



St. Michael's / St. Mary's

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

31st Sunday of Ordinary Time October 31, 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

Knights of Columbus: Randy Prellwitz

CCD Coordinator: Georgann Friedrichsen

St. Mary's PCCW: Deb Vanwesten

Parish collection data: October 24, 2021		
Adult	\$1,377.00	\$495.00
Loose Plate	34.00	5.00
Online Giving	97.00	
Building Upkeep	25.00	
Cemetery		
Holy Day		
Mission Sunday	250.00	145.00
Debt Reduction		50.00
Total	\$1,783.00	\$695.00

Debt Reduction		Loan Payment
Loan Total as of January 2021		\$52,081.02
Joy of the Gospel Rebates		\$10,050.40
Debt Reduction Envelopes		\$11,161.00
Due Dec. 31, 2021		\$17,360.33
2021 Loan payment of \$17,360.33 has been reached!		
AMOUNT TOWARDS DECEMBER 2022 PAYMENT		\$3,966.07
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		\$1,533.00
		Shortage \$506.84

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
 Patty 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.

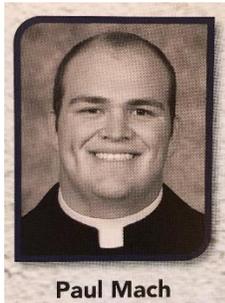
THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

Above all else,
 guard your heart,
 for everything you do
 flows from it.

- Proverbs 4:23

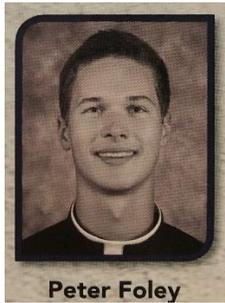
Mass Intentions for Nov. 1st - 7th		
Monday	9:00am	(Main Church) People of the Parishes
Tuesday	No Mass	No Mass
Wednesday	Noon	Special Intention of Genevieve Cuba
Thursday	5:30pm	Fr. Francis A. Carbine
Friday	5:30pm	Special Intention of Genevieve Cuba
Saturday	9:00am 5:30pm	Alexandria: Special Intention Deceased Members of KC #4434
Sunday	8:00am 10:00am 4:00pm 5:30pm	People of the Parishes Deceased Members of KC #4434 Fairbury: Larry Hauschel+ Alexandria: Special Intention
St. Michael's Minister's Schedule for Oct. 30/31		
	5:30pm	10:00am
Acolyte	Bruce Busing	Randy Prellwitz
Lector	Ronn Brackle	Randy Prellwitz
Server	Aldo Ramos	
Music	Mary Prellwitz	LeAnne Krause

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS



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Peter Foley

PETER FOLEY

PETER VINCENT FOLEY is the son of Mike & Susan Foley of St. Peter Parish in Lincoln, NE. He is in his 4th year of College at St. Gregory the Great Seminary.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION November 1st is All Saints Day. Masses for this obligation will be Sunday at 4:00pm in Fairbury and 5:30pm in Alexandria.

THE WEEKEND MASSES of Nov 6th and 7th are going to be offered for the deceased Knights of Fairbury's council #4434 and their families. Their names will be read during the general intercessions at each Mass.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: We are in the process of getting a Catholic women's Bible study put together for Thursday mornings 9a-11a. If you're interested in attending, or offering childcare for attending mothers, please text Gina Gifford at 531-500-7887.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR Please contact Donna Winslow at 729-2663 or Janice Bell at 729-5203 with your donation ideas or any questions. Please respond by Nov. 10th. With everyone's help and participation this bazaar will be a success. Thank you all for becoming involved in our parish activities.

From a commentary on Psalm 118 by Saint Ambrose, bishop

(Sermo 20, 47-50; CSEL 62, 467-469)

Be a faithful and courageous witness

As there are many kinds of persecution, so there are many kinds of martyrdom. Every day you are a witness to Christ. You were

tempted by the spirit of fornication, but feared the coming judgment of Christ and did not want your purity of mind and body to be defiled: you are a martyr for Christ. You were tempted by the spirit of avarice to seize the property of a child and violate the rights of a defenseless widow, but remembered God's law and saw your duty to give help, not act unjustly: you are a witness to Christ. Christ wants witnesses like this to stand ready, as Scripture says: Do justice for the orphan and defend the widow. You were tempted by the spirit of pride but saw the poor and the needy and looked with loving compassion on them, and loved humility rather than arrogance: you are a witness to Christ. What is more, your witness was not in word only but also in deed.

Who can give greater witness than one who acknowledges that the Lord Jesus has come in the flesh and keeps the commandments of the Gospel? One who hears but does not act, denies Christ. Even if he acknowledges him by his words, he denies him by his deeds. How many will say to Christ: Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy and cast out devils and work many miracles, all in your name? On that day he will say to them: Depart from me, all you evildoers. The true witness is one who bears witness to the commandments of the Lord Jesus and supports that witness by deeds.

How many hidden martyrs there are, bearing witness to Christ each day and acknowledging Jesus as the Lord! The Apostle knew this kind of martyrdom, this faithful witness to Christ. This is our boast, he said, the witness of our conscience. How many have borne witness in public but denied it in private! Do not believe every spirit, he said, but know from their fruits whom you should believe. Be faithful and courageous when you are persecuted within, so that you may win approval when you are persecuted in public. Even in those unseen persecutions there are kings and governors, judges with terrible power. You have an example in the temptation endured by the Lord.

In another place we read: Do not let sin be king in your mortal body. You see the kings before whom you are made to stand, those who sit in judgment over sinners, where sin is in control. There are as many kings as there are sins and vices; it is before these kings that we are led and before these we stand. These kings have their thrones in

many hearts. But if anyone acknowledges Christ, he immediately makes a prisoner of this kind of king and casts him down from the throne of his own heart. How shall the devil maintain his throne in one who builds a throne for Christ in his heart?