



St. Michael's / St. Mary's

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

2nd Sunday of Lent

March 17, 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 Burkhardt

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 23/24, 2019				Mass intentions Mar. 18 th - 24 th		
	5:30 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM	Monday	8:00 am	Special Intention
Acolyte	Luis Ramos	Bob VanWesten	Randy Prellwitz	Tuesday	Noon	Karen Williams+
Lector	John Ragland	Scott DeWald	Ronn Brackle	Wednesday	NO MASS	NO MASS
Server	Salvador Chavez		RJ Suey	Thursday	5:30pm	LeRoy Vetch+
Server			Braden Suey	Friday	Noon	Special Intention
Music	Mary Banahan	Stewart Family	Janice Bell	Saturday	9:00 am	Special Intention
Gifts/Greet	Barb Arner	Mr. & Mrs. Ken Milius	Beth Hansmire & Girls		5:30 pm	Lynn Banahan+
Collection	Megan Grant/Deb Jones			Sunday	8:00 am	Special Intention
Church Cleaning for March - Ellen VanWesten					10:00 am	The People of the Parishes

Parish collection data:

<u>March 10, 2019</u>	<u>St. Michael's</u>	<u>St. Mary's</u>
Adult	\$1,599.00	\$522.00
Loose Plate	106.20	16.00
Children		
Register	20.00	
Online giving	50.00	
Cemetery	110.00	25.00
Building Upkeep		
Debt Reduction	300.00	
Total	\$2,185.20	\$563.00

Debt Reduction

Loan Total

Current Totals: Due Dec. 2019

Joy of the Gospel Rebates 5,174.53
Debt Reduction Envelopes 5,905.59

Amount needed for 2019 Payment \$6,280.21

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 \$1,885.20

Shortage!! \$ 204.16

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

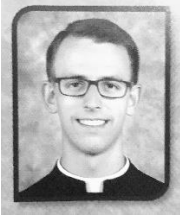
Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your understanding.
-Proverbs 3:5

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



JOHN WILLIAM MCDONALD

son of Bob & Mary Kay McDonald from St. Patrick Parish in Lincoln, NE is 2nd year of Pre-Theology at St. Gregory the Great Seminary.

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

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

CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES You can reduce the need for envelopes by contributing online at <https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/4626>

MARCH PCCW meeting will be Monday, March 18th. Rosary at 6:30pm and Meeting at 7:00pm in the Center. Hostesses are Linda McMurphy and Louise Siegel. Join us for an evening of fellowship.

HEART OF A PRIEST Relic pilgrimage of St. Jean Vianney's Incorrupt heart. Wednesday, March 20th, Mass at 10:00 AM with Bishop Conley, Veneration until 2:00 PM, at Cathedral of The Risen Christ, 3500 Sheridan, Lincoln, NE.

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

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

CATHOLICS AT THE CAPITOL You will receive an up-to-date explanation of all the bills most important to you and the Church. Join us on Wednesday, March 27 in Lincoln for Catholics at the Capitol. To register necatholic.org/news-events/event-calendar.html/event/2019/03/27/-catholics-at-the-capitol-/235694

UNPLANNED Friday, March 29th, the new film, Unplanned, covering the story of former Planned Parenthood employee, Abby Johnson, is hitting theaters. Check your local theater to request tickets or go to

<https://www.unplannedfilm.com/redcarpet> to bring the film to your area!

CATHOLIC EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS – Apply Now With the recent announcement of The Good Shepherd Scholarship program for Catholic education, families can apply for scholarships through one application for all Catholic schools in the Lincoln Diocese. The Good Shepherd Scholarship, the Family Cap Scholarship and local school scholarships help to keep Catholic education affordable for any family. The Good Shepherd Scholarship is available to any student, regardless of religious affiliation.

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.

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.