



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

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

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

March 24, 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 30/31, 2019				Mass intentions Mar. 25 <sup>th</sup> - 31 <sup>st</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>	10:30am	Leona Gaydusek+ Funeral
<b>Lector</b>	Chris Higgins	Rhonda Burkhart	Randy Prellwitz	<b>Wednesday</b>	Noon	Special Intention
<b>Server</b>	Aldo Ramos		CJ Goeking	<b>Thursday</b>	5:30pm	Special Intention
<b>Server</b>			Devin Wanamaker	<b>Friday</b>	Noon	Leonard & Velma Hammer+
<b>Music</b>	Mary Prellwitz	Lorrie Hofstetter	LeAnn Krause	<b>Saturday</b>	9:00 am	Special Intention
<b>Gifts/Greet</b>	Lori Arnold	John & Donna Rut	Jason & Megan Grant		5:30 pm	Leonard & Pat Stolzer
<b>Collection</b>	Father Birkel			<b>Sunday</b>	8:00 am	The People of the Parishes
	Church Cleaning for March - Ellen VanWesten				10:00 am	Special Intention

## Parish collection data:

<u>March 17, 2019</u>	<u>St. Michael's</u>	<u>St. Mary's</u>
Adult	\$2,626.00	\$290.00
Loose Plate	119.00	11.00
Children	4.00	
Register	15.00	
Online giving	50.00	
Cemetery	30.00	
Building Upkeep	105.00	25.00
Debt Reduction	210.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,159.00</b>	<b>\$326.00</b>

## Debt Reduction

Loan Total

Current Totals: Due Dec. 2019

Joy of the Gospel Rebates 5,174.53  
Debt Reduction Envelopes 6,115.59

**Amount needed for 2019 Payment \$6,070.21**

## 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 \$2,949.00

**OVERAGE!! \$ 859.64**

**THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:** The reborn need to take a stand for the unborn.

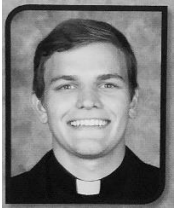
## Please pray for:

Frank Kosmacek \* Eddie Lytle \* Vonja Scheer \* Steve Graff \* Megan Vales

Tom Huber \* Evelyn Birkel \* Bob Gibson \* Paul Prellwitz \* Tim Cary \* Payton VanWesten

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



### SCOTT JAMES NEMEC

son of Mark & Beth Nemeč  
from St. Vincent DePaul  
Parish in Seward, NE is 4<sup>th</sup>  
year of College at St. Gregory  
the Great Seminary.

**UNPLANNED** Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, the new film, *Unplanned*, covering the story of former Planned Parenthood employee, Abby Johnson, is hitting theaters.

**SATURDAY APRIL 6<sup>TH</sup> MASS WILL BE AT 4:00PM FOR PROM. THERE WILL NOT BE A 5:30 MASS THAT DAY.**

**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>

**FISH FRY** Friday April 5<sup>th</sup> 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. Please let me know about any blessings you have received from using this powerful weapon.

**PCCW REMINDER** dues were due last month. Please remit your dues, if you have not, as these really do help us in our work. Thank you.

**CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES OF SOUTHERN NEBRASKA** is now accepting monetary donations to assist those affected by the horrific and ongoing flood/storm damage in Nebraska. Checks may be mailed to us at our administrative offices (2241 O St. Lincoln NE 68510) OR you may donate via our website link below. If donating by check, be sure to list "flood relief" in your check memo. If donating online, designate "flood relief" in the "specific designation for your gift" field. God bless you for your support and continued prayers! [https://www.cssisus.org/what\\_you\\_can\\_do/donate.html](https://www.cssisus.org/what_you_can_do/donate.html)

**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](http://necatholic.org/news-events/event-calendar.html/event/2019/03/27/-catholics-at-the-capitol-/235694)

**ST. MICHAEL'S PCCW** is sponsoring UNPLANNED as a free movie event! Please watch the Bulletin for dates & showtimes! As soon as the theater can get it, we will show it.

**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.

**2-DAY UNBOUND CONFERENCE:** St. Patrick's Elementary School-McCook, NE, Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup>- 6-9pm & Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>- 8-5pm. The event is free but registration is required. Please register by going to: [lincolndiocese.org/unbound](http://lincolndiocese.org/unbound).

**FAIRBURY RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE** Tuesday, April 9 from 11:30am to 5:30pm at the Fairbury Elks Lodge-525 G Street. For appointments call Cheryl at 402-729-2592. Walk-ins are welcome.

**THE SPRING FULL BOARD MEETING OF THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN (LDCCW)** is April 13<sup>th</sup> at St. Mary's in Aurora, beginning with 'Mary's Way of the Cross' at 8:30 a.m. All women in the Lincoln Diocese are members of the LDCCW and encouraged to attend. Please email [ldccwpresident@gmail.com](mailto:ldccwpresident@gmail.com) if you plan to attend.

### 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.