



St. Michael's / St. Mary's

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

13th/14th Sunday of Ordinary Time June 27/July 4, 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

Parish collection data:

June 20th and 27th will be counted and reported in total after Father gets back.

Debt Reduction

Loan Total as of January 2021

Joy of the Gospel Rebates

Debt Reduction Envelopes

Due Dec. 31, 2021

2021 Loan payment of \$17,360.33 has been reached!

AMOUNT TOWARDS DECEMBER 2022 PAYMENT

Loan Payment

\$52,081.02

10,050.40

9,571.00

\$17,360.33

\$2,261.07

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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

Operation Cost

\$2,039.84

Please pray for:

Eddie Lytle * Jo Nease * Mr & Mrs Wayne Severson Lee Rine * Tim Cary Paul Prellwitz * Steve Graff Duke Williams * Patty McMurphy Barnts * Mikey Bray * Joshua Black * Jose Bonilla * Mary Kay Bedlan

Alejandra Ramos * Heather Cochran * Isaac Robertson * Wilma Bonilla * Terry Harms

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.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

For life is to be with *Christ*,

where *Christ* is,

there is life,

there is the kingdom.

-St. Ambrose

FR. BIRKEL WILL BE GONE starting after Mass on June 20th until July 6th. In case of emergency contact either Fr. Major (402) 768-6293 in Hebron or Fr. Rand (402) 223-2923 in Beatrice.

PRAYERS

Body of Christ, Save Me!

Save me from my great arch-enemy, my weak and faltering self.

Save me from all greed of money, of power, and of praise. Save me from thirst of pleasure, worldly show, and midnight revelry.

Save me from betraying You, Dear Lord, in thought, or in work, or in deed.

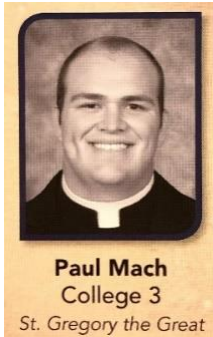
Blood of Christ, inebriate Me!

Inebriate me with Your Love, that I may be absorbed in Your interests and Your Will. Absorbed so as to be unmindful of my ills and petty cares. Unmindful of weariness and pain, heartache, and disappointment.

Heedless of the lash of cruel words, and patient under wrongs.

Mass Intentions for June 28th – July 4th		
Monday	No Mass	NO WEEKDAY MASSES FR. BIRKEL WILL BE GONE
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday	9:00am 5:30pm	Alexandria: Special Intention David Tynan+
Sunday	8:00am 10:00am	Jack Steele People of the Parishes
St. Michael's Minister's Schedule for July 3rd & 4th		
	5:30pm	10:00am
Acolyte	Luis Ramos	Randy Prellwitz
Lector	Ronn Brackle	Randy Prellwitz
Server	Aldo Ramos	
Music	Mary Prellwitz	LeAnne Krause
Mass Intentions for July 5th – 11th		
Monday	No Mass	No Mass
Tuesday	Noon	Evelyn Birkel+
Wednesday	Noon	Eva Naiman+
Thursday	5:30pm	RRB & BJB
Friday	5:30pm	Dave Tynan+
Saturday	9:00am 5:30pm	Alexandria: Special Intention Weeks/Huber Families
Sunday	8:00am 10:00am	The United States of America People of the Parishes
St. Michael's Minister's Schedule for July 10th & 11th		
	5:30pm	10:00am
Acolyte	Ronn Brackle	Randy Prellwitz
Lector	Ronn Brackle	Randy Prellwitz
Server	Aldo Ramos	
Music	Mary Prellwitz	LeAnne Krause

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS



Paul Mach
College 3
St. Gregory the Great



REV. MR.
JOHN
PANKRATZ JR.

SR. MARY CHIARA of Gretna, NE who is a Novice, **SR. TERESA MARIE** of Columbus, NE who is in her 1st Vows, **SR. PETER MARIE** of Overland Park, KS who is also in her 1st vows, and **ABBEY FORWARD** of Ochs, ND who is a Postulant all at School Sisters of Christ the King.

REV. MR. JOHN PANKRATZ JR. Will be ordained in Billings, MT on June 24th. Please pray for him.

HISPANIC MASS On Sunday July 18th at noon there will be a Hispanic Mass.

POPE PAUL VI THOUGHTS ON:

RELYING ON REVELATION, NOT REASON

And so we must approach this mystery in particular with humility and reverence, not relying on human reasoning, which ought to hold its peace, but rather adhering firmly to divine Revelation.

St. John Chrysostom who, as you know, dealt with the Mystery of the Eucharist in such eloquent language and with such insight born of devotion, had these most fitting words to offer one occasion when he was instructing his faithful about this mystery: "Let us submit to God in all things and not contradict Him, even if what He says seems to contradict our reason and intellect; let His word prevail over our reason and intellect. Let us act in this way with regard to the Eucharistic mysteries, and not limit our attention just to what can be perceived by the senses, but instead hold fast to His words. For His word cannot deceive."

The scholastic Doctors made similar statements on more than one occasion. As St. Thomas says, the fact that the true body and the true blood of Christ are present in this Sacrament "cannot be apprehended by the senses but only by faith, which rests upon divine authority. This is why Cyril comments upon the words, This is my body which is delivered up for you, in Luke 22, 19, in this way: Do not doubt that this is true; instead accept the words of the Savior in faith; for since He is the truth, He cannot tell a lie."

Hence the Christian people often follow the lead of St. Thomas and sing the words: "Sight, touch and taste in Thee are each deceived; The ear alone most safely is believed. I believe all the Son of God has spoken; Than truth's own word, there is no truer token."

And St. Bonaventure declares: "There is no difficulty over Christ's being present in the sacrament as in a sign; the great difficulty is in the fact that HE is really in the sacrament, as He is in heaven. And so believing this is especially meritorious."

-Pope Paul VI

BLOODMOBILE Fairbury Red Cross Bloodmobile, Tuesday, July 13 from 11:30am to 5:30pm at the Fairbury Elks Lodge – 525 G St.

THE CHURCH IN ALEXANDRIA needs a small, dorm, refrigerator. If anyone has one that they would like to donate please let us know.