





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

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

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

May 10, 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 May 11<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>

Monday	Special Intention
Tuesday	Bruce Swartz+
Wednesday	Special Intention
Thursday	Jeff Hubka
Friday	LeRoy Vetch+
Saturday	Frankie Peck+
Sunday	The People of the Parishes

### Parish collection data: May 3, 2020

See note below regarding online giving

Adult	\$1,950.00	\$274.00
Loose Plate		
Building	5.00	
Online Giving	197.00	
Cemetery		
Children		
Holy Day		
Debt Reduction	5.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,157.00</b>	<b>\$274.00</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	525.00
<b>Amount toward 2021 Loan Payment</b>	<b>\$5,233.77</b>
<b>Amount needed to pay December 2021 payment</b>	<b>\$11,416.56</b>

### Loan Payment

#### 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	\$2,152.00

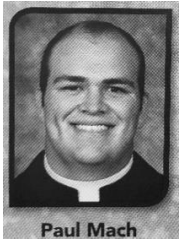
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**\$112.16**

**Please pray for:** 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

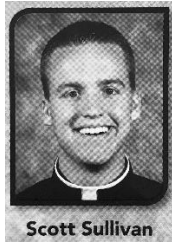


Paul Mach

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**John  
Pankratz Jr.**



Scott Sullivan

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Sullivan**

Scott is the son of Dan & Shelly Sullivan of St. Teresa parish in Lincoln, NE. He is in his 3<sup>rd</sup> year of College at St. Gregory the Great Seminary.

### THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

In this intimate converse with God, infinite Truth and infinite Goodness, virtue becomes every day more attractive and vice more loathsome.

**MASS INTENTIONS** will be said by Fr. Birkel during his daily private Mass. If this is not okay with you and you would like your intentions held please let us know.

**ONLINE GIVING** Create an account at [www.osvonlinegiving.com/4626](http://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.

**THANK YOU** to all who have been mailing or dropping off your tithing.

**REOPENING DATE IS MAY 18TH**, Here are the Guidelines and Safety Measures for Parishioners During Reopening:

The following guidelines are subject to change in the event of new instructions from local or state health officials and the Office of the Bishop.

### General Guidelines:

- The dispensation from the Sunday and Holy Day obligation remains in place.
- Gatherings are limited to the Sacred Liturgy, so all forms of public liturgies in churches are permitted.
- All other parish and school activities remain restricted, including after-Mass gatherings such as coffee and rolls, funeral luncheons, wedding receptions, etc. The Bishop has restricted outdoor Mass.

### The following are encouraged to stay at home:

- The sick
- The elderly
- People with underlying medical conditions
- Family members who live with elderly people or those who are at risk
- People who have access to those at risk in nursing institutions
- People who have upper respiratory or flu like symptoms
- People who live with someone with upper respiratory or flu like symptoms
- People with COVID-19 or live with someone with COVID-19
- People who have been exposed to someone with COVID-19

### Requested "Containment Practices" for those attending Mass:

- Family members sit together
- Sit in every other pew
- Cough in your sleeve
- Place your contribution envelope in the basket provided as you enter or exit the church. The ushers will not "take up the collection" during Mass
- No hand holding during the Our Father
- Sign of Peace is omitted
- Form a single file line with 6-foot intervals when processing forward to receive Holy Communion
- Follow the instructions of the ushers
- Avoid gathering in the vestibule or near the doors of the church following Mass
- If requested, assist with sanitizing the church and other public areas following Mass
- Attend Mass in your home parish