



St. Michael's / St. Mary's

FR. JOHN B. BIRKEL, PASTOR

CELL PHONE: (308) 991-6893
Email: frbirkel@hotmail.com

OFFICE PHONE (402) 729-2058
www.stmichaelsfairbury.org

St. Michael's PO Box 406, Fairbury, NE 68352

St. Mary's 5th & Amanda Streets, Alexandria, NE

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

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 11, 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: Feb. 4, 2024		
Adult	\$1,550.00	\$465.00
Loose Plate	134.00	5.00
Online Giving	75.00	
Children	12.00	
Building	230.00	
Catholic Press	12.00	25.00
Cemetery	30.00	
Debt Reduction	40.00	
Total	\$2,083.00	\$495.00
PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION		
Operation Cost per week		\$2,039.84
This Week's Collection		\$2,013.00
Shortage		\$26.84

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"You must accept your cross; if you bear it courageously it will carry you to Heaven."

—St. John Vianney

PCCW DATES:

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

CCD NEWS:

February 14, 2024: Ash Wednesday no CCD.

Please attend Mass.

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.

Mass Intentions for Feb 5th – 11th

Monday	No Mass	No Mass
Tuesday	9:00am	Ben & Lauren Burke
+ Ash + Wednesday	5:30pm 7:00pm	Alexandria: Special Intention Fairbury: Birkel Family
Thursday	9:00am	Jackie Bunce
Friday	9:00am	Mass for the liberation of those in most need of a prayers in purgatory
Saturday	4:00pm	All Souls Intention of Mark Hergott
Sunday	8:00am 10:00am Noon	The People of the parishes Gale Hubka+ Missa Español
St. Mary's Church Cleaning for February Deb VanWesten		

Lenten Regulations for the Diocese of Lincoln for 2024

*Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence.
*Fasting means eating only one full meal with two smaller meals, which together do not equal the full meal. No snacking or eating between meals is allowed. Fasting obliges all Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59. Abstinence means eating no meat, and no soup or gravy made from meat. Abstinence obliges all Catholics over the age of 14. Sickness, hard manual labor, pregnancy, etc. automatically excuse a person from these obligations. Nevertheless, it should be pointed out that these are serious obligations. In cases of doubt or question, the priest who hears a person's confession should be consulted.



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.

JON KADLEC is the son of Michael & Barbara Kadlec of Assumption Parish in Appleton, NE. He is in College 2 at St. Gregory the Great Seminary.

SR. MARY CECILIA of the Philippines is Professed with the Holy Spirit Adoration (Pink) Sisters.



Thanks for the donation from a parishioner to restore the St. Boniface statue. Gina Gifford was commissioned and recently finished the restoration and it is now in the chapel downstairs.

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.

PLEASE SIGN UP FOR FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION MARCH 1ST.

THANK YOU TO DAVE AND MARY BANAHAN, who donated the two trailers to the parish for storing wood.

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

MASSES OF HEALING

John XXIII Diocesan Center
3700 Sheridan Blvd - Lincoln, NE

2024 Dates
Sunday, March 03
Sunday, June 23
Sunday, September 08
Sunday, December 08

Schedule
1:15 PM Confessions Begin
1:30 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet
1:50 PM Blessing of Articles
2:00 PM Healing Mass

Sponsored by the St. Benedict's Parish

SPIRITUAL CORNER

THE GREAT DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH, ST. ANSELM,

declares that a single Mass offered for oneself during life may be worth more than a thousand celebrated for the same intention after your death.