



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

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

3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

January 23, 2022

**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: January 16, 2022		
Adult	\$2,069.00	\$625.00
Loose Plate	67.00	
Online Giving	97.00	
Building	115.00	
Catholic Press Cemetery	10.00	
Debt Reduction	110.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,468.00</b>	<b>\$625.00</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

\$1,080.00

**\$17,360.33**

**\$5,466.07**

## PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

It takes \$2,039.84 a week to run St. Michael's Parish.

Operation Cost per week \$2,039.84

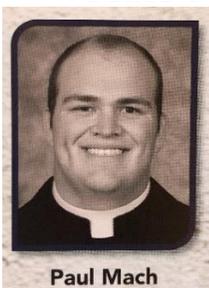
This Week's Collection \$2,348.00

**Overage \$308.16**

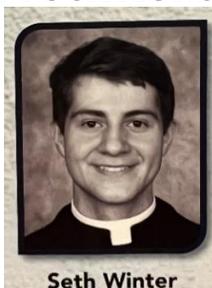
## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Jo Nease \* Mary Kay Bedlan \* Derek Lempka

## PRAY FOR VOCATIONS



Paul Mach



Seth Winter

**SETH WINTER** is the son of James & Cheryl Winter of St. Joseph Parish in Lincoln, NE. He is in his 1st Year of Theology at Mt. St. Mary Seminary.

## Mass Intentions for Jan. 24th - 30th

Monday	No Mass	No Mass
Tuesday	9:00am	Evelyn Birkel+ by Joshua & Carolyn Whitney
Wednesday	Noon	Jack & Jeanette Steele
Thursday	9:00am	All Souls Intention of Luis & Alejandra Ramos
Friday	9:00am	Evelyn Birkel+ by Janna Tripe
Saturday	9:00am 5:30pm	Alexandria: Special Intention All Souls Intention of Sacha Lempke
Sunday	8:00am 10:00am	People of the Parishes The United States of America
St. Michael's Minister's Schedule for Jan. 29/30		
	5:30pm	10:00am
Acolyte	Luis Ramos	Randy Prellwitz
Lector	Ronn Brackle	Randy Prellwitz
Server	Aldo Ramos	
Music	Mary Prellwitz	LeAnne Krause

**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)

## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

Life is fragile,  
handle with prayer.

**TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS** This Sunday (& every other Sunday) at noon in Fairbury there will be a traditional Latin Mass. It will count for your Sunday.

What do you need to know to attend:

1. You don't have to say anything.
2. After the Sanctus you should kneel until it's time for communion.
3. a. Communion is to be given only on the tongue with the exception of medical reasons.
- b. The Priest says the Amen for you.
- c. You open your mouth and put out your tongue and the host will be placed upon it.
- d. If it all possible you should receive kneeling.

**ICY DAYS** When there's ice, please try to use the sidewalks on the south side of the church. It's extremely difficult to melt the ice on the north side of the church since the sun never hits it.

### PCCW NEWS

\* Also, we are updating our PCCW booklet, we are asking for current emails and cell numbers. These will be for church use only. These will make notifying persons easier AND MORE efficient. Please use the sheet on the back table for this updated information.

\* Deanery meeting on January 27th at 10:00am with coffee and rolls at 9:30am. Meeting in St. Michael's center. All women from St. Michael's PCCW are invited and encouraged to attend. We are hosting women from Alexandria, Hebron, Wymore, and Beatrice. Hope to see you at the Fairbury Deanery meeting.

\* Church dinner for parishioners on Saturday, January 29th after evening Mass. All parishioners are invited to come for meal and fellowship in the center. Nobody needs bring anything but themselves.

**PCCW (& the Parish)** are grateful to those who donated the new toilets & to the installer of the new toilets in the parish center.

## SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE CORNER

Exorcist Diary #173: Deacon Encounters a Satanist in Church

A permanent deacon shared this encounter with me. It occurred before he was involved in our deliverance ministry. At the time, he was also an active duty policeman:

I walked in the side door of our church about 4:20pm to set up for the 5 o'clock Mass. My mood was ho-hum and I was sad to have to leave my children back at the house having fun. But with Providence, there are no accidents.

Entering the church I encountered a young lady who had obviously stepped down from the sanctuary and was in the aisle. As she approached smiling, she looked like another misguided, poorly-dressed youngster with baggy pants, a tank-top, and medusa-like hairdo. As we closed the gap walking toward one another I (being a trained police officer of over ten years) observed a tattoo at the base of her neck. I immediately recognized it as a symbol of Satan- an inverted cross. She then uttered some blasphemies about God and Jesus.

I glanced at the altar to see if the tabernacle had been disturbed or if the altar was defamed. Confident that nothing serious had taken place, I asked "What do you have in the cup?" (She was holding a child's sippy cup full of clear liquid and a white lily that came from our altar arrangement.) She smiled again and said, "It's just some [profanity] holy water." "Why would you want that?" I asked, not batting an eye at her blasphemies and profanity. "I need it for exorcisms. I'm a witch. I worship Satan." I reached my hand into the holy water font and blessed myself. She said, "Keep that [profanity] away from me" and she backed up two paces. She was undoubtedly looking for access to the Blessed Sacrament and settled for holy water.

I put on my work face and said, "I am a police officer and I'm giving you an official invitation to leave here and not return." She appeared shaken and obeyed immediately. She wrote in our Prayer of the Faithful intention booklet at the entrance to the church. She scribbled across the sheets an invitation to pray to Satan and "indulge in life". She also wrote, "God [profanity], burn the bible, hail Satan. Satan loves you, kinda."

This woman was not a nut. She was cheerful, smiling, profane and on a mission. Her presence made me feel the total absence of love, warmth or goodness. I have seen bad and evil in people plenty of times in my tenure as a cop. This was the first time I felt anyone absolutely revel in it. She had an aura of malevolence. I felt soiled by her presence and wanted to shower.

I informed the Pastor of the "invasion." He then told me of a priest friend of his whose parish secretary turned out to be a satanic priestess. She had taken the job solely to gain access to the Blessed Sacrament.

The church of Satan does exist. They preach an indulgence in all things that make one feel good. I recognized this "dogma" in her note to "indulge in life." Evil comes to us smiling, just as this witch did. I offered up a rosary to Our Lady for her conversion.

I am proud of our deacon. He responded to her blasphemies with care for the sacred. He responded to her profanity with respect. He responded to her hatred with a loving prayer to Mary for her.