



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

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

**Laetare Sunday**

**March 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

**Knights of Columbus:** Randy Prellwitz

**CCD Coordinator:**

Georgann Friedrichsen

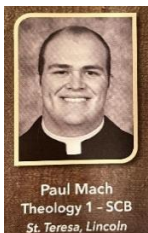
**St. Mary's PCCW:** Deb Vanwesten

<b>Parish collection data: March 12, 2023</b>			<b>Debt Reduction</b>		<b>Loan Payment</b>	
Adult	\$1,089.89	\$425.00	Loan Total as of Today		\$17,360.36	
Loose Plate	58.00	7.00	<b>AMOUNT TOWARDS DECEMBER 2023 PAYMENT</b>		<b>\$4,535.39</b>	
Online Giving	115.00		Due Dec. 31, 2023			
Children	5.00		<b>AMOUNT TOWARDS DECEMBER 2023 PAYMENT</b>		<b>\$17,360.36</b>	
Building			To be collected throughout the year		<b>-\$4,535.39</b>	
Cemetery	55.00	75.00			<b>\$12,824.97</b>	
Flowers	85.00	20.00				
Debt Reduction	15.00					
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,422.89</b>	<b>\$527.00</b>				
			<b>PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION</b>			
			Operation Cost per week		\$2,039.84	
			This Week's Collection		\$1,352.89	
			<b>Shortage</b>		<b>\$686.95</b>	

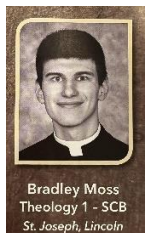
## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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



Bradley Moss  
Theology 1 - SCB  
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.

**BRADLEY PAUL MOSS** is the son of Paul Moss & Mary Schiltz of St. Joseph Parish in Lincoln, NE. He is in his 1<sup>st</sup> year of Theology at St. Charles Borromeo seminary.

<b>Mass Intentions for Mar. 20<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup></b>		
<b>Monday</b>	No Mass	No Mass
<b>Tuesday</b>	9:00am	Brad Birkel+
<b>Wednesday</b>	Noon	Evelyn Birkel+
<b>Thursday</b>	9:00am	Prisoners and Silence
<b>Friday</b>	9:00am	Special intention
<b>Saturday</b>	No 9:00am 5:30pm	No Mass People of the Parishes
<b>Sunday</b>	8:00am 10:00am Noon	Special intention Lynn Banahan+ Noon Latin Mass
<b>St. Michael's Minister's Schedule for Mar 25/26</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 March</b>		

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

**STATIONS FRIDAY'S AT 5:00PM.**

## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

However, my soul shall rejoice  
in the Lord, and shall be  
delighted over His salvation.

Psalm 35:9

**FIRST CONFESSION** March 22, 2023 we will be having First Confession for our first communicants as they prepare for First Communion in April. Please pray for AJ Evans, Knoxley Gerths, and Greidys Cardenas. Students, parents and anyone else are welcome to attend and receive the sacrament as well. Confessions will start shortly after 6:00 pm with AJ, Knoxley and Greidys going first, then other students and parents to follow after. May God Bless You!

**WE NEED FOUR VOLUNTEERS** from each parish for parish council. Please contact Father Birkel.

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

**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 Dieus in the aisle of St Michael's.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** St. Michael Fairbury fish fry: from 5:30pm - 7:00pm. March 17, March 31

**WASHINGTON KS** Saint Augustine fish fry: from 5:30pm - 7:00pm: March 24

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

**LAETARE: THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT** in the Roman Catholic liturgical calendar. The term is derived from the opening words of the Latin Mass, "Rejoice (Laetare) Jerusalem" (Is 66:10). The church is called to joyful anticipation of the victory to be won.

## EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

JULY 17 - 24, 2024

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

For more information:

<https://www.eucharisticcongress.org/>

**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!

**WANTING TO GO DEEPER WITH GOD THIS LENT?** Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House, Waverley has several retreats for you. Join us Mar. 27-30 or April 3-6 (Holy Week) 4-Day Ignatian Directed Retreat with Matt Simmons or Fr. Coulter, and "Following the Lord Little by Little (Poco a Poco)" with Fr. Innocent Montgomery, CFR. Register at [www.goodcounselretreat.org](http://www.goodcounselretreat.org), email [office@goodcounselretreat.org](mailto:office@goodcounselretreat.org) or call 402-786-2705.