



St. Michael's / St. Mary's

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

5th Sunday of Ordinary Time

February 6, 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 30, 2022 | | |
|--|-----------------|-------------------|
| Adult | \$802.00 | \$1,570.00 |
| Loose Plate | 42.00 | 10.00 |
| Online Giving | 97.00 | |
| Building | | |
| Catholic Press | | |
| Cemetery | | |
| Copier | | |
| Debt Reduction | | |
| Total | \$941.00 | \$1,580.00 |

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

\$1,085.00

\$17,360.33

\$5,471.07

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

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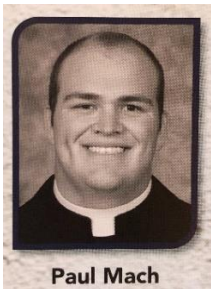
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\$1,098.84

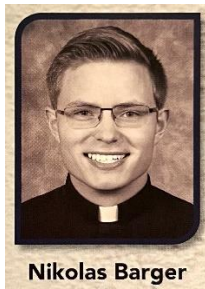
PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Jo Nease * Mary Kay Bedlan * Derek Lempka
Jeanette Steele

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS



Paul Mach



Nikolas Barger

NIKOLAS BARGER is the son of Russ & Carleen Barger of St. John Parish in Lincoln, NE. He is in his 1st Year of College at St. Gregory the Great Seminary.

Mass Intentions for Feb. 7th - 13th

| Day | Time | Intention |
|--|---------------------------|---|
| Monday | 8:00am | Evelyn Birkel+ By Betty Brackle |
| Tuesday | No Mass | No Mass |
| Wednesday | Noon | Special Intention of Genevieve Cuba |
| Thursday | 9:00am | Special Intention of Genevieve Cuba |
| Friday | 9:00am | Jack & Jeanette Steele |
| Saturday | 9:00am 5:30pm | Alexandria: Special Intention William & Anna Kaiser |
| Sunday | 8:00am 10:00am Noon | Margaret (Meg) Burbach+ People of the Parishes Spanish: Special Intention |
| St. Michael's Minister's Schedule for Feb. 12/13 | | |
| | 5:30pm | 10:00am |
| Acolyte | Ronn Brackle | 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

**THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:
THANK YOU TO THE LADIES WHO
CLEANED THE SCHOOL!!!**

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS Are in the back of church. If you do not see yours and need one contact the rectory at st.michael.fairbury@gmail.com.

TRADITIONAL LATIN SUNDAY MASS every other Sunday (2/6, 2/20, 3/6, 3/20) at noon in Fairbury there will be a traditional Latin Mass.

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.

GERMS are less likely to be spread when a Communicant receives on the tongue while kneeling. Lifesightnews.com.

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.

FOR EVERYONE:

* Saturday, February 19th - Supper after mass at the Center - sponsored by PCCW. Please join us for Soup & sandwiches - and fellowship after mass on the 19th. You won't know what you are missing unless you come over!!!

SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE CORNER

Fortitude: first of all, fortitude consists in undertaking and carrying into execution difficult enterprises. On the road to virtue and to perfection their lie innumerable obstacles, difficult to overcome and forever recurring. They must not only not be feared, but they must be faced with the courageous effort necessary to overcome them. This is the first act of this virtue.

OTHER LOCAL AREA NEWS:

DATE NIGHT: Looking for an evening out to reconnect with your spouse? Join us on February 15th from 6-9 pm at the UNL Newman Center for this month's date night. Kristin Vankat will be talking about fostering emotional connection with your spouse. Options include dinner or just the talk. Free babysitting provided. More info/register at <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/datenightfeb>

SAVE THE DATE for Sunday, March 20th! St. Gregory the Great Seminary is holding its Benefit Banquet to help support the seminarians and various projects at the Seminary. It will begin at 5:00 p.m. with sung Vespers (Evening Prayer) with Bishop Conley presiding, followed by cocktails and Open House, and concluding with a plated dinner at 6:30 p.m. served by the seminarians. To make reservations or to find out more information, please call the Seminary at (402) 643-4052 or online at betterunite.com/tableofstgregory. We hope to see you there!

GOOD COUNSEL RETREAT HOUSE, Waverly invites you to Setting the Captives Free, a one-day conference with Dan Burke of the Avila Institute on Discernment of Spirits: Sat. Feb. 26, 9am-4pm at St. Patrick Church, Lincoln or online. Weekend retreat with Dan Burke is also Feb. 25-27. Register for either at goodcounselretreat.org.

JOIN A 12-DAY PILGRIMAGE TO IRELAND and Knock June 15-26, 2022 with four priests, daily Mass, and a Catholic guide. More info: www.frcoulter.com/ireland or contact Fr. Gary Coulter, frcoulter@gmail.com / 402-786-2705.



Employment Opportunities: *ST. GREGORY THE GREAT SEMINARY*

St. Gregory the Great Seminary (SGGS), a fully accredited college located in Seward, NE, is seeking to hire two part-time, adjunct (non-tenure) faculty members. One will teach Spanish, the other will teach Biology. By the witness of their personal and professional lives, all SGGS faculty and staff members must assent to our mission; to form Catholic men as disciples of Jesus Christ and assist their discernment of a priestly vocation to serve God and His Church. Contact Fr. Brian Kane or Fr. Matthew Rolling at St. Gregory the Great Seminary (402-643-4052) for more details.