



St. Michael's / St. Mary's

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

2nd Sunday of Easter

April 24, 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

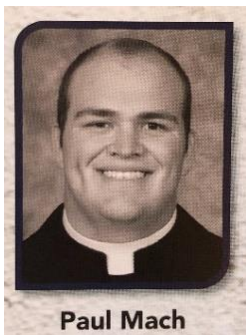
Parish collection data: April 17, 2022		
Adult	\$1,825.00	\$475.00
Loose Plate	375.00	130.00
Online Giving	57.00	
Cemetery	60.00	
Ukraine	100.00	
Building	5.00	50.00
Debt Reduction	460.00	
Total	\$2,882.00	\$655.00

Debt Reduction		Loan Payment
Loan Total as of January 2022		\$34,720.69
Joy of the Gospel Rebates		\$4,386.07
Debt Reduction Envelopes		\$5,965.00
Due Dec. 31, 2022		\$17,360.33
AMOUNT TOWARDS DECEMBER 2022 PAYMENT		\$10,351.07
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		\$2,262.00
Overage		\$222.16

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Jo Nease * Mary Kay Bedlan
Derek Lempka * Jeanette Steele

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS



Paul Mach

PAUL MACH is the son of Keith & Mary Mach of St. Teresa Parish in Lincoln, NE but grew up here at St. Michael's Parish in Fairbury, NE. He is in his 4th Year of College at St. Gregory the Great Seminary.

Mass Intentions for Apr. 25th - May 1st		
Monday	No Mass	If you have any emergencies please contact Beatrice-402-223-2923, Wymore-402-645-3160 or Hebron-402-768-6293
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday	No 9:00am 5:30pm	Alexandria: NO Mass Cathy Vroman+
Sunday	8:00am 10:00am No Noon	People of the Parishes Special intention of G.G. No Noon Mass
St. Michael's Minister's Schedule for April 30/May 1		
	5:30pm	10:00am
Acolyte	Bruce Busing	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 frbirk1@hotmail.com

FR. BIRKEL will be gone after Mass on April 24th until May 6th.

If you have any emergencies, please contact Fr. Rand or Fr. Faulkner in Beatrice 402-223-2923, Fr. Grell in Wymore 402-645-3160 or Fr. Major in Hebron-402-768-6293

LAST DAY FOR CCD is Wednesday, April 27th. The Knights of Columbus will be having a picnic for all students and families at 6:00 pm in the Church Center. Please bring a covered side dish, chips, or a dessert. The Knights of Columbus will have picnic supplies and will be serving hamburgers and hotdogs.

ANNOINTING A person can be anointed before surgery.

PCCW NEWS: - SUNDAY THE 24TH IS MERCY SUNDAY, PCCW will have a holy hour and say the chaplet at 3pm in the chapel, all are welcome. Upcoming we will honor our graduates and First Communicant at a breakfast on May 1st.

ST. ANNE'S ALTAR SOCIETY OF HEBRON is having their annual Chicken Pie Dinner on Sunday, April 24th from 11:00am - 1:00pm at the Sacred Heart fellowship hall at 4th St. & Eads Ave.

ST. MARY'S IN ODELL is having a Pork Loin Dinner on Sunday, May 1st in the church basement from 11:00am - 1:00pm. The price is \$12 for adults and \$7 for children 12 and under.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

Why Did Jesus Fold the Napkin?

Why did Jesus fold the linen burial cloth after His resurrection? I never noticed this....

The Gospel of John (20:7) tells us that the napkin, which was placed over the face of Jesus, was not just thrown aside like the grave clothes. The Bible takes an entire verse to tell us that the napkin was neatly folded, and was placed separate from the grave clothes. Early Sunday morning, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and found that the

stone had been rolled away from the entrance. She ran and found Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved. She said, 'They have taken the Lord's body out of the tomb, and I don't know where they have put him!' Peter and the other disciple ran to the tomb to see. The other disciple outran Peter and got there first. He stooped and looked in and saw the linen cloth lying there, but he didn't go in.

Then Simon Peter arrived and went inside. He also noticed the linen wrappings lying there, while the cloth that had covered Jesus' head was folded up and lying to the side.

Was that important? Absolutely!

Is it really significant? Yes!

In order to understand the significance of the folded napkin, you have to understand a little bit about Hebrew tradition of that day. The folded napkin had to do with the Master and Servant, and every Jewish boy knew this tradition.

When the servant set the dinner table for the master, he made sure that it was exactly the way the master wanted it...

The table was furnished perfectly, and then the servant would wait, just out of sight, until the master had finished eating, and the servant would not dare touch that table, until the master was finished. Now, if the master were done eating, he would rise from the table, wipe his fingers, his mouth, and clean his beard, and would wad up that napkin and toss it onto the table.

The servant would then know to clear the table. For in those days, the wadded napkin meant, 'I'm done.'

But if the master got up from the table, and folded his napkin, and laid it beside his plate, the servant would not dare touch the table, because..... The folded napkin meant, 'I'm coming back!'