



St. Michael's / St. Mary's

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

2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

January 15, 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

St. Mary's PCCW: Deb Vanwesten

Knights of Columbus: Randy Prellwitz

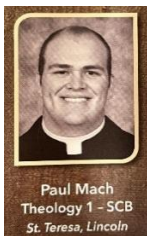
CCD Coordinator: Georgann Friedrichsen

<u>Parish collection data: Jan 8, 2022</u>			<u>Debt Reduction</u>		<u>Loan Payment</u>	
Adult	\$1,398.58	\$430.00	Loan Total as of Today		\$17,360.36	
Loose Plate	73.00	20.00	AMOUNT TOWARDS DECEMBER 2023 PAYMENT		\$3,385.39	
Online Giving	115.00		Due Dec. 31, 2023			
Holy Day			AMOUNT TOWARDS DECEMBER 2023 PAYMENT		\$17,360.36	
Building	10.00		To be collected throughout the year		-\$3,385.39	
Register	10.00				\$13,974.97	
Cemetery	\$40.00	25.00	PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION			
Debt Reduction	230.00		Operation Cost per week		\$2,039.84	
Total	\$1,771.58	\$475.00	This Week's Collection		\$1,568.58	
					Shortage \$471.26	

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Jo Nease * Mary Kay Bedlan * Jeanette Steele * Helen Koll * Joe Hynek * Colleen Fyfe * Hillary Christ

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS



Paul Mach
Theology 1 - SCB
St. Teresa, Lincoln



Caleb Hansen
College 4 - SGG
St. Joseph, Lincoln

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.

CALEB HANSEN son of Corey & Monica Hansen at St. Gregory the Great Seminary.

MATTHEW DAVIS is the son of Joachim & Vicki Davis. He is in his second year at Our Lady of Guadalupe seminary in Denton.

Mass Intentions for Jan. 16th - 22nd		
Monday	No Mass	No Mass
Tuesday	9:00am	Msgr Vap+
Wednesday	Noon	Brad Birkel+
Thursday	9:00am	All Souls Intention of Robert & Donna Milius
Friday	5:30pm	All Souls Intention of Mayela Quiel
Saturday	9:00am 5:30pm	Special Intention Birkel Family
Sunday	8:00am 10:00am Noon	Brad Birkel+ People of the Parishes Noon: Spanish Mass
St. Michael's Minister's Schedule for Jan 21/22		
	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 January		
Donna Rut		

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

"For prayer is nothing else than being on terms of friendship with God."

–St. Teresa of Avila

THE UNITED STATES BISHOPS have designated this year & next as a time to increase our devotion to Our Blessed Lord in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist. If you have a suggestion, you are invited to give it to me, provided you sign it. You may put it in the collection basket but I only read those things which are signed.

WELCOME & CONGRATULATIONS TO Tyler & Samantha Ottensmeier who have all joined the Church and their twin boys, Hayes & Thrapp.

And to **NICKALIN ILEEN EVANS**, Daughter of Ryan & Amy Engle-Evans, who will be baptized Sunday after Mass, a reception to follow, all are welcome.

Spiritual Corner

Lent is six weeks away. It's time to pray and think about what you will do for this holy season.

JOIN A HALF-DAY PRO-LIFE RETREAT

"Witnessing to Life No Matter the Cost" at John XXIII Center, Lincoln on Thurs. Jan. 19, 8:30am-2:00pm. Space is limited: email prolifeinitiative@protonmail.com or Venmo \$25 to [@goodcounselretreat](https://www.goodcounselretreat.org) by Jan. 16; includes lunch.

IT'S TIME TO WALK FOR LIFE! Join thousands of Nebraskans for the annual Pro-Life Mass and the Nebraska Walk for Life on January 28th. The Pro-Life Mass will be held at St. Mary's in downtown Lincoln at 9:00 AM, to be celebrated by Archbishop Lucas. Immediately following, the Nebraska Walk for Life begins at 10:00AM at the North Capitol steps. Bring

friends, signs, and your voice to advocate for a culture of life in a Post-Roe Nebraska!

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

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL RETREAT HOUSE

Waverley has several retreats to help foster your relationship with God. Join us Jan.19-22 with Regnum Christi for the "Meet Me at the Well: Women's Spiritual Exercises" retreat, "Unbound: Freedom in Christ" with Fr. William Holoubek on Feb. 3-5, and the "Winter Symposium" with the LDCCW on Feb. 10-11. Read more and register at www.goodcounselretreat.org, email office@goodcounselretreat.org or call 402-786-2705.

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.

JOIN YOUR SPIRIT CATHOLIC RADIO

family for a wonderful evening of faith and friendship! Our 2023 Spirit Celebration Dinner will be held Saturday evening, **February 4, 2023** at the Mid America Center in Council Bluffs, IA! This year, our special guest speaker, **Jeff Cavins**, will present on *Life of a Disciple – Taking your Faith to the Next Level*. Reserve your seat by January 20, 2023 for \$50. For more details and ticket purchasing, visit spiritcatholicradio.com/dinner