



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

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

7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

February 23, 2020

**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 -Wednesday by 9:00 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:** Mary Prellwitz

**CCD Coordinator:** Georgann Friedrichsen

## Ministers' Schedules Feb 29/Mar 1, 2020

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	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>	Noon	Special Intention
<b>Lector</b>	Chris Higgins	Rhonda Burkhart	Ronn Brackle	<b>Ash Wednesday</b>	6:30am 5:30pm 7:00pm	Special Intention - St. Michael's Special Intention - St. Mary's Leona Gaydusek+ - St. Michael's
<b>Server</b>	Aldo Ramos		CJ Goeking	<b>Thursday</b>	5:30pm	Special Intention
<b>Server</b>			Devin Wanamaker	<b>Friday</b>	Noon	LeRoy Vetch+
<b>Music</b>	Mary Prellwitz	Lorrie Hofstetter	Donna Winslow	<b>Saturday</b>	9:00am 5:30pm	Alexandria : Special Intention Nyla Stanton+
<b>Gifts/Greet</b>	Barb Arner	John & Donna Rut	Jason & Megan Grant	<b>Sunday</b>	8:00 am 10:00 am	The Honorable Donald J Trump President of the United States of America The People of the Parishes
<b>Collection</b>	Fr. Birkel/Shellie Hubka					
	Church Cleaning for March - Ellen VanWesten					

## Parish collection data: Feb 16, 2020

Adult	\$1,175.00	\$260.00
Loose Plate	97.33	58.00
Children	7.00	
Online Giving	50.00	
Building	52.00	25.00
Catholic Press	15.00	15.00
Debt Reduction	400.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1796.33</b>	<b>\$358.00</b>

## Debt Reduction

Loan Total as of January 2020

Joy of the Gospel Rebates	18,180.48
Debt Reduction Envelopes	4,598.62
<b>Due Dec. 31, 2020 (In savings)</b>	<b>\$17,360.33</b>
Balance Due January 2021	<b>52,081.02</b>
<b>Due Dec. 31, 2021</b>	<b>\$17,360.33</b>
Joy of the Gospel Rebates	5,418.77
Debt Reduction Envelopes	0.00
<b>Amount toward 2021 Loan Payment</b>	<b>\$5,418.77</b>

## Loan Payment

69,441.35

## 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	\$1,396.33

**Shortage!!!!**

**\$643.51**

**THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:** Repent and believe in the Gospel. (From the Liturgy of Ash Wednesday)

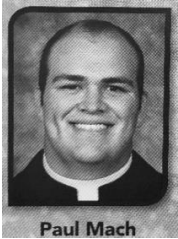
**Please pray for:** Frank Kosmacek \* Eddie Lytle \* Mr & Mrs Wayne Severson \* Jo Nease \*

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

Tim Cary \* Joshua Black \* Deb Jones \* Jose Bonilla \* Madeline Kapke

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.

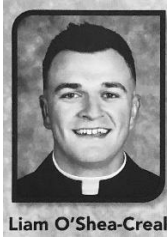
## PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS



Paul Mach



John  
Pankratz Jr.



Liam O'Shea-  
Creal

Liam is the son of Robert & Mary Creal from St. Teresa Parish in Lincoln, NE. He is in his 2<sup>nd</sup> year of Theology at Mt. St. Mary Seminary.

**EMBER DAYS** are the first full week of Lent. Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, February 29<sup>th</sup>.

### Ash Wednesday

6:30am St Michael's

5:30pm St Mary's

7:00pm St Michael's

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays in Lent at 5:00pm

**WE RECEIVE JOY OF THE GOSPEL REBATES** this week in the amounts of \$7,870.21 (St. Michael's) and \$881.00 (St. Mary's). This rebate gives us the remainder of this year's loan payment. WELL DONE!!! We are going to put that money in savings & earn interest on it, since our loan does NOT accrue interest. We will list the amounts in the Bulletin & that is what it means.

**CHANGE IN BULLETIN DEADLINE** the deadline for bulletin notices is Wednesdays at 9:00am.

**STOLE FEES:** (A stole fee is given at baptisms, weddings, funerals, etc.) A change in Diocesan policy, all stole fees will go to the Parish. The exception is if you specifically state that this is to go to the Priest.

### PCCW NEWS:

**\*PCCW BRUNCH** February 23<sup>rd</sup> after Mass in the Parish Center. Hostesses are Susan Hammer, Mary Prellwitz and Linda Hermsmeier.

**HEALING AFTER ABORTION** - If you or someone you know is suffering after

abortion, confidential, compassionate help is available. Visit [HopeAfterAbortion.org](http://HopeAfterAbortion.org).

### DAY OF RECOLLECTION RETREAT

The LDCCW has planned two retreats, open to men and women of the Lincoln Diocese. Join us on Ash Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, at the Waverly Good Counsel Retreat House, from 9 – 3. Cost is \$10 and you are asked to bring your lunch. Your second/alternative retreat is Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at St. Mary Church in Sutton, from 9 – 2:30. Cost is \$5 and you are asked to bring a meatless salad to share. If you have questions, please email [ldccwpresident@gmail.com](mailto:ldccwpresident@gmail.com)

**DAY OF ADVOCACY** at the Nebraska State Capitol on March 4, 2020! We begin at St. Mary's in Lincoln with Mass at 8 a.m., and the program will be at 9 a.m. with speakers, lunch, and lobbying activities until 1:30 p.m. For more information and to register at [necatholic.org](http://necatholic.org) or call 402-477-7517.

**A LIFE IN THE SPIRIT RETREAT** at North American Martyrs Catholic Church, March 27- 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Registration is \$25, and a free will offering for the Sisters. Please send your name, parish, check and any special needs to [julie-crawford@cdolinc.net](mailto:julie-crawford@cdolinc.net) or 1101 Isaac Drive, Lincoln, NE 68521.

**SAVE THE DATE** for Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>! St. Gregory the Great Seminary will be holding its Annual Benefit Banquet to help support the seminarians and various projects at the Seminary. To make reservations or to find out more information, please call the Seminary at (402) 643-4052 or e-mail us at: [events@sngs.edu](mailto:events@sngs.edu).

**HIRING** Willow Center in Beatrice is seeking an Executive Director to execute the functions of its pro-life mission to help women in SE Nebraska and NE Kansas choose life. This is a part time position. Hours can be set to a schedule workable for the director. Pay is up to \$18 per hour depending on credentials. Provide your resume and contact [info@willowcenter.net](mailto:info@willowcenter.net).