



St. Michael's / St. Mary's

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

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 14, 2024

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: Jan. 7, 2024		
Adult	\$1,485.00	\$525.00
Loose Plate	370.00	55.00
Online Giving	115.00	
Children	25.00	
Holy Day		
Debt Reduction	415.00	
Total	\$1,995.00	\$530.00
PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION		
Operation Cost per week		\$2,039.84
This Week's Collection		\$1,995.00
	Shortage	\$44.84

Mass Intentions for Jan 15th - 21st		
Monday	9:00am	Ben & Lauren Burke
Tuesday	9:00am	Cedarwood: All Souls Intention for Kathleen Selig
Wednesday	Noon	Frank Gaydusek+
Thursday	9:00am	Cedarwood: Edoardo Santini
Friday	<i>No Mass</i>	<i>No Mass</i>
Saturday	4:00pm	Deceased members of the Charles & Fern Votipka family
Sunday	8:00am 10:00am Noon	Albert & Margaret Fink+ People of the Parishes Spanish Mass
St. Mary's Church Cleaning for January Donna Rut		

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

“Do to no one what you yourself dislike. Give to the hungry some of your bread, and to the naked some of your clothing. Seek counsel from every wise man. At all times bless the Lord God, and ask him to make all your paths straight and to grant success to all your endeavors and plans.”

-Tobit

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU to Randy Prellwitz, Bruce & Susie Busing, Chris & C.J. Goeking for moving snow (Not once, not twice but **THRICE!!!**). May God Bless You!!

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS Will be out by the end of the month.

HALL RENTAL LIABILITY INSURANCE IS A REQUIREMENT OF THE DIOCESE \$95 for non-parishioners, no charge for parishioners. Parishioners still need to get the coverage but there is no charge.

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.

ISAAC WAHLMEIER is the son of Patrick & Debra Wahlmeier of St. Michael Parish in Hastings, NE. He is in third Theology at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary.

SR. MARIA CHRISTINE LOAN TRAN of Vietnam is a Jr.

Professed Sister with the Sisters of Mary, Queen of Mercy.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, BRUNCH: soup and sandwiches, after Mass on Sunday, January 21.

NATIONAL MARRIAGE WEEK Feb. 7-14 and Feb. 11, 2024. foryourmarriage.org/celebrate-national-marriage-week

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER February 9-11 in Lincoln, NE. For questions, or to find out more about a Virtual Encounter Weekend, feel free to contact: Brenda & Gary

Granger: 402-370-5839. For more information, please visit www.wvme.org.

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL RETREAT HOUSE upcoming retreats: "Laborers in the Vineyard" on January 12-13, "Women's Spiritual Exercises" on January 18-21, and "unbound: Freedom in Christ" on February 2-4. Register at www.goodcounselretreat.org or call 402-786-2705.

Provided we are in a state of Grace!
21 Reasons why we should NEVER OMIT Receiving Jesus in the Most Holy Eucharist.

The HOLY EUCHARIST is :

1. The food and life of the soul.
2. The spiritual strength of our earthly pilgrimage.
3. The food for our sanctification.
4. Our assurance of being raised up to life again on the last day by Jesus himself.
5. Enables Jesus to live in us.
6. The delights of the Angels and Saints.
7. The guarantee for eternal life.
8. The Holy Eucharist is JESUS Himself.
9. The greatest love story ever told.
10. The greatest good of God.
11. The true proof of God's Love.
12. The maker of Saints.
13. The height of humility.
14. The meeting point of God and man.
15. The food that enables us to LIVE because of Jesus.
16. The manna for these times.
17. The Holy Eucharist makes us holy.
18. The Love of God truly demonstrated to humanity.
19. The antidote for vices.
20. The fertile ground for the cultivation of virtues.
21. The sustainer of God's grace in us.

"Take this, all of you, and eat of it, for this is my Body, which will be given up for you. Take this, all of you, and drink from it, for this is the chalice of my Blood, the Blood of the new and eternal covenant, which will be poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in memory of me." John 6:55 Let us worthily receive the Eucharist and offer our body, mind, heart and soul to our Lord.