



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

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

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

December 17, 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: Dec. 10, 2023		
Adult	\$1,942.42	\$460.00
Loose Plate	35.00	5.00
Online Giving	115.00	
Children	10.00	
Cemetery	75.00	25.00
Pink Sisters	10.00	
Holy Day	95.00	20.00
Flowers	10.00	
Debt Reduction	10.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,302.42</b>	<b>\$510.00</b>

Debt Reduction	Loan Payment
Loan Total as of Today	\$17,360.36
<b>AMOUNT TOWARDS DECEMBER 2023 PAYMENT</b>	<b>\$13,325.39</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>-\$13,325.39</b>
	<b>\$3,999.97</b>
PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION	
Operation Cost per week	\$2,039.84
This Week's Collection	\$2,207.42
<b>Overage</b>	<b>\$167.58</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. MARY ELIZABETH OF THE TRINITY** of Park Hill, KY is a Jr. Professed Novice with the Sisters of the Carmel of Jesus Mary and Joseph.

Mass Intentions for Dec 18 <sup>th</sup> - 24 <sup>th</sup>		
<b>Monday</b>	<b>No Mass</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	9:00am	<b>Cedarwood:</b> Frank Gaydusek+
<b>Wednesday</b>	Noon	Deceased members of the Charles & Fern Votipka family
<b>Thursday</b>	9:00am	<b>Cedarwood:</b> Edoardo Santini
<b>Friday</b>	9:00am	Lindsey Rickstrew+
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>4:00pm</b>	Departed Souls of Culp & VanWesten Families
<b>Sunday</b>	8:00am	Mass for the liberation of those in most need of a prayers in purgatory
	10:00am	For the people of the parishes
	<b>No Noon</b>	<b>No Spanish Mass</b>
	5:30pm	<b>Fairbury:</b> Special Intention
<b>St. Mary's Church Cleaning for December</b>		
<b>Peggy Niederklein</b>		

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

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

**LINDA LOWE**

Send requests to

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## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

**To support one another in the things of the spirit is the true sign of goodwill between brothers, of loving kinship and sincere affection.**

*-St. John Chrysostom, Bishop.*

**MASSES AT CEDARWOOD** on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:00am.

### CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE:

**Sunday Fairbury 5:30pm – Candlelight**

**(This does not fulfill your weekend obligation)**

**Alexandria 8:00am Monday**

**Fairbury 10:00am Monday**

### Advent Confessions

Sunday, Dec 17, 1-2pm Fairbury.

Hebron, 6-7:30pm

**CHRISTMAS MASS AND CONFESSION** times for parishes across the Diocese of Lincoln can be found at: [lincolndiocese.org/Christmas](http://lincolndiocese.org/Christmas)

**WE ARE VERY CLOSE: \$3,999.97 left to go on our loan. Please make a contribution.**

**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 5<sup>th</sup>.**

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

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS:

### \* **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.

### **Q. What kind of virtues are Faith, Hope and Charity?**

**A,a.** Faith, Hope and Charity are called infused theological virtues to distinguish them from the four moral virtues - Prudence, Justice, Fortitude and Temperance.

**A,b.** We say the three theological virtues are infused; that is, poured into our souls, because they are strictly gifts of God, and do not depend upon our efforts to obtain them, while the four moral virtues – Prudence, Justice, Fortitude, and Temperance – though also gifts of God, may, as natural virtues, may be acquired by our own efforts.