



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

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CONFESION SCHEDULE: Saturday 4:45 PM to 5:15 PM

22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time September 3, 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

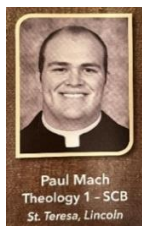
CCD Coordinator: Georgann Friedrichsen

Knights of Columbus: Randy Prellwitz

Parish collection data: August 27, 2023		
Adult	\$2,173.84	\$445.00
Loose Plate	172.00	5.00
Online Giving	115.00	
Children	13.00	
Rice Bowl	75.00	
Cemetery		1,000.00
Holy Day		
Debt Reduction		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,548.84</b>	<b>\$ 1,450.00</b>

Debt Reduction	Loan Payment
Loan Total as of Today	\$17,360.36
<b>AMOUNT TOWARDS DECEMBER 2023 PAYMENT</b>	<b>\$10,085.39</b>
<b>Due Dec. 31, 2023</b>	
<b>AMOUNT TOWARDS DECEMBER 2023 PAYMENT</b>	<b>\$17,360.36</b>
<i>To be collected throughout the year</i>	<b>-\$10,085.39</b>
	<b>\$7,247.97</b>
PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION	
Operation Cost per week	\$2,039.84
This Week's Collection	\$2,473.84
<b>Overage</b>	<b>\$434.00</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. BENEDICT HAWKINS** of Runel, IA a Jr. Sister with the Marian Sisters of the Diocese of Lincoln.

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

Mass Intentions for Sept. 4 <sup>th</sup> - 10 <sup>th</sup>		
<b>Monday</b>	No Mass	No Mass
<b>Tuesday</b>	No Mass	No Mass
<b>Wednesday</b>	Noon	Bernadette Rehbein+
<b>Thursday</b>	9:00am Cedarwood	Rev. Joseph Micek+
<b>Friday</b>	5:30pm	Special Intention of Genie Cuba
<b>Saturday</b>	9:00am 5:30pm	Special Intention For the people of the parishes
<b>Sunday</b>	8:00am 10:00am Noon	Sheila Higgins+ Special Intention Spanish Noon Mass
<b>St. Mary's Church Cleaning for September</b> <b>Peggy Niederklein</b>		

### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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

**FR JUSTUS & MISSION COOP.** To make a donation to Fr Justus, please mark either

the check or envelope “mission coop” & it will go to the right place!

**PCCW DEANERY MEETING** date set for Thursday, Sept. 7th, with coffee and rolls at 9:30 am and the meeting to follow at 10 am. We will meet in the center of St. Michaels, Fairbury. Do come and enjoy fellowship with Catholic ladies of the Fairbury deanery. All ladies of our parish are encouraged to attend and be hostess' to our fellow Catholic ladies.

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

**CCD** Wednesday night at 6:00 – 7:15pm.

**STEP UP TO THE PLATE; AND HIT A HOME RUN!** Volunteer to teach a CCD class. The Holy Spirit will guide you, you will receive no pay, but the rewards and blessings are priceless♡. CCD needs a teacher for 3rd and 4th grade. Classes have started contact Georgann Friedrichsen at 402-300-0937.

**Are you seeking to rediscover your friendship with Jesus?**

Most people reading this bulletin are at Mass or have just left Mass. The gifts of God’s eternal love - and the Church He gave to guide us to heaven - are meant for everyone. It is up to us to share these gifts with the world, starting with those we love and those in our own community. Chances are you know someone—maybe many people—who have left the Catholic Church. There are many reasons people walk away - past hurts, misunderstandings, Covid, and even laziness. Often, all they are waiting for is an invitation to come home, an invitation that can be extended to them by ordinary followers of Jesus Christ, or maybe better “friends of Jesus”, like you and me.

It can be very painful when a loved one is separated from the faith. However, many of the saints and other holy men and women felt that same pain (Look in to the life of St. Monica.) The Holy Spirit endowed them with the wisdom to reach out with the truth of the Catholic faith in

a respectful, appealing, and effective manner. We can change negative attitudes toward the Catholic Church or help bring someone out of indifference and into the light of truth. Pray, pray, pray for the souls of those who are away, and share your faith “with gentleness and reverence” (1 Peter 3:15). Remember that God wants your loved ones home even more than you do! Remain trusting in His love for them and in the Holy Spirit to guide you to serve them as best you can. Haven't been to Mass in a while and wondering where to start? Start by getting to know Jesus again through prayer. Many people who do not go to church also do not pray. An invitation to pray with your loved ones is an incredible act of kindness. It is a way to build a friendship with Jesus. We talk to and listen to our friends.

Ask if there is something they would like you to pray for: “Jesus is my friend. I will talk to him for you.”

Don't be afraid to make a simple invitation: “Would you like to come to church with me?” It is like an invitation to see a friend! Let all know that they are always invited to encounter Jesus in the Mass.

And lastly, you who are reading this message, I have an invitation for you. Come to daily Mass. We all want to spend eternity with Jesus, why not start now by receiving him daily? Daily Mass is a great way to renew your friendship with Jesus.

**OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIPS**

**EMPOWER PARENTS AND STUDENTS:**

See [www.lincolndiocese.org/opportunity](http://www.lincolndiocese.org/opportunity) for more details.

**NEEDING SPACE AWAY WITH THE LORD TO LAY DOWN YOUR BURDENS?**

Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House, Waverly has several upcoming retreats. "Work of the Holy Angels" with Opus Sanctorum Angelorum on Sept. 7-10, "Going Deeper" on Sept. 22-24 and our Ablaze Worship Night on Sunday, Sept. 24 at 6:00pm. Read more and register at [www.goodcounselretreat.org](http://www.goodcounselretreat.org), or call 402-786-2705.