



St. Michael's / St. Mary's

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

21st Sunday of Ordinary Time August 22, 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: August 15th, 2021		
Adult	\$730.00	\$345.00
Loose Plate	97.00	105.00
Online Giving	137.00	
Building Upkeep	70.00	
Cemetery		100.00
Holy Day	330.00	45.00
Debt Reduction	170.00	
Total	\$1,534.00	\$595.00

Debt Reduction	Loan Payment
Loan Total as of January 2021	\$52,081.02
Joy of the Gospel Rebates	\$10,050.40
Debt Reduction Envelopes	\$10,576.00
Due Dec. 31, 2021	\$17,360.33
2021 Loan payment of \$17,360.33 has been reached!	
AMOUNT TOWARDS DECEMBER 2022 PAYMENT	\$3,266.07
PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION	
It takes \$2,039.84 a week to run St. Michael's Parish.	
Operation Cost per week	\$2,039.84
Week Collection	\$1,364.00
Shortage	\$675.84

Mass Intentions for August 23rd - 29th		
Monday	Noon	Special Intention of Genevieve Cuba
Tuesday	No Mass	NO MASS
Wednesday	Noon	Special Intention of Genevieve Cuba
Thursday	5:30pm	Special Intention of G.G.
Friday	5:30pm	Fr. John Copenhaver+
Saturday	9:00am	Alexandria: Special Intention
	5:30pm	The United States of America
Sunday	8:00am	People of the Parish
	10:00am	All Souls Intention of Kathleen Selig
	NOON	SPANISH MASS: Special Intention
St. Michael's Minister's Schedule for Aug 28/29		
	5:30pm	10:00am
Acolyte	Bruce Busing	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:

The most resplendent manifestation of God's glory is the salvation of souls, whom Christ redeemed by shedding his blood.

-Saint Maximilian Kolbe

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

SISTER MARIA JOSEPH HANG BUI

OF Lincoln, NE who in renewed her vows, **SISTER MARIA BERNADETTE PHOUNG NGUYEN** who is in her 1st vows, and **XUAN SANG** of Vietnam who is a Candidate all at Sisters of Mary, Queen of Mercy.

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

CCD STARTS August 25th from 6:00pm to 7:15pm. Masks are required for 2nd, 3rd and 4th grade. This first week 3rd & 4th grade will meet with 2nd grade in the school and next week in the Center as usual.

CCD IS NEED of a high school teacher. Contact Georgann Friedrichsen at (402) 300-0937 or Fr. Birkel.

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.

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS: Due to COVID 19, the company that produces Christmas cards were unable to provide cards for this year. Reduced inventory combined with

complete shutdown prevented them from making the number of cards needed to support the Knights of Columbus program. To those who supported this council in the past, thank you. We anticipate having cards available next year.

From a contact I have in Nigeria:

NIGERIA IS COOL...though with some high strives of political instability around the country. The current President is an Islam and wants to Islamize the entire country. So, Christians who oppose their teachings are told to denounce their Faith or die. Many Christians have been killed because they kept their Faith.

The Catholic Bishops Conference of Nigeria (CBCN) keeps admonishing us to remain focused on Christ and to keep praying. The clergy even are terrorised, brutalized, kidnapped and sometimes, killed by these Islamic extremists. We are hopeful amidst all these.

More from the Encyclical of Pope Paul VI on the Holy Eucharist

**GREATER CLARITY OF EXPRESSION
ALWAYS POSSIBLE**

They can, it is true, be made clear and more obvious; and doing this is of great benefit. But it must always be done in such a way that they retain the meaning in which they have been used, so that with the advance of an understanding of the faith, the truth of faith will remain unchanged. For it is the teaching of the First Vatican Council that "the meaning that Holy Mother of the church has once declared, is to be retained forever, and no pretext of deeper understanding ever justifies any deviation from that meaning."