



St. Michael's / St. Mary's

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

4th Sunday of Easter

April 21, 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: April 14, 2024		
Adult	\$3,125.00	\$370.00
Loose Plate	85.02	40.00
Online Giving	125.00	
Children	14.00	
Catholic Press	20.00	
Cemetery	100.00	75.00
Flowers		
Debt Reduction		
Total	\$3,469.02	\$485.00
PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION		
Operation Cost per week		\$2,039.84
This Week's Collection		\$3,369.02
Overage		\$1,329.18

Mass Intentions for April 22 nd - 28 th		
Monday	9:00am	Cedarwood Greg Bunce
Tuesday	No Mass	NO MASS
Wednesday	Noon	Special Intention of S.H.
Thursday	9:00am	Cedarwood: Deceased members of the Charles & Fern Votipka family
Friday	9:00am	Fr. Birkel
Saturday	4:00pm	Mrs. Kimminau+
Sunday	8:00am	For the liberation of those in most need of prayers in purgatory
	10:00am	The People of the parishes
	Noon	Missa Español
St. Mary's Church Cleaning for April Donna Milius		



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. XUAN SANG from Vietnam is a Postulant at Sisters of Mary, Queen of Mercy.

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

From the pastoral constitution on the Church in the modern world of the Second Vatican Council

(Gaudium et spes, n. 48)

The sanctity of marriage and the family

Husband and wife, by the covenant of marriage, are no longer two, but one flesh. By their intimate union of persons and of actions they give mutual help and service to each other, experience the meaning of their unity, and gain an ever deeper understanding of it day by day.

This intimate union in the mutual self-giving of two persons, as well as the good of the children, demands full fidelity from both, and an indissoluble unity between them.

Christ the Lord has abundantly blessed this richly complex love which springs from the divine source of love and is founded on the model of his union with the Church.

In earlier times God met his people in a covenant of love and fidelity. So now the Savior of mankind, the Bridegroom of the Church, meets Christian husbands and wives in the sacrament of matrimony. Further, he remains with them in order that, as he loved the Church and gave himself up for her, so husband and wife may, in mutual self-giving, love each other with perpetual fidelity.

True married love is caught up into God's love; it is guided and enriched by the redeeming power of Christ and the saving action of the Church, in order that the partners may be effectively led to God and receive help and strength in the sublime responsibility of parenthood.

Christian partners are therefore strengthened, and as it were consecrated, by a special sacrament for the duties and the dignity of their state. By the power of this sacrament they fulfill their obligations to each other and to their family and are filled with the spirit of Christ. This spirit pervades their whole lives with faith, hope and love. Thus they promote their own perfection and each other's sanctification, and so contribute together to the greater glory of God.

Hence, with parents leading the way by example and family prayer, their children—indeed, all within the family circle—will find it easier to make progress in natural virtues, in salvation and in holiness. Husband and wife, raised to the dignity and the responsibility of parenthood, will be zealous in fulfilling their task as educators, especially in the sphere of religious education, a task that is primarily their own.

Children, as active members of the family, contribute in their own way to the holiness of their parents. With the love of grateful hearts, with loving respect and trust, they will return the generosity of their parents and will stand by them as true sons and daughters when they meet with hardship and the loneliness of old age.

PCCW WILL MEET Monday, April 22 at 7:00 p.m. - Rosary at 6:30 p.m. - All women are invited to attend

MAY 1ST - 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 go with the meal. There will be games to play.

ST. MARY'S ALEXANDRIA will have a breakfast after church on Sunday May 5th. 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 5th 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.

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.

*Dear St. Mary's Church,
Thank you for your recent donation to the Willow Center! Gifts like yours allow us to continue to support our clients and really make a difference. The services we provide include free pregnancy tests and ultrasounds, free parenting education classes, and monthly maternity, infant, and children supplies such as diapers, formula, and gently used clothing. All of these services help us encourage our clients to choose life for their precious children, and to continue supporting them throughout their parenting journey.
Thanks again for your gift!
The Willow Center*

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

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, email office@olgcretreat.org or call 402-786-2705.