



St. Michael's / St. Mary's

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

7th Sunday of Ordinary Time

February 19, 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 12, 2023			Debt Reduction		Loan Payment	
Adult	\$2,434.59	\$365.00	Loan Total as of Today		\$17,360.36	
Loose Plate	112.00	45.00	AMOUNT TOWARDS DECEMBER 2023 PAYMENT		\$4,060.39	
Online Giving	115.00					
Children	5.00		AMOUNT TOWARDS DECEMBER 2023 PAYMENT		\$17,360.36	
Building	5.00					
Register	152.00	90.00	To be collected throughout the year		\$4,060.39	
Cemetery		175.00				
Debt Reduction	300.00				\$13,299.97	
Total	\$3,123.59	\$675.00	PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION			
			Operation Cost per week		\$2,039.84	
			This Week's Collection		\$2,823.59	
			Overage		\$783.75	

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

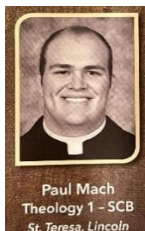
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Jeanette Steele * Helen Koll * Joe Hynek Colleen

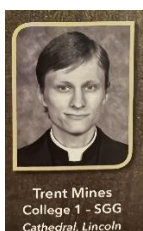
Fyfe * Hillary Christ

Richard Krause

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS



Paul Mach
Theology 1 - SCB
St. Teresa, Lincoln



Trent Mines
College 1 - SGG
Cathedral, 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.

TRENT ROBERT MINES is the son of William & Mary Mines of Cathedral of the Risen Christ Parish in Lincoln, NE. He is in his 1st year of College at St. Gregory the Great seminary.

Mass Intentions for Feb. 20th - 26th

Monday	No Mass	No Mass
Tuesday	5:30pm	Birkel Family
Ash Wednesday	5:30pm 7:00pm	Alex: All Souls by Bob & Donna Milius Fairbury: Special Intention
Thursday	9:00am	Special Intention
Friday	9:00am	Special Intention
Saturday	9:00am 5:30pm	Special intention Brad Birkel+
Sunday	8:00am 10:00am Noon	Weeks & Huber Families People of the Parishes Latin Mass
St. Michael's Minister's Schedule for Feb 25/26		
	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 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

"If I am distracted, Holy Communion helps me to become recollected. If opportunities are offered by each day to offend my God, I arm myself anew each day for the combat by the reception of the Eucharist. If I am in special need of light and prudence in order to discharge my burdensome duties, I draw nigh to my Savior and seek counsel and light from him."
-St. Thomas More

NO CCD classes next week February 22, 2023. Ash Wednesday Mass is at 7:00 pm. We are looking forward to seeing everyone there as we begin this Holy season of Lent. CCD classes will start again on March 1, 2023.

SNOW REMOVAL Thank you to those who did snow removal.

LENTEN REGULATIONS FOR THE DIOCESE OF LINCOLN FOR 2023

* Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence.

Fasting means eating only one full meal with two smaller meals, which together do not equal the full meal. No snacking or eating between meals is allowed. Fasting obliges all Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59. Abstinence means eating no meat, and no soup or gravy made from meat. Abstinence obliges all Catholics over the age of 14. Sickness, hard manual labor, pregnancy, etc. automatically excuse a person from these obligations. Nevertheless, it should be pointed out that these are serious

obligations. In cases of doubt or question, the priest who hears a person's confession should be consulted.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS St. Michael Fairbury fish fries from 5:30pm - 7:00pm.

March 3

March 17

March 31

WASHINGTON KS Saint Augustine fish fries from 5:30pm – 7:00pm:

February 24

March 10

March 24

SPIRITUAL CORNER

Communion with the Body and Blood of Christ increases the communicant's union with the Lord, forgives his venial sins, and preserves him from grave sins."

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3 DAY IGNATIAN RETREAT OPPORTUNITY

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. 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.