



St. Michael's / St. Mary's

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

Corpus Christi Sunday

June 2, 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 26, 2024		
Adult	\$640.00	\$445.00
Loose Plate	348.00	5.00
Online Giving	165.00	
Children	36.00	
Building		
Cemetery	100.00	100.00
Donation	100.00	
Debt Reduction		
Total	\$1,389.00	\$550.00
PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION		
Operation Cost per week		\$2,039.84
This Week's Collection		\$1,289.00
	Shortage	\$750.84

Mass Intentions for June 3rd - 9th		
Monday	No Mass	No Mass
Tuesday	9:00am	Cedarwood: Monica Manconi sp int
Wednesday	Noon	Special Intention
Thursday	9:00am	Cedarwood: Special Intention
Friday	9:00am	In Church: Betty & Robert Mudge
Saturday	4:00pm	Emily Goodell+
Sunday	8:00am 10:00am Noon	Special Intention The People of the parishes Missa Español
St. Mary's Church Cleaning for June - Jill Stewart		

PLEASE PRAY FOR:
Cordelia Mumm * Jo Nease

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

We are all born as originals, but many die as photocopies. The way to always remain originals is to keep our eyes on Jesus.

-Blessed Carlo Acutis.



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. MARY CONFIRMA from the Philippines is a Professed Sister at Holy Spirit Adoration (Pink) Sisters.

ST. MARY'S IN ALEXANDRIA WILL HAVE A FAREWELL BREAKFAST FOR FATHER BIRKEL after church on Sunday June 9. We will have it in front of the church (weather permitting). Everyone bring rolls or other breakfast item.

PCCW: Reminder: June 17th is the next PCCW Meeting - Potluck Meal at 6:30 p.m. All women of the church are invited.

A WELCOMING PICNIC FOR FATHER JUSTIN FULTON will be held Saturday, June 29th - following the 4:00 o'clock Mass -at 5:00 p.m. Hamburgers and Hotdogs will be provided - Family Games will be available - Bring a salad/dessert and join us in welcoming Father Fulton to our parish. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the church.

THE BABY BOTTLES we handed out on Mother's Day weekend should be brought back on Father's Day weekend with your donations inside the bottles. We will have a crib or something in back of the church to put them in. This will greatly help out the Willow Center, which is a pregnancy resource center that serves our area, located in Beatrice. Thanks Knights of Columbus chapter 4434 St Michael's Fairbury.

FROM A WORK BY SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS, PRIEST

O precious and wonderful banquet!

Since it was the will of God's only-begotten Son that men should share in his divinity, he assumed our nature in order that by becoming man he might make men gods. Moreover, when he took our flesh he dedicated the whole of its substance to our salvation. He

offered his body to God the Father on the altar of the cross as a sacrifice for our reconciliation. He shed his blood for our ransom and purification, so that we might be redeemed from our wretched state of bondage and cleansed from all sin. But to ensure that the memory of so great a gift would abide with us for ever, he left his body as food and his blood as drink for the faithful to consume in the form of bread and wine.

O precious and wonderful banquet that brings us salvation and contains all sweetness! Could anything be of more intrinsic value? Under the old law it was the flesh of calves and goats that was offered, but here Christ himself, the true God, is set before us as our food. What could be more wonderful than this? No other sacrament has greater healing power; through it sins are purged away, virtues are increased, and the soul is enriched with an abundance of every spiritual gift. It is offered in the Church for the living and the dead, so that what was instituted for the salvation of all may be for the benefit of all. Yet, in the end, no one can fully express the sweetness of this sacrament, in which spiritual delight is tasted at its very source, and in which we renew the memory of that surpassing love for us which Christ revealed in his passion.

It was to impress the vastness of this love more firmly upon the hearts of the faithful that our Lord instituted this sacrament at the Last Supper. As he was on the point of leaving the world to go to the Father, after celebrating the Passover with his disciples, he left it as a perpetual memorial of his passion. It was the fulfillment of ancient figures and the greatest of all his miracles, while for those who were to experience the sorrow of his departure, it was destined to be a unique and abiding consolation.