



# 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 Easter

May 24, 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 May 31, 2020				Mass intentions May 25 <sup>th</sup> - 31 <sup>st</sup>		
				<b>Monday</b>	Noon	Special Intention
<b>Acolyte</b>				<b>Tuesday</b>	Noon	Bruce Swartz+
<b>Lector</b>	Once things settle, we will assign and post the Lay Ministry Assignments again.			<b>Wednesday</b>	Noon	Special Intention
<b>Server</b>				<b>Thursday</b>	5:30pm	Special Intention
<b>Server</b>				<b>Friday</b>	Noon	Lawrence Huber+
<b>Music</b>				<b>Saturday</b>	9:00am 5:30pm	Alexandria: Special Intention Fairbury: The People of the Parishes
<b>Gifts/Greet</b>				<b>Sunday</b>	8:00am	The United States of America
<b>Collection</b>					10:00am	Al & Phyllis Boerner+
<b>Cleaning</b>						

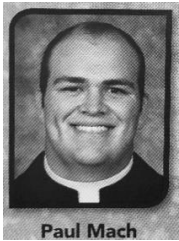
<b>Parish collection data: May 17, 2020</b>			<b>Debt Reduction</b>		<b>Loan Payment</b>	
See note below regarding online giving			Loan Total as of January 2020		69,441.35	
Adult	\$995.00	\$515.00	Joy of the Gospel Rebates		18,180.48	
Loose Plate	42.00		Debt Reduction Envelopes		4,598.62	
Building		25.00	<b>Due Dec. 31, 2020 (In savings)</b>		<b>\$17,360.33</b>	
Online Giving	97.00		Balance Due January 2021		<b>52,081.02</b>	
Cemetery	100.00		<b>Due Dec. 31, 2021</b>		<b>\$17,360.33</b>	
Children		75.00	Joy of the Gospel Rebates		7,001.02	
Catholic Press	20.00		Debt Reduction Envelopes		2,301.00	
			<b>Amount toward 2021 Loan Payment</b>		<b>\$9,302.02</b>	
			<b>Amount needed to pay December 2021 payment</b>		<b>\$8,058.31</b>	
			<b>PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION</b>			
			It takes \$2,089.36 a week to run St. Michael's Parish.			
			Operation Cost		\$2,039.84	
			This week's Collection		\$1,154.00	
			<b>Shortage!!</b>		<b>\$885.84</b>	
Debt Reduction	400.00					
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,654.00</b>	<b>\$615.00</b>				

**THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:** Joy is satisfaction from a present good. – Fr. Tanqueray

**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.

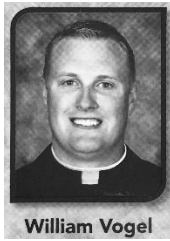
## PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS



Paul Mach



John  
Pankratz Jr.



William Vogel

William is the son of James & Mary Jean Vogel of Risen Christ Cathedral in Lincoln, NE. He is in his Pastoral year at Sacred Heart in Lincoln, NE.

**JOY OF THE GOSPEL REBATES** We received Joy of the Gospel rebates this week in the amount of \$250.00 for St. Mary's and \$1,582.25 for St. Michael's. Thank you to all who contributed.

**2020 GRADUATES** Congratulations to our Seniors: Brock Beed son of Jay & Raven Gerths and Devin Wanamaker son of Bill & Sabrina Wanamaker.

**LAY MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS** Once things settle, we will assign and post the Lay Ministry Assignments again.

**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.

### 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

**COMING SOON TO LINCOLN** Women's Care Center - "We are proud that Nebraska will be the 12th state to host this important apostolate. I am happy to give my whole-hearted support and endorsement to this new initiative." -Most Reverend James D. Conley To find out how you can help support this life-saving pregnancy resource center coming to Lincoln, go to <https://supportwomenscarecenter.org> or contact Sarah Kroner at (217) 741-5177 or [kroner\\_sarah@yahoo.com](mailto:kroner_sarah@yahoo.com)