



St. Michael's / St. Mary's

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

1st Sunday of Advent

December 1, 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 Higgins, Bethany Hansmire, LeAnn Krause, Mary Prellwitz and John Ragland.

Trustees: Chris Goeking 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 pray for him.

Knights of Columbus: Randy Prellwitz

St. Michael's PCCW: Carmen Ragland

CCD Coordinator: Georgann Friedrichsen

Ministers' Schedules Dec. 7/8, 2019				Mass intentions Dec. 2 nd - 8 th		
	5:30 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM	Monday	8:00 am	Special intention of BM
Acolyte	Bruce Busing	Bob VanWesten	James Huber	Tuesday	8:00 am	Evelyn Birkel
Lector	Chris Higgins	Rhonda Burkhart	Ronn Brackle	Wednesday	No Mass	No Mass
Server	Aldo Ramos		CJ Goeking	Thursday	5:30pm	Special Intention
Server			Devin Wanamaker	Friday	Noon	Lawnrence Huber+
Music	Mary Prellwitz	Lorrie Hofstetter		Saturday	9:00am	Alexandria: Special Intention
Gifts/Greet	Annette Barber	Bob & Donna Milius	Georgann Fredrichsen		5:30pm	The Seven Sisters
Collection	Fr. Birkel			Sunday	8:00 am	The People of the Parishes
Church Cleaning for December - Peggy Niederklein					10:00 am	Charlie Barringer+
				Alexandria	5:30pm	People of the Parishes

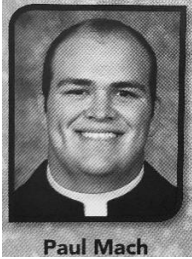
<u>Parish collection data: Nov. 24, 2019</u>			<u>Debt Reduction</u>		<u>Loan Payment</u>	
	<u>St. Michael's</u>	<u>St. Mary's</u>	<u>Loan Total</u>		<u>69,441.35</u>	
Adult	\$3,539.00	\$390.00	<u>Current Totals: Due Dec. 2020</u>		<u>\$17,360.33</u>	
Loose Plate	92.00	28.00	Joy of the Gospel Rebates	10,310.27		
Children	8.00		Debt Reduction Envelopes	3,018.62		
Online Giving	50.00		Amount needed for 2020 Payment	\$4,031.44		
Pink Sisters	33.00	10.00	PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION			
Debt Reduction	75.00		It takes \$2,089.36 a week to run St. Michael's Parish.			
Total	\$3,797.00	\$428.00	Operation Cost	\$2,039.84		
			This week's Collection	\$3,689.00		
			Overage!!	\$1,649.16		

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK: Every year Advent reminds us that grace - and that is God's will to Save man - is more powerful than sin. -St. John Paul II

Please pray for: Frank Kosmacek * Eddie Lytle * Vonja Scheer * Mr & Mrs Wayne Severson
Jo Nease * Lee Rine * Evelyn Birkel * Bob Gibson * Paul Prellwitz * Steve Graff * Duke Williams
Tim Cary * Joshua Black * Deb Jones * Linda Telecky * Ameer Tynan * Jose Bonilla

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.

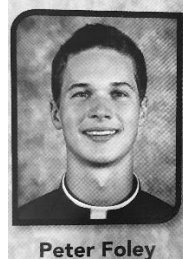
PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS



Paul Mach



John
Pankratz Jr.



Peter Foley

Peter is the son of Mike & Susan Foley from St. Peter Parish in Lincoln; NE is in his 2nd year College at St. Gregory the Great Seminary.

MASSES FOR THE FEAST OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

on December 9th are as follows:

Sun. Dec. 8th – 5:30pm – **Alexandria**

Mon. Dec. 9th – 6:30pm – **Fairbury**

ST. MICHAEL'S
CHRISTMAS CRAFT BAZAAR
ST. MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL GYM
8TH & E STREETS, FAIRBURY NE
LOCAL BUSINESSES & VENDORS
WOOD CRAFTS & HOMEMADE FOOD
HANDMADE DECOR & GIFTS
ORNAMENTS & SIGNS
PLUNDER JEWELRY
MARY & MARTHA
ESSENTIAL OILS
PAMPERED CHEF
CLOTHING
BOOKS
+ MORE!!
FREE ADMISSION
Raffle Drawings
8AM - 4PM
SATURDAY
DECEMBER 7TH
COFFEE
COOKIES &
SWEET TREATS
BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY!

YOU MAY HAVE NOTICED is the last Register that we do the Communion antiphon at slightly the wrong time. That is because we need volunteers to do it but until then, it's very hard for me to do it at the correct time.

ADORATION will be Friday December 6th after Mass until midnight. Signup sheet is in the back of church.

ALL PARISH carry-in supper is Dec. 16th in the parish center. Meat will be furnished. Serving at 6:30. Hostesses are Monica Cervantes, Diane Stone and Sabrina Wanamaker.

MEMORIAL ORNAMENTS that you would like to add to our memorial tree can be brought to church and placed in the box in the back of church labeled Memorial Ornaments or you may place it on the memorial tree once it is up. Please just attach the name of your loved one to the ornament and bring it with the box for safe keeping. Any questions please contact Aleece Panko (402)419-4691.

CHURCH DECORATING will be Wed. Dec. 11th at 6:45. The knights will be moving the large decorations into the parish after church on Monday Dec. 9th. Please consider coming to decorate and enjoy Hot Cocoa and Cookies afterward. Questions please contact Aleece Panko (402)419-4691

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS:

*Monday December 9th is the feast of the Immaculate Conception. During the evening Mass, the Knights of Columbus will honor all the deceased Knights from council 4434, with refreshments to follow in the center after Mass. Everyone is welcome.

*Keep Christ in Christmas: The Knights will be selling Religious themed Christmas Cards in the coming months. Cards are priced between \$6.50 and \$11.50. There will be some boxes marked with \$1.00 off stickers. Boxes contain between 12-18 cards. Profits from sales will go for seminarian support (this year Paul Mach). Cards will be on sale during second Sunday pancake feeds, forth Sunday brunch and the craft fair. Your continued support in keeping Christ in Christmas is appreciated.

PCCW NEWS:

*Plans are being made for the 2019 St. Michael's Christmas bazaar. it will be held Dec. 7, 2019 in the school gym. Our bazaar will again include vendors, crafters, homemade cookie and candy sales, & a raffle.

*PCCW is looking for you to take over as President as of January 1st, 2020.

CCD SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS are needed. If you are interested or able to help with this please contact Father.

TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION WORTHILY:

Do what you do well.

Humility, Jesus is great, I am not.

Stir up an ardent desire to be one with Jesus Adoration

Sweet conversation with Jesus, quote Scripture

Give thanks for the gifts He has given Promise sacrifice & reform

Pray for dear ones & for the Church

Ask for grace.