



St. Michael's / St. Mary's

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

4th Sunday of Advent

December 18, 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, and Mary Prellwitz.

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: Dec. 11, 2022			Debt Reduction		Loan Payment	
Adult	\$3,382.64	\$325.00	Loan Total as of Today		\$17,360.36	
Loose Plate	151.14		AMOUNT TOWARDS DECEMBER 2023 PAYMENT		\$3,2070.39	
Online Giving	115.00		Due Dec. 31, 2023			
Pink Sisters			AMOUNT TOWARDS DECEMBER 2023 PAYMENT		\$17,360.36	
Cemetery	25.00	25.00	To be collected throughout the year		\$3,270.39	
Christmas Flowers					\$14,089.97	
Building						
Holy Day	5.00	165.00				
Debt Reduction						
Total	\$3,678.78	\$515.00				
			PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION			
			Operation Cost per week		\$2,039.84	
			This Week's Collection		\$3,678.78	
			Overage		\$1,638.94	

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Jo Nease * Mary Kay Bedlan

Jeanette Steele * Helen Koll

Joe Hynek * Colleen Fyfe

Hillary Christ

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"Never give up prayer, and should you find dryness and difficulty, persevere in it for this very reason. God often desires to see what love your soul has, and love is not tried by ease and satisfaction."

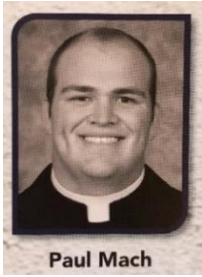
-St. John of the Cross

Mass Intentions for Dec. 19th - 25th		
Monday	9:00am	Special Intention
Tuesday	No Mass	No Mass
Wednesday	Noon	Brad Birkel+ by Russ & Loretta Daro
Thursday	9:00am	Lindsey Rickstrew+
Friday	5:30pm	Special Intention
Saturday	5:30pm	Deceased members of the Charles & Fern Votipka family
Sunday	8:00am 10:00am NO Noon	People of the Parishes The Souls on Our Tree of Memories NO Noon: Spanish Mass
St. Michael's Minister's Schedule for Dec 24/25		
	5:30pm	10:00am
Acolyte	Ronn Brackle	Randy Prellwitz
Lector	Ronn Brackle	Randy Prellwitz
Music	Mary Prellwitz	LeAnne Krause
St. Mary's Church Cleaning for December		
Peggy Niederklein		

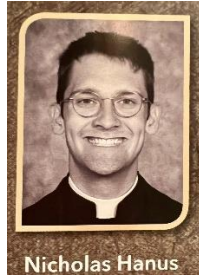
ST MICHAEL'S has a daily Mass chapel. It is accessed through doors on the west end of the church.

I SEND OUT MY HOMILIES Daily via email. If you would like to receive them, please email me at frbirkl@hotmail.com

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS



Paul Mach



Nicholas Hanus

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.

NICHOLAS HANUS is the son of William & Cynthia Hanus of St. Joseph Parish in Lincoln, NE. He is in his 1st Year of College at St. Gregory the Great Seminary.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE: CHRISTMAS

falls on a Sunday, so the schedule will be a regular Saturday/Sunday schedule.

CONFESSION SCHEDULE:

Fairbury Sunday Dec. 18th 2-3pm

Hebron Sunday Dec 18th 4-5pm

CCD

- Sunday, December 18th at 10:00am

Mass our students will be singing during the Mass. Please join us after Mass listening to our students sing a few Christmas songs for you.

PCCW NEWS:

SAINT MICHAEL'S CHURCH 2022

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE DRAWING WINNERS

ONE HOUR PLANE RIDE - HELEN KOLL
\$100 CASH PRIZE - GEORGEANN FRIEDRICHSEN
\$100 GIFT CARD TO RAY'S APPLE MARKET - TWILYA L'ECUYER
ROLL OF POSTAGE STAMPS - KRISTEN BANAHAN
MEAT BUNDLE - JARED GERBER
\$50 GIFT CARD TO PAMPERED CHEF & FOOD CHOPPER - LINDA SIEBE
LARGE SCENTSY WARMER WITH 3 PACKETS OF WAX - VICKI CHECH
\$50 GIFT CARD TO DEN'S MEAT DISTRIBUTING - VALENTINA CHAVEZ
24" OUTDOOR ST. FRANCIS STATUE - BEV HATTLE
\$35 CASH PRIZE - RITA SNYDER
\$40 GIFT CARD TO DEN'S MEAT WITH SEASONINGS - MARJORIE GREGORY
HOMEMADE PIE - CATHY BARRINGER
HOMEMADE PIE - ROSALIE TYNAN
\$25 GIFT CARD TO THE BONHAM THEATER - AJ EVANS
\$25 GIFT CARD TO THE BONHAM THEATER - NATALIE BERANEK
\$25 GIFT CARD TO BELLE ROSE - VALENTINA CHAVEZ
\$25 GIFT CARD TO BELLE ROSE - GERALDINE SCHREIER
\$25 GIFT CARD TO NOTIONS WITH EARRINGS - EVERETT LIVINGSTON
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\$25 GIFT CARD TO BELLE ROSE - GEORGEANN FRIEDRICHSEN

\$50 GIFT CARD BONHAM THEATER - HELEN KOLL

\$50 GIFT CARD TO RAYS APPLE MARKET - MICHAEL HAMMER

HANDMADE WOODEN CRUCIFIX - LINDA SIEBE

\$150 CASH PRIZE - TATUM BERANEK

NORWEX CUTTING BOARD & HAND TOWEL - MAYELA QUIEL

The PCCW would like to thank all of our parishioners who generously donated to our raffle this year. Your contributions, thoughtfulness, and time helped make the bazaar and raffle a success.

- **PCCW** will meet January 4 (Wednesday) at 5:30 to put the booklet together for the 2023 year.

- **OFFICERS ARE NEEDED** for the 2023 year. Contact Cathy Barringer at 402-729-3534 or Mary Prellwitz at 402-300-0054 for more information.

ST. MARY'S CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST

- on Sunday December 18th after Mass. Everyone please bring rolls.

THE LAST OF THE VIDEO BIBLE

STUDY will be Dec 18th from 5pm-8pm.

We will meet in the chapel and listen to the audio Advent Retreat with Mary while sitting in the presence of Jesus in the Tabernacle. (This will be approximately 3 hours). **All are welcome to attend.**

FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO MAY HAVE

KNOW MSGR. VAP he passed away this week. He was 94 and St. Michael's Church was his first assignment.

Spiritual Corner

The Sign of the Cross is a prayer where we are asking for God's presence to bless, assist and guard us from all harm.

THANK YOU to the generous parishioners who donated automatic paper towel dispensers for the restrooms in the school and parish center!

WILLOW CENTER is accepting toys for their 3rd Annual Toy Drive through December 20th. Toys can be dropped off at the Willow Center at Indian Creek Mall in Beatrice on Tues, Wed. or Thurs. from 10:00am - 4:00pm. For more information call 402-228-6411.