



St. Michael's / St. Mary's

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

4th Sunday of Advent

December 22, 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. 28/29, 2019

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	5:30 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM	Monday	Noon	Jack & Helen Steele+
Acolyte	Bruce Busing	Bob VanWesten	James Huber	Tuesday	4:00pm	The Honorable Donald J. Trump, President of the United States of America
Lector	Chris Higgins	Scott DeWald	Ronn Brackle	Wednesday	8:00am 10:00am	The People of the Parishes - St. Mary's Special Intention-St. Michael's
Server	Salvador Chavez		Braden Suey	Thursday	NO MASS	NO MASS
Server				Friday	Noon	Special Intention of Genie Czuba
Music	Mary Prellwitz	Lorrie Hofstetter	Janice Bell	Saturday	9:00am	Alexandria: Special Intention
Gifts/Greet	Dianna Armstrong	Sasha & Katie Lemke	Barb Arner		5:30pm	Special Intention
Collection	Chris Higgins/Bethany Hansmire			Sunday	8:00 am	The People of the Parishes
	Church Cleaning for January - Donna Rut				10:00 am	Fr. Steve Dougherty+

Parish collection data: Dec. 15, 2019

	St. Michael's	St. Mary's
Adult	\$1,400.00	\$145.00
Loose Plate	115.25	
Building	20.00	
Online Giving	50.00	
Holy Day	50.00	
Debt Reduction	450.00	
Total	\$2,085.25	\$145.00

Debt Reduction

Loan Total

Current Totals: Due Dec. 2020

Joy of the Gospel Rebates 10,310.27

Debt Reduction Envelopes 3,458.62

Amount needed for 2020 Payment \$4,591.44

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 \$1,635.25

Shortage!!

\$404.59

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

Prepare the way of the Lord. -St. John the Baptist

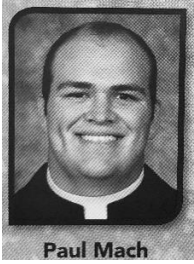
Please pray for: Frank Kosmacek * Eddie Lytle * Vonja Scheer * Mr & Mrs Wayne Severson

Jo Nease * Lee Rine * Evelyn Birkel * Bob Gibson * Paul Prellwitz * Steve Graff * Duke Williams

Tim Cary * Joshua Black * Deb Jones * Linda Telecky * 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.

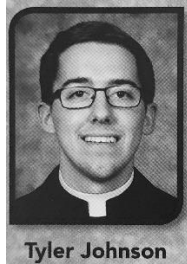
PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS



Paul Mach



John
Pankratz Jr.



Tyler Johnson

Tyler is the son of Todd & Leah Johnson from St. John's Parish in Lincoln; NE he is in his 1st year of college at St. Gregory the Great Seminary.

ADVENT CONFESSIONS:

are as follows:

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

WITH PRAISE & THANKSGIVING TO ALMIGHTY GOD: *Amee Tynan has been removed from the prayer list. She & her baby are doing fine! Thank you for your prayers.*

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:

* 5th Sunday Rosary will be said before the weekend Masses on December 28th & 29th.

* Consecration to the Holy Family prayer cards will be handed out and prayed together at the end of the weekend Masses on December 28th & 29th

* The Knights are sponsoring a Free Throw Contest for all boys and girls ages 9-14 at the Fairbury High School Gym on Sunday January 12th. Registration starts at 1.00 PM with competition to follow. Must bring copy of birth certificate and parent or guardian must be present to sign registration form. Questions contact Randy Prellwitz at 402-300-0076

*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). Your continued support in keeping Christ in Christmas is appreciated.

PCCW NEWS:

* January 6th at 6:00 pm we will be having our PCCW meeting to put the 2020 booklet together. If you would like to change the committee that you are on or be added to a committee please come and let us know. Please come and join us in doing the Lords work.

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.