



St. Michael's / St. Mary's

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

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 28, 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

CCD Coordinator: Georgann Friedrichsen

St. Mary's PCCW: Deb Vanwesten

Knights of Columbus: Randy Prellwitz

Parish collection data: Jan. 21, 2024		
Adult	\$1,585.00	\$275.00
Loose Plate	103.00	
Online Giving	115.00	
Children	18.00	
Building	20.00	
Cemetery		25.00
Debt Reduction	100.00	
Total	\$1,941.00	\$300.00
PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION		
Operation Cost per week		\$2,039.84
This Week's Collection		\$1,941.00
	Shortage	\$98.84

Mass Intentions for Jan 22 nd – 28 th		
Monday	No Mass	No Mass
Tuesday	No Mass	No Mass
Wednesday	Noon	Gina Gifford
Thursday	9:00am	Fr. Birkel
Friday	9:00am	Special Intention of G.G.
Saturday	4:00pm	John Fink+
Sunday	8:00am 10:00am Noon	Walt & Dorrine Milius+ The People of the parishes Missa Espanol
St. Mary's Church Cleaning for February Deb VanWesten		

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

It is therefore an error and even a heresy to wish to exclude the exercise of devotion from military divisions, from the artisans' shops, from the courts of princes, from family households. I acknowledge, my dear Philothea, that the type of devotion which is purely contemplative, monastic and religious can certainly not be exercised in these sorts of stations and occupations, but besides this threefold type of devotion, there are many others fit for perfecting those who live in a secular state. Therefore, in whatever situations we happen to be, we can and we must aspire to the life of perfection.
-Saint Francis de Sales

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS are in the back of the church for anyone who contributed \$250.00 or more this year. If you do not see yours and need a copy contact the office and we will get it to you.

PCCW DATES:

*Monday, February 5-PCCW meeting at 4:00 pm

*Wednesday, February 7-PCCW will provide the meal for CCD families at the Center from 5:15 to 6:00 pm

*Sunday, February 11-PCCW will provide breakfast after Mass.

CCD NEWS:

February 7, 2024: PCCW will be having a CCD supper meal from 5:15 - 6:00 pm at the center for students, families and teachers.

February 14, 2024: Ash Wednesday no CCD. Please attend Mass. Check uncoming bulletin for Mass times.



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.

DOMINIC JASTI is the son of Jasti Vinodh and Mary Roja Manikat of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in Lincoln. He is in Pre-Theology 2 at St. Gregory the Great Seminary.

SR. MARIA BERNADETTE PHUONG NGUYEN of Vietnam is a Jr. Professed Sister with the Sisters of Mary, Queen of Mercy.

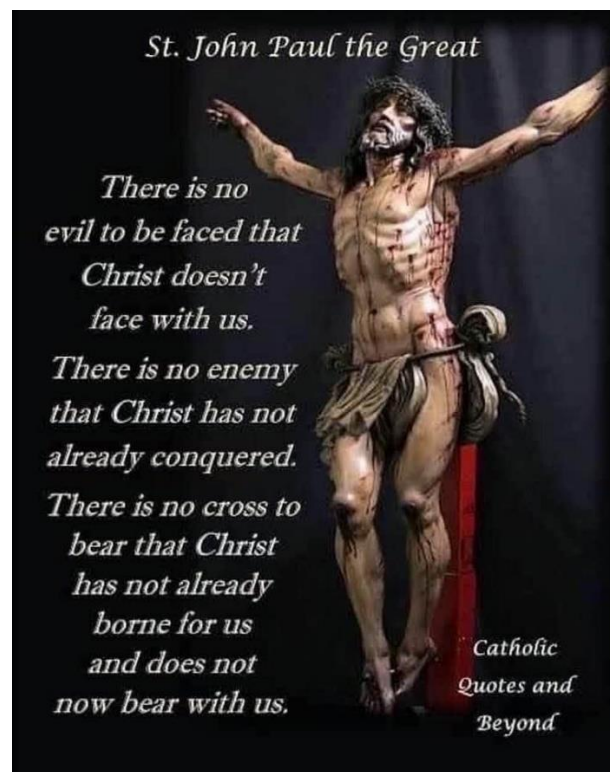
THE RESCUE PROJECT is a compelling nine part video study by Fr John Riccardo that dives into why Jesus' entrance into humanity was so earth-shattering but necessary. All are welcome to join us in the St Michael's parish center, Saturday evenings 6:00pm from January 20 through March 16.

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.wwme.org.

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL RETREAT HOUSE in Waverly invites you to come with us on retreat. See our upcoming retreats: "Unbound: Freedom in Christ" Retreat with Fr. Holoubek on February 2-4, "Ash Wednesday Day of Recollection" on Feb. 14, the LDCCW Winter Symposium on Feb. 16-17 and 4-Day or 8-Day Ignatian Directed Retreat on Feb. 17-20, Feb. 21-25, or Feb. 17-25 with Fr. Coulter, Fr. Barak, or Sarina Stokes. Read more and register at www.goodcounselretreat.org, email office@goodcounselretreat.org or call 402-786-2705.

SPIRIT CATHOLIC RADIO'S 2024 Spirit "Silver" Celebration Dinner will be held Saturday evening, **February 24, 2024** at the Mid America Center in Council Bluffs, IA! This year, our special keynote speaker will be **Dr. Ray Guarendi**. He is the host of **"The Dr. Is In"** that can be heard weekdays at Noon on Spirit Catholic Radio and he is a frequent guest on our **Spirit Mornings** show. **General Admission is only \$50 per seat**. Please make your reservation by February 16, 2024. To purchase tickets or to get more info visit spiritcatholicradio.com/dinner



St. John Paul the Great

There is no evil to be faced that Christ doesn't face with us.

There is no enemy that Christ has not already conquered.

There is no cross to bear that Christ has not already borne for us and does not now bear with us.

Catholic Quotes and Beyond