



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

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

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

February 5, 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

**Knights of Columbus:** Randy Prellwitz

St. Michael's PCCW: Mary Prellwitz

**CCD Coordinator:** Georgann Friedrichsen

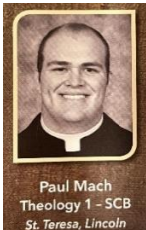
St. Mary's PCCW: Deb Vanwesten

| <u>Parish collection data: Jan 29, 2023</u> |          |          | <u>Debt Reduction</u>                       |  | <u>Loan Payment</u>        |
|---|----------|----------|---|--|----------------------------|
| Adult                                       | \$519.00 | \$275.00 | Loan Total as of Today                      |  | \$17,360.36                |
| Loose Plate                                 | 138.00   |          | <b>AMOUNT TOWARDS DECEMBER 2023 PAYMENT</b> |  | <b>\$3,485.39</b>          |
| Online Giving                               | 115.00   |          | Due Dec. 31, 2023                           |  |                            |
| Children                                    | 4.50     |          | <b>AMOUNT TOWARDS DECEMBER 2023 PAYMENT</b> |  | \$17,360.36                |
| Building                                    |          |          | To be collected throughout the year         |  | <del>\$3,485.39</del>      |
| Register                                    |          |          |   |  | <b>\$13,874.97</b>         |
| Cemetery                                    | \$40.00  |          | <b>PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION</b>         |  |                            |
| Debt Reduction                              |          |          | Operation Cost per week                     |  | \$2,039.84                 |
| Total                                       | \$776.50 | \$275.00 | This Week's Collection                      |  | \$776.50                   |
|   |          |          |   |  | <b>Shortage \$1,263.34</b> |

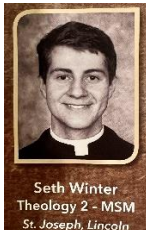
**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

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

**PRAY FOR VOCATIONS**



Paul Mach  
Theology 1 - SCB  
St. Teresa, Lincoln



Seth Winter  
Theology 2 - MSM  
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.

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

**PATRICK SETH WINTER** is the son of James & Cheryl Winter of St. Joseph Parish in Lincoln, NE. He is in his 2<sup>nd</sup> year of Theology at Mt. St. Mary seminary.

| <b>Mass Intentions for Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup></b> |                                     |  |
|--|-------------------------------------|--|
| <b>Monday</b>  | <b>No Mass</b>                      | <b>No Mass</b>   |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | 9:00am                              | Deceased members of the Charles & Fern Votipka family                  |
| <b>Wednesday</b>   | Noon                                | Special Intention  |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | 9:00am                              | Brad Birkel+   |
| <b>Friday</b>  | 9:00am                              | All Souls Intention of Robert & Donna Milius                           |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>No Mass</b><br>5:30pm            | <b>No morning Mass</b><br>Special Intention                            |
| <b>Sunday</b>  | 8:00am<br>10:00am<br><b>No Noon</b> | People of the Parishes<br>Leonard & Pat Stolzer<br><b>No Noon 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>   | Ronn Brackle                        | 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**

"We find ourselves in this earth as in a tempestuous sea, in a desert, in a vale of tears. Now then, Mary is the Star of the Sea, the solace of our desert, the light that guides us towards heaven."

–St. John Bosco

## **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.

**BAV GOALS** St. Michaels goal was \$3,080.00 but pledged \$3,735.00, St. Mary's goal was \$820.00 and pledged \$820.00. Thank you to all who helped make our goals plus some.

## **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!!

## **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.