



St. Michael's / St. Mary's

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

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 4, 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. 28, 2024		
Adult	\$1,700.00	\$405.00
Loose Plate	266.92	5.00
Online Giving	115.00	
Children	8.80	
Building	5.00	
Cemetery		
Debt Reduction		
Total	\$2,095.72	\$410.00
PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION		
Operation Cost per week		\$2,039.84
This Week's Collection		\$2,095.72
Overage		\$55.88

Mass Intentions for Jan 29 th - Feb 4 th		
Monday	9:00am	Fr. Birkel
Tuesday	9:00am	All Souls Intention of Mark Hergott
Wednesday	Noon	Deceased members of the Charles & Fern Votipka family
Thursday	9:00am	Mass for the liberation of those in most need of a prayers in purgatory
Friday	No Mass	No Mass
Saturday	4:00pm	Frank & Leona Gaydusek+
Sunday	8:00am 10:00am Noon	John Fink+ The People of the parishes Missa Español
St. Mary's Church Cleaning for February Deb VanWesten		

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"Let us love the Cross and let us remember that we are not alone in carrying it. God is helping us. And in God who is comforting us, as St. Paul says, we can do anything."
-St. Gianna Molla

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.

REV. MR. JONAH BROX is the son of Tim & Melissa Brox of St. Teresa Parish in Lincoln, NE. He is in Theology 4 at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary.

SR. XUAM SANG of Vietnam is a Postulant 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.

30 THINGS CATHOLICS NEED FOR SPIRITUAL SURVIVAL:

- (1) A Crucifix in every room
- (2) Rosary for every family member
- (3) Pray the rosary daily
- (4) Blessed Beeswax candles
- (5) Holy Water frequently sprinkled and available for blessing
- (6) St. Benedict medals worn and placed around one's home and property, especially over windows and doors
- (7) The use of blessed salt
- (8) Wearing of the Brown Scapular
- (9) Invoking St. Michael the Archangel with his image and prayer
- (10) Having your house blessed
- (11) Daily prayer in the home, preferable as a family
- (12) Regular confession
- (13) Eucharistic Adoration (take your concerns to the Lord)
- (14) Develop a closer relationship with your Holy Guardian Angel and all the Holy Angels
- (15) Stop worrying about souls not living the faith. Pray for them with the confidence and trust of a child. Our God will come through, even if it's their last breath. Entrust them to Him and Our Blessed Mother
- (16) Believe. Trust. Pray. Make reparation. Do penance. Practice charity. Serve others. So there is no room for anxiety.
- (17) Keep your eye on the goal, which is Heaven.

(18) Holy Bible for every family member and read it daily

(19) Statues and Holy Images of Mary and the Saints

(20) Miraculous Medal

(21) Images of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary in a prominent location in the home

(22) Consecration of the home to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

(23) Daily holy, faithful and inspirational reading

(24) Liturgical calendar and/or journal to connect on a daily basis with the saints and feast days of the Church

(25) Eliminating from the house ungodly reading, games, videos, language, music, tv shows, etc.

(26) Make your home a Catholic home. Make your home a reflection of your faith. Act in your home as you would if Jesus and Mary were there with you and yours.

(27) Take one day at a time. We already know the outcome. God will prevail. The Immaculate Heart of Mary will triumph. The gates of hell will not prevail against the Church. Nothing in this world lasts forever. This too will pass.

(28) He leadth us. His Mother guides us. Each day we pick up our cross and take it step by step.

(29) Persevere with faith and trust.

(30) Have all religious items blessed by a priest.

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.

IN MARRIAGE, COMMUNICATION IS MORE THAN JUST TALKING Improving a marriage takes time and a conscious effort to learn about your spouse. Retrouvaille is a marriage program dedicated to helping couples grow closer and develop a stronger bond. For more information about our upcoming weekend February 16-18, go to <https://helpourmarriage.org/>

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL RETREAT HOUSE See our upcoming retreats: "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. For more info www.goodcounselretreat.org.

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! General Admission is only \$50 per seat. Please make your reservation by February 16, 2024. For more info: spiritcatholicradio.com/dinner