



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

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

**24th Sunday of Ordinary Time September 12, 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 5, 2021		
Adult	\$1,357.00	\$395.00
Loose Plate	134.59	5.00
Online Giving	137.00	
Building Upkeep		
Cemetery		300.00
Disaster Relief	300.00	
Debt Reduction	215.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,143.59</b>	<b>\$700.00</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

\$10,361.00

**\$17,360.33**

**\$3,481.07**

## 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 \$1,628.59

**Shortage \$411.25**

## 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 people must not be taught religion, they might be taught reason, philosophy. If the State must not teach them to pray it might teach them to think. And when I say that children should be taught to think I do not mean (like many modern's) and they should be taught to doubt; for the two processes are not only not the same, but they are in many ways opposite. To doubt is only to destroy; to think is to create. -GK Chesterton

## Mass Intentions for Sept. 13th - 19th

Monday	No Mass	No Mass
<b>Tuesday</b>	9:00am	RRB & BJB
<b>Wednesday</b>	Noon	For the conversion of Chris and Caroline Couch
<b>Thursday</b>	5:30pm	MKB
<b>Friday</b>	5:30pm	Travis Bartek+
<b>Saturday</b>	9:00am 5:30pm	Alexandria: Special Intention Leonard & Patricia Stolzer
<b>Sunday</b>	8:00am 10:00am	People of the Parish The United States of America

## St. Michael's Minister's Schedule for Sept. 18/19

	5:30pm	10:00am
<b>Acolyte</b>	Bruce Busing	Randy Prellwitz
<b>Lector</b>	Ronn Brackle	Randy Prellwitz
<b>Server</b>	Aldo Ramos	
<b>Music</b>	Mary Prellwitz	LeAnne Krause

**PRONUNCIATION:**

Priest: Dominus vobiscum

Response: Et cum spiritu tuo

**Et** as in bet

**Cum** rhymes with room

**Spiritu** = speary 2

*Pronounced:* Et koom speary 2, 2 Oh

Translation: The Lord be with you

And with your spirit

**PRAYER VIGIL** Starting at 7:00pm

Wednesdays at St Mary's there will be a prayer vigil for our country and our world.

Please come & pray!!!

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

**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.

**EMBER DAYS** September 15th, 17th and 18th. These are the ones where we bless the crosses for your fields. Ember Days are days we pray for good crops, crop weather, rain, and for our Priests.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** will be having a breakfast after the 10am Mass on Sunday, September 19th in the center. It will be a free will offering and everyone is invited.

**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.

**THE PCCW** will have a meeting on September 20th. Rosary is at 6:30pm and meeting at 7:00pm in the center. All the women of the parish are invited.

**HIGH SCHOOL CCD** Started Tuesday September 7th from 7:00-8:15, upstairs in the school. If someone would like to donate a 32" smart TV for CCD, that would be awesome!

**CONFIRMATION HAS BEEN SET** at St. Michael's for Monday, April 4, 2022 at 7:00pm. Mark your calendars.

**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.

**DEVOTION TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY**

The First Saturday Devotion

With the intention of making reparation for the offenses against the Immaculate Heart, we are asked on five consecutive First Saturdays to:

1. Go to Confession (may be 8 days before or after the First Saturday)
2. Receive Holy Communion
3. Pray five decades of the Rosary
4. Keep Our Lady company for 15 minutes while meditating on one or more of the mysteries of the Rosary.

Our Lord told Sister Lucia that there are five ways that people offend and blaspheme against the Immaculate Heart of Mary. These blasphemies offend God, because they offend against the work of the Holy Spirit in the creation and role of Mary in salvation history.

1. Offences against her Immaculate Conception – by denial or ridicule
2. Against her Perpetual Virginity
3. Against her Divine Maternity, refusing to accept her as the Mother of all mankind
4. Those who implant in children's hearts, indifference, contempt and even hate against this Immaculate Mother
5. Insults directed against her sacred images – ridicule and the infliction of damage to them.

The Great Promise

Our Lady promised to assist all those who will practice the devotion of the first Saturday on five consecutive months with the graces necessary for salvation at the hour of their death. This is not a guaranteed passage into heaven. Our cooperation with grace is always required.

Monthly practice as a sign of our devotion

Our regular practice of the First Saturdays is a sign of our devotion to the Immaculate Heart and a desire on our part to make reparation for the blasphemies against her. Our Lady said at Fatima, "Many people go to hell because there is no one to offer sacrifices for them." Practicing the First Saturday devotion monthly atones for their sins, consoles the Immaculate Heart of Mary and is a spiritual act of mercy. It also helps us develop the habit of monthly confession, to aid in our spiritual growth.