



St. Michael's / St. Mary's

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

The Epiphany of the Lord

January 6, 2019

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 January 12/13, 2019				Mass intentions Jan. 7 th - 13 th		
	5:30 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM	Monday	Noon	The Seven Sisters
Acolyte	Ronn Brackle	Bob VanWesten	Dan Arner	Tuesday	NO MASS	NO MASS
Lector	John Ragland	Scott DeWald	Randy Prellwitz	Wednesday	Noon	Rosella Prellwitz+
Server	Salvador Chavez		RJ Suey	Thursday	5:30pm	Special Intention
Server			Braden Suey	Friday	Noon	Special Intention
Music	Mary Mach	Lorrie Hofstetter	Janice Bell	Saturday	9:00 am	Special Intention
Gifts/Greeters	Annette Barber	Doris DeWald Brent Bachle	Jason & Megan Grant		5:30 pm	Sherrie Brandenburg+
Collection	Mary Prellwitz/John Ragland			Sunday	8:00 am	Special Intention
Church Cleaning for January - Donna Rut					10:00 am	People of the Parishes

Parish collection data:

<u>Dec. 31, 2018</u>	<u>St. Michael's</u>	<u>St. Mary's</u>
Adult	\$1,060.00	\$380.00
Loose Plate	233.00	43.00
Holy Days	10.00	
Children	4.75	
Total	\$1,307.75	\$423.00

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	4,845.59
Amount needed for 2019 Payment	\$12,514.74

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	\$1,307.75

Shortage!!

\$781.61

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK: Trust that your gifts shared with others will be used to benefit many.

Please pray for:

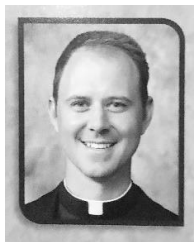
Frank Kosmacek * Eddie Lytle * Vonia Scheer * Steve Graff * Megan Vales

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

REV. Mr. ANTHONY



ROBERT BEDIENT son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bedient and Mr. & Mrs. Larry Kopsa of St. Joseph Parish in York, NE is in his 4th year of Theology at Mt. St. Mary Seminary.

THANK YOU TO ALL who sent me cards, money or other gifts this Christmas! God bless you & let's pray for a great year for the parishes!!! *Father John Birkef*

EPIPHANY BLESSING SHEETS for homes on the back tables.

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION In the United States, Christmas Day (December 25) and the Immaculate Conception (December 8) are always days of obligation. Christmas and Easter (which always falls on Sunday) are the highest-ranking holy days, and the Immaculate Conception is the feast for the United States. However, if any of the other holy days falls on a Saturday or Monday, they aren't considered holy days of obligation, because they're back-to-back with Sunday. The concern is that it would be burdensome to many Catholics to have to go to church two days in a row.

THANK YOU to all who help and donate to the funeral meals. The delicious salads and cakes served by the funeral committee would not be possible without your help. Know that your generosity is always appreciated by the families.

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.

CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES If you have not received your collection envelopes, please email or, in writing, let us know with your name and address so we can update the lists.

PCCW NEWS, a planning meeting will be January 7, 2019 at 6:00pm in the center. The 2019 altar society booklet will be compiled and put together. this meeting will include a soup and sandwich supper. If you have any comments, additions, and suggestions please contact Carmen Raglan 404-300-1766, Rosalie Tynan 402-729 3405 or Mary Kay Bedlan. 402-729-3674 or Barb Arner 401-324-3235. Information would include new email addresses and new phone numbers

also what committees you would like to be placed on. Everyone is a valued member. please let us know what you are thinking and would like to see from the altar society in the coming year.

FAIRBURY RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE on Tuesday, January 8 from 11:30am – 5:30pm at the Elks Lodge at 525 G Street. For appointments call Cheryl at 402-729-2592, walk-ins welcome.

THE BANK GIRLS – RELAY FOR LIFE TEAM is having their 10th Annual Spaghetti Feed on Sunday, January 10th at the VFW Hall in Fairbury from 11:00am to 1:00pm.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN WINTER SYMPOSIUM (Retreat) is planned for January 11 and 12, 2019 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House, Waverly. Go to goodcounselretreat.com/retreat/schedule to access the Agenda and Registration.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will be having their January pancake feed after Mass on Sunday January 13 in the Parish Center. There will be pancakes, biscuits and gravy, eggs, sausages, fruit cocktail, orange juice, coffee and water. Please come support the Knights of Columbus Council #4434. This is a free will offering and proceeds go to fund events and donations for those less fortunate.

9 DAYS FOR LIFE - The U.S. bishops' annual novena 9 Days for Life takes place Monday, January 14 – Tuesday, January 22. Pray for the respect and protection of all human life with new intentions, brief reflections, and more each day. Download the novena online, or participate through Facebook, email, text message, or an app. Join at www.9daysforlife.com!

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.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND at Lied Center in Nebraska City Feb. 15-17. Contact Pat & Janelle Benson at: Pat - 308-940-0670 or Janelle – 308-940-1105 for more information.

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

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