



St. Michael's / St. Mary's

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

3rd Sunday of Advent

December 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: December 5, 2021 | | |
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| Adult | \$1,350.00 | \$365.00 |
| Loose Plate | 42.00 | 25.00 |
| Online Giving | 97.00 | |
| Donation | 2,500.00 | |
| Christmas Flower | 20.00 | |
| Pink Sisters | 15.00 | |
| Cemetery | 10.00 | |
| Holy Day | 19.00 | |
| Debt Reduction | 15.00 | 50.00 |
| Total | \$4,068.00 | \$440.00 |

Debt Reduction

Loan Total as of January 2022

Joy of the Gospel Rebates

Debt Reduction Envelopes

Due Dec. 31, 2022

AMOUNT TOWARDS DECEMBER 2022 PAYMENT

Loan Payment

\$34,720.69

\$4,386.07

\$0.00

\$17,360.33

\$4,386.07

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 \$1,528.00

Shortage \$511.84

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Jo Nease * Mr & Mrs Wayne Severson

Tim Cary * Steve Graff * Mikey Bray * Duke Williams

Patty McMurphy Barnts * Wilma Bonilla * Jim Diller

Jose Bonilla * Mary Kay Bedlan * Alejandra Ramos

Terry Harms * Isaac Robertson

Suzanne Huber * 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.

St Michael's has a chapel. We have daily Mass in this chapel. It is located under the church. It is accessed through doors on the west end of the church.

I SEND OUT MY HOMILIES

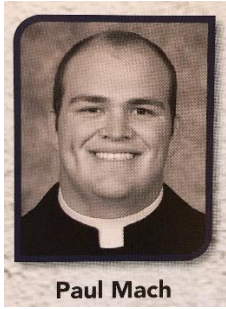
Daily via email. If you would like to receive them, please email me at frbirkl@hotmail.com

Mass Intentions for Dec. 13th - 19th

| Monday | No Mass | FR. BIRKEL will be at a clergy workshop December 13-17. I am available in the event of an emergency or you may call Hebron (402)768-1764 or Wymore (402)641-0116. |
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| Tuesday | | |
| Wednesday | | |
| Thursday | | |
| Friday | | |
| Saturday | 9:00am 5:30pm | Alexandria: Special Intention Leonard & Patricia Stolzer |
| Sunday | 8:00am 10:00am | Special Intention People of the Parishes |
| St. Michael's Minister's Schedule for Dec 18/19 | | |
| | 5:30pm | 10:00am |
| Acolyte | Ronn Brackle | Randy Prellwitz |
| Lector | Ronn Brackle | Randy Prellwitz |
| Server | Aldo Ramos | |
| Music | Mary Prellwitz | LeAnne Krause |

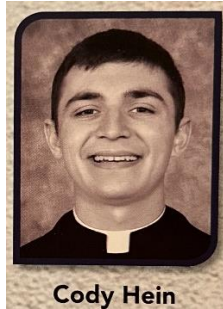
THOUGHT OF THE WEEK: Experience shows that after reiterated efforts of one well-doing, one finds it irksome to be forever obliged to strain the will. Saint Thomas remarks: "A special difficulty is attached to long persistence in a difficult task. - Fr. Tanqueray

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS



Paul Mach

PAUL MACH



Cody Hein

CODY HEIN

CODY ALAN HEIN is the son of Edward & Gwendolynne Hein of St. Mary Parish in David City, NE. He is in his 3rd Year of College at St. Gregory the Great Seminary.

taquitos, hot punch, desert. We hope to see you there.

CARRY IN DINNER On December 13th the PCCW and the Knights of Columbus will have a carry in dinner together. Meat is provided, please bring a covered dish to share. This will start at 6:30pm and each will have a meeting after we eat. Come and share our fellowship. Hope to see you there.

CHRISTMAS DINNER St. Mary's in Alexandria will have a Christmas breakfast after church on Sunday, December 19th. Everyone is asked to bring rolls.

PARISH CHRISTMAS DINNER Sunday January 09, 2022 at 5:00pm sign-up sheets are in back of church. All, from both parishes, are welcome.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE Mass on Sunday, December 12th at noon.

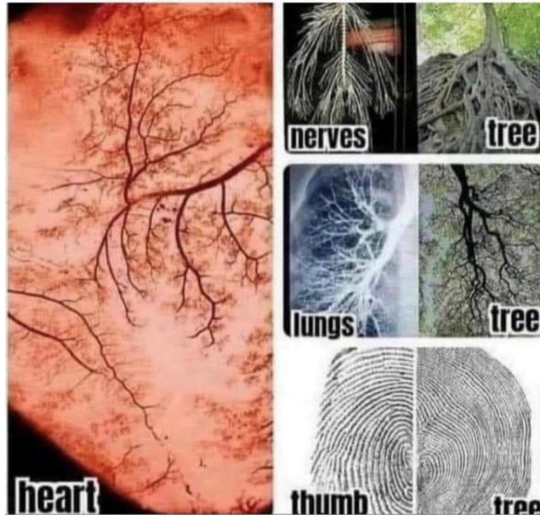
ADVENT WITH SPIRIT CATHOLIC RADIO: The four weeks of Advent are meant to give us hope and reassurance that the Lord is coming, and also the opportunity to give hope to those around us. This year, Spirit Catholic Radio is focusing on a theme for every week of Advent. More info at <https://spiritcatholicradio.com/>.

HOPE CRISIS CENTER sends their Thanks for the donation to the diaper drive.

GIVING AN ASSET such as corn, wheat, soybeans, instead of cash, can have great tax benefits, allowing you to be more generous to your parish or you could start a Donor Advised Fund with the **Catholic Foundation**.

SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE CORNER

Wow, Jesus compared us to trees in the Bible and check out these pictures! Jesus said, "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." (John 15:5)



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DUE TO THE CLERGY WORKSHOP, the parish council meeting is postponed.

CONFESSIONS Dec. 19th in Fairbury from 2pm-3pm and in Hebron from 4pm-5pm.

LOAN PAYMENT This week we made another loan payment which will bring our balance due to \$34,720.69.

THE EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES DISPLAY is set up in the school gym from Dec. 7-19.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE Sat. Dec 11th at 7pm - praying the rosary for Our Lady of Guadalupe and afterwards singing for Our Lady of Guadalupe. Sun. Dec. 12th at 11:30am- there will be a procession from St. Michael's gym to the Church with an image of Our Lady of Guadalupe and at 12 pm there will be a Mass celebrating Our Lady of Guadalupe. After Mass there will be a brunch with tamales,

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| 1000 Bushels of Corn @ \$5.00/Bu. | 1000 Bushels of Corn @ \$5.00/Bu. |
| Total Value: \$5000 | Total Value: \$5000 |
| Corn is sold at the elevator and cash taken: \$5,000.00 | Corn is placed in a Parish account or in the Catholic Foundation account at the elevator |
| TAXES: 12% Fed 15.3% SE 6.8% State 34.1% Total Total taxes = \$1,705 | TAXES: 0% Fed 0% SE 0% State_ 0% Total Total taxes = \$0.00 |
| After selling the grain the cash gift would be sent to the Parish or you could start a Donor Advised Fund with the Catholic Foundation: \$3,295 | After gifting the grain it would be sold and the cash gift would be sent to the Parish or you could start a Donor Advised Fund at the Catholic Foundation: \$5,000 |

For free, confidential advice and for more information about your giving options, please contact Les Mach, at The Catholic Foundation at 402-443-6180. Always consult your tax advisor for your specific operation.