



St. Michael's / St. Mary's

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

16th Sunday of Ordinary Time

July 18, 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: July 11th, 2021			Debt Reduction		Loan Payment
Adult	\$1,165.00	\$395.00	Loan Total as of January 2021		\$52,081.02
Loose Plate	87.00	26.00	Joy of the Gospel Rebates		\$10,050.40
Online Giving	137.00		Debt Reduction Envelopes		\$10,396.00
Building Upkeep	5.00		Due Dec. 31, 2021		\$17,360.33
Cemetery	25.00	125.00	2021 Loan payment of \$17,360.33 has been reached!		
Holy Day			AMOUNT TOWARDS DECEMBER 2022 PAYMENT		\$3,086.07
Debt Reduction	100.00		PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION		
Total	\$1,519.00	\$546.00	It takes \$2,039.84 a week to run St. Michael's Parish.		
			Operation Cost for 2 weeks \$2,039.84		
			2 Week Collection \$1,394.00		
			Shortage		\$645.84

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Eddie Lytle * Jo Nease * Mr & Mrs Wayne Severson

Lee Rine * Tim Cary * Steve Graff * Mikey Bray

Duke Williams * Patty McMurphy Barnts

Wilma Bonilla * Joshua Black * Jose Bonilla

Mary Kay Bedlan * Alejandra Ramos * Terry Harms

Heather Cochran * Isaac Robertson

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

SR. JOSEPHINE OF THE HEART OF JESUS of Hopkins, MN and **SR. CATHERINE ROSE OF THE IMMACULATE HEART** of Lovell, WY who are both Jr. Professed at Sisters of the Caramel of Jesus, Mary & Joseph.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

When you pray, you only have to ask for two things: You should ask for the light to see the will of God, and you have to ask for the courage to be able to do the will of God.

— Venerable Msgr. Aloysius Schwartz

Mass Intentions for July 19th - 25th		
Monday	No Mass	No Mass
Tuesday	Noon	All Souls Intention of Bernard Boerner
Wednesday	8:00am	Eva Naiman+
Thursday	5:30pm	Special Intention of Gennie Cuba
Friday	5:30pm	Bill Lux+
Saturday	9:00am	Alexandria: Special Intention
	5:30pm	MKB
Sunday	8:00am	The United States of America
	10:00am	People of the Parishes
St. Michael's Minister's Schedule for July 24th & 25th		
	5:30pm	10:00am
Acolyte	Ronn Brackle	Randy Prellwitz
Lector	Ronn Brackle	Randy Prellwitz
Server	Aldo Ramos	
Music	Mary Prellwitz	LeAnne Krause

FR. BIRKEL will be on retreat after Mass on July 25th through July 30th. In case of emergency contact either Fr. Major (402) 768-6293 in Hebron or Fr. Rand (402) 223-2923 in Beatrice.

HISPANIC MASS On Sunday July 18th at noon St Michael's will have a Hispanic Mass.

*From the ancient document
entitled "The Teaching of the
Twelve Apostles"
(from before 70A.D.)
(Nn. 21-22) Continued*

EXAMPLE OF THE APOSTLES

Moreover, the Holy Gospel alludes to this when it tells of the many disciples of Christ who turned away and left Our Lord, after hearing Him speak of eating His flesh and drinking His blood. "This is strange talk," they said. "Who can be expected to listen to it" Peter, on the contrary, replied to Jesus' question as to whether the twelve wanted to go away too by promptly and firmly expressing his own faith and that of the other Apostles in these marvelous words: "Lord, to whom should we go? Thy words are the words of eternal life."

It is only logical, then, for us to follow the magisterium of the Church as a guiding star in carrying on our investigations into this mystery, for the Divine Redeemer has entrusted the

safeguarding and the explanation of the written or transmitted word of God to her. And we are convinced that "whatever has been preached and believed throughout the whole Church with true Catholic faith since the days of antiquity is true, even if it not be subject to rational investigation, and even if it not be explained in words."

PRAYERS

It is Fairbury and St. Mary's week to say the Prayer of St. Monica. This prayer is the Deanery's responsibility for the month of July.

St. Monica's Prayer

O God, You are the comfort of those who mourn and the Savior of all who trust in You. Blessed Monica's loving tears moved you to convert her son, Augustine. Help us, who pray to You for the salvation of our sons and daughters, too. May we also grieve for our sins, and win the grace of Your pardon, through the intercession of this loving saint, through Christ Our Lord. Amen

KOLACHE FUNDRAISER, ST WENCESLAUS, WILBER: Preorder by July 28 your kolaches baked by the St. Wenceslaus, Wilber PCCW ladies. \$12 per dozen, nine flavors available. Phone 402-821-7309 or 402-821-2093 (Bonnie Kreshel). Preorder pick up at the church is Thursday, August 5, 5:00-9:00pm or Friday, August 6, 9:00-11:00am.