



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

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

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

March 3, 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: Feb. 25, 2024</b>		
Adult	\$1,140.00	\$305.00
Loose Plate	153.00	41.00
Online Giving	165.00	
Children	23.01	
Building		
Catholic Press	20.00	
Cemetery		
Debt Reduction		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,501.01</b>	<b>\$346.00</b>
<b>PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION</b>		
Operation Cost per week		\$2,039.84
This Week's Collection		\$1,501.01
	<b>Shortage</b>	<b>\$538.83</b>

<b>Mass Intentions for March 4<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup></b>		
<b>Monday</b>	9:00am	Deceased members of the Charles & Fern Votipka family
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>No Mass</b>	<b>Cedarwood No Mass</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	Noon	Bunce Family
<b>Thursday</b>	9:00am	<b>Cedarwood</b> Fr. Birkel
<b>Friday</b>	9:00am	Mass for the liberation of those in most need of a prayers in purgatory
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>4:00pm</b>	All Souls Intention of Mark Hergott
<b>Sunday</b>	8:00am 10:00am <b>Noon</b>	John Fink+ The People of the parishes Missa Español
<b>St. Mary's Church Cleaning for March Volunteer Needed</b>		

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

*Cordelia Mumm*

**PLEASE SIGN UP FOR FIRST FRIDAY  
ADORATION MARCH 1ST.**

## LOCAL FISH FRIES

[St. Michael's, Fairbury](#) - March 8 & March 22:  
5:30pm-7:00pm

[Washington, Kansas](#) - March 15.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** Fridays at  
5:00pm through Lent.

## Thought of the week

Do to no one what you yourself dislike. Give to the hungry some of your bread, and to the naked some of your clothing. Seek counsel from every wise man. At all times bless the Lord God, and ask him to make all your paths straight and to grant success to all your endeavors and plans. -Tobit 4:15a, 16a, 18a, 19

**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.

**PETER FOLEY** is the son of Mike & Susan Foley of St. Peter Parish in Lincoln, NE. He is in Theology 2 at Mount St. Mary Seminary.

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

**The priestly fraternity of St. Peter: TO OFFSET THE COSTS OF TUITION,** there a half-marathon and we, as the Seminary, have created a fundraiser. The link: <https://www.lifefunder.com/iaxfkq9> The donations go to the Seminary.

#### **CCD:**

**March 6:** PCCW will be hosting a supper meal at the center from 5:15 to 6:00 pm. For students, families and teachers.

Right after supper meal, will be First Confession in the Church all are welcome to attend. Second graders will go first, then other students and parishioners.

**March 10:** PCCW will be hosting a brunch after 10 am Mass honoring the First Communicants. They are: Sawyer Gill, Lane Panko, Camila Ayala and Holden Evans. Please pray for them as they prepare for their special day.

**March 17:** First Communion at 10am Mass.

**HOPE FOR THE POOR PROJECT** We work with the poor. Our mission field is drug-addicted street kids, homeless families, and people who live at the city dump. We bring hope to the rejected, the

lonely, and the unloved. We feed the poor, rent homes to take families off the street and work with employers to find them jobs. But we don't stop there. Mother Theresa often said the greatest poverty is being unloved. We want to inspire all generations to radically love and bring hope to the hopeless. <https://hopeofthepoor.org/>

**SPIRIT 102.7FM** What if you challenged yourself or a friend to listen to Catholic radio every day during Lent? What if it changed your life? Hear the Stations of the Cross Mon-Fri at 10 a.m. CT during Lent, pray the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary on Sundays, and catch special EWTN Lenten programming. More info at [spiritcatholicradio.com](http://spiritcatholicradio.com).

Jesus is the mediator of justice; Mary obtains for us grace; for, as St. Bernard, St. Bonaventure, St. Bernardine of Siena, St. Germanus, St. Antoninus, and others say, it is the will of God to dispense through the hands of Mary whatever graces He is pleased to bestow upon us. With God, the prayers of the saints are the prayers of His friends, but the prayers of Mary are the prayers of His Mother.

- Saint Alphonsus Liguori

