



St. Michael's / St. Mary's

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

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary August 15, 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

Knights of Columbus: Randy Prellwitz

CCD Coordinator:

Georgann Friedrichsen

St. Mary's PCCW: Deb Vanwesten

Parish collection data: August 8th, 2021		
Adult	\$1,140.00	\$295.00
Loose Plate	20.00	
Online Giving	137.00	
Building Upkeep		
Cemetery		1,125.00
Holy Day		
Debt Reduction		
Total	\$1,297.00	\$1,420.00

Debt Reduction		Loan Payment
Loan Total as of January 2021		\$52,081.02
Joy of the Gospel Rebates		\$10,050.40
Debt Reduction Envelopes		\$10,406.00
Due Dec. 31, 2021		\$17,360.33
2021 Loan payment of \$17,360.33 has been reached!		
AMOUNT TOWARDS DECEMBER 2022 PAYMENT		\$3,096.07
PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION		
It takes \$2,039.84 a week to run St. Michael's Parish.		
Operation Cost for 2 weeks		\$2,039.84
2 Week Collection		\$1,297.00
Shortage		\$742.84

Mass Intentions for August 16th - 22nd		
Monday	NO Mass	No Mass
Tuesday	Noon	Fr. Oborny+
Wednesday	Noon	Special Intention of Genevieve Cuba
Thursday	5:30pm	Special Intention of Genevieve Cuba
Friday	5:30pm	All Souls Intention of Bernard Boerner+
Saturday	9:00am	Alexandria: Special Intention
	5:30pm	Missa pro populo
Sunday	8:00am	Travis Bartek+
	10:00am	The United States of America
St. Michael's Minister's Schedule for Aug 21/22		
	5:30pm	10:00am
Acolyte	Luis Ramos	Randy Prellwitz
Lector	Ronn Brackle	Randy Prellwitz
Server	Aldo Ramos	
Music	Mary Prellwitz	LeAnne Krause

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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 * Spencer Feldcamp * Jim Diller
Kathleen Selig * Dr & Mrs Jeff Johnson
Jordyn Larmeu * Jonah Moxley

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:

Pretending you're not hurt isn't forgiveness, it's lying.

-Father Chris Aiua

THE CHURCH DOORS have been left unlocked. **YOU MUST HOLD THE DOOR SHUT WHILE** you press the lock button. Then, please check to make sure the door is locked.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

SISTER MARIA THERESA VI NGUYEN of Vietnam who is in her First Vows and **SISTER MARIA CHRISTINE LOAN TRAN** of Vietnam who is a Novice both at Sisters of Mary, Queen of Mercy.

PRAYER CARDS are in the back of the church.

ADORATION Thursday evenings after Mass till 6:30. First Friday's after Mass for as long as we can have people signed-up.

HISPANIC MASS On Sunday, August 29th at noon, and then every two weeks at St. Michael's.

CCD IS NEED of a high school teacher. Contact Georgann Friedrichsen at (402) 300-0937 or Fr. Birkel. Classes start August 25th from 6:00pm to 7:15pm.

IN NEED We are looking for a person to clean the church and rectory.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS Fr. Dennis Hotovy. He is in the Beatrice hospital. They have been running lots of tests but haven't been able to figure out what's causing his problems.

BISHOP APPEAL FOR VOCATIONS This year our goal for St. Mary's is \$800.00 and for St. Michael's is \$3,200.00. More information to come in the following weeks.

More from the Encyclical of Pope Paul VI
on the Holy Eucharist
PROPER WORDING OF GREAT IMPORTANCE

...Once the integrity of the faith has been safeguarded, then it is time to guard the proper way of expressing it, lest our careless use of words give rise, God forbid, to false opinions regarding faith in the most sublime things. St. Augustine gives a stern warning about this when he takes up the matter of the different ways of speaking that are employed by the philosophers on the one hand and that ought to be used by the Christians on the other. "The philosophers," he says, "use words freely, and they have no fear of offending religious listeners in dealing with subjects that are difficult to understand. But we have to speak in accordance with a fixed rule, so that a lack of restraint in speech on our part may not give rise to some irreverent opinion about things represented by the words."

And so the rule of language which the Church has established through the long labor of centuries, with the help of the Holy Spirit, and which she has confirmed with the authority of the councils, and which has more than once been the watchword and banner of Orthodox faith, is to be religiously preserved, and no one may presume to change it at his own pleasure or under the pretext of new knowledge. Who would ever tolerate that the dogmatic formula is used by the ecumenical councils for the mysteries of the Holy Trinity and the Incarnation be judged as no longer appropriate for men of our times, and let others be rashly substituted for them? In the same way, it cannot be tolerated that any individual should on his own authority take something away from the formulas which were used by the Council of Trent to propose the Eucharistic Mystery for our belief. These formulas - like the others that the church used to propose the dogmas of faith - express concepts that are not tied to a certain specific form of human culture, or to a certain level of scientific progress, or to one or another theological school. Instead they set forth with the human mind grasp of reality through necessary and universal experience and what it expresses in apt and exact words, whether it be in ordinary or more refined language. For this reason, these formulas are the adapted to all men of all times and all places.