



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

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

**Palm Sunday**

**April 2, 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:** Trustees: Bob VanWesten and Bob Bachle

**St. Michael's Parish Council,** LeAnn Krause, and Mary Prellwitz. Georgann Friedrichsen, Daryl Banahan, Gina Gifford

Trustees: Chris Goeking and Randy Prellwitz

**Knights of Columbus:** Randy Prellwitz

**St. Michael's PCCW:** Mary Prellwitz

**CCD Coordinator:** Georgann Friedrichsen

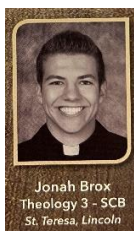
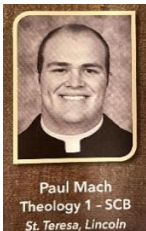
**St. Mary's PCCW:** Deb Vanwesten

<b>Parish collection data: March 26, 2023</b>			<b>Debt Reduction</b>		<b>Loan Payment</b>	
Adult	\$1,454.14	\$500.00	Loan Total as of Today		\$17,360.36	
Loose Plate	24.00	20.00	<b>AMOUNT TOWARDS DECEMBER 2023 PAYMENT</b>		<b>\$4,655.39</b>	
Online Giving	115.00		Due Dec. 31, 2023			
Children	11.22		<b>AMOUNT TOWARDS DECEMBER 2023 PAYMENT</b>		<b>\$17,360.36</b>	
Building		25.00	To be collected throughout the year		<b>-\$4,655.39</b>	
Cemetery					<b>\$12,704.97</b>	
Flowers						
Debt Reduction						
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,604.36</b>	<b>\$545.00</b>				
			<b>PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION</b>			
			Operation Cost per week		\$2,039.84	
			This Week's Collection		\$1,604.36	
			<b>Shortage</b>		<b>\$435.48</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** 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.

**JONAH ALEXANDER BROX** is the son of Tim & Melissa Brox of St. Teresa Parish in Lincoln, NE. He is in his 3<sup>rd</sup> year of Theology at St. Charles Borromeo seminary.

<b>Mass Intentions for April 3<sup>rd</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup></b>		
<b>Monday</b>	No Mass	No Mass
<b>Tuesday</b>	No Mass	No Mass
<b>Wednesday</b>	Noon	Special Intention
<b>Holy Thursday</b>	7:00pm	<b>Holy Thursday</b> Leonard & Pat Stolzer
<b>Good Friday</b>	7:00pm	<b>Good Friday</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	8:30pm	Deceased members of the Charles & Fern Votipka family
<b>Sunday</b>	8:00am 10:00am	People of the Parishes Special Intention
<b>St. Michael's Minister's Schedule for April 8/9</b>		
	<b>8:30pm</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 April</b> <b>Donna Milius</b>		

**ST MICHAEL'S** has a daily Mass chapel. It is accessed through doors on the west end of the church.

**STATIONS GOOD FRIDAY AT NOON..**

### **THOUGHT OF THE WEEK**

*During this Season of Lent, it's good not to turn off the light in our rooms without placing ourselves before God's light. Let's give the Lord the chance to reawaken our hearts by opening the Gospel and letting ourselves be amazed by the Word of God that illuminates our steps.*  
-Pope Francis

**ON SATURDAY, APRIL 1**, Mass will be at 4 PM. This is to help our young people who will be attending prom.

### **CONFESSIONS**

#### PALM SUNDAY

1:30-2:30PM FAIRBURY.

#### TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

6:30-7:30PM HEBRON.

### **EASTER SCHEDULE**

HOLY THURSDAY 7:00PM

GOOD FRIDAY 7:00PM

HOLY SATURDAY 8:30PM

#### EASTER SUNDAY

ALEXANDRIA 8:00AM

FAIRBURY 10:00AM

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** St. Michael Fairbury fish fry:

5:30pm - 7:00pm. March 31

**NO CCD** on Wednesday April 5, 2023.

**It would be great if someone would lead the rosary before each Mass.**

**POPE FRANCIS HAS ASKED** our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday collection, which helps Christians in the holy land, where they are now less than 2% of the population. Your support is essential to help the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday

collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines of Christianity, including in Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Bethlehem, to name only a few

**AS AN ACT OF REVERENCE AND ADORATION** for our Lord, in the most blessed sacrament, when coming up to Communion, the Bishops recommend: genuflect before you receive. If you aren't able to genuflect, then you may bow, or make the sign of the Cross. Of course, if you receive kneeling, it is not necessary to do either.

**TO HELP WITH THE ABOVE**, we have placed two prie Dieu in the aisle of St Michael's.

### **SPIRIT CATHOLIC RADIO IS 102.7 FM. PLEASE TUNE IN.**

**HEALING HEARTS GRIEF SUPPORT SESSIONS** for those who have suffered the loss of a loved one are being offered to assist Catholics in the grief process. The sessions will be held on six weekly Tuesday evenings beginning April 11, 2023, 7:00-9:00 p.m., at John XXIII Diocesan Center, 37th & Sheridan Blvd. Suggested Donation: \$25 (for materials) To register, please call 402-473-0620.

**DATE NIGHT MAKE TIME FOR YOUR VOCATION!** The Family Life & Discipleship Office invites you to a date night out on April 18th, 2023, 6-9 pm at UNL Newman Center Rosary Hall. \$45 for dinner/drinks/apps for two or come for free to the talk and go out to eat on your own (will also be streamed). Info at <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/datenightapr>. Limited free babysitting available!

**FAIRBURY RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE** Tuesday, April 11 from 11:30am to 5:15pm at the Fairbury Elks Lodge – 525 G Street. For appointment call 402-729-2592.