



St. Michael's / St. Mary's

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

24th Sunday of Ordinary Time **September 17, 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: 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

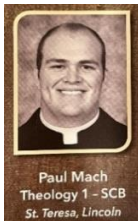
CCD Coordinator: Georgann Friedrichsen

Knights of Columbus: Randy Prellwitz

Parish collection data: September 10, 2023		
Adult	\$2,599.02	\$445.00
Loose Plate	117.00	15.00
Online Giving	115.00	
Children	8.00	
Building	10.00	
Cemetery	10.00	25.00
Holy Day		
Mission Coop	55.00	
Debt Reduction	160.00	
Total	\$3,074.02	\$485.00

Debt Reduction	Loan Payment
Loan Total as of Today	\$17,360.36
AMOUNT TOWARDS DECEMBER 2023 PAYMENT	\$10,300.39
Due Dec. 31, 2023	
AMOUNT TOWARDS DECEMBER 2023 PAYMENT	\$17,360.36
<i>To be collected throughout the year</i>	-\$10,300.39
	\$7,032.97
PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION	
Operation Cost per week	\$2,039.84
This Week's Collection	\$2,849.02
Overage	\$809.18

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. 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.

MARY JO PETER of Wichita, KS a Postulant 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. 18 th - 24 th		
Monday	9:00am	Special Intention of Genie Cuba
Tuesday	No Mass	No Mass
Wednesday	Noon	John Mourgos+
Thursday	9:00am Cedarwood	Intention of Bob Samek
Friday	5:30pm	Rev. Joseph Micek+
Saturday	9:00am 5:30pm	Rev Paul Quinter Maureen Neville+
Sunday	8:00am 10:00am Noon	For the people of the parishes Kelly Kokoruda & Family Spanish Noon Mass
St. Mary's Church Cleaning for September Peggy Niederklein		

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Jo Nease * Joe Hynek *

Colleen Fyfe

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

As for me, I will look to the Lord,
I will put my trust in God my savior;
my God will hear me!

EMBER DAYS SEPTEMBER 20, 22, 23.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR YEAR END 2022-2023

Can be found in the back of the church or online at <https://stmichaelsfairbury.org/bulletin/>.

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

CCD Wednesday night at 6:00 – 7:15pm. David Panko is teaching our confirmation class and David Schwarz is teaching our high school class. Aleece Panko is teaching K-1 and Georgann Friedrichsen is teaching 2nd and 3rd grades. Thank you so much for being here and teaching our students about God and our Holy Catholic Church. Reminder to turn in your registration form and there is a \$15.00 fee per student. May God Bless You.

PCCW NEWS:

- **Meeting** Monday, September 18th - PCCW Meeting

Greetings and Blessings,

We are all on a journey together to Heaven. **The Eucharist** is our food for that journey - nourishing us and strengthening us along the way so that, through the grace of God, we may finish what was started in our baptism.

We can never forget or diminish the importance of the Eucharist, Jesus' gift of Himself -- body, blood, soul, and divinity -- to each one of us. St. Theresa of Calcutta put it this way: "Once you understand the Eucharist, you can never leave the Church. Not because the Church will not let you, but because your heart will not let you."

All of us, especially our youth and young adults, **NEED** to know the power of the Eucharist which is essential to our faith journey. Blessed Carlo Acutis, a young Italian teenager, who died at the age of fifteen and was beatified in 2020, said, "The Eucharist is my highway to heaven." That's true for each one of us!

Check out resources for our Eucharistic Revival in the diocese and across the nation below. Make a plan to complete our Eucharistic Passport Pilgrimage in

the coming months, learn more about the national Eucharistic Pilgrimage that will pass through our diocese next summer, and make plans now to attend the National Eucharistic Congress featuring worship and prayer, amazing Catholic speakers and opportunities to grow in our faith. That event will take place in Indianapolis in July 2024 and you can be there!

Thank you for allowing me to be your shepherd on our journey together to Heaven. May God bless all of you and may you all discover his love for you through the gift of the Holy Eucharist!

Yours in Christ,

Bishop James D. Conley

OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIPS EMPOWER PARENTS AND STUDENTS:

See www.lincolndiocese.org/opportunity for more details.

"COME AWAY TO A QUIET PLACE AND REST AWHILE"

Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House, Waverly has several upcoming retreats. Join us for "Going Deeper" with Fr. Michael McCabe on Sept. 22-24, our Ablaze Worship Night on Sunday, Sept. 24 at 6:00pm, and "Rekindling Eucharistic Amazement" with Fr. Wade Menezes, CPM on Sept. 30-Oct. 1. Read more and register at www.goodcounselretreat.org, email office@goodcounselretreat.org or call 402-786-2705.

RELIC OF ST. JUDE (the Apostle of the Impossible) will be touring the U.S. and making four stops in Nebraska. This is an amazing opportunity for healing as the arm of St. Jude, patron saint of impossible causes, travels through the U.S. from its original place of dwelling in Italy. For more information visit spiritcatholicradio.com/jude

Sept. 27 – St. Michael Catholic Church, Lincoln – Veneration 4pm to 10pm – Mass at 6pm

Sept. 28 – St. John Vianney Catholic Church, Omaha – Veneration 1pm to 10pm – Mass at 6pm

Sept. 29 – St. Leo the Great Catholic Church, Omaha – Veneration 1pm to 10pm – Mass at 6pm

Sept. 30 – St. Patrick Catholic Church, Fremont – Veneration 1pm to 10pm – Mass at 12pm, Noon