



St. Michael's / St. Mary's

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

1st Sunday of Lent

March 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: February 27, 2022		
Adult	\$2,084.00	\$450.00
Loose Plate	110.00	
Online Giving	57.00	
Building	30.00	
Catholic Press	25.00	
Cemetery	120.00	300.00
Easter Flower	10.00	
Debt Reduction	25.00	
Total	\$2,461.00	\$750.00

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

\$1,205.00

\$17,360.33

\$5,591.07

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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

Operation Cost per week \$2,039.84

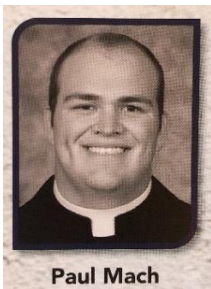
This Week's Collection \$2,316.00

Overage \$276.16

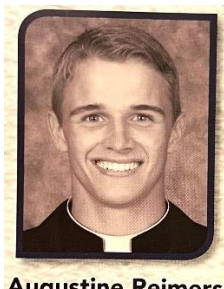
PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Jo Nease * Mary Kay Bedlan * Derek Lempka
Jeanette Steele * Cynthia Navarro

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS



Paul Mach



Augustine Reimers

AUGUSTINE REIMERS is the son of Jeff & Patricia Reimers of St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Seward, NE. He is in his 2nd Year of Theology at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary.

Mass Intentions for Mar. 6th - 13th

Monday	No Mass	No Mass
Tuesday	9:00am	All Souls Intention of Robert & Donna Milius
Wednesday	Noon	Patty Selig+
Thursday	9:00am	Jack & Jeanette Steele
Friday	9:00am	Evelyn Birkel+ by Joshua & Carolyn Whitney
Saturday	9:00am 5:30pm	Alexandria: Special Intention Phil South+
Sunday	8:00am 10:00am Noon	People of the Parishes William & Anna Kaiser Spanish: Special Intention
St. Michael's Minister's Schedule for Mar 12/13		
	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

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THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

As for the other things of this life, the less they deserve tears, the more likely will they be lamented; and the more they deserve tears, the less likely will men sorrow for them.

-Saint Augustine

STATIONS OF THE CROSS Fridays at 5:00pm, Fairbury.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

***Fish fries** started Friday March 4th, serving from 5:30pm to 7:00pm in the gym at the school. Up-coming Fish Fry's March 18th & April 1st.

* **Come join us** for coffee, juice and rolls following 10:00 A.M. Mass on Sunday, March 6th, 2022 in the St. Michael's Center sponsored by our Knights of Columbus! This will be followed by an exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity. Current Members, Family, Friends and those wishing to become Members of the Knights of Columbus or learn more about joining are welcome to attend this exemplification that will last approximately 28 minutes.

***March meeting** will be Monday, March 14th with Rosary in the lower chapel at 6:30pm and meeting to follow in the Center at 7:00pm.

CARD SHOWER We are having a card shower for Carmen Juarez for her 55 years of service to our parish. She is retiring February 28th.

A basket will be in the back of church on the south side. Carmen thank you for all that you have done for us.

PAPER MISSALS If anyone wants a paper missal for the year there are several available that we will give away.

EMBER DAYS March 9, 11 & 12 are upcoming ember days. Ember Days are special days when we pray for rain, safety in farming & for our Priests.

EXTENSION LADDER There used to be an extension ladder on the roof of the stage. It is gone. If someone borrowed that please let us know otherwise we will report it as stolen.

SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE

II. The Sanctifying Power of Hope

Hope furthers our sanctification in three principal ways: 1° it unites us to God; 2° it imparts efficacy to our prayers; 3° it is a principle of fruitful activity.

1194. 1° It unites us to God by detaching us from earthly goods. We are drawn by sense-pleasures, the gratification of pride, the fascination of wealth, and lastly by the higher, natural joys of the mind and heart. Hope, based upon a lively faith, shows us that all these earthly joys lack two elements: perfection and permanence.

A) None of these goods is perfect enough to satisfy us. Having provided a short period of enjoyment, they soon produce satiety and weariness. Our heart is too great, its aspirations too vast and too high to be satisfied with material goods, which are but means of reaching a far nobler end. Neither do the natural goods of the mind and heart suffice us. Our intellect never rests satisfied but with the understanding of the First Cause, and our heart that seeks a perfect friend does not find him but in God. He alone possesses the plenitude of being, the perfection of beauty and of goodness, the fulness of power. He Who is perfectly self-sufficient is evidently sufficient for our happiness. The one important thing is to reach Him, and it is hope that shows Him to us stooping down in order to give Himself to us. Once we have understood this, our hearts break away from the things of earth to move towards Him, like the iron towards the magnet.

1195. B) Even if the goods of earth could satisfy us, they have their day and cease to be. We know this, and this thought casts its shadow upon our joy even when we

MARIAN SISTERS INVITE YOU to their annual Holy Week Retreat. The retreat will provide an opportunity for single women (19-32 years of age) to enter more deeply into the Passion and Death of our Lord. The silent retreat will be held at Good Counsel Retreat House in Waverly, NE on April 14-16, 2022. For more information call (402) 786-2750 or go to mariansisters.org.

CAMP KATERI: Summer Camp Registration is now open for SKY Camp (current grades 4-8th), Catholic Adventure Camp (grades 3rd-5th) and the Tekakwitha Games (grades 4-8th). For more information, or to register for camp, go to www.campkateri.org.

CAMP KATERI: Camp Kateri is now accepting applications for volunteer high school counselors (grades 9-12th) for SKY, Catholic Adventure Camp and the Tekakwitha Games. For more information, or to download an application, please go to www.campkateri.org.