



St. Michael's / St. Mary's

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

1st Sunday of Lent

March 10, 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 March 16/17				Mass intentions Mar. 11 th - 17 th		
	5:30 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM	Monday	NO MASS	NO MASS
Acolyte	John Ragland	Bob VanWesten	Dan Arner	Tuesday	Noon	Fr Donald J Keefe, S.J.+
Lector	Chris Higgins	Rhonda Burkhart	Loraine Borch	Wednesday	Noon	Special Intention
Server	Aldo Ramos		CJ Goeking	Thursday	5:30pm	Special Intention
Server			Devin Wanamaker	Friday	Noon 6:30 pm	Jim Courtney+ (St. Michael's) Special Intention (St. Mary's)
Music	Mary Prellwitz	Lorrie Hofstetter	Donna Winslow	Saturday	9:00 am	Special Intention
Gifts/Greet	Bob & Shirley Gibson	Mr. & Mrs. Ken Milius	Georgann Fredrichsen		5:30 pm	Special Intention
Collection	Chris Goeking/LeAnn Krause			Sunday	8:00 am	Evelyn Jenkins+
	Church Cleaning for March - Ellen VanWesten				10:00 am	The People of the Parishes

Parish collection data:

<u>March 3, 2019</u>	<u>St. Michael's</u>	<u>St. Mary's</u>
Adult	\$1,183.00	\$60.00
Loose Plate	44.00	
Children	7.00	
Register	30.00	
Online giving	50.00	
Cemetery		
Building Upkeep		
Debt Reduction	185.00	
Total	\$1,449.00	\$60.00

Debt Reduction

Loan Total

Current Totals: Due Dec. 2019

Joy of the Gospel Rebates 5,174.53
Debt Reduction Envelopes 5,605.59

Amount needed for 2019 Payment \$6,580.21

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 \$1,264.00

Shortage!! \$825.36

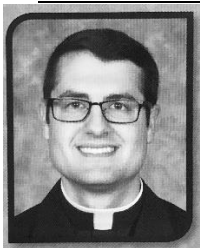
THOUGHT OF THE WEEK: We are a society that treats the symptoms and not the cause.
-G. K. Chesterton

Please pray for:

Frank Kosmacek * Eddie Lytle * Vonja 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



MATTHEW CONNOR KOVAR

son of Mark & Julie Kovar
from Appleton Assumption
Parish in David City, NE is
in his 2nd Year of Theology at
Mt. St. Mary Seminary.

LENTEN REGULATIONS

All Fridays in Lent

are days of **abstinence**.

Abstinence means eating no meat, and no soup or gravy made from meat. Abstinence obliges all Catholics over the age of 14. Sickness, hard manual labor, pregnancy, etc. automatically excuse a person from these obligations. Nevertheless, it should be pointed out that these are serious obligations. In cases of doubt or question, the priest who hears a person's confession should be consulted.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS Fridays of Lent 5:00pm.

HOLY WEEK sign-up sheet for Lay ministry assignments is in the back of church.

OUR "EVENING OF INQUIRY" has quickly become a R.O.D. (Religious Oriented Discussion) group. Our next R.O.D. group will be Friday March 15th @ 7:00pm at St Mary's. All are welcome.

CEMETERY ENVELOPES are included in St. Michael's envelopes but any money that comes in goes to St. Mary's Cemetery in Alexandria.

CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES Some questions have come to our attention regarding our new envelope service. It is less expensive to have the envelopes mailed. We can save even more by taking people off the list as people move or become inactive. Also, at a Clergy conference we had on tithing, we were told this way increases tithing over the year, makes people feel more connected to the parish, and encourages greater involvement. You can also reduce the need for envelopes by contributing online at <https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/4626>

MARCH PCCW meeting will be Monday, March 18th. Hostesses are Linda McMurphy and Louise Siegel. Join us for an evening of fellowship.

THANK YOU, Larry McBride, for donating his services to clear our rear parking lots.

FISH FRY Friday March 22nd and April 5th in the school gym, serving from 5:30-7pm.

EMBER DAYS will be coming up March 13, 15th and 16th, please consider attending Mass, fasting, or praying a rosary for good planting weather.

BLESSED SALT If you have taken some blessed salt please use it and use it lavishly.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND call Pat & Janelle Benson (308) 940-1105 or visit WWME.org. Upcoming dates: March 29-31 in Hastings/August 2-4 in Lincoln/October 18-20 in Chadron. *Deadline to register is 1 month prior to the date of the weekend*

A SINGLE LADIES INTRODUCTORY SESSION is being held April 4, 2019 at 7 p.m. at John XXIII Diocesan Center. Learn how to chart with Creighton Model; includes a particular emphasis on reproductive and gynecological health. Must preregister at <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/single-ladies>

2-DAY UNBOUND CONFERENCE: Join us at St. Patrick's Elementary School-McCook, NE, Friday, April 5th- 6-9pm & Saturday, April 6th- 8-5pm. All registrants are highly encouraged to read the first nine (9) chapters of the book Unbound, by Neal Lozano which is available at heartofthefather.com website or on Amazon. The event is free but registration is required. Please register by going to: lincolndiocese.org/unbound.

CHANGE YOUR LIFE THIS LENT! As Lent approaches, you might be thinking about what you plan to "give up." What if this Lent you "take up"? Join Spirit Catholic Radio and take up praying for someone you've never met through the Pray it Forward project, or deepen your faith by listening to some of the most influential Catholic speakers from around the world by tuning into Spirit 102.7-FM. Visit spiritcatholicradio.com for more information and Lenten opportunities.