



St. Michael's / St. Mary's

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

7th Sunday of Easter

May 12, 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: May 5, 2024		
Adult	\$3,715.00	\$375.00
Loose Plate	160.00	15.00
Online Giving	125.00	
Children	10.00	
Building		
Catholic Press		
Flowers		
Debt Reduction		
Total	\$4,010.00	\$390.00
PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION		
Operation Cost per week		\$2,039.84
This Week's Collection		\$4,010.00
Overage		\$1,970.16

Mass Intentions for May 13th - 19th		
Monday	9:00am	Ben & Lauren Burke
Tuesday	9:00am	Cedarwood: Jeff Hubka
Wednesday	No Mass	No Mass
Thursday	9:00am	Cedarwood: Sr. Helen+
Friday	9:00am	Special Intention
Saturday	4:00pm	Edoardo Santini & Pier Marco
Sunday	8:00am 10:00am Noon	The People of the parishes Special Intention Missa Español
St. Mary's Church Cleaning for May Trish Endorf		

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 THERESA VI NGUYEN from Vietnam is a Jr. Professed Sister at Sisters of Mary, Queen of Mercy.

THE MAY KNIGHTS MEETING will be Monday May 13th with Rosary at 6:30pm in the lower chapel and meeting at 7:00pm in the center. Last meeting until August, also election of officers.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"False science and quack psychology, is being used to destroy the natural authority and Christian tradition of the home."

-GK Chesterton.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE who brought food for the Honor The Graduates last week - It was appreciated.

FATHER BIRKEL'S FAREWELL SUPPER -

Sign up in the back of the church - we will be serving Smoked Pork Chops, Cheesy Hash Browns, Baked Beans, Rolls, and Cake

All you have to do is sign up so we have an estimated count.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: The Parish is hosting a Farewell Supper for Father Birkel on Saturday, June 1 at 5:30 pm. We will be ordering meat and need an estimated number of people attending so signup sheets are in the back of the Church. Please sign up by May 25th.



A MIRACLE OF THE ROSARY. Our Lady not only blesses those who preach the Rosary but she highly rewards all those who, by their example, get others to say it. Alphonsus, King of Leon and Galicia, very much wanted all his servants to honor the Blessed Virgin by saying the Rosary, so he used to hang a

large Rosary on his belt, though he never said it himself. Nevertheless, his wearing it encouraged his courtiers to say the Rosary devoutly. One day the King fell seriously ill and when he was given up for dead he found himself, in spirit, before the judgement seat of Our Lord. Many devils were there accusing him of all the sins he had committed, and Our Lord was about to condemn him when Our Lady came forward to speak in his favor. She called for a pair of scales and had his sins placed in one of the balances, while she put the large Rosary which he had always worn on the other scale, together with all the Rosaries people had said through his example. It was found that the Rosaries weighed more than his sins. Looking at him with great kindness, Our Lady said, "As a reward for the little service you did for me in wearing my Rosary, I have obtained a great grace for you from my Son. Your life will be spared for a few more years. See that you spend those years wisely, and do penance." When the King regained consciousness, he cried out, "Blessed be the Rosary of the most Holy Virgin Mary, by which I have been delivered from eternal damnation." After he had recovered his health, he spent the rest of his life in spreading devotion to the Rosary, and said it faithfully every day. People who love the Blessed Virgin ought to follow the example of King Alphonsus and that of the saints, so that they too may win souls for the Confraternity of the Holy Rosary. They will receive great graces here on earth and finally eternal life. "Those who preach My Word will have life everlasting."