



St. Michael's / St. Mary's

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

15th Sunday of Ordinary Time

July 10, 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: July 3, 2022			Debt Reduction		Loan Payment	
Adult	\$1,905.00	\$655.00	Loan Total as of January 2022		\$34,720.69	
Loose Plate	66.00	10.00	Joy of the Gospel Rebates		\$4,386.07	
Online Giving	57.00		Debt Reduction Envelopes		\$7,042.00	
Cemetery			Due Dec. 31, 2022		\$17,360.33	
Holy Day Building	25.00		AMOUNT TOWARDS DECEMBER 2022 PAYMENT		\$11,428.07	
Debt Reduction	290.00		PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION			
Total	\$2,343.00	\$665.00	It takes \$2,039.84 a week to run St. Michael's Parish.			
			Operation Cost per week		\$2,039.84	
			This Week's Collection		\$2,053.00	
			Overage		\$13.16	

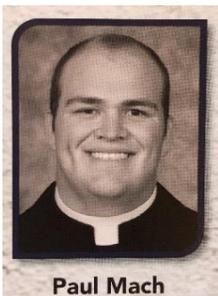
PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Jo Nease * Mary Kay Bedlan
Derek Lempka * Jeanette Steele

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

SR. GEMMA OF ST. MARY MAGDELENE from Piedmont, OK and SR. MARAVILLAS OF JESUS from Park Hills, KY are both

Jr. Professed Novices with the Sisters of the Carmel of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Religious Order.



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 1st Year of Theology at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Philadelphia.

Mass Intentions for July 11th - 17th

Monday	No Mass	No Mass
Tuesday	9:00am	St. John Vianney Association Members
Wednesday	Noon	William & Anna Kaiser
Thursday	9:00am	Jim Williams+
Friday	9:00am	Joe Hergott+
Saturday	9:00am 5:30pm	Alexandria: Special Intention People of the Parishes
Sunday	8:00am 10:00am Noon	All Souls Intention of Robert & Donna Milius Carmen Juarez+ Spanish: Special Intention
St. Michael's Minister's Schedule for July 16/17		
	5:30pm	10:00am
Acolyte	Luis Ramos	Randy Prellwitz
Lector	Ronn Brackle	Randy Prellwitz
Server	Aldo Ramos	
Music	Mary Prellwitz	LeAnne Krause

St. Mary's Church Cleaning for July Volunteer Needed

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:

It was Saint John Paul II who said "that freedom, in the truest sense of the word, means to be obedient to God,"

A MARBEL ALTAR HAS BEEN DONATED

for the basement chapel of the church. After consultation with the parish council, the trustees, and the diocesan liturgical commission, to foster a proper setting for this marble altar, we are going to change the flooring in the chapel.

THE FAIRBURY DEANERY is reminding us to say the *St. Monica's prayer* the week of July 14th to July 21st. St. Monica is the patroness of Mothers. Through the Prayer Auxiliary of St. Monica, the women of the Diocese seek to emulate St. Monica in a never-ending prayer of petition. We pray for the return of our youth to the Church and for the works of the Council. Following is the Prayer.

O God, You are the comfort of those who mourn and the Savior of all who trust in You. Blessed Monica's loving tears moved you to convert her son, Augustine. Help us, who pray to You for the salvation of our sons and daughters, too. May we also grieve for our sins, and win the grace of Your pardon, through the intercession of this loving saint, through Christ Our Lord. - Amen

This reminder is to the ladies of St. Michaels and St. Mary's of Alexandria.

COLLECTION FOR ST. GIANNA'S HOME:

The Knights of Columbus will be collecting bath soap, shampoos and moisturizers. These are the small items you get when staying in hotel/motels as you travel throughout the summer. Where possible ask front desk or housekeeping for extra explaining who they are for. A collection box will be placed in the church August 6/7. Thank you for your help.

Spiritual Guidance Corner

**From a sermon by Saint Augustine, bishop
(Serm. 19,2-3: CCL 41, 252-254)**

A sacrifice to God is a contrite spirit

I acknowledge my transgression, says David. If I admit my fault, then you will pardon it. Let us never assume that if we live good lives we will be without sin; our lives should be praised only when we continue to beg for pardon. But men are hopeless creatures, and the less they concentrate on their own sins, the more interested they become in the sins of others. They seek to criticize, not to

correct. Unable to excuse themselves, they are ready to accuse others. This was not the way that David showed us how to pray and make amends to God, when he said: I acknowledge my transgression, and my sin is ever before me. He did not concentrate on others' sins; he turned his thoughts on himself. He did not merely stroke the surface, but he plunged inside and went deep down within himself. He did not spare himself, and therefore was not impudent in asking to be spared.

Do you want God to be appeased? Learn what you are to do that God may be pleased with you. Consider the psalm again: If you wanted sacrifice, I would indeed have given it; in burnt offerings you will take no delight. Are you then to be without sacrifice? Are you to offer nothing? Will you please God without an offering? Consider what you read in the same psalm: If you wanted sacrifice, I would indeed have given it; in burnt offerings you will take no delight. But continue to listen, and say with David: A sacrifice to God is a contrite spirit; God does not despise a contrite and humble heart. Cast aside your former offerings, for now you have found out what you are to offer. In the days of your fathers, you would have made offerings of cattle—these were the sacrifices. If you wanted sacrifice, I would indeed have given it. These then, Lord, you do not want, and yet you do want sacrifice.

You will take no delight in burnt offerings, David says. If you will not take delight in burnt offerings, will you remain without sacrifice? Not at all. A sacrifice to God is a contrite spirit; God does not despise a contrite and humble heart.

You now have the offering you are to make. No need to examine the herd, no need to outfit ships and travel to the most remote provinces in search of incense. Search within your heart for what is pleasing to God. Your heart must be crushed. Are you afraid that it might perish so? You have the reply: Create a clean heart in me, O God. For a clean heart to be created, the unclean one must be crushed.

We should be displeased with ourselves when we commit sin, for sin is displeasing to God. Sinful though we are, let us at least be like God in this, that we are displeased at what displeases him. In some measure then you will be in harmony with God's will, because you find displeasing in yourself what is abhorrent to your Creator.