



St. Michael's / St. Mary's

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

Pentecost Sunday

May 19, 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 12, 2024		
Adult	\$1,085.00	\$425.00
Loose Plate	154.00	69.00
Online Giving	125.00	
Children	14.00	
Cemetery	30.00	5,050.00
Holy Day	10.00	45.00
Flowers		
Debt Reduction		
Total	\$1,418.00	\$5,589.00
PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION		
Operation Cost per week		\$2,039.84
This Week's Collection		\$1,408.00
	Shortage	\$631.84

Mass Intentions for May 20th - 26th		
Monday	9:00am	Special Intention
Tuesday	No Mass	Cedarwood: No Mass
Wednesday	Noon	Special Intention
Thursday	9:00am	Cedarwood: Special Intention
Friday	11:00am	JOHN ANTHONY ALMAGUER+
Saturday	4:00pm	Fr. Birkel
Sunday	8:00am 10:00am <i>Noon</i>	Special Intention The People of the parishes 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 JOSEPH HANG BUI from Lincoln, NE is a Jr. Professed Sister at Sisters of Mary, Queen of Mercy.

FATHER BIRKEL'S FAREWELL SUPPER - Saturday, June 1 at 5:30 pm. 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, by May 25th, so we have an estimated count.

FUNERAL MASS for John Almaguer will be on Friday May 24th at 11:00am in St Michael's Church.

SOME HAVE ASKED why is what's going on in the school a secret? The parish council has known since December & anyone who has asked, I have told. It is NO SECRET ... but you do need to ask.

Move dirt	Donated
<u>Repair gym wall</u>	<u>\$3,800</u>
Paint gym	\$23,500
Paint exterior	\$12,000
<u>Ramp to the entry, new sidewalks & south driveway</u>	<u>\$10,700</u>
Install lift	\$21,000
<u>Tuck-point</u>	<u>\$7,640</u>
Replace south door with opener	\$12,905
<u>Repair stage floor</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>
Sand & refinish gym floor.	\$4,900
<u>Refinish floor water damaged classroom & hall*</u>	<u>\$1,400</u>
<u>cut steps for lift**</u>	<u>\$15,370</u>
Refinish floors upstairs (undamaged) classrooms	\$3,920
Total	\$132,635.00

There have been some incidental costs but this is it.

PENTECOST: - Dr. Brant Pitre

This Sunday the church celebrates one of the great feasts of the liturgical year. You could call it, in a sense, the feast of the Holy Spirit because it's the celebration of the gift of the Spirit to the Apostles on the Feast of Pentecost. Some people even refer to this as the birthday of the church, and so what we are going to do today is we are going to look at the Feast of Pentecost and we are going to ask ourselves, what is the meaning of Pentecost in the life of the mission of the church, and how is it connected to the Jewish festival of Pentecost in the Old Testament, and then also, why does the church give us the gospel of Jesus breathing on the disciples and giving them the gift of the Holy Spirit on this particular

feast day? So there a number of questions revolving around that. Before I do, just a quick note and something to think about. If you look at the Old Testament calendar from the book of Leviticus 23, the Jews had an annual cycle of festivals and feasts just like we Catholics do. They had seven major festivals in the book of Leviticus: festivals like Passover, First Fruits, the Feast of Weeks, the Feast of Tabernacles, the Day of Atonement, that kind of thing.

What is interesting is that of those festivals, two of them have come over into the new covenant. One is Passover, which we celebrate at Easter. If you recall, the word Easter in Latin is Pascha, that is simply Passover. The second though is Pentecost itself. Pentecost was a Jewish festival before it became a Christian festival. So obviously those two feasts come over in to the new covenant because they are important. So we are going to look at that today in some detail and try to unpack this festival, which sometimes gets overlooked by Christians; we don't give it as much importance as it really has. In the same way, the Holy Spirit sometimes gets overlooked by Christians as we ponder the mystery of the Trinity. It is kind of the forgotten member of the Holy Trinity in some circles and in some cases. So let's look here at the gospel for today. The church gives us the gospel from the Gospel of John 20:19-23, and again although we are in Year B this shouldn't come as a big surprise because one of the characteristics of the Easter season that we've seen over the last seven weeks is that the church has been repeatedly choosing from St. John's Gospel. And, in a sense because Pentecost brings the Easter season to its climax, she does that again one more time with John chapter 20:19-23.

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