person. To register, go to <https://jpiihealingcenter.org>. Contact the Office of Evangelization for information on student rates or need based scholarships, 402-473-0615.

**TOGETHER ON A JOURNEY TO SAINTHOOD** Saturday, **July 21**, 10:00am at St. Michael's church in Lincoln. Tickets can be purchased at [spiritcatholicradio.com](http://spiritcatholicradio.com), by calling 855-571-0200 or at the door.

**SOLE TO SOUL** Free shoes on Saturday, **July 28<sup>th</sup>** from 9:00am – Noon at the Church of Christ in Beatrice on 10<sup>th</sup> & Grant.

**2<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION RETREAT** "Love Made Visible" **Sept. 27-30**. Register online at: [goodcounselretreat.com](http://goodcounselretreat.com). Or call 402-786-2705 for more information.