



St. Michael's / St. Mary's

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

14th Sunday of Ordinary Time

July 5, 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				Mass intentions July 6 th - 12 th		
				Monday	No Mass	NO MASS
Acolyte				Tuesday	Noon	Seven Sisters
Lector	Once things settle, we will assign and post the Lay Ministry Assignments again.			Wednesday	Noon	Charlie Barringer+
Server				Thursday	5:30pm	Special Intention
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Music				Saturday	9:00am 5:30pm	Alexandria: Special Intention Fairbury: Bruce Swartz+
Gifts/Greet				Sunday	8:00am 10:00am	The People of the Parishes The United States of America
Collection						
Cleaning						

Parish collection data: June 28, 2020			Debt Reduction		Loan Payment	
See note below regarding online giving			Loan Total as of January 2020		69,441.35	
Adult	\$2,089.00	\$345.00	Joy of the Gospel Rebates		18,180.48	
Loose Plate	43.00	.00	Debt Reduction Envelopes		4,618.62	
Building	20.00	.00	Due Dec. 31, 2020 (In savings)		\$17,360.33	
Online Giving	137.00		Balance Due January 2021		52,081.02	
Cemetery	220.00	100.00	Due Dec. 31, 2021		\$17,360.33	
Flowers			Joy of the Gospel Rebates		7,001.02	
Holy Day			Debt Reduction Envelopes		2,581.00	
Misc.			Amount toward 2021 Loan Payment		\$9,582.02	
			Amount needed to pay December 2021 payment		\$7,758.31	
Debt Reduction			PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION			
Debt Reduction	20.00		It takes \$2,039.84 a week to run St. Michael's Parish.			
Total	\$2529.00	\$445.00	Operation Cost		\$2,039.84	
			This week's Collection		\$2,269.00	
			Overage!!!		\$229.16	

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK: See the next page

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 * 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.

ST MICHAEL'S SEATING:

On Saturdays please sit in the pews with BLUE tape.

On Sundays please sit in the pews with NO tape.

PARISH COUNCIL If you would like to be on the parish council (St Michael's / St Mary's) let me know. We have some who are willing but are always looking for those who are interested.

THANK YOU to Maurice Smith+ for the generous donation of \$5,000 which was stipulated to be left to the church after his death.

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.

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

THE EMMAUS INSTITUTE FOR BIBLICAL STUDIES is now accepting registrations for online summer classes. Learn more at www.emmausinstitute.net

THE IMMACULATE HEART of Mary Counseling Center (IHMCC) with Catholic Social Services of Southern Nebraska continues to support mental health for the Diocese of Lincoln through the use of telehealth. If you or someone you know is experiencing mental health difficulties that adversely impact daily functioning or shadow the joy of living, please reach out. Visit their website at immaculateheartcounseling.org for more information or call 402-489-1834.

DIOCESAN CANOE TRIP will be held July 5-7 or 7-9, near Valentine, Nebraska. \$100 covers registration and food. Each attendee/family will need to bring their own tent. Due to

current health conditions, we can only take a limited number of students, and will not be providing transportation, so it will be important to register soon to secure a spot.

Go to <https://www.lincolndiocese.org/camps/diocesan-canoe-trip> to register.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER is going Virtual-streaming. Accommodating for Virus situation. Complete Weekend presentations Aug. 28-30. Enhancing couple communication and intimacy of heart. Contact Pat & Janelle Benson - Pat 308-940-0670, Janelle 308-940-1105 or at pbjbben@yahoo.com.

Thought of the week:

When I was born, I was not perfect. As the years went by I passed several milestones, I learned how to use a saw, but the wood project I made for 7th grade Social Studies class was pretty flawed...I still have it on display, though. I passed 8th grade, & in high school even made the National Honor Society. When I got to college I found there was a lot more to learn (Colleges were better in those days). I kept my 8th grade diploma, though.

As a nation, the United States of America was born on July 4th, 1776, but we were not perfect. As the years went by we ended slavery, the statue we put up to commemorate it wasn't perfect, neither were the men who fought to free the slaves, but we still keep it on display.

Father (Now Saint) Serra brought the Good News to many, but he wasn't perfect, we still (until they tore it down) keep his statue on display.

We put up statues & monuments even to the Confederates because all of them show growth and that even good people aren't perfect. We are growing as a nation and we need to remember how much we've grown. Bret Henry