



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

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

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

January 29, 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 22, 2023</u>			<u>Debt Reduction</u>		<u>Loan Payment</u>	
Adult	\$937.00	\$175.00	Loan Total as of Today		\$17,360.36	
Loose Plate	170.00	25.00	<b>AMOUNT TOWARDS DECEMBER 2023 PAYMENT</b>		<b>\$3,485.39</b>	
Online Giving	115.00		Due Dec. 31, 2023			
Holy Day Building Register			<b>AMOUNT TOWARDS DECEMBER 2023 PAYMENT</b>		<b>\$17,360.36</b>	
Cemetery \$40.00			<i>To be collected throughout the year</i>		<b>-\$3,485.39</b>	
Debt Reduction					<b>\$13,874.97</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,222.00</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>	<u>PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION</u>			
			Operation Cost per week		\$2,039.84	
			This Week's Collection		\$1,222.00	
					<b>Shortage \$817.84</b>	

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

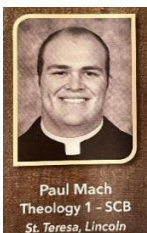
Jo Nease \* Mary Kay Bedlan

Jeanette Steele \* Helen Koll \* Joe Hynek Colleen

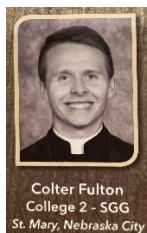
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Richard Krause

**PRAY FOR VOCATIONS**



Paul Mach  
Theology 1 - SCB  
St. Teresa, Lincoln



Colter Fulton  
College 2 - SGG  
St. Mary, Nebraska 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.

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

**COLTER JOSEPH FULTON** is the son of Terry & Melissa Fulton of St. Mary Parish in Nebraska City, NE. He is in his 2<sup>nd</sup> year of College at St Gregory the Great seminary.

<b>Mass Intentions for Jan. 30<sup>th</sup> - Feb. 5<sup>th</sup></b>		
<b>Monday</b>	10:30am	Funeral of Leroy Prellwitz
<b>Tuesday</b>	No Mass	No Mass
<b>Wednesday</b>	Noon	Special Intention of G.G.
<b>Thursday</b>	9:00am	Brad Birkel+
<b>Friday</b>	5:30pm	Msgr Vap+
<b>Saturday</b>	9:00am 5:30pm	Special Intention People of the Parishes
<b>Sunday</b>	8:00am 10:00am Noon	All Souls Intention of James & Ellen VanWesten Special Intention <b>Noon: Spanish Mass</b>
<b>St. Michael's Minister's Schedule for Feb 4/5</b>		
	<b>5:30pm</b>	<b>10:00am</b>
<b>Acolyte</b>	Bruce Busing	Randy Prellwitz
<b>Lector</b>	Ronn Brackle	Randy Prellwitz
<b>Music</b>	Mary Prellwitz	LeAnne Krause
<b>St. Mary's Church Cleaning for February</b>		
<b>Deb VanWesten</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 [frbirkl@hotmail.com](mailto:frbirkl@hotmail.com)

### **THOUGHT OF THE WEEK**

"What does love look like? It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men. That is what love looks like."

–St. Augustine

### **FUNERAL FOR LEROY PRELLWITZ:**

Rosary 6:30pm Sunday at the funeral home.

Funeral Monday 10:30 St Michael's, lunch to follow and then the burial.

### **2022 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS**

are in the back of the church for anyone who contributed over \$250.00 this year. If you are still in need of one and it is not in the back please email the office.

### **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.

### **PCCW BOOKLETS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE BACK OF CHURCH.**

### **KNIGHT'S OF COLUMBUS**

Sunday January 22nd, the Knights are putting on a Free Throw Contest at the Fairbury High School 89 gym. It is for 9 through 14-year-old boys and girls. Registration will start at 1pm. Need to bring copy of birth certificate that can be left with the registration form.

### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NOTE:**

Thank you to the parishioners who helped our Keep Christ in Christmas a success. \$120 was raised from the sale of magnets and Christmas seals. It is anticipated that Christmas cards will be available next year

as well as more magnets. Money will go to Paul Mach in the support of vocations. Each year we donate \$500.00 to Paul to help with personal expenses not covered by scholarship.

### **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. February 23-26, 2023, April 13-16, 2023, May 4-7, 2023. Register at [Creighton.edu/curc](http://Creighton.edu/curc)

### **OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL**

**RETREAT HOUSE**, Waverley has several retreats to help foster your relationship with God. Join us 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](http://www.goodcounselretreat.org), email [office@goodcounselretreat.org](mailto: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](http://spiritcatholicradio.com/dinner)