



St. Michael's / St. Mary's

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

23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

September 5, 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 29, 2021		
Adult	\$980.00	\$1,622.19
Loose Plate	163.00	5.00
Online Giving	137.00	
Building Upkeep	8.00	
Cemetery		
Holy Day		
Debt Reduction		
Total	\$1,288.00	\$1,627.19

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	\$1,288.00
Shortage	\$751.84

Mass Intentions for Sept. 6th - 12th		
Monday	No Mass	No Mass
Tuesday	Noon	All Souls Intention for Bernard Boerner+
Wednesday	Noon	Fr. Ramon Decaen+
Thursday	5:30pm	Special Intention of Genevieve Cuba
Friday	Noon	Specil Intention of G.G.
Saturday	9:00am	Alexandria: Special Intention
	5:30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	8:00am	Travis Bartek+
	10:00am	The United States of America
	Noon	SPANISH MASS: Special Intention
St. Michael's Minister's Schedule for Sept. 11/12		
	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 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:

HOLY Mass is the unbloody sacrifice of the New Testament in which the Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, are offered to God under the appearance of bread and wine.

-Richard Kugelman

ANOTHER WAY ON HOW TO BE WELCOMING AT MASS: Leave the back three pews empty for visitors. If members of the parish sit in the back three rows any visitor who comes in, especially if they come in late, has to walk up in front of everybody and sit in the front rows. But if the back rows are empty, they can feel very welcomed.

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

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

DEANERY MEETING at St Michael's on the Thursday, September 9th, meeting at 10am with coffee and rolls at 9:30 am any and all ladies are welcome to attend. It is always interesting to meet Catholic ladies of our neighboring churches.

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.

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.

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

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.