



St. Michael's / St. Mary's

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

6th Sunday of Ordinary Time

February 12, 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

Parish collection data: February 5, 2023			Debt Reduction		Loan Payment	
Adult	\$2,215.94	\$785.00	Loan Total as of Today		\$17,360.36	
Loose Plate	217.23	115.00	AMOUNT TOWARDS DECEMBER 2023 PAYMENT		\$3,760.39	
Online Giving	115.00		Due Dec. 31, 2023			
Children	6.00		AMOUNT TOWARDS DECEMBER 2023 PAYMENT		\$17,360.36	
Building			To be collected throughout the year		-\$3,760.39	
Register	30.00	25.00			\$13,599.97	
Cemetery						
Debt Reduction	275.00					
Total	\$2,859.17	\$925.00				
			PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION			
			Operation Cost per week		\$2,039.84	
			This Week's Collection		\$2,584.17	
			Overage		\$544.33	

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

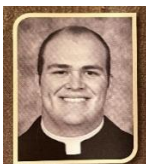
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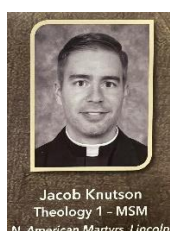
Fyfe * Hillary Christ

Richard Krause

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS



Paul Mach
Theology 1 - SCB
St. Teresa, Lincoln



Jacob Knutson
Theology 1 - MSM
N. American Martyrs, 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.

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

JACOB KNUTSON is the son of Thomas & Patricia Knutson of North American Martyrs Parish in Lincoln, NE. He is in his 1st year of Theology at Mt. St. Mary seminary.

Mass Intentions for Feb. 13th - 19th

Monday	No Mass	No Mass
Tuesday	9:00am	Special intention
Wednesday	Noon	Brad Birkel+
Thursday	9:00am	Jackie Bunce
Friday	9:00am	All Souls Intention of Kathleen Selig
Saturday	9:00am 5:30pm	Special intention Larry & Kay Hauschel
Sunday	8:00am 10:00am Noon	All Souls Intention of Robert & Donna Milius People of the Parishes Noon Spanish Mass
St. Michael's Minister's Schedule for Feb 18/19		
	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 February Deb VanWesten		

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

"Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire."

—St. Catherine of Siena

DETAILS ARE PENDING but a funeral service for Joe Ward will most likely be at St Michael's on Thursday at 10:30.

GYM THERMOSTATS Last week I went into the gym and someone had turned both thermostats to air conditioning. It was 40° in there. I am having lockboxes installed over the thermostats.

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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a free breakfast after Mass on the 12th of February - Biscuits and Gravy, Scrambled Eggs, and Hash Browns - All are welcome!!

ST. MARY'S WYMORE Soup Supper is Sunday, February 19th from 4-7pm, 115 N 11th. Free will offering.

SPIRITUAL CORNER

When we are going up to receive Holy Communion say short prayer thanking God for His sacrifice. Remember how we felt the first time we received the holy Eucharist. How blessed and filled with joy we were. From a parishioner.

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

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER EXPERIENCE

Experiencing communication of the heart inside our couple-love. April 21--23 in Lincoln. Call right-away so we can make preparations for you. Contact couple Gary & Brenda Granger 303--604--6202.

NEEDING TO GO ON A RETREAT SOON?

Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House, Waverly has several retreats to renew you in your relationship with God. Join us on Feb. 22 - Ash Wednesday for "Meeting God in the Desert" with Deacon Matthew Hecker, Feb. 24-26 "I+You=We Marriage Workshop" for married couples with Fr. Jarosław "Jay" Szymczak, and March 10-12 "In the Presence of the Lord" with Fr. Loras Grell. Read more and register at www.goodcounselretreat.org, email office@goodcounselretreat.org or call 402-786-2705.