



# St. Michael's / St. Mary's

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

*Palm Sunday*

*March 25, 2024*

**BULLETIN:** If you have news for the bulletin, please call the Rectory 402-729-2058 or email [st.michael.fairbury@gmail.com](mailto: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

<b>Parish collection data: March 17, 2024</b>		
Adult	\$590.00	\$355.00
Loose Plate	189.00	33.00
Online Giving	125.00	
Children	51.00	
Building	40.00	
Cemetery	10.00	
Flowers	10.00	
Debt Reduction	10.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,025.00</b>	<b>\$388.00</b>
<b>PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION</b>		
Operation Cost per week		\$2,039.84
This Week's Collection		\$1,015.00
	<b>Shortage</b>	<b>\$1,024.84</b>

<b>Mass Intentions for March 25<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup></b>		
<b>Monday</b>	<b>No Mass</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>No Mass</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	Noon	Deceased members of the Charles & Fern Votipka family
<b>Holy Thursday</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Fairbury - Mass of the Lord Supper</b> Living & Deceased Members of the Cold Family
<b>Good Friday</b>	<b>Noon</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>
	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Fairbury - Liturgy of the Lord's Passion</b>
<b>Holy Saturday</b>	<b>8:00pm</b>	<b>Easter Vigil</b> - Fr. Birkel by P.S.
<b>Sunday</b>	8:00am	For the liberation of those in most need of prayers in purgatory
	10:00am <b>Noon</b>	The People of the parishes Missa Español
<b>St. Mary's Church Cleaning for April Donna Milius</b>		



## 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.

**CALEB HANSEN** is the son of Corey & Monica Hansen of St. Joseph Parish in Lincoln, NE. He is in Theology 1 at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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## NO CCD

Wednesday March 27, 2024 for Holy Week.

**THE 2ND K OF C ANNUAL PRIEST APPRECIATION DINNER** will be held Friday, April 12th at the Superior Country Club. Address is 400 NE-14 Superior, NE. Dinner will be at 6:30pm. Guest Speaker is Fr Bernie Kimminau. Everyone is welcome. Please RSVP to Roger Retzlaff call or text 402-200-0111 or email at [roger\\_retzlaff@yahoo.com](mailto:roger_retzlaff@yahoo.com). Dress is casual.



*Congratulations to Camila Ayala, Holden Evans, Lane Panko and Sawyer Gill on your First Communion. May God Bless You.*

### **HOLY WEEK:**

**Palm Sunday** *When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen: "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!" "I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out."*  
*Luke 19:37-40*

*Palm Sunday* marks the beginning of Holy Week and the end of our long approach towards Easter. It is a day characterized by joy, worship, and praise of the coming Messiah. The people of Israel didn't know the work that Jesus came to do, but they praised God with shouts of "Hosanna" and "Blessed is the King".

The work that Jesus came to do in the city of Jerusalem started with an act of worship, of recognizing who Jesus was as the Messiah. As the religious leaders try to quiet those worshipping, Jesus warns them that even if no one cried out, the rocks themselves would praise His name.

**Monday** *"On reaching Jerusalem, Jesus entered the temple courts and began driving out those who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves. He said, "Is it not written: 'My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations'? But you have made it a den of robbers."* -Mark 11:15-18

After Jesus entered Jerusalem, He went to the temple, supposedly the holiest place in the whole city, only to find that the place meant for worship for all was filled with people doing business, selling animals, and exchanging money. This defilement of His Father's house was so upsetting to Jesus that He made a whip and drove out the money changers and salesmen, upturning the tables as He went.

**Tuesday** *"Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents. Calling His disciples to him, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, this poor*

*widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on."*

-Mark 12:41-44

During the week before His crucifixion he made note of a poor woman who gave all she had to the Lord. In the time before He made the ultimate sacrifice for us, Jesus showed His disciples the value of sacrifice and sacrificial giving.

**Wednesday** *"Then Mary (a friend of Jesus) took an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped His feet with her hair. But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray Him, objected, "Why wasn't this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year's wages." "Leave her alone," Jesus replied. "It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial. You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me."* -John 12:3-5, 7-8

We don't anoint our dead with oil today, so the significance of Mary pouring oil on Jesus is sometimes lost on us. Jesus alluded to His death many times in the days before His crucifixion, but unlike many of the disciples, Mary understands and is moved to sacrifice and humility.

Mary honored Jesus in a way that was deeply intimate, humble, and tender. She cherished her time with Him and displayed it in such an extravagant way that it seemed shameful to the other disciples.

**Holy Thursday** *While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body." Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins."* -Matthew 26:26-29  
 On the night He was betrayed, Jesus gathered with His disciples to observe the Passover. He washed the feet of His disciples and sat with them to break bread. He compared the bread and the wine of the Passover meal to His body and blood, foreshadowing His sacrifice and suffering on the cross and His work as the Passover lamb of God.

**Good Friday** *There was a written notice above him, which read: this is the King of the Jews. One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Jesus answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."* -Luke 23:38-43

Good Friday is a day of both mourning and celebrating for believers. It is a day when we celebrate and give thanks for Jesus' death on the cross, because without it we would have no life. And yet we mourn because Christ had to suffer death, even death on a cross, because of our great sin. He took our sins and evils upon Himself to save us.