



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

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**December 3, 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

<b>Parish collection data: Nov 27, 2022</b>			<b>Debt Reduction</b>		<b>Loan Payment</b>	
Adult	\$1,575.37	\$345.00	<i>Loan Total as of Today</i>		\$17,360.36	
Loose Plate	275.03	10.00	<b>AMOUNT TOWARDS DECEMBER 2023 PAYMENT</b>		<b>\$2,605.39</b>	
Online Giving	115.00		<b>Due Dec. 31, 2023</b>		\$17,360.36	
Pink Sisters	60.00		<b>AMOUNT TOWARDS DECEMBER 2023 PAYMENT</b>		<b>-\$2,605.39</b>	
Cemetery			<i>To be collected throughout the year</i>		<b>\$14,874.97</b>	
Christmas Flowers	142.00		<b>PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION</b>			
Building						
Holy Day			Operation Cost per week		\$2,039.84	
Debt Reduction			This Week's Collection		\$2,107.40	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,167.40</b>	<b>\$355.00</b>			<b>Overage \$67.56</b>	

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Jo Nease \* Mary Kay Bedlan

Jeanette Steele \* Helen Koll

Joe Hynek \* Colleen Fyfe

## CALENDAR:

**PCCW MEETINGS:** DECEMBER 12.

**PCCW BRUNCHES:** DECEMBER 4

**KNIGHTS MEETINGS:** DECEMBER 12

<b>Mass Intentions for Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup></b>		
<b>Monday</b>		
<b>Tuesday</b>	9:00	Abused Children
<b>Wednesday</b>	5:30Fairbury 7:00Alex	All Souls Intention of Kathleen Selig
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9:00FairB Holy Day - Immaculate Conception</b>	Deceased members of the Charles & Fern Votipka family
<b>Friday</b>	5:30	Charlie Barringer+
<b>Saturday</b>	5:30pm	All Souls Intention of Lorraine Borch
<b>Sunday</b>	8:00am 10:00am <b>Noon</b>	People of the Parishes James & Elaine Courtney+ <b>Noon: Spanish Mass</b>
<b>St. Michael's Minister's Schedule for Dec 10/11</b>		
	<b>5:30pm</b>	<b>10:00am</b>
<b>Acolyte</b>	Ronn Brackle	Randy Prellwitz
<b>Lector</b>	Ronn Brackle	Randy Prellwitz
<b>Server</b>	Aldo Ramos	
<b>Music</b>	Mary Prellwitz	LeAnne Krause
<b>St. Mary's Church Cleaning for December Peggy Niederklein</b>		

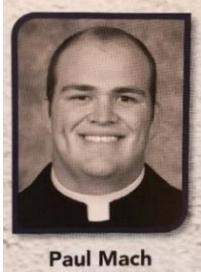
**ST MICHAEL'S** has a daily Mass chapel. It is accessed through doors on the west end of the church.

I SEND OUT MY HOMILIES Daily via email. If you would like to receive them, please email me at [frbirk1@hotmail.com](mailto:frbirk1@hotmail.com)

## **THOUGHT OF THE WEEK**

“Cease doing evil; learn to do good,”  
Isaiah 1:16

## **PRAY FOR VOCATIONS**



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.

**REV. MR. LOUDEN REDINGER** is the son of Brian & Kelleen Redinger of St. Michael Parish in Hastings, NE. He is in his 4th Year of Theology at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary.

## **DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup> IS A HOLY DAY IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

**MASSES ON WEDNESDAY &  
THURSDAY WILL COVER THE  
OBLIGATION.**

### **WEDNESDAY**

**5:30PM FAIRBURY** PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES

**7:00PM ALEXANDRIA** Deceased members of the Charles & Fern Votipka family

### **THURSDAY**

**9:00AM FAIRBURY** All Souls Intention of Kathleen Selig

## **PCCW NEWS:**

- **Christmas Bazaar** - All activities for the Bazaar will be held in the school. This includes the cookie and candy sales, the Sunday morning brunch and the raffle drawing.

- **Brunch** - After Mass December 4<sup>th</sup>, Diane Stone, Kellene Polson, Shannon Honold and Bonna Richard will be hosting.

- **PCCW CARRY-IN DINNER** - December 12<sup>th</sup>. Committee will provide the meat. All those coming please bring a side dish. Committee - Diane Stone, Sabrina Wanamaker and Monica Cervantes.

**ST. MARY'S CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST** - on Sunday December 18<sup>th</sup> after Mass. Everyone please bring rolls.

## **THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS:**

- The Knights of Columbus would like to thank members of the parish for their outstanding support during the Intellectual Disabilities weekend (tootsie roll drive). Donations plus sales of boxes of tootsie rolls totalled \$454.00. Half of which is \$227.00, will go to the Villa Marie and the remainder to the Knights Nebraska State Council Intellectual Foundatio to support Non-profits who assist those with disabilities such as Special Olympics.

- A selection of **car magnets and Christmas seals** will be available for purchase in November.

**THIS ADVENT WE WILL HOLD A VIDEO BIBLE STUDY ON THE SUNDAYS** of Advent from 5p-7p in the parish hall.

Nov 27, Dec 4 and Dec 11 we will cover the video study on St. Joseph followed by a short discussion.

Dec 18 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.**

**WILLOW CENTER** is accepting toys for their 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Toy Drive through December 20<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**LOOKING TO GO DEEP DURING THE ADVENT SEASON?** Regnum Christi will host a "Men's Spiritual Exercises" Retreat on December 8-11. On Dec.16-18 we will have the "Incarnational Intimacy" retreat with Fr. Steve Mills and Dec. 28-30 we will be hosting a virtual watch party for the "Encounter Ministries Conference". Read more and register at [www.goodcounselretreat.org](http://www.goodcounselretreat.org), email [office@goodcounselretreat.org](mailto:office@goodcounselretreat.org) or call 402-786-2705.