



St. Michael's / St. Mary's

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

Christmas

December 25, 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. 18, 2022			Debt Reduction		Loan Payment	
Adult	\$1,609.82	\$275.00	<i>Loan Total as of Today</i>		\$17,360.36	
Loose Plate	119.00	10.00			\$3,380.39	
Online Giving	115.00		AMOUNT TOWARDS DECEMBER 2023 PAYMENT		Due Dec. 31, 2023	
Pink Sisters						
Cemetery	10.00		<i>To be collected throughout the year</i>		\$17,360.36	
Building	10.00				\$3,380.39	
Holy Day	60.00				\$13,979.97	
Debt Reduction	110.00					
Total	\$2,033.82	\$285.00				
			PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION			
			Operation Cost per week		\$2,039.84	
			This Week's Collection		\$1,913.82	
			Shortage		\$126.02	

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Jo Nease * Mary Kay Bedlan

Jeanette Steele * Helen Koll

Joe Hynek * Colleen Fyfe

Hillary Christ

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"Upon receiving Holy Communion, the Adorable Blood of Jesus Christ really flows in our veins and His Flesh is really blended with ours."

—St. John Vianney

Mass Intentions for Dec. 26th – Jan. 1st

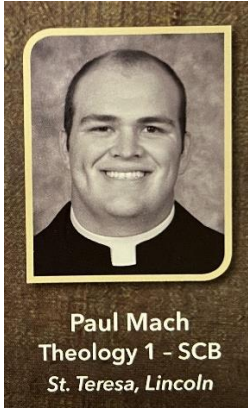
Monday	9:00am	All Souls Intention of Robert & Donna Milius
Tuesday	No Mass	No Mass
Wednesday	No Mass	No Mass
Thursday	9:00am	All Souls Intention of Kathleen Selig
Friday	5:30pm	Msgr Vap+
Saturday	5:30pm	The Souls on Our Tree of Memories
Sunday	8:00am 10:00am NO Noon	Brad Birkel+ People of the Parishes NO Noon: Latin Mass
St. Michael's Minister's Schedule for Dec 31/Jan 1		
	5:30pm	10:00am
Acolyte	Bruce Busing	Randy Prellwitz
Lector	Ronn Brackle	Randy Prellwitz
Music	Mary Prellwitz	LeAnne Krause
St. Mary's Church Cleaning for January Donna Rut		

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

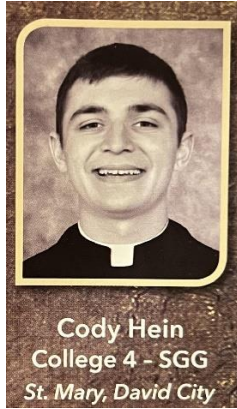
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PRAY FOR VOCATIONS



Paul Mach
Theology 1 - SCB
St. Teresa, Lincoln



Cody Hein
College 4 - SGG
St. Mary, David City

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 at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Philadelphia.

CODY HEIN is the son of Edward & Gwendolynne Hein at St. Gregory the Great Seminary.

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL RETREAT HOUSE invites you to look inside this week's Christmas edition of the Southern Nebraska Register and find the insert of our Spring 2023 Retreat Schedule. Please save that insert or post it on your bulletin board, pick out a retreat you want to attend in Waverly or give as a gift to someone you love. You can also join Fr. Eric Clark on a weekend retreat at Good Counsel Retreat House, Waverly Jan. 13-15: Becoming Apostles of Mercy - Living the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. Info at goodcounselretreat.org or 402-786-2705.

PCCW NEWS:

- **PCCW** will meet January 4th (Wednesday) at 5:30pm 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.

Spiritual Corner

"The Lord be with you" – These words convey the reality of Jesus' presence in a community of believers assembled in his name.

For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.
Matthew 18:20

3 DAY IGNATIAN RETREAT OPPORTUNITY God speaks to you in the silence. Are you ready for some quiet time away after the holidays? Steep yourself in the sacred space of the Creighton University Retreat Center, just one hour east of Omaha, to be still and open yourself up to the graces God has for you. You will meet with an Ignatian-trained spiritual director daily to reflect on what's stirring in your heart. Opportunity for mass daily and confession. Retreat cost including room and meals is \$350. Choose one of the 4 opportunities to attend. January 19-22, 2023, February 23-26, 2023, April 13-16, 2023, May 4-7, 2023. Register at Creighton.edu/curc