



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

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

**27th Sunday of Ordinary Time October 3, 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: September 25, 2021		
Adult	\$856.00	\$480.00
Loose Plate	62.00	8.00
Online Giving	97.00	
Building Upkeep		
Cemetery		
Holy Day		
Mission Sunday		
Debt Reduction		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,1015.00</b>	<b>\$488.00</b>

## 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

\$10,911.00

**\$17,360.33**

**\$3,601.07**

## PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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

Operation Cost per week \$2,039.84

This Week's Collection \$1,015.00

**Shortage \$1,024.84**

## 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 \* **Ben Votipka**  
 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:

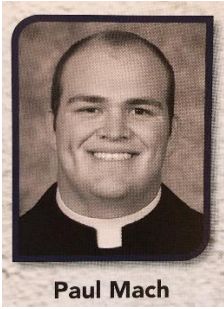
The world offered you comfort.  
 You were not made for comfort.  
 You were made for greatness.

-Pope Benedict the XVI

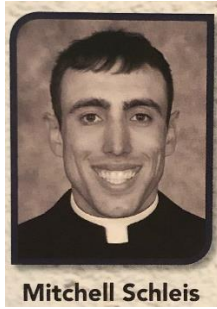
## Mass Intentions for Oct. 4th - 10th

Monday	No Mass	No Mass
<b>Tuesday</b>	9:00am	Special Intention of G.G.
<b>Wednesday</b>	Noon	Special Intention of Genevieve Cuba
<b>Thursday</b>	5:30pm	Fr. John Copenhaver+
<b>Friday</b>	5:30pm	Eric Conrad+
<b>Saturday</b>	9:00am 5:30pm	Alexandria: Special Intention People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b>	8:00am 10:00am	Special Intention of Bernard Boerner The United States of America
St. Michael's Minister's Schedule for Oct. 9-10		
	5:30pm	10:00am
<b>Acolyte</b>	Luis Ramos	Randy Prellwitz
<b>Lector</b>	Ronn Brackle	Randy Prellwitz
<b>Server</b>	Aldo Ramos	
<b>Music</b>	Mary Prellwitz	LeAnne Krause

## PRAY FOR VOCATIONS



Paul Mach  
**PAUL MACH**



Mitchell Schleis  
**MITCHELL SCHLEIS**

**MITCHELL SCHLEIS** is the son of Michael & Maria Schleis of Sacred Heart Parish in Shelby, NE. He is in his 2nd year Theology at Mount St. Mary Seminary.

**CCD** Any teacher of CCD who wishes to make a retreat at the Waverley retreat house let us know and as a gift for them for teaching CCD, the parish will pay for that.

**WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE GREETERS AGAIN.** If you would like to volunteer, please do. There will be a sign-up sheet in the back of church on the south side. Thank you

**ST. MICHAEL'S PCCW** will collect diapers during the month of October. The Hope Crisis Center need diapers size 4, 5 and 6. Diaper wipes are also needed. They have plenty size 1 and 2. You may put the diapers in the bassinet located in the back of church. Monetary donations can be made by putting the money in an envelope marked "PCCW diaper drive" in the collection basket. Money and diapers will be donated to Hope Crisis Center in Fairbury. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

**OCTOBER IS SAY THE ROSARY MONTH.** We will be saying the rosary before Mass every weekend. Please sign up to lead the rosary. The Knights of Columbus will lead it 2 weekends and the PCCW ladies will lead it the other 3. Sign-up sheet on the back table on south side.

### THE KNIGHTS

**1.** Will be leading the Rosary Oct 9 & 10 before the weekend Masses for the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary (which is Thursday Oct 7th) Also during Mass Father is going to bless ring Rosary's and we will hand them out with Rosary guides to parishioners.

**2.** Oct 23rd & 24th will be Tootsie Roll Sunday. The Knights will be handing out tootsie rolls before the weekend Masses and collecting for Intellectual Disabilities.

**3.** Also if you're wondering what to hand out to the trick or treaters for Halloween how about tootsie rolls. The money goes to a worthy cause and gives the kids something different. If you would like to buy some tootsie rolls (50 tootsie rolls for \$5.00) call Randy Prellwitz 402-300-0076 or talk to one of the Knights.

**4. 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.

**FAIRBURY RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE** Tuesday, Oct. 12 from 11:30am – 5:30pm at the Fairbury Elks Lodge – 525 G St. For appointment call Cheryl Seachord at (402)729-2592.

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND IN HASTINGS** Nov. 5th-7th Call us right-away to save a place! Contact Pat at 308-940-0670 or Janelle at 308-940-1105.

### SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE CORNER:

Diapers & Tapers. Call Marvin 919-772-9002 or call Greg Byars 919-772-9002  
9-508-0727

## GOD SAID NO!!

I asked God to take away my habit. God said, No. it is not for me to take away, but for you to give it up. I asked God to make my handicapped child whole. God said, No. his spirit is whole, his body is only temporary. I asked God to grant me patience. God said, No. patience is a byproduct of tribulations; it isn't granted, it is learned. I asked God to give me happiness. God said, No. i give you blessings; Happiness is up to you. I asked God to spare me pain. God said, No. suffering draws you apart from worldly cares and brings you closer to me. I asked God to make my spirit grow. God said, No. you must grow on your own, but I will prune you to make you fruitful. I asked God for all things that I might enjoy life. God said, No. i will give you life, so that you may enjoy all things. I asked God to help me LOVE others, as much as He loves me. God said...Ahhhh, finally you have the idea.



**THIS DAY IS YOURS DON'T THROW IT AWAY...**  
**May God Bless You.**