



St. Michael's / St. Mary's

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

20th Sunday of Ordinary Time

August 14th, 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 31 & Aug 7, 2022		
Adult	\$2,589.66	\$745.00
Loose Plate	192.00	20.00
Online Giving	57.00	
Cemetery	50.00	
Holy Day	55.00	
Building		50.00
Debt Reduction	55.00	50.00
Total	\$2,998.66	\$865.00

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

\$7,367.00

\$17,360.33

\$11,753.07

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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

Operation Cost per week (2 Weeks)

\$4,079.68

This Week's Collection

\$2,893.66

Shortage

\$1,186.02

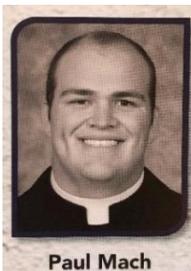
PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Jo Nease * Mary Kay Bedlan

Jeanette Steele * Helen Koll

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

SR. BENEDICTA HAWKINS from Runel, IA, and SR. JOY LE from Lincoln, NE are both in Novices with the School Sisters of Christ the King 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 August 15th - 21st

Monday	6:00pm	Missa Pro Populo
Tuesday	9:00am	Special Intention
Wednesday	No Mass	No Mass
Thursday	9:00am	Jeanette Steele
Friday	9:00am	Jim Williams+
Saturday	9:00am 5:30pm	ALEXANDRIA: Special Intention Carmen Juarez+
Sunday	8:00am 10:00am Noon	Joe Hergott+ People of the Parishes Latin: Special Intention (in Chapel)
St. Michael's Minister's Schedule for Aug 20/21		
	5:30pm	10:00am
Acolyte	Bruce Busing	Randy Prellwitz
Lector	Ronn Brackle	Randy Prellwitz
Server	Aldo Ramos	
Music	Mary Prellwitz	LeAnne Krause
St. Mary's Church Cleaning for August Rhonda Burkhart		

ST MICHAEL'S has a daily Mass chapel. 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

"Miss no single opportunity of making some small sacrifice, here by a smiling look, there by a kindly word; always doing the smallest right and doing it all for love."

-St. Therese of Lisieux - The Little Flower

AUGUST 15 IS A HOLY DAY.

MASS AT 6:00PM.

CCD WILL START August 24, 2022 from 6:00pm to 7:15pm. High school students will start August 24 as well. Their class will be from 7:30pm to 8:30pm. We are looking forward to seeing everyone! May God Bless you.

THE PCCW Thanks everyone for their donations of food for the funeral! You can pick up your dishes in the back of church.

THE STAINED-GLASS DOORS should be closed. If you find they have been propped-open, then please give them a gentle nudge to start them closing. Thank you!

THE EMMAUS INSTITUTE FOR BIBLICAL STUDIES is accepting registrations for fall in-person and online classes, including the first class in our new three-year certificate program covering the entire Bible. Learn more and register at www.EmmausInstitute.net.

Exorcist Diary #201:

Demons Hold Onto Lies

We had been "pounding away" at the demonic presence for almost two years and "M", a young woman in her 20's, was much, much better. The night attacks had ceased; the demonic marks on her body had mostly disappeared; she tolerated an exorcism without completely going "out;" and during the day she had many more lucid moments. But the demons were still hanging onto something.

At one point, she asked for a meeting with her parents. As the meeting progressed, it became clear that she wanted to tell them something but was having a hard time getting it out. The parents were patient and encouraged her to take her time. Finally, with much fear and trepidation, she confessed that she had not been honest with them. She had covered up many ugly past behaviors and painted them over with self-aggrandizing lies. She had been living a lie.

To her surprise, her parents willingly forgave her and told her how much they loved her. Allaying her fears, they said they would never leave her and she would always be their beloved daughter. Shortly thereafter, arriving back at her apartment, M vomited up huge masses of black globs. Typically, a sign of the lifting of witches' curses and/or casting out of demons. The black masses actually appeared to be moving and undulating. M was then tired but felt a great weight had been lifted. While the demons were not completely gone, a critical milestone had been passed. Satan is called the "Father of Lies," (Jn 8:44), Mendacii Pater in the Rite of Exorcism. I have noticed that demons will sometimes visibly react when the phrase Mendacii Pater is spoken aloud in the Rite. No doubt they feel it as a stinging rebuke and the truth which they are loathe to face. Not only are they compulsive and habitual liars, their entire life has become a lie.

Unwittingly, by living a lie herself, M gave the demons a hold on her. Facing the truth and confessing her sin, plus the forgiving love of her parents, was a liberating moment. M's next step was to take her repentance into the confessional to receive the sacramental graces.

M is making steady progress. But like all processes of liberation for the possessed, there are important challenges along the way. M faced this critical challenge of facing and letting go of the lies in her life with honesty and courage. I am proud of her and her parents. I have great confidence she will be soon fully liberated. Satan is the Father of Lies. Jesus is the "Truth" (Jn 14:6). We are set free from Satan's grasp when we confess our sins and live in the light of the Truth.