



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

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

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

February 21, 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 February 27 - 28 <sup>th</sup>				Mass intentions Feb. 22 <sup>nd</sup> - 28 <sup>th</sup>		
	5:30pm	8:00am	10:00am	Monday	No Mass	No Mass
<b>Acolyte</b>	Luis Ramos		Randy Prellwitz	<b>Tuesday</b>	9:00am	Elaine Courtney+
<b>Lector</b>	Ronn Brackle		Randy Prellwitz	<b>Wednesday</b>	Noon	Special Intention
<b>Server</b>	Aldo Ramos			<b>Thursday</b>	8:00am	Special Intention
<b>Server</b>				<b>Friday</b>	5:00pm Upper church	Gina Gifford
<b>Music</b>	Mary Prellwitz		LeAnne Krause	<b>Saturday</b>	9:00 am	Alexandria: Special Intention
<b>Gifts/Greet</b>					5:30pm	People of the Parishes
<b>Collection</b>				<b>Sunday</b>	8:00am	Irene Salazar
<b>Cleaning</b>					10:00am	The United States of America

**Parish collection data: Feb 14, 2020**

See note below regarding online giving

Adult	\$1,840.00	50.00
Catholic Press	150.00	
Loose Plate	35.00	12.00
Building		
Online Giving	137.00	
Donation		
Catholic Press	150.00	25.00
Debt Reduction	200.00	
<b>Total</b>	2,362.00	\$112.00

**Debt Reduction**

Loan Total as of January 2021

Joy of the Gospel Rebates 8,968.92

Debt Reduction Envelopes 5,596.00

**Due Dec. 31, 2021 \$17,360.33**

**Amount toward 2021 Loan Payment \$14,114.92**

**Amount needed to pay December 2021 payment \$2,795.41**

**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 \$2,162.00

**OVER \$122.16**

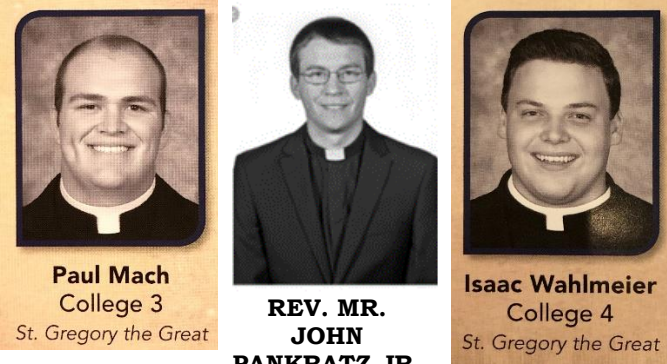
**THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:** "If we are indeed the temple of God and if the Spirit of God lives in us, then what every believer has within himself is greater than what he admires in the skies."  
Saint Leo the Great, pope

**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**

more. If you did not receive a statement and are in need of one email: [st.michael.fairbury@gmail.com](mailto:st.michael.fairbury@gmail.com).



**ISAAC WAHLMEIER** is the son of Patrick & Debra Wahlmeier of St. Michael Parish in Hastings, NE.

**THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU!!!**  
 To those who cleared snow several times these past few weeks!!!

**THE CHURCH PREFERS ANTIPHON OVER HYMNS.** We will return to using hymns to regain a sense of normalcy, at least for the time being. Since the Church prefers antiphons, we will also begin to incorporate them.

In reading the Instructions for Mass, I see that the Psalm may simply be read straight through, we will do that sometimes, too. "The Church has ever held the literary evidences of this wisdom in the highest esteem. She values especially the Greek and Latin languages in which wisdom itself is cloaked, as it were, in a vesture of gold.

...Of its very nature Latin is most suitable for promoting every form of culture among peoples. It gives rise to no jealousies. It does not favor any one nation, but presents itself with equal impartiality to all and is equally acceptable to all."

Pope Saint John XXIII

**IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED** in a Bunn pour-o-matic coffee maker please let me know.

**KNIGHTS FISH FRIES:** March 5th and March 19th. Serving 5.30 to 7.00pm in the SMS gym.

**COPIES OF THE FORGIVENESS PRAYER** & the prayer to break soul ties are on the table.

**CHANGE TO STATIONS:**  
**STATIONS FRIDAY'S OF LENT 4:30PM**  
**MASS AT 5:00PM** following stations (both) in the upper church.

**THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU!!!** To those who decorated the church for Lent.

**EVERYONE IS INVITED** to a 3 series movie night on the paintings of the ceiling, walls and last judgement scene in the Sistine Chapel. **This will start February 26th (Friday) at 7.00pm** in the center and each series lasts about 1.5hrs. It is an amazing presentation done by Deacon John Pankratz Jr. who is the grandson of Marge Gregory. Deacon John has been studying at Pontifical North American College in Rome. Deacon John will be ordained a Priest in June in Billings Montana. The second and third parts of the series will be on March 12th & 26th. We will provide popcorn and drinks. Come and enjoy friends and fellowship.

**WE PLAN TO END THE SERIES** with a 4th night showing the film, The Agony & the Ecstasy, a classic film telling the story of the painting of the ceiling.

**CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS** have been sent to anyone who contributed \$250 or