



St. Michael's / St. Mary's

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

3rd Sunday of Advent

December 16, 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. Michael's Parish Council: Chris Goeking, LeAnn Krause, Mary Prellwitz, John Ragland, Deb Jones, and Megan Grant

Trustees: Keith Mach and Randy Prellwitz

St. Mary's PCCW: Deb Vanwesten

BULLETIN: If you have news for the bulletin, please call the Rectory 402 729-2058 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 December 22/23, 2018 | | | | Mass intentions Dec. 17 th – 24 th | | |
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| | 5:30 PM | 8:00 AM | 10:00 AM | Monday | 7:30am | Special Intention |
| Acolyte | John Ragland | Bob VanWesten | Dan Arner | Tuesday | NO MASS | NO MASS |
| Lector | Chris Higgins | Rhonda DeWald | Lorraine Borch | Wednesday | Noon | Evelyn Jenkins+ |
| Server | Aldo Ramos | | CJ Goeking | Thursday | 5:30pm | Rosella Prellwitz+ |
| Server | | | Devin Wanamaker | Friday | Noon | Special Intention |
| Music | Mary Mach | Lorrie Hofstetter | Janice Bell | Saturday | 9:00 am | Special Intention |
| Gifts/Greeters | Bob & Shirley Gibson | John & Donna Rut | Kenny & LeAnne Krause | | 5:30 pm | Lindsey Rickstrew+ |
| Collection | Chris Goeking/LeAnne Krause | | | Sunday | 8:00 am | Special Intention |
| Church Cleaning for December – Peggy Niederklein | | | | | 10:00 am | People of the Parishes |

Parish collection data:

| <u>Dec. 9, 2018</u> | <u>St. Michael's</u> | <u>St. Mary's</u> |
|---------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| Adult | \$2,572.22 | \$450.00 |
| Loose Plate | 94.00 | 16.00 |
| Children | 5.00 | |
| Holy Day | 175.00 | |
| Building Upkeep | 135.00 | |
| Catholic Press | 60.00 | |
| Cemetery | | 40.00 |
| Total | \$3,041.22 | \$506.00 |

Debt Reduction

Loan Payment

Loan Total 86,801.68
Current Totals: Due Dec. 2019 \$17,360.33

Joy of the Gospel Rebates 0.00

Debt Reduction Envelopes 4,355.59

Amount needed for 2019 Payment \$13,004.74

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 3,041.22

OVERAGE!! \$951.86

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK: Come and show us your face, O Lord, who are seated upon the Cherubim, and we will be saved.
-Ps 80 (79);4,2

Please pray for:

Frank Kosmacek * Eddie Lytle * Vonia Scheer * Steve Graff * Megan Vales

Tom Huber * Evelyn Birkel * Bob Gibson * Paul Prellwitz * Tim Cary

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 VOCATIONS

MARIA HANG BUI of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Lincoln, NE who is a Postulant at Sisters of Mary, Queen of Mercy.

CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS SCHEDULE

St. Michaels Sun. Dec. 16: 1:30pm-2:30

Beatrice Sun. Dec. 16: 3:30pm-5:00pm

Hebron Tues. Dec. 18: 7:00pm-7:45pm

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Dec. 24 at 4:00pm – St. Michael's

Dec. 25 at 8:00am – St. Mary's

Dec. 25 at 10:00am – St. Michael's

WELCOME to our newest members:

Lillian Jane Grant – Jason & Megan Grant

Born October 21, 2018 in Beatrice, NE

Asa Butch Craig – Keith & Becky Craig

Born September 25, 2018 in Beatrice, NE

Nolan Lee Panko – David & Aleece Panko

Born October, 30, 2018 in Beatrice, NE

ONLINE GIVING We are now online and you can make your contributions online. All you need to do is go to <https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/4626> and create an account.

BISHOPS APPEAL FOR VOCATIONS

which is an assessment to the Parish, a generous benefactor made a contribution in the amount of \$845. Which means we have met our pledge goals. This does not mean those who have pledged and not yet paid do not need to pay what they have pledged.

OPERATING LOAN PAYMENT for 2018 has been made and we already have \$4,355.59 towards our 2019 payment! Thank you to everyone who contributes extra to our debt reduction to make this possible.

OUR 2018 CHRISTMAS BAZAAR is over and what a success it was. Thank you to all who participated, donated, or enjoyed. The results of our raffle are: One hour plane ride with Randy goes to Megan Grant, \$125 cash prize to Barb Arner, Storage table with Ivory throw from Barbers Furniture to Rosalie Tynan, Mary and Martha tray and gift card

goes to Teresa Frase, Gold Bucket and 2 movie passes from Bonham theater to Valentina Chavez, Home Decorating Session with Jan Klaus goes to Vickie Banahan, Knitted Afghan to Kathy Coil, the outdoor Golf Toss Game to Judy McGee, Ham donated by Livingston Enterprises goes to Jade Schmit, NE Womens basketball tickets to Shelli Hubka, and \$50 gift certificate to Den's Meat to Maria Burkley. This raffle, cookie sales, and shopping with vendors was sponsored by the St. Michaels PCCW. Thank you to all for your support.

The 4th OF 4 CANDLE STICKS HAVE BEEN RETURNED thanks to Karen Mattes in honor of her parents Sig and Ellen Quam, and the restoration is underway.

ST. MARYS will have a Christmas breakfast on Sunday December 16 after church. Everyone is to bring rolls.

RELIGIOUS AWARD CEREMONY FOR BOYS & GIRLS!

The Diocesan Mass and Award Ceremony is March 24, 2019 at 2:00pm with Bishop Finn. Award applications are due: Youth Ministry Office by February 8, 2019. Visit www.lincolndiocese.org/scouting for more information. If you have any questions, please contact Michele at 402-473-0625.

HOLY INNOCENTS MASS A memorial Mass for those who have lost a child through miscarriage, stillbirth, infant death or abortion on December 28th, 6:30pm – Reading of Names and 7:00pm Mass at John XXIII Diocesan Center Chapel, 3700 Sheridan Blvd. in Lincoln. If you would like your child's name to be remembered and added on the banner for this year, please call the Family Life Office at 402-473-0620 before 5:00pm on December 19th.

THE CATHOLIC COFFEE HOUSE "Navigating the church now" on Dec. 16th, Jan. 13th, and Feb. 17th at the Gianna's Java and Gelato Guadalupe Center at 2241 O St. in Lincoln from 7-8: 30pm.

HOPE CRISIS CENTER Thanks everyone for donating diapers and wipes. They are unable to do the work they do without your donations.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND at the Lied Center in Nebraska City on Feb. 15-17, 2019. Contact Pat 308-940-0670 or Janelle 308-940-1105 for more information.