



St. Michael's / St. Mary's

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

2nd Sunday of Advent

December 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: November 28, 2021 | | |
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| Adult | \$1,880.00 | \$575.00 |
| Loose Plate | 142.00 | 5.00 |
| Online Giving | 97.00 | |
| Building Upkeep | | |
| Christmas Flower | 90.00 | 5.00 |
| Pink Sisters | 60.00 | 35.00 |
| Cemetery | | |
| Debt Reduction | | |
| Total | \$2,269.00 | \$620.00 |

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

\$11,616.00

\$17,360.33

\$4,421.07

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 \$2,209.00

Overage \$169.16

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.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

Keep God's word in this way. Let it enter into your very being, let it take possession of your desires and your whole way of life. Feed on goodness, and your soul will delight in its richness. Remember to eat your bread, or your heart will wither away. Fill your soul with richness and strength.

Saint Bernard

Mass Intentions for Dec. 6th - 12th

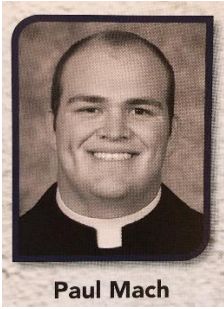
| Monday | No Mass | No Mass |
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| Tuesday | 7:00pm | Alexandria: Fr. John Copenhaver+ |
| Wednesday | 7:00pm | Fairbury: People of the Parishes |
| Thursday | 9:00am | Bob Oldham+ |
| Friday | 5:30pm | Bob Gibson+ |
| Saturday | 9:00am 5:30pm | Alexandria: Special Intention Leonard & Patricia Stolzer |
| Sunday | 8:00am 10:00am Noon | Patty Selig People of the Parishes Special Intention |

St. Michael's Minister's Schedule for Dec 11/12

| | 5:30pm | 10:00am |
|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Acolyte | Bruce Busing | Randy Prellwitz |
| Lector | Ronn Brackle | Randy Prellwitz |
| Server | Aldo Ramos | |
| Music | Mary Prellwitz | LeAnne Krause |

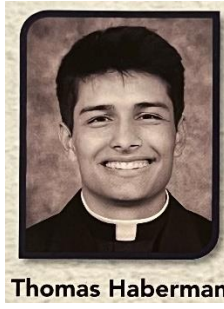
For months I have been offering a Mass for United States of America. If anyone would like to take up this cause you may put an envelope in the collection with a stipend "Suggested offering \$10".

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS



Paul Mach

PAUL MACH



Thomas Haberman

**THOMAS
HABERMAN**

THOMAS JAMES HABERMAN is the son of Travis & Carolyn Haberman of St. Wenceslaus Parish in Wahoo, NE. He is in his 2nd Year of College at St. Gregory the Great Seminary.

DECEMBER 8TH IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION.

Tuesday 7:00pm – St. Mary's
Wednesday 7:00pm – St. Michael's

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

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.

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

NO CCD On December 7 and 8, 2021, there will be no CCD classes. It is a Holy Day of Obligation; The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Please check the bulletin for Mass times. We are looking forward to seeing everyone there. May God Bless You!

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE Mass on Sunday, December 12th at noon. **CHRISTMAS DECORATING** has been scheduled for Saturday December 11th at 9:00am. Please come and enjoy getting the church ready for Christmas while enjoying in fellowship! We have some new trees that need to be put together and we have our other trees that will need to be carried from the school to the church. We will be adding another memorial tree so if you have a loved one that has joined our Heavenly Father, please consider bringing a memorial ornament and hang on the tree. You may write or attach a tag with the name of your loved one. All are welcome to come and help! Thank you, and if there are any questions, please feel free to call Aleece Panko (402)419-4691.

SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE CORNER

New Christmas Tradition

Beginning December 1st read one chapter of the book of Luke in the Bible each evening.

There are 24 chapters.

On Christmas Eve you will have read an entire account of Jesus's Life and wake up Christmas morning knowing WHO and WHY we celebrate!!



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/>