



St. Michael's / St. Mary's

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CONFESSION SCHEDULE: Saturday 3:15 PM to 3:45 PM

2nd Sunday of Advent

December 10, 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

CCD Coordinator: Georgann Friedrichsen

St. Mary's PCCW: Deb Vanwesten

Knights of Columbus: Randy Prellwitz

Parish collection data: Dec. 3 2023		
Adult	\$1,572.12	\$325.00
Loose Plate	175.00	5.00
Online Giving	115.00	
Children	12.00	
Cemetery		
Pink Sisters	10.00	
Holy Day	5.00	Christmas
Building Fund	5.00	flowers 150.00
Debt Reduction	405.00	
Total	\$2,579.12	\$480.00

Debt Reduction	Loan Payment
Loan Total as of Today	\$17,360.36
AMOUNT TOWARDS DECEMBER 2023 PAYMENT	\$12,910.39
Due Dec. 31, 2023	
AMOUNT TOWARDS DECEMBER 2023 PAYMENT	\$17,360.36
To be collected throughout the year	-\$13,315.39
	\$4,044.97
PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION	
Operation Cost per week	\$2,039.84
This Week's Collection	\$1,879.12
Shortage	\$160.72

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.

CODY HEIN is the son of Edward & Gwendolynne Hein of St. Mary Parish in David City, NE. He is in his 1st year of Theology at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary.

SR. GEMMA OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE of Piedmont, OK is a Jr. Professed Novice with the Sisters of the Carmel of Jesus Mary and Joseph.

Mass Intentions for Dec 11th - 17th

Day	Time	Intention
Monday	No Mass	No Mass
Tuesday	No Mass	Cedarwood: No Mass
Wednesday	Noon	Fr. Birkel
Thursday	9:00am	Cedarwood: Lauren & Ben Burke
Friday	9:00am	Bill Thomas+
Saturday	4:00pm	Mass for the liberation of those in most need of a prayers in purgatory
Sunday	8:00am 10:00am Noon	For the people of the parishes All Souls Intention of Leonard & Patricia Stolzer Spanish Mass:
St. Mary's Church Cleaning for December Peggy Niederklein		

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

LINDA LOWE * KEITH BERNASEK

Send requests to

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THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Keep God's word in this way. Let it enter into your very being, let it take possession of your desires, and your whole way of life. Feed on goodness, and your soul will delight in its richness. Remember to eat your bread, or your heart will wither away. Fill your soul with richness and strength. Saint Bernard, Abbott.

MASSES AT CEDARWOOD on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:00am. **{This week, I have to be at a funeral on Tuesday.}**

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE: Sunday Fairbury 5:30pm – Candlelight Alexandria 8:00am Monday Fairbury 10:00am Monday.

St. Mary's in Alexandria will have our Christmas breakfast on Sunday December 10 after church. Everyone please bring rolls. Thank you!

WE ARE VERY CLOSE: *\$4,044.97 left to go on our loan. Please make a contribution.*

\$260 WAS DONATED for the man who needed shoes and \$200 for relief of those who had house fires.

THANK YOU so much to Father John, Gina Gifford, Randy Prellwitz, Justin, Brandi, Willow, Wyni Warnke Dave, Gerry Schwarz, Sawyer and Traedan Gill Steve Graff and Dan Arner For helping us to decorate our area at Crystal Springs. All your work has brought the light of Christ to the community. May God Bless You!

In case you missed it: Sacred Heart in Shelby has plans for the exact parish hall we would want/need. Price tag: \$3,500,000.00. Plus a structural engineer evaluated our school & said it is sound & from an engineering point of view he would not tear it down.

Sign-up for Adoration Friday January 5th.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS:

* **We Have Volunteers** for Breakfast on December 10th.

December 11th is the PCCW / All parish supper starting at 6:30

p.m. **PCCW Meeting to follow ;** along with the **Knights of Columbus then have their meeting as well.**

Advent Confessions Sunday Dec 17, 1-2pm Fairbury.

Hebron, 6-7:30pm

Reminder that we are collecting food and toiletries to have available for those that need it - Totes are in the breezeway for those donations.

* **Keep Christ in Christmas (KCIC):**

The Knights of Columbus will be selling Christmas cards, car magnets, and Christmas seals during November. The cards are \$10.00 for a box of 12 cards all the same design, car magnets are \$5.00 each, and sheet of 50 Christmas seal for \$1.00 each. 100% of the profits are given to seminarian Paul Mach. This is part of the K of C's program for seminarian support. For each \$500.00 given, the Supreme Council returns \$100.00 to local councils for use in support of religious programs. The honor system will be used again, with envelopes available for payment. Please place in collection plate.

* **Knights have the shopping cart** in the vestibule of the church doing a food drive for the needy for the upcoming holidays. Any non-perishable food items and even personal hygiene items would be accepted.

LOOKING FOR SOME TIME AWAY TO BE WITH THE LORD? Check out some upcoming retreats at Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House Dec.15-17. Go to goodcounselretreat.org.