



St. Michael's / St. Mary's

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

4th Sunday of Lent

March 22, 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

All public celebrations of the Liturgy are suspended until further notice.

Mass intentions March 23rd - 29th

Monday	Special Intention
Tuesday	LeRoy Vetch+
Wednesday	Fr. James M. O'Connor+
Thursday	Special Intention
Friday	Special Intention of BM
Saturday	Alexandria : Special Intention Fairbury: Special Intention
Sunday	The People of the Parishes

Parish collection data: Mar. 15, 2020

See note below regarding online giving

Adult	\$1,125.00	\$315.00
Loose Plate	74.00	42.00
Building	25.00	25.00
Online Giving	50.00	
Cemetery	20.00	
Children	3.00	
Easter Flowers	30.00	10.00

Debt Reduction	200.00	
Total	\$1,527.00	\$392.00

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 335.00

Amount toward 2021 Loan Payment \$5,253.77

Amount needed to pay December 2021 payment \$11,606.56

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 \$1,307.00

Shortage!!!! \$732.84

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK: For those moving toward God, the enemy is leading you into error ... but not in any way to make you fall into a (mortal) sin that would separate you from God our Lord. He tries rather to upset you and to interfere with your service of God and your peace of mind. - Ignatius of Loyola

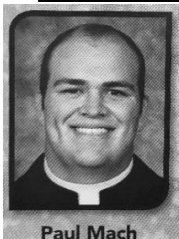
Please pray for: Frank Kosmacek * Eddie Lytle * Mr & Mrs Wayne Severson * Jo Nease *

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

Tim Cary * Joshua Black * Deb Jones * Jose Bonilla

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.

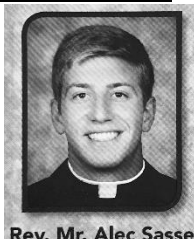
PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS



Paul Mach



John
Pankratz Jr.



Rev. Mr. Alec
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Alec is the son of Ted & Janna Saase from St. Peter and St. Michael Parishes in Lincoln, NE. He is in his 4th year of Theology at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary.

By order of the Archbishop, in accordance with Federal and State officials, ALL public celebrations of the Liturgy are suspended until further notice. This means, Public Mass will not be celebrated. The Church will be open during the day for private prayer. Social distancing (stay at least six feet away from each other) must be observed.

ONLINE GIVING Create an account at www.osvonlinegiving.com/4626, People have asked how they can offer their tithe. Online giving is a safe & easy way to do that. The church (St Michael's) is open during the days, but if you are going to drop off your donation, please slide it under one of the Sacristy doors.

MASS INTENTIONS Father will continue to offer intentions when he celebrates Mass. Daily Mass will be offered, usually at the normal time, though they will no longer be listed. The doors will be left unlocked & if people are present, so be it. As long as there are not more than ten, and even so, they are to maintain a space of 6 feet or more between them. **ON SUNDAYS**, we have been told that if people show-up, we are to lead them in a spiritual Communion, give a blessing & dismiss them.

CANCELLATIONS: FISH FRYS, PROM, SPRING BBQ, STATIONS OF THE CROSS

PLEASE If you are sick, stay home.

MADLINE KAPKE passed away March 18th. There will be a private funeral now, and a public funeral at a later date. Keep her and her family in your prayers.

THE CORONAVIRUS NOVENA

While we face the coronavirus pandemic, let us turn to the face of God in prayer and ask for His healing, His help and His protection.

We will start praying on Friday, March 20th.

Sign up for the novena at praymorenovenas.com

We will pray for all who are affected, for all who are sick and suffering, for all those who work in the medical profession, and for those who have died as well as for their grieving family members.

During this novena we will be asking the intercession of these saints:

- * The Fourteen Holy Helpers, those who lived during the time of the plague
- * St. Anthony the Great, patron of those affected by infectious diseases
- * St. Edmund, patron for victims of pandemics
- * St. Damien of Molokai, who put himself at risk to minister to lepers
- * St. Rocco, who is venerated for his prayers for those suffering from infectious diseases
- * St. Joseph, patron of the dying
- * St. Jude and St. Rita, patrons of impossible causes
- * St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, who founded hospitals dedicated to caring for the sick and Mary, Undoer of Knots.

BIRTHDAY WISHES Bishop James D. Conley has a birthday is March 19th. Please consider sending him a card. His address is:

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