



St. Michael's / St. Mary's

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

Epiphany Sunday

January 7, 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: Dec. 30/31, 2023		
Adult	\$1,050.00	\$1,425.00
Loose Plate	199.00	5.00
Online Giving	115.00	
Children	9.00	
Holy Day	85.00	45.00
Debt Reduction	500.00	
Total	\$1,958.00	\$1,475.00
PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION		
Operation Cost per week		\$2,039.84
This Week's Collection		\$1,558.00
	Shortage	\$481.84

Mass Intentions for Jan 8th – 14th		
Monday	<i>No Mass</i>	<i>No Mass</i>
Tuesday	9:00am	Cedarwood: Mass for the liberation of those in most need of a prayers in purgatory
Wednesday	Noon	Deceased members of the Charles & Fern Votipka family
Thursday	9:00am	Cedarwood: All Souls Intention for Kathleen Selig
Friday	9:00am	Special Intention of G.G.
Saturday	4:00pm	Fr. Birkel
Sunday	8:00am 10:00am <i>Noon</i>	For the people of the parishes For all the people on Our Tree of Memories Spanish Mass
St. Mary's Church Cleaning for January Donna Rut		

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

“Fight all error, but do it with good humor, patience, kindness, and love. Harshness will damage your own soul and spoil the best cause.”

-Saint John of Kanty

CCD will start January 10th at 6:00pm to 7:15 pm.

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU to Randy Prellwitz and Dan Arner for taking down our Christmas display at Crystal Springs. 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.

REV. MR. AUGUSTINE REIMERS is the son of Jeff & Patricia Reimers of St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Seward, NE. He is in fourth Theology at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary.

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

HOW TO IMPROVE OUR PRAYING THE OUR FATHER:

(Catechism of the Catholic Church)

Don't say "OUR", If you continue living isolated in egoism & are self-centered.

We say "OUR" Because Jesus taught us that His Father is also our Father, so this will help us to be there for others as our brethren.

Don't say "FATHER" If every day you do not behave like a son or daughter.

We say "FATHER" Because He is Our Father who cares for us even if we go astray and waits for us to come back to Him.

Don't say "WHO ART IN HEAVEN" If you are thinking only of things on earth.

We say "WHO ART IN HEAVEN" Because He looks and watches over us and helps us in our earthly life.

Don't say "HALLOWED BE THY NAME" If you still don't show any reverence to God.

We say "HALLOWED BE THY NAME" Because of our reverence to God and for the greatness of His Name.

Don't say "THY KINGDOM COME" If you are only concerned about the material aspects of life & not the spiritual

We say "THY KINGDOM COME" Because we invite Him into our lives and to help us in the material and spiritual aspects of life.

Don't say "THY WILL BE DONE" If you cannot accept trials & hardship.

We say "THY WILL BE DONE" When we accept trials and suffering, especially as they are meant for our good.

Don't say "ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN" If you always do no good to others.

We say "ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN" Because God's will is for both earth and heaven and are to be followed.

Don't say "GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD" If you are not worried about those who suffer hunger.

We say "GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD" Because we depend on Him for our subsistence and pray and help those who suffer from hunger.

Don't say "FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO TRESPASS AGAINST US" If you always harbour ill will against anyone.

We say "FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO TRESPASS AGAINST US" Because we owe God a debt which we cannot repay and as He forgave all, therefore, we also forgive others.

Don't say "LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION" If you make no efforts to fight against temptation.

We say "LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION" as we need God to fight against temptation.

Don't say "DELIVER US FROM ALL EVIL" If you do not put yourself against what is evil.

We say "DELIVER US FROM ALL EVIL" Because God is our protector from evil and will always free us from the Evil One, if we call out to Him.

Don't say "AMEN" If you have not understood the words of the "Our Father"

We say "AMEN" Because we believe and affirm that God is really Our Father and we place our absolute trust in Him and His will."

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.

FAIRBURY RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE Tuesday, January 9th from 11:30am-5:15pm at the Fairbury Elks Lodge – 525 G St. For appointment call 402-300-1767.

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.