



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

FR. JOHN B. BIRKEL, PASTOR

Cell Phone: (308) 991-6893/Office Phone (402) 729-2058

Email: frbirkl@hotmail.com

www.stmichaelsfairbury.org

St. Michael's PO Box 406, Fairbury, NE 68352

St. Mary's 5th & Amanda Streets, Alexandria, NE

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

**22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time August 29, 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 22nd, 2021		
Adult	\$970.00	\$370.00
Loose Plate	126.00	
Online Giving	137.00	
Building Upkeep		
Cemetery		
Holy Day		
Debt Reduction	100.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,333.00</b>	<b>\$370.00</b>

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
<b>Due Dec. 31, 2021</b>	<b>\$17,360.33</b>
<b>2021 Loan payment of \$17,360.33 has been reached!</b>	
<b>AMOUNT TOWARDS DECEMBER 2022 PAYMENT</b>	<b>\$3,266.07</b>
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	\$1,233.00
<b>Shortage</b>	<b>\$806.84</b>

Mass Intentions for August 23rd - 29th		
<b>Monday</b>	No Mass	No Mass
<b>Tuesday</b>	Noon	MKB
<b>Wednesday</b>	Noon	Special intention of G.G.
<b>Thursday</b>	5:30pm	Fr. Oborny+
<b>Friday</b>	5:30pm	Special Intention of Genevieve Cuba
<b>Saturday</b>	9:00am	Alexandria: Special Intention
	5:30pm	Leonard & Patricia Stolzer
<b>Sunday</b>	8:00am	The United States of America
	10:00am	People of the Parish
St. Michael's Minister's Schedule for Sept. 3/4		
	5:30pm	10:00am
<b>Acolyte</b>	Ronn Brackle	Randy Prellwitz
<b>Lector</b>	Ronn Brackle	Randy Prellwitz
<b>Server</b>	Aldo Ramos	
<b>Music</b>	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 Feldkamp \* 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:

"If only mortals would learn how great it is to possess divine grace, how beautiful, how noble, how precious."

-St Rose of Lima

**HOW TO BE WELCOMING AT MASS:** I notice, especially at weddings & funerals, that people often don't know when to come up for Communion. It is also true that many people are no longer practicing Catholics. There is no reason people have to file out of the pews in order of front to back. When the 4th bell rings, you may simply start coming forward, even from the pews toward the back. And I mean this on Sundays, so we get into the habit.

**INSPIRING VIDEO ON THE MASS.** Go to YouTube and search for: the Mass of the ages.

**ADORATION SIGN UP SHEET** is on the back table.

**ROSARY AND FUNERAL MASS** for George L. Beasley are scheduled for Friday, September 17, 2021 at St. Peter's Catholic Church, 4500 Duxhall Drive, Lincoln, Nebraska 68516. Rosary will be at 10:00AM. Funeral Mass at 10:30 AM. Luncheon immediately following in the Church Hall. Private interment at Lincoln Memorial Cemetery.

The Beasley's were married at St. Michael's in 1959 and long-term residents of Fairbury. Their 4 children attended St. Michael school, and George was a long-time member of Fairbury K of C Council 4434.

**CCD STARTED** August 25th from 6:00pm to 7:15pm. Masks are required for 2nd, 3rd and 4th grade.

**HIGH SCHOOL CCD** Tuesdays 7:00-8:15, upstairs in the school.

If someone would like to donate a 32" smart TV for this, that would be awesome!

**EMBER DAYS** September 15 17th and 18th. These are the ones where we bless the crosses for your fields.

**IN LIGHT OF THE RECENT** earthquake and tropical storm that hit Haiti, the USCCB is encouraging local churches to support the Church and humanitarian needs arising from these and any future disasters. You may mark donations as such & we will pass them along.

**THE SEPTEMBER KNIGHTS MEETING** will be Monday September 13th with Rosary in the lower chapel at 6:30pm and meeting to follow in the center at 7:00pm.

**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.

**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.

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

The next coupled weeks will cover the:  
EUCCHARISTIC MYSTERY IN SACRIFICE  
OF THE MASS

For the joy and edification of everyone, We would like to review with you, Venerable Brothers, the doctrine on the Mystery of the Eucharist that has been handed down, and that the Catholic Church holds and teaches with unanimity.

### Re-Enactment at Heart of Doctrine

It is a good idea to recall at the very outset what may be termed the heart and core of the doctrine, namely that, by means of the Mystery of the Eucharist, the Sacrifice of the Cross which was once carried out of Calvary is reenacted in wonderful fashion and is constantly recalled, and it's salvific power is applied to the forgiving of the sins that we commit each day.

Just as Moses made the Old Testament, sacred with the blood of calves, so too Christ the Lord took the New Testament, of which He is the Mediator, and made it sacred through His own blood, in instituting the mystery of the Eucharist. For, as the Evangelists narrate, at the Last Supper "he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, This is my body, given for you; do this for a commemoration of me.

And so with the cup, when supper was ended, This cup, he said, is the new testament, in my Blood which is to be shed for you." And by bidding the Apostles to do this in memory of Him, He made clear that He wanted it to be forever repeated. This intention of Christ was faithfully carried out by the primitive Church through her adherence to the teaching of the Apostles and through her gatherings to celebrate the Eucharistic Sacrifice. As St. Luke is careful to point out, "They occupied themselves continually with the Apostles' teaching, their fellowship in the breaking of bread, and the fixed times of prayer." The faithful used to derive such spiritual fervor from this practice that it was said of them that "there was one heart and soul in all the company of the believers."