



St. Michael's / St. Mary's

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

5th Sunday of Lent

March 29, 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 30th – April 5th

Monday	Special Intention of G.G.
Tuesday	Special Intention
Wednesday	Msgr. James Reinert+
Thursday	Special Intention
Friday	Fr. Birkel and Family
Saturday	Alexandria : Special Intention Fairbury: The People of the Parishes
Sunday	Special Intention The Honorable Donald J Trump President of the United States of America

Parish collection data: Mar. 22, 2020

See note below regarding online giving

Adult	\$795.00	\$0.00
Loose Plate		
Building		
Online Giving	50.00	
Cemetery		
Children		
Easter Flowers		
Debt Reduction	75.00	
Total	\$920.0	\$0.00

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 \$845.00

Shortage!!!! \$1,194.84

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK: Come my people, enter your chambers, and shut your doors behind you; hide yourselves for a little while until the fury has passed by. – Isaiah 26:20

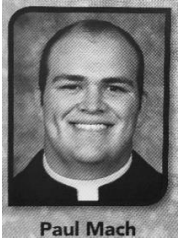
Please pray for: Frank Kosmacek * Eddie Lytle * Mr & Mrs Wayne Severson * Jo Nease *

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.

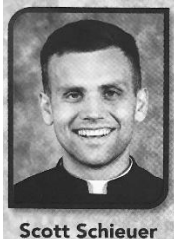
PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS



Paul Mach



John
Pankratz Jr.



Scott Schieuer

Scott is the son of Kevin & Heidi Schieuer from St. Joseph Parish in Lincoln, NE. He is in his 2nd year of College at St. Gregory the Great 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.

DRIVE-IN MASS I have been asked by people about what they can do about Mass. The best idea I have is to have "Drive-in Mass". I plan to celebrate Mass on the altar from the chapel fight outside the west end of the church building. People can stay in their cars with the window open. We are borrowing the PA system from the funeral home. In this way you can truly attend Mass while maintaining all the proper protocols. As for receiving Communion, everyone will need to maintain distance and while it may take longer to distribute Communion, we won't be able to have any songs, so it should balance out, nicely. I am asking for a response if you plan to attend because if only 5 people tell me they are coming, then I won't do it. For a moderate amount of people, I will be more than happy to do this.

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

PLEASE If you are sick, stay home.

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.