



St. Michael's / St. Mary's

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

3rd Sunday of Advent

December 15, 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. 21/22, 2019

	5:30 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
Acolyte	Luis Ramos	Bob VanWesten	Randy Prellwitz
Lector	Chris Higgins	Rhonda Burkhart	Randy Prellwitz
Server	Aldo Ramos		CJ Goeking
Server			Devin Wanamaker
Music	Mary Prellwitz	Lorrie Hofstetter	LeAnne Krause
Gifts/Greet	Char Mees	Gary & Carol Peppie	Jason & Megan Grant
Collection	Chris Goeking/LeAnne Krause		
	Church Cleaning for December - Peggy Niederklein		

Mass intentions Dec. 9th - 15th

Day	Time	Intention
Monday	Noon	Evelyn Birkel
Tuesday	NO MASS	NO MASS
Wednesday	Noon	John Naiman+
Thursday	5:30pm	Leonard & Pat Stolzer
Friday	Noon	Special Intention
Saturday	9:00am	Alexandria: Special Intention
	5:30pm	LeRoy Vetch+
Sunday	8:00 am	The People of the Parishes
	10:00 am	Lindsey Rickstrew+

Parish collection data: Dec. 1, 2019

	St. Michael's	St. Mary's
Adult	\$1,327.00	\$225.00
Loose Plate	87.00	8.00
Children	5.00	
Online Giving	50.00	
Flowers	20.00	
Holy Day	95.00	145.00
Cemetery	10.00	25.00
Pink Sisters	10.00	
Debt Reduction	10.00	
Total	\$1,614.00	\$403.00

Debt Reduction

Loan Total

69,441.35

Current Totals: Due Dec. 2020

\$17,360.33

Joy of the Gospel Rebates

10,310.27

Debt Reduction Envelopes

3,008.62

Amount needed for 2020 Payment

\$4,041.44

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

It takes \$2,089.36 a week to run St. Michael's Parish.

Operation Cost

\$2,039.84

This week's Collection

\$1,584.00

Shortage!!

\$455.84

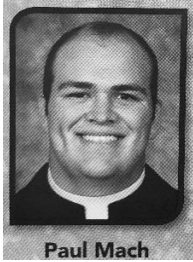
THOUGHT OF THE WEEK: Progress in holiness is a long and painful ascent over a steep path bordered by precipices. To venture thereon without an experienced guide is highly imprudent.

-Adolphe Tanqueray

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.

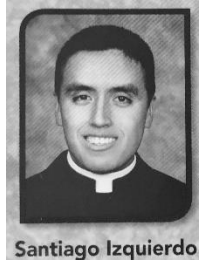
PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS



Paul Mach



John
Pankratz Jr.



Santiago Izquierdo

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Santiago is the son of Ricardo and Melania Izquierdo from St. Peter Parish in Lincoln; NE he is a Spiritual Year at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary.

ADVENT CONFESSIONS:

are as follows:

Thurs. Dec. 19th - 7:00pm - Hebron

Sun. Dec. 22nd - 1:00pm-1:30pm-Fairbury

Sun. Dec. 22nd - 3:00-5:00pm - Beatrice

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE:

12/24 St Michael's 4:00pm

12/25 St Mary's 8:00am,

St Michael's 10:00am

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.

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.

EMBER DAYS 18, 20 & 21. If you had a good year, come and offer thanks to God.

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 Alece Panko (402)419-4691.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS:

***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: The St. Michaels PCCW would like to thank the following people for their generous donations toward the raffle prizes: Randy Prellwitz, Banahan Trucking, Dianna Armstrong, Susan Hammer, Barber Furniture, Twyla Bray, Carmen Ragland, Donna Winslow, JCH&L Burkley Fitness Center, and 3 anonymous donors. The recipients of our raffles were: The vintage Quilt-Susan Hammer, Airplane Ride - Jim Criner, \$125 cash prize-Marge Gregory, \$100 gift certificate to Rays Applemart-Mary Criner, \$50 dollar cash donation- Randy Prellwitz, Table top fountain-Monica Cervantes, Catered Meal-Kristie Peterson, Wellness center gift passes-Heidi Ramos, Golden Bucket to Bonham theatre- Salvador Chaves, gift certificate to Den's meat distributing-Linda Hammer, Lighted Church-Judy Orchett. And to all parishioners who contributed their time and interest to the bazaar, it was a successful event

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

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.