



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

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

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

May 5, 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 28, 2024		
Adult	\$1,767.00	\$820.00
Loose Plate	308.00	15.00
Online Giving	165.00	
Children	19.41	
Building		100.00
Catholic Press	25.00	
Flowers		
Debt Reduction		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,284.41</b>	<b>\$935.00</b>
PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION		
Operation Cost per week		\$2,039.84
This Week's Collection		\$2,284.41
<b>Overage</b>		<b>\$244.57</b>

Mass Intentions for May 6 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup>		
<b>Monday</b>	No Mass	No Mass
<b>Tuesday</b>	9:00am	<b>Cedarwood</b> Special Intention
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>5:30</b> <b>7:00</b>	Alexandria Fairbury Pro Populo
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Cedarwood: Special Intention</b>
<b>Friday</b>	9:00am	Deceased members of the Charles & Fern Votipka family
<b>Saturday</b>	4:00pm	Special Intention
<b>Sunday</b>	8:00am 10:00am <b>Noon</b>	Travis Bartek+ The People of the parishes Missa Español
<b>St. Mary's Church Cleaning for April Donna Milius</b>		

**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 CHRISTINE LOAN TRAN** from Vietnam is a Jr. Professed Sister at Sisters of Mary, Queen of Mercy.

**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 WILL HONOR THE GRADUATES** following Sunday's Mass at 10:00 a.m. Please join us for this celebration.

**THE MAY KNIGHTS MEETING** will be Monday May 13<sup>th</sup> 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**

If there is nothing in this world that can ultimately satisfy us, it must mean we were meant for another world. -C. S. Lewis

**THURSDAY MAY 9<sup>TH</sup> IS ASCENSION  
THURSDAY: A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION.  
WEDNESDAY 5:30PM ALEXANDRIA  
WEDNESDAY 7:00PM FAIRBURY  
THURSDAY 9:00AM CEDARWOOD**

**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 25<sup>th</sup>.

#### **CCD:**

**Thank You to the Knights of Columbus** for the wonderful picnic for CCD, also thank you to The PCCW for your wonderful hospitality and help with the picnic.

**Thank You to all our teachers** Aleece and Dave Panko, David Schwarz, Kellie Kokoruda, Gina Gifford, Megan Grant, Brandi Warnke, and MiKayla Weise for all you have done in teaching our Holy Catholic Faith. May God Bless You!

### **UNDERSTANDING THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN MONSTRANCE AND TABERNACLE IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH:**

In the Catholic Church, both the monstrance and the tabernacle hold significant importance in the practice of the faith. Understanding the differences between the two is crucial for a deeper appreciation of the Eucharist and the Catholic liturgy.

#### **I. What is a Monstrance?**

- The monstrance, also known as ostensorium, is a sacred vessel used to display/expose to honor the consecrated Eucharistic host for adoration by the faithful.

- The words "monstrance" and "ostensorium" are derived from the Latin words "monstrare," and "ostendere" meaning "to show" or "to display."

- The monstrance/ostensorium typically have a sunburst design, symbolizing the rays of divine light shining from the Eucharist.

- The host is placed in a holder called a "lunette" (the word lunette is derived from the Latin word luna which mean moon, because its shape resembles the crescent moon), which fits into an opening behind the glass.

#### **II. What is a Tabernacle?**

- The tabernacle is a secure, usually ornate, container used for the reservation of the Eucharist outside of Mass.

- The word "tabernacle" is derived from the Hebrew word "tabernaculum," meaning "tent" or "dwelling place."

- The tabernacle is meant to safeguard the consecrated Eucharist and provide a place for the faithful to visit and pray before the Blessed Sacrament.

Canon Law (CIC 938) specifies the proper handling and veneration of the Eucharist, including the use of the monstrance and tabernacle. The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC 1378) teaches that Christ is truly present in the consecrated host and deserves our adoration and reverence.

In conclusion, both the monstrance and the tabernacle hold profound significance within the Catholic faith, serving as powerful reminders of the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist. While the monstrance facilitates adoration and worship, the tabernacle ensures the reverent reservation and distribution of the Blessed Sacrament. Together, these sacred objects protect one of the central mysteries of the Catholic faith and invite us into deeper communion with the Lord.

-Bro. Daniel Jeremiah Nwankpu.E.

