



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

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

**4th Sunday of Advent**

**December 19, 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 12, 2021		
Adult	\$1,509.00	\$340.00
Loose Plate	272.00	10.00
Online Giving	97.00	
Donation		
Christmas Flower		
Pink Sisters		
Cemetery	10.00	50.00
Holy Day		125.00
Debt Reduction	300.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,188.00</b>	<b>\$525.00</b>

## 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

\$300.00

**\$17,360.33**

**\$4,686.07**

## 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 \$1,888.00

**Shortage \$151.84**

## 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](mailto:frbirkl@hotmail.com)

## Mass Intentions for Dec. 20th - 26th

Day	Time	Intention
<b>Monday</b>	9:00am	E. Junior Cerveny
<b>Tuesday</b>	No Mass	No Mass+
<b>Wednesday</b>	Noon	Lindsey Rickstrew+
<b>Thursday</b>	5:30pm	Jack & Helen Steele+
<b>Friday</b>	5:15pm	<b>Fairbury:</b> For all of those on Our Tree of Memories
<b>Saturday</b>	8:00am 10:00am Noon	<b>Alexandria:</b> Father's Intention <b>Fairbury:</b> People of the Parishes <b>Spanish:</b> Special Intention
<b>Sunday</b>	8:00am 10:00am	People of the Parishes Special Intention

## St. Michael's Minister's Schedule for Dec 25/26

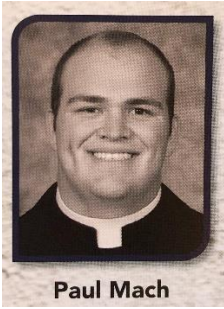
	5:30pm	10:00am
<b>Acolyte</b>	Bruce Busing	Randy Prellwitz
<b>Lector</b>	Ronn Brackle	Randy Prellwitz
<b>Server</b>	Aldo Ramos	
<b>Music</b>	Mary Prellwitz	Janice Bell

## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

To support one another in the things of the spirit is the true sign of good will between brothers, of loving kinship, and sincere affection.

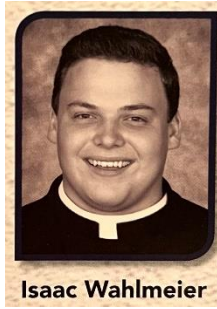
-Saint John Chrysostom

## PRAY FOR VOCATIONS



Paul Mach

**PAUL MACH**



Isaac Wahlmeier

**ISAAC WAHLMEIER**

**ISAAC KAROL WAHLMEIER** is the son of Patrick & Debra Wahlmeier of St. Michael Parish in Hastings, NE. He is in his 1st Year of Theology at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary.

### CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Fri., Dec. 24 - 5:15pm – Fairbury  
Sat., Dec. 25 - 8:00am – Alexandria  
Sat., Dec. 25 – 10:00am – Fairbury  
Sat., Dec. 25 – Noon – Spanish  
No Saturday Evening Mass

**CHRISTMAS EVE MASS** We plan on the Christmas Eve mass being by candlelight. So be prepared for that when you come. That is to say we will obviously have candles but I in the church but just so your aware of it.

**“PLEASE PRAY FOR” SECTION OF THE BULLETIN** Beginning the first of this year we are going to remove all names from the **PLEASE PRAY FOR** Section. If you would like a name to remain on the list, please email the rectory at [st.michael.fairbury@gmail.com](mailto:st.michael.fairbury@gmail.com).

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

**ST. MICHAELS CHRISTMAS BAZAAR** was held Dec. 4th in the school gym. It was deemed a success.

Thank you to all who shared their time and talents to make this day happen. We hosted 9 vendors and entertained customers with coffee and rolls during the morning hours. Popular with our customers was the cookie and candy sales and the raffle corner.

The recipients of the raffle prizes are:

- \*Plane ride-Cyndi Shinn
- \*\$150 cash prize-Gary Hermsmire
- \*Gift card to Ray's-Linda McMurphy
- \*Roll of stamps-Missy Schultz
- \*Meat Bundle- Jennipher Barber
- \*Charcuterie Board-Kathleen Selig
- \*Knitted Afghan-Lila Thomas
- \*Adult coloring book set-Suzy Busing
- \*Gift card to Pure Serenity-Donna Pope
- \*Gift card to Den's Meat market-Joanne Neeman
- \*Monk Figurine-Ryan Banahan

Thank you to all parishioners who donated our raffle items. Your generosity was greatly appreciated. Sunday morning soup and sandwich luncheon was served in the gym prior to the raffle drawings.

2021 Bazaar was a success. Thank you all for attending this yearly fund raiser.

**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.

**GIVING OF AN ASSET** For free, confidential advice and for more information about your giving options, please contact Les Mach, at The Catholic Foundation at 402-443-6180.