



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

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

5th Sunday of Easter

April 28, 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

| Parish collection data: April 21, 2024 |                   |                 |
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| Adult                                  | \$1,325.00        | \$290.00        |
| Loose Plate                            | 118.00            | 70.00           |
| Online Giving                          | 125.00            |                 |
| Children                               | 12.00             |                 |
| Building                               | 55.00             |                 |
| Cemetery                               |                   | 75.00           |
| Flowers                                |                   |                 |
| Debt Reduction                         |                   |                 |
| <b>Total</b>                           | <b>\$1,635.00</b> | <b>\$435.00</b> |
| PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION           |                   |                 |
| Operation Cost per week                |                   | \$2,039.84      |
| This Week's Collection                 |                   | \$1,635.00      |
|  | <b>Shortage</b>   | <b>\$404.84</b> |

| Mass Intentions for April 29 <sup>th</sup> – May 5 <sup>th</sup> |                                  |  |
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| <b>Monday</b>  | 9:00am                           | <b>Cedarwood</b> Bill Scheideler+                                |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>No Mass</b>                   | <b>NO MASS</b>   |
| <b>Wednesday</b>   | Noon                             | Special Intention of G.G.  |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | 9:00am                           | <b>Cedarwood:</b> Monica Manconi                                 |
| <b>Friday</b>  | 9:00am                           | Special Intention  |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | 4:00pm                           | Special Intention  |
| <b>Sunday</b>  | 8:00am<br>10:00am<br><b>Noon</b> | The People of the parishes<br>Special Intention<br>Missa Español |
| <b>St. Mary's Church Cleaning for April Donna Milius</b>         |                                  |  |

**WHEN PRIESTS ARE ELECTED** to become bishops. They are technically known as "Bishop elect" but the church grants them the grace of being called Bishop even before their ordination. It seems to me that we can make a similar thing of pastor. So you will notice in the prayers of the faithful we refer to Father Justin as Pastor as well as myself.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**  
**Cordelia Mumm \* Jo Nease**

## 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.

**SR. MARIA BERNADETTE PHUONG QUYEN** from Vietnam is a Jr. Professed Sister at Sisters of Mary, Queen of Mercy.



**MAY 1<sup>ST</sup> - LAST DAY OF CCD** Knights of Columbus will be hosting our last day of school year picnic for all students, families and teachers from 5:30-7:00pm at the Center. The Knights will be grilling delicious hamburgers, along with baked beans, and drinks. Please bring a covered side dish or chips and dessert to go with the meal. There will be games to play.

**ST. MARY'S ALEXANDRIA** will have a breakfast after Mass on Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup>. We will honor our eighth grade and high school graduates. Everyone please bring rolls.

**THE PCCW (ST. MICHAEL'S) WILL BE HONORING THE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES** on May 5<sup>th</sup> after Mass. If you are a Junior Parent and would like to help, please let Vickie Banahan know as soon as possible to help with planning - 402-314-8614.



***The Christogram IHS is a monogram symbolizing Jesus Christ.***

From Simple English Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

From **Greek** it is an abbreviation of the name **IΗΣΟΥΣ** (Jesus).

In Eastern Orthodox Church the Christogram is composed with letters X, P, I and X arranged into the cross. They are the first letters of one from two words in Greek language: Christ and Jesus Christ.

In the Western culture there exist the compositions: "IHS" and also "IHC" being the first letters (iota-eta-sigma) of the name Jesus in Greek alphabet: ΙΗΣΟΥΣ (Iησοῦς or IHCOYC with lunated sigma). The abbreviation in form "IHS" appeared in first time on the coins of Justinian II on the turn of the 7th and 8th centuries.

The order of Jesuits, in other words the Society of Jesus (Societas Iesu), adopted IHS as its fixed emblem - the symbol in 17th century. There appeared also Latin interpretations of the abbreviation IHS, among others:

*Jesus Humilis Societas - Humble Society of Jesus,  
Iesus Hominum Salvator - Jesus, Savior of men,*

and also:

*In hoc signo vinces- By this sign you shall conquer.*

These developed inscriptions were most likely formed because in the Middle Ages people mistakenly read the letter E as H.

According to a legend, this inscription with the cross was seen by emperor Constantine the Great in his sleep before the battle against Maxentius in 312 on the Ponte Milvio.

Commentators unfriendly to the Catholic Church sometimes interpret the abbreviation IHS as derived from the solar idols of the Egyptian mythology: Isis, Horus and Seth. Nevertheless, present scientific knowledge does not confirm such interpretations.

**ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, ODELL**, is having a pork chop dinner on Sunday, April 28, 2024, from 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. Serving pork chop, baked potato, green beans, roll, dessert and drink. \$12 for adult, children 6-12 \$7. Basement is handicapped accessible.

**Come to St. Robert Bellarmine in Omaha on April 26 and 27, 2024 to hear friends from EWTN and Catholic Answers speak on THE EUCHARIST:** The Source and Summit of our Faith. Jack Williams, General Manager of EWTN Radio, will serve as our emcee as we explore the Eucharist. The symposium will be held from 7 - 9:30 pm Friday, April 26, and 9 am - 4:30 pm Saturday, April 27. Tickets are \$25 each. For more info and to purchase tickets, go to [spiritcatholicradio.com/April](http://spiritcatholicradio.com/April)

**OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL RETREAT HOUSE** in Waverly invites you into a time of peace and solitude with God on retreat. See our upcoming retreats: 4-Day, 5-Day or 8-Day Ignatian Directed Retreat with Fr. Coulter, Matt Simmons or Sarina Stokes May 4-8, May 3-8, or May 3-10, "Let's Talk Roses" Retreat for Women with Janette Howe on May 10-11, and Women's Spiritual Exercises with Traditional Latin Mass (June 7-9) and Men's (June 14-16). Read more and register at [www.goodcounselretreat.org](http://www.goodcounselretreat.org), email [office@olgcretreat.org](mailto:office@olgcretreat.org) or call 402-786-2705.