



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

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**CONFESSION SCHEDULE:** Saturday 4:45 PM to 5:15 PM

*Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*July 30, 2023*

**BULLETIN:** If you have news for the bulletin, please call the Rectory 402-729-2058 or email [st.michael.fairbury@gmail.com](mailto: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:** Ritchie Burkhart 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

**St. Michael's PCCW:** Vickie Banahan

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

**CCD Coordinator:** Georgann Friedrichsen

**Knights of Columbus:** Randy Prellwitz

<b>Parish collection data: July 23, 2023</b>			<b>Debt Reduction</b>		<b>Loan Payment</b>	
Adult	\$1,160.00	\$250.00	<i>Loan Total as of Today</i>		\$17,360.36	
Loose Plate	108.00	35.00	<b>AMOUNT TOWARDS DECEMBER 2023 PAYMENT</b>		<b>\$9,775.39</b>	
Online Giving	115.00		<b>Due Dec. 31, 2023</b>			
Children	25.00		<b>AMOUNT TOWARDS DECEMBER 2023 PAYMENT</b>		<b>\$17,360.36</b>	
Building	70.00		<i>To be collected throughout the year</i>		<b>-\$9,775.39</b>	
Cemetery	20.00				<b>\$7,584.97</b>	
Holy Day	10.00					
Debt Reduction	120.00					
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,628.00</b>	<b>\$285.00</b>	<b>PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION</b>			
			Operation Cost per week		\$2,039.84	
			This Week's Collection		\$1,488.00	
			<b>Shortage</b>		<b>\$551.84</b>	

## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

For the word of God is a  
light to the mind  
and a fire to the will.

-Saint Lawrence of Brindisi

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

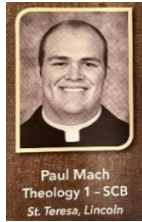
### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Jo Nease \* Joe Hynek \* Colleen Fyfe  
Char Mees \* Mary Prellwitz

## Mass Intentions for July 31<sup>st</sup> - Aug. 6<sup>th</sup>

Day	Time	Intention
Monday		<b>No Daily Mass Monday through Thursday this week. Fr. Will be on retreat.</b>
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday	5:30pm	Rev. Joseph Micek+
Saturday	9:00am	Special Intention For all who served in armed forces
	5:30pm	
Sunday	8:00am	For the people of the parishes Special Intention of G.G. Noon Spanish Mass
	10:00am	
	Noon	
<b>St. Michael's Minister's Schedule for Aug 5/6</b>		
	<b>5:30pm</b>	<b>10:00am</b>
<b>Acolyte</b>		Randy Prellwitz
<b>Lector</b>		Randy Prellwitz
<b>Music</b>	Mary Prellwitz	Janice Bell
<b>St. Mary's Church Cleaning for August Rhonda Burkhart</b>		

## PRAY FOR VOCATIONS



**PAUL MACH** is the son of Keith & Mary Mach of St. Teresa Parish in Lincoln, NE. He is in second Theology at St Charles Borromeo seminary in Philadelphia.

**MATTHEW DAVIS** is the son of Joachim & Vicki Davis. He is in his third year (of 7) at Our Lady of Guadalupe seminary in Denton.

**THOMAS MATYA** is the son of John & Lisa Matya of St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Omaha.

**SR. KATERI TOLER** of Mobile, AL a Jr. Sister with the Marian Sisters of the Diocese of Lincoln.

**FR. BIRKEL WILL BE ON RETREAT THIS WEEK** If you need a priest call Fr. Kosch in Beatrice at (402)228-2923 or Fr. Grell in Wymore at (402)645-3160.

**IF YOU ARE KNEELING TO RECEIVE**, and receive in the hand, please receive the host into your mouth and check your hands for particles before you stand up.

**PLEASE JOIN US** for Thursday Mass at Cedarwood 9:00am.

**ENGAGE YOUR FAITH INTO SERVING OUR YOUTH**, by volunteering to teach our Confirmation CCD Class for the 2023-2024 school year. Contact Georgann Friedrichsen (402)300-0937 for more information.

\*Coming This Fall\*  
2023-2024

Post Confirmation "CYO" Group.  
Open to all Confirmed students 8th through 12th grade. "Catholic Youth Organization"

**GREEN SCAPULARS** Are in the back of the Church. The Green Scapular is associated with miraculous conversions and healings. It is the only scapular that doesn't require formal enrollment. All the scapulars have already been blessed so please help yourself.

**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. Additional hygiene products will be appreciated.

## EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES

**Tixtla, Mexico (2006)**

**During a retreat Mass at the Parish of St. Martin of Tours, a consecrated host began secreting a red substance. The diocese immediately contracted a study to determine its origin and cause. Microscopic analysis shows that the reddish liquid was secreting from within the host. After testing the liquid, it was determined to be blood of the AB group. As late as 2010, analyses showed that fresh blood continued to secrete from within the host long after the initial observation.**

**A PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND** Join Fr. Rand of North Platte St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish for a Holy Land Pilgrimage departure city Lincoln from April 8-18, 2024. To view the brochure, see pricing and learn more- visit [TetkonMinistries.org](http://TetkonMinistries.org) and click view pilgrimages-scroll down to Holy Land April 8 from Lincoln and click view details. Prayerfully consider if God is calling you to the land that Jesus walked and gave himself to us.

**SPIRIT CATHOLIC RADIO** is currently seeking the position of Community Engagement Coordinator. This full-time, Omaha-based position has the awesome job of being bringing awareness to the Spirit Catholic Radio Network's initiatives across the state of Nebraska and Iowa to Catholic schools, parishes, and apostolates/ministries. If you enjoy communicating, relationship-building, and evangelizing, apply today at <https://spiritcatholicradio.com/careers>

**NEEDING TO RE-IGNITE YOUR FLAME OF LOVE FOR CHRIST?** Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House, Waverly has several upcoming retreats. Join us for "Day for Dads" on July 29 with Fr. Eric Clark and Jeremy Ekeler, "Priest, Prophet, King - Orphan, Stranger, Widow" on Aug. 18-20 with Fr. Adam Sughroue, and "Unbound: Freedom in Christ" on Aug. 25-27 with Fr. Gary Coulter. register at [www.goodcounselretreat.org](http://www.goodcounselretreat.org), email [office@goodcounselretreat.org](mailto:office@goodcounselretreat.org) or call 402-786-2705.