



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

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

16<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

July 17, 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

**Knights of Columbus:** Randy Prellwitz

**CCD Coordinator:** Georgann Friedrichsen

St. Mary's PCCW: Deb Vanwesten

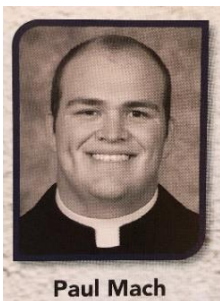
Parish collection data: July 10, 2022			Debt Reduction		Loan Payment	
Adult	\$1,861.00	\$315.00	Loan Total as of January 2022		\$34,720.69	
Loose Plate	74.00	5.00	Joy of the Gospel Rebates		\$4,386.07	
Online Giving	57.00		Debt Reduction Envelopes		\$7,062.00	
Cemetery	80.00	175.00	<b>Due Dec. 31, 2022</b>		<b>\$17,360.33</b>	
Holy Day	10.00		<b>AMOUNT TOWARDS DECEMBER 2022 PAYMENT</b>		<b>\$11,448.07</b>	
Building	20.00		<b>PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION</b>			
Debt Reduction	20.00		It takes \$2,039.84 a week to run St. Michael's Parish.			
Total	\$2,122.00	\$495.00	Operation Cost per week		\$2,039.84	
			This Week's Collection		\$2,022.00	
			<b>Shortage</b>		<b>\$17.84</b>	

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

Jo Nease \* Mary Kay Bedlan  
Derek Lempka \* Jeanette Steele

**PRAY FOR VOCATIONS**

**SR. CARMEN TERESA OF JESUS** from Basehor, KS and **SR. CATHERINE ROSE OF THE IMMACULATE HEART** from Park Hills, KY are both Jr. Professed Novices with the Sisters of the Carmel of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Religious Order.



**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 18 <sup>th</sup> 24 <sup>th</sup>		
<b>Monday</b>	No Mass	No Mass
<b>Tuesday</b>	No Mass	No Mass
<b>Wednesday</b>	Noon	Jim Williams+
<b>Thursday</b>	9:00am	Carmen Juarez+
<b>Friday</b>	9:00am	Joe Hergott+
<b>Saturday</b>	9:00am 5:30pm	Alexandria: Special Intention Special Intention
<b>Sunday</b>	8:00am 10:00am Noon	Travis Bartek+ People of the Parishes Latin: Special Intention
St. Michael's Minister's Schedule for July 23/24		
	5:30pm	10:00am
<b>Acolyte</b>	Bruce Busing	Randy Prellwitz
<b>Lector</b>	Ronn Brackle	Randy Prellwitz
<b>Server</b>	Aldo Ramos	
<b>Music</b>	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

[frbirk1@hotmail.com](mailto:frbirk1@hotmail.com)

## **THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:**

No one should follow what he considers to be good for himself, but rather what seems good for another. They should display brotherly love in a chaste manor; fear God in the spirit of love; revere their Abbott with a genuine and submissive affection. Let them put Christ before all else; and may He lead us all to everlasting life.  
-Saint Benedict

**A MARBLE 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.

**SUNDAY JULY 24TH** is the celebration of the World Day of Grandparents and the elderly. Take some time to remember those special people in your life, with a phone call, card, or a visit. Make sure no one feels alone on this day.

**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.

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND** September 23-25<sup>th</sup>, Ramada Inn, Kearney NE. For questions feel free to contact: Brenda & Gary Granger: 303-604-6202. Or please visit [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org).

### ***Spiritual Guidance Corner***

"What does Jesus Christ do in the Eucharist? It is God who, as our Savior, offers himself each day for us to his Father's justice. If you are in difficulties and sorrows, he will comfort and relieve you. If you are sick, he will either cure you or give you strength to suffer so as to merit Heaven. If the devil, the world, and the flesh are making war upon you, he will give you the weapons with which to fight, to resist, and to win victory. If you are poor, he will enrich you with all sorts of riches for time and eternity. Let us open the door of his sacred and adorable Heart, and be wrapped about for an instant by the flames of his love, and we shall see what a God who loves us can do. O my God, who shall be able to comprehend?"

*-St. John Vianney*