



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

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

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

December 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: Nov. 26 2023		
Adult	1,195.00	450.00
Loose Plate	168.00	5.00
Online Giving	115.00	
Children	22.00	
Cemetery	50.00	
Pink Sisters	25.00	45.00
Holy Day		
Mission Coop		
Debt Reduction	250.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,825.00</b>	<b>500.00</b>

Debt Reduction	Loan Payment
Loan Total as of Today	\$17,360.36
<b>AMOUNT TOWARDS DECEMBER 2023 PAYMENT</b>	<b>\$12,910.39</b>
Due Dec. 31, 2023	
<b>AMOUNT TOWARDS DECEMBER 2023 PAYMENT</b>	<b>\$17,360.36</b>
To be collected throughout the year	<b>-\$12,910.39</b>
	<b>\$4,449.97</b>

  

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION	
Operation Cost per week	\$2,039.84
This Week's Collection	\$1,500.00
<b>Shortage</b>	<b>\$539.84</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.

**CODY HEIN** is the son of Edward & Gwendolynne Hein of St. Mary Parish in David City, NE. He is in his 1<sup>st</sup> 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 4 <sup>th</sup> - 10 <sup>th</sup>		
<b>Monday</b>	No Mass	No Mass
<b>Tuesday</b>	9:00am	<b>Cedarwood:</b> Harlan Hubka+
<b>Wednesday</b>	Noon	Deceased members of the Charles & Fern Votipka family
<b>Thursday</b>	9:00am 5:30pm	<b>Cedarwood:</b> Char Mees+ Fairbury Missa Pro populo
<b>Friday</b>	9:00am 5:30pm	Fairbury Charlie Barringer+ <b>ALEXANDRIA Holy Day Special Intention</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	4:00pm	Mass for the liberation of those in most need of a prayers in purgatory
<b>Sunday</b>	8:00am 10:00am Noon	Special Intention For the people of the parishes <b>Spanish Mass:</b> Rafael Quiel Gonzalez+
<b>St. Mary's Church Cleaning for December</b> Peggy Niederklein		

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

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

**LINDA LOWE \* KEITH BERNASEK**

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### THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Adoration is not a departure from life; rather, it is the space to give meaning to everything, to receive the gift of God's love and to be able to bear witness to it in fraternal charity. *Pope Francis*

**MASSES AT CEDARWOOD** on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:00am have been reinstated at usual.

**FRIDAY DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup> IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION.**

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

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS:

\* **We Have Volunteers** for Breakfast on December 10<sup>th</sup>.

December 11<sup>th</sup> 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.**

**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 in Waverly: Dec. 7-10 and and Dec. 15-17. Go to [goodcounselretreat.org](http://goodcounselretreat.org).

### DEAR ST. MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH:

*Thank you for the thoughtful donation of 14 packages of diapers and wipes. Your donation helps us continue to serve victims of domestic & sexual violence. Those we serve deeply appreciate your generosity!*

*-The Hope Crisis Center Staff*

### \*\*\*CATHOLIC CATECHISM MUGGET\*\*

*The Holy Souls are Powerful Intercessors*

The holy souls need our prayers –and at the same time, they can be powerful intercessors for us. The Catechism (958) says that “our prayer for them is capable not only of helping them, but also of making their intercession for us effective.” When we pray for them, it makes them able to pray for us.

**"THE SOULS IN PURGATORY PRAY FOR US, AND THEIR PRAYERS ARE EVEN MORE EFFECTIVE THAN OURS, BECAUSE THEY ARE ACCOMPANIED BY THEIR SUFFERING. SO, LET'S PRAY FOR THEM, AND LET'S PRAY THEM TO PRAY FOR US."**

**– PADRE PIO**