



St. Michael's / St. Mary's

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

Epiphany of the Lord

January 8, 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

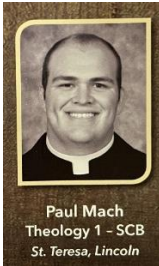
CCD Coordinator: Georgann Friedrichsen

<u>Parish collection data: Jan 1, 2022</u>			<u>Debt Reduction</u>		<u>Loan Payment</u>
Adult	\$3,509.80	\$225.00	Loan Total as of Today		\$17,360.36
Loose Plate	193.00	40.00	AMOUNT TOWARDS DECEMBER 2023 PAYMENT		\$3,385.39
Online Giving	115.00		Due Dec. 31, 2023		
Holy Day	45.00		AMOUNT TOWARDS DECEMBER 2023 PAYMENT		\$17,360.36
Building	5.00		To be collected throughout the year		\$3,385.39
Register	15.00				\$13,974.97
Debt Reduction	5.00				
Total	\$3,887.80	\$265.00	PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION		
			Operation Cost per week		\$2,039.84
			This Week's Collection		\$3,882.50
					Overage \$1,842.96

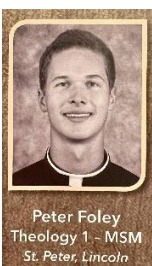
PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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



Peter Foley
Theology 1 - MSM
St. Peter, 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.

PETER FOLEY son of Mike & Susan Foley at Mt. St. Mary Seminary.

Mass Intentions for Jan. 9th - 15th		
Monday	9:00am	Fr. Birkel
Tuesday	9:00am	All Souls Intention of Robert & Donna Milius
Wednesday	Noon	Deceased members of the Charles & Fern Votipka family
Thursday	9:00am	Brad Birkel+
Friday	No Mass	No Mass
Saturday	9:00am 5:30pm	Special Intention Weeks Families
Sunday	8:00am 10:00am Noon	People of the Parishes Marge Gregory+ Noon: Latin Mass
St. Michael's Minister's Schedule for Jan 14/15		
	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.

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

As the appearance of the rainbow in the clouds on a rainy day, so was the appearance of the surrounding radiance. Such was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the Lord. And when I saw it, I fell on my face and heard a voice speaking.

-Ezekiel 1:28

THANK YOU To all who have given me Christmas cards and or gifts. You are awesome and I pray for you and ask God to shed His generous blessings upon you! Peace, Father John

PCCW NEWS:

- **OFFICERS ARE NEEDED** for the 2023 year. Contact Cathy Barringer at 402-729-3534 or Mary Prellwitz at 402-300-0054 for more information.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS January meeting will be Monday January 9th with Rosary at 6:30pm in the lower chapel with meeting to follow at 7:00pm in the center.

Spiritual Corner

The Liturgy of the Word:

-1st Reading is usually from the Old Testament

And correspond to the Gospel reading for the day.

-Thanks be to God – this is a reminder how wonderful it is for us humans to hear God speak to us through Scriptures.

-The Responsorial Psalm – “The words of God, on the lips of men, praising God.”

Louis Bouyer

-2nd Reading is from the New Testament. They draw out the practical applications of our life in Christ and help us turn to Christ and away from sin.

-Gospel – The standing, Alleluia, the Procession and the Sign of the Cross bring us to a sacred moment in the Mass where Jesus is speaking to us.

-Homily – The explanation of the reading to bring out the application for people’s lives.

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.

JOIN A HALF-DAY PRO-LIFE RETREAT by Sr. Deirdre Byrnes: religious sister, medical doctor, patriot. “Witnessing to Life No Matter the Cost” at John XXIII Center, Lincoln on Thurs. Jan. 19, 8:30am-2:00pm, sponsored by OneHeartOneMind. Space is limited: email prolifeinitiative@protonmail.com or Venmo \$25 to @goodcounselretreat by Jan. 16; includes lunch.

IT’S TIME TO WALK FOR LIFE! Grab your gloves and walking shoes, and 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 10:00 AM 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

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.