



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

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

**Baptism of the Lord**

**January 10, 2021**

**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.

**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. Michael's PCCW:** Mary Prellwitz

**St. Mary's PCCW:** Deb Vanwesten

**Knights of Columbus:** Randy Prellwitz

**CCD Coordinator:** Georgann Friedrichsen

## Ministers' Schedules

	<u>5:30pm</u>	<u>8:00am</u>	<u>10:00am</u>
<b>Acolyte</b>	Ronn Brackle		Randy Prellwitz
<b>Lector</b>	Ronn Brackle		Randy Prellwitz
<b>Server</b>	Aldo Ramos		
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<b>Music</b>	Mary Prellwitz		LeAnne Krause
<b>Gifts/Greet</b>			
<b>Collection</b>			
<b>Cleaning</b>			

## Mass intentions Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>

	<b>Monday</b>	<b>No Mass</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	Noon		Special Intention
<b>Wednesday</b>	Noon		Deceased members of Cumro & Nutch Family & Viola+
<b>Thursday</b>	9:00am		Special Intention
<b>Friday</b>	Noon		Bob Gibson+
<b>Saturday</b>	9:00 am		Alexandria: Special Intention
	5:30pm		People of the Parishes
<b>Sunday</b>	8:00am		The United States of America
	10:00am		Special Intention of G.G.

## Parish collection data: Dec. 27, 2020

See note below regarding online giving

Adult	\$5,100.00	\$475.00
Loose Plate	89.00	100.00
Building	20.00	
Online Giving	137.00	
Cemetery	20.00	
Register	10.00	
Debt Reduction	800.00	

**Total** \$6,176.00 \$575.00

## Debt Reduction

Loan Total as of January 2021

Joy of the Gospel Rebates	8,968.92
Debt Reduction Envelopes	5,071.00
<b>Due Dec. 31, 2021</b>	<b>\$17,360.33</b>
<b>Amount toward 2021 Loan Payment</b>	<b>\$14,039.92</b>
<b>Amount needed to pay December 2021 payment</b>	<b>\$3,320.41</b>

## Loan Payment

\$52,081.02

## PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

It takes \$2,039.84 a week to run St. Michael's Parish.

Operation Cost	\$2,039.84
This week's Collection	\$5,356.00

**Overage!!! \$3,316.16**

**THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:** Christ has appeared to us; come, let us adore Him.

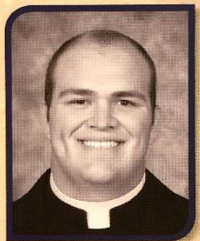
**Please pray for:** Eddie Lytle \* Mr & Mrs Wayne Severson \* Jo Nease \* Lee Rine

Evelyn Birkel \* Paul Prellwitz \* Steve Graff \* Duke Williams \* Tim Cary \* Patty McMurphy Barnts

Joshua Black \* Jose Bonilla \* Mary Kay Bedlan \* Mikey Bray \* Alejandra Ramos \* Heather Cochran

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

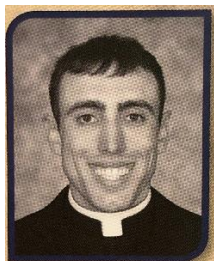
## PRAY FOR VOCATIONS



**Paul Mach**  
College 3  
St. Gregory the Great



**REV. MR.  
JOHN  
PANKRATZ JR.**



**Mitchell Schleis**  
Theology 1  
Mount St. Mary

**MITCHELL SCHLEIS** is the son of Michael & Maria Schleis of Sacred Heart Parish in Lincoln, NE.

### **I PLAN TO BLESS SALT & WATER, SOON.**

I know that there are people who use specific types of salt for their food. If you would like, you may bring your own salt and I will bless it with the rest of the salt.

**CCD RESUMES** Wednesday January 13<sup>th</sup>. Class times are from 6:00pm to 7:15pm.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Matthew Schultz who was received into full communion January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021.

### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS:**

**-JANUARY MEETING** will be Monday January 11<sup>th</sup>, Rosary in the lower chapel at 6:30pm with meeting to follow at 7:00pm in the center.

**-KNIGHTS FREE THROW CONTEST** will be Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at FHS. Call Randy Prellwitz 402-300-0076 for details.

**5TH SUNDAY ROSARY** will be held before the weekend Masses January 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>.

**-LEAVE NO NEIGHBOR BEHIND** Leave your unperishable items in the back of church.

**THE 48TH ANNUAL NEBRASKA WALK FOR LIFE** will be held on Saturday, January 16, 2021. The outdoor event begins on the north steps of the State Capitol at 10:00 a.m. For more information, go to [www.nebraskarighttolife.org](http://www.nebraskarighttolife.org) or call 402-438-4802.

### **NEED A NEW YEARS RESOLUTION:**

**Give a return on your gifts.** When using a gift, say a prayer for the giver. For instance, say a Hail Mary for the person who gave you a geranium every time you water it.

**Commit random acts of prayer.** Pick someone you do not usually pray for and pray for them throughout your day.

**Bounce-back.** As kids we used to say: "I'm rubber, and you're glue; whatever you say bounces off of me and sticks to you." Think of God telling us: "I'm God, and I made you; whatever you do for others comes back to you."

**Become invisible.** Look for invisible ways to do good. Skip over a parking spot near the door and pray for the one who will park there. Put away a shopping cart and pray for the one who left it and the next shopper to use it

**Read the Word.** Put a Bible somewhere convenient, and open it up once a day.

**Call the manager to praise an employee.** When you've been given good service, call the manager and report it. For a bonus, say a prayer for them.

**Enjoy the wait.** What do you do while waiting for the microwave or while waiting for someone to answer their phone? Turn inconsequential moments into prayers of consequence.

**End your purchase with a surprise.** "Thank you, and have a good day" is so ordinary that cashiers barely hear it. Try saying, "Thank you, and God bless you" with heartfelt expression.

**Use sirens and flashing lights as prayer signals.** Pray for the person needing the ambulance speeding by and also for whomever is at the end of a police call, and those responding to the situation.

**Talk to people no one can see.** Get to know the saint of the day, and ask him or her to pray for you.

**Give away something you love.** It's fine to donate the things you don't use, but give away a favorite item. It's the difference between Cain and Abel's offerings to God.

**Wear a crucifix.** It's a silent witness to Jesus' love and sacrifice.

**Have a no-complaint day.** Dedicate an entire day each week to not complaining. Weather counts.

**Give unexpected gifts.** Anonymously give a gift card or money to someone on hard times, or send a pizza or baked goods to a police station, a nursing home, hospital employees or to a big family.