



# 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 15, 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 March 21/22, 2020

	5:30 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
<b>Acolyte</b>	Bruce Busing	Bob VanWesten	James Huber
<b>Lector</b>	Chris Higgins	Scott DeWald	Ronn Brackle
<b>Server</b>	Salvador Chavez		Braden Suey
<b>Server</b>			
<b>Music</b>	Mary Prellwitz	Lorrie Hofstetter	Janice Bell
<b>Gifts/Greet</b>	Mary Feldkamp	Doris DeWald & Brent Bachle	Ronda Cary
<b>Collection</b>	Chris Higgins/LeAnne Krause		
Church Cleaning for March – Ellen VanWesten			

## Mass intentions March 16<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>

Monday	NO MASS	NO MASS
<b>Tuesday</b>	Noon	Patrick Allen
<b>Wednesday</b>	Noon	Msgr. James Reinert+
<b>Thursday</b>	5:30pm	Leona Gaydusek+
<b>Friday</b>	Noon	Sean Patrick
<b>Saturday</b>	9:00am	Alexandria: Sean Patrick
	5:30pm	Bruce Swartz+
<b>Sunday</b>	8:00 am	The Honorable Donald J Trump President of the United States of America
	10:00 am	The People of the Parishes

## Parish collection data: Mar. 8, 2020

Adult	\$1,505.00	\$200.00
Loose Plate	86.00	50.00
Building	10.00	
Online Giving	50.00	
Cemetery	27.00	25.00
Catholic Press	15.00	
Easter Flowers	45.00	
<b>Debt Reduction</b>	36.00	
<b>Total</b>	\$1,774.00	\$275.00

## Debt Reduction

Loan Total as of January 2020

Joy of the Gospel Rebates 18,180.48

Debt Reduction Envelopes 4,598.62

**Due Dec. 31, 2020 (In savings) \$17,360.33**

Balance Due January 2021 **52,081.02**

**Due Dec. 31, 2021 \$17,360.33**

Joy of the Gospel Rebates 5,418.77

Debt Reduction Envelopes 135.00

**Amount toward 2021 Loan Payment \$5,553.77**

**Amount needed to pay December 2021 payment \$11,806.56**

## 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 \$1,738.00

**Shortage!!!!**

**\$301.84**

**THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:** "I have said these things to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world". - John 16:33

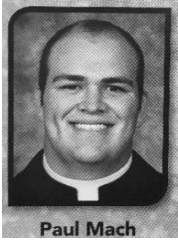
**Please pray for:** Frank Kosmacek \* Eddie Lytle \* Mr & Mrs Wayne Severson \* Jo Nease \*

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



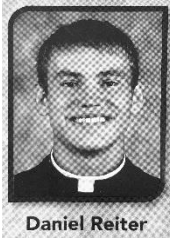
Paul Mach

**Paul Mach**



**John**

**Pankratz Jr.**



Daniel Reiter

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Daniel is the son of Steve & Julie Reiter from St. Peter Parish in Bellwood, NE. He is in his 2<sup>nd</sup> year of College at St. Gregory the Great Seminary.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays in Lent at 5:00pm

**FISH FRY** – Cancelled.

**CEASAR** Beware the ides of March.

**PLEASE** If you are sick, stay home.

**PROM** is April 4th Mass at 4:00pm.

**HEALING AFTER ABORTION** - If you or someone you know is suffering after abortion, confidential, compassionate help is available. Visit [HopeAfterAbortion.org](http://HopeAfterAbortion.org).

**BIRTHDAY WISHES** Bishop James D. Conley has a birthday coming up on March 19th, the feast of St. Joseph. Please consider sending him a card wishing him blessings, fine health, and a safe return to us. His address is:

Bishop James D. Conley  
Diocese of Lincoln  
3400 Sheridan Blvd.  
Lincoln, NE. 68506-6125

If the request is spread throughout our Diocese, the Bishop should receive many thousands of greetings, conveying our care for our Shepherd.

**A LIFE IN THE SPIRIT RETREAT** at North American Martyrs Catholic Church, March 27 - 29th, 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 29th! 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@snggs.edu](mailto:events@snggs.edu).

**EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION** surrounding Planned Parenthood in Lincoln (48th & Old Cheney) on March 31 at 2:00 p.m. Park at the Cornerstone Christian Church at 4849 Old Cheney Road. Join hundreds at this peaceful & prayerful witness to the sanctity of all human lives.

**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. Provide your resume and contact [info@willowcenter.net](mailto:info@willowcenter.net).

## DAYS OF FASTING

### **\*\*OLD REGULATION\*\***

To fast consists in abstaining from flesh-meat, and eating only one full meal in the day, which must not be taken before noon. Besides this, a light collation or light refreshment is allowed in the evening.

\* The Fridays in Advent

\* The Fridays in Lent

\* Every day in Lent, except Sundays

\* The Ember days, which occur in the year: viz., the Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays -immediately after the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent, -in Whitsun week;-immediately after the 14<sup>th</sup> of September, immediately after the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent.

\* The Vigils of Certain Feasts; viz., of Whit-Sunday, of the Assumption, of All Saints, and of Christmas.