



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

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

**Solemnity of Mary**

**January 1, 2023**

**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

**Knights of Columbus:** Randy Prellwitz

**CCD Coordinator:** Georgann Friedrichsen

**St. Mary's PCCW:** Deb Vanwesten

<b>Parish collection data: Dec. 25, 2022</b>			<b>Debt Reduction</b>		<b>Loan Payment</b>	
Adult	\$4,820.00	\$275.00	<i>Loan Total as of Today</i>		\$17,360.36	
Loose Plate	346.00	20.00	<b>AMOUNT TOWARDS DECEMBER 2023 PAYMENT</b>		<b>\$3,380.39</b>	
Online Giving	115.00		<i>Due Dec. 31, 2023</i>			
Holy Day	869.00	270.00	<b>AMOUNT TOWARDS DECEMBER 2023 PAYMENT</b>		\$17,360.36	
			<i>To be collected throughout the year</i>		<b>-\$3,380.39</b>	
Debt Reduction					<b>\$13,979.97</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,150.00</b>	<b>\$565.00</b>	<b>PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION</b>			
			Operation Cost per week		\$2,039.84	
			This Week's Collection		\$6,150.00	
					<b>Overage \$4,110.16</b>	

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

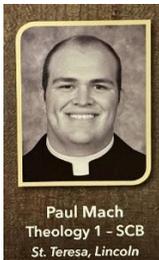
Jo Nease \* Mary Kay Bedlan

Jeanette Steele \* Helen Koll

Joe Hynek \* Colleen Fyfe

Hillary Christ

## PRAY FOR VOCATIONS



**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.

<b>Mass Intentions for Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup></b>		
<b>Monday</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	Noon	All Souls Intention of Kathleen Selig
<b>Thursday</b>	9:00am	Special Intention of G.G.
<b>Friday</b>	5:30pm	The Souls on Our Tree of Memories
<b>Saturday</b>	9:00am 5:30pm	Special Intention Huber Family
<b>Sunday</b>	8:00am 10:00am Noon	All Souls Intention of James & Ellen VanWesten People of the Parishes <b>Noon: Spanish Mass</b>
<b>St. Michael's Minister's Schedule for Jan 7/8</b>		
	<b>5:30pm</b>	<b>10:00am</b>
<b>Acolyte</b>	Ronn Brackle	Randy Prellwitz
<b>Lector</b>	Ronn Brackle	Randy Prellwitz
<b>Music</b>	Mary Prellwitz	LeAnne Krause
<b>St. Mary's Church Cleaning for January</b>		
<b>Donna Rut</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

Fight all error, but do it with good humor, patience, kindness, and love. Harshness will damage your own soul and spoil the best cause.

-Saint John of Kanty

### PCCW NEWS:

- **PCCW** will meet January 4<sup>th</sup> (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.

**FAIRBURY RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE** Tuesday, January 10 from 11:30am to 5:30pm at the Fairbury Elks Lodge – 525 G St. Call (402)729-2592 for appt.

**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](http://Creighton.edu/curc)

**BECOMING-ONE IN HEART AND LOVE TOGETHER THROUGH OUR COUPLE-COMMUNICATION.** Marriage Encounter Experience, Feb. 10-12 in Lincoln. Call Gary & Brenda Granger (303)604-6202.

### **Spiritual Corner**

*Exorcist Diary #218: A Parent's Prayer*

One of the most common requests we receive is from parents who are distraught over their child's serious problems. Some are addicted to drugs or alcohol. Others have mental health problems, including psychotic illnesses and/or suicidality.

Others have wandered from the faith and may even be practicing witchcraft or the occult. Still others are estranged from the family and no longer speak with them. You can hear the heart-rending pain in these parents' hearts as they plead for help.

In addition to promising our fervent prayers, SMC has composed a prayer for parents to offer. This prayer recognizes the special authority that parents have over themselves, their spouses, and their children who are still minors. Thus, they can use "imprecatory" prayers and command evil spirits to leave.\* For children who are no longer minors, this prayer is directed to God and thus uses "deprecatory" prayers. In either case, of course, it is God who casts out the Evil One and brings healing.

We used this prayer for the first time in our last online deliverance session, with powerful effect. It was palpable. One parent said: "The Parent's Prayer speaks especially to my heart. While praying, my heart literally ached and hurt as we were praying for my children." I have no doubt that God the Father, and the entire Holy Family who themselves experienced great parental anguish, were especially present and gracing those suffering parents.

#### ***A Parent's Prayer***

Heavenly Father, I invoke the full authority you have given me as a spouse and a parent and I lift any curses, spells, seals, hexes, vexes, consecrations, voodoo, or any occult action or any evil affecting me or my spouse or my children who are minors. In Jesus' name, I cast out all evil spirits that are harming us. In Jesus' name, I reject them, I rebuke them, I renounce them, and I cast them out! For my adult children, I beg you heavenly father to hear a parent's plea and free them from any of these occult actions or any evil, and cast out all evil spirits. Father, I beseech you to send a spirit of unity and peace to my family. Heal the divisions in our family; may those family members who are estranged from each other be reconciled in forgiveness and love. May we live together in your peace. I pray for special healing graces for each one of us. Heal the wounds that plague us- heal any depression, anxiety, fears, compulsions, addictions, angers, resentments, and any and all mental and physical illnesses. Restore us to full health. I especially ask for the following specific grace for my family, if it be your holy will (here mention the specific intention silently or out loud). Most of all, may you infuse into our hearts the gift of faith, always trusting in you. Bring back any of us who have wandered from the faith. May we be fully protected from all harm and evil by the Shield of Faith and the Sword of Truth. I make this parent's prayer in the holy name of Jesus begging the powerful intercession of the Holy Family with the Virgin Mary and St. Joseph, and all the saints.