



St. Michael's / St. Mary's

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

3rd Sunday of Easter

April 23, 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

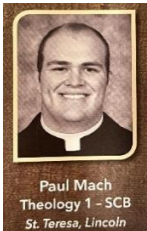
St. Mary's PCCW: Deb Vanwesten

Parish collection data: April 16, 2023			Debt Reduction		Loan Payment	
Adult	\$1,029.70	\$345.00	Loan Total as of Today		\$17,360.36	
Loose Plate	233.00	42.00	AMOUNT TOWARDS DECEMBER 2023 PAYMENT		\$5,105.39	
Online Giving	115.00		Due Dec. 31, 2023			
Children			AMOUNT TOWARDS DECEMBER 2023 PAYMENT		\$17,360.36	
Building	55.00	150.00	To be collected throughout the year		-\$5,105.39	
Cemetery	50.00	300.00			\$12,254.97	
Flowers						
Debt Reduction						
Total	\$1,482.70	\$837.00				
			PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION			
			Operation Cost per week		\$2,039.84	
			This Week's Collection		\$1,432.70	
			Shortage		\$607.14	

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



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.

Mass Intentions for April 24th - 30th		
Monday	No Mass	No Mass
Tuesday	5:30pm	Special Intention
Wednesday	Noon 7:00pm	Gordon Gifford+ Pro Life
Thursday	9:00am	Bernadette Rehbein+
Friday	5:30pm	Special Intention
Saturday	9:00am 5:30pm	Special Intention People of the Parishes
Sunday	8:00am 10:00am Noon	Special Intention Special Intention Spanish Noon Mass
St. Michael's Minister's Schedule for April 29/30		
	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 April Donna Milius		

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

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

“It is part of the discipline of God to make His loved ones perfect through trial and suffering. Only by carrying the Cross can one reach the Resurrection.”
–Fulton Sheen

TO SUPPORT THE BISHOP & THE PRO LIFE CAUSE, THERE WILL BE A MASS WEDNESDAY EVENING AT 7:00 UPSTAIRS.

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.

ST MICHAEL'S PARISH COUNCIL Sunday April 23rd in the Center at about 11:15.

FISH FRY SUCCESS: the Knights of Columbus would like to thank those who supported our fish fries with their generous donations. As our major fund raiser, the donations support our pro-life activities, youth programs, food bank, support for vocations, Catholic Spirit Radio, and other family, church and community projects.

SUPPORT FOR ST. GIANNA'S HOUSE: the Fairbury Knights are asking for your help again this year. During your summer travels please collect unopened or unwrapped bottles of shampoo, lotion, and soap from motel/hotels you stay at. The Knights will place a collection box in

the back of the church on August 12/13. Last year 118 items were collected. If you desire to add any other hygiene products, they will be appreciated.

SPIRITUAL CORNER

From an ancient Easter homily by Pseudo-Chrysostom

How far the symbol falls short of the reality is seen from the fact that the symbolic Passover celebrated the brief life of the firstborn of the Jews, whereas the real Passover celebrates the eternal life of all mankind. It is a small gain to escape death for a short time, only to die soon afterward; it is a very different thing to escape death altogether as we do through the sacrifice of Christ, our Passover.

SPIRIT CATHOLIC RADIO IS 102.7 FM. PLEASE TUNE IN.

DIOCESAN JOB OPPORTUNITY Join our reporting team at the Southern Nebraska Register, the weekly newspaper of the Catholic Diocese of Lincoln. We have an opening for a part-time reporter. Approximately 22 hours per week. You can be based anywhere within the Catholic Diocese of Lincoln geographical boundaries. See the full job at lincolndiocese.org/diocese/employment. If interested, send a cover letter, resume, a completed diocesan application and writing samples to Marsha-Bartek@lincolndiocese.org or Marsha Bartek, Director of Human Resources, Catholic Diocese of Lincoln, 3400 Sheridan Blvd., Lincoln, NE 68506.

LOOKING TO MAKE A RETREAT THIS SPRING? Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House, Waverly has several retreats for you these next few months. Read more and register at www.goodcounselretreat.org, email office@goodcounselretreat.org or call 402-786-2705.