

St. Michael's Catholic Church of Fairbury & St. Mary's Catholic Church of Alexandria

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July 27th-28th, 2024
17th Sunday of Ordinary Time
He answers all our needs...

Welcome Visitors and Parishioners! *Thank you* for worshipping Jesus Christ with us. YOU ARE WELCOME HERE. To register as a new member or to update your information, call or email our Office Administrative Assistance, Shelli Hubka, whose contact details are listed above. May God bless and keep you!

Mass Times and Intentions:

Monday	7/29:	5:15PM	St. Mike's Basement	Special Intention of F.L.
Tuesday	7/30:	9:00AM	Cedarwood	Laura Meybrunn+
Wednesday	7/31:	NO MASS		Fr. Day Off
Thursday	8/1:	5:15PM	St. Mike's Basement	Special Intention G.G.
Friday	8/2:	5:15PM	St. Mary's-Alec	Jim VanWesten+ <i>1st Friday Adoration St. Mike's</i>
Saturday	8/3:	4PM	St. Michael's	Cameron Connelly
Sunday	8/4:	8AM	St. Mary's	Jim VanWesten+
		10AM	St. Michael's	Special Intention of P.S.
		12PM	St. Michael's (Spanish)	For the People of the Parish

First Friday Exposition & Adoration is coming up Friday, August 2nd. Jesus will be exposed in the monstrance beginning at 9am continuing until 9pm. All of this will take place in the upstairs St. Michael's Church. Please sign-up to spend some quality time with our Lord Jesus & consider praying for your loved ones & needs. Jesus is present for all of us. God bless!

No Mass or Adoration Wednesday, Fr. will take Wednesday off as he has a graveside service Monday. Please pray for the repose of the soul of Carole Bender of Steele City, a U.S. Navy Veteran. May she rest in peace.

Parish Directory A gracious thank-you to Megan Grant for volunteering to lead & coordinate production of a parish pictorial directory, the first since 2006, for both parishes. More details forthcoming. If you would like to help out please contact Megan.

Husker Football Tickets Fr. has two NU vs Rutgers tix for Oct. 5th. EXCELLENT tickets, West Stadium, between the 30-35 yard line, about 10 rows up. He is getting raffle tickets printed as a fundraiser for the parish. He asks that everyone help sell them to community members, family, friends. More info forthcoming when the raffle tickets are ready. Thanks!

Bulletin submissions are due by 9AM Wednesday to Shelli. Check our Facebook page regularly for announcements as well.

Sacramental Life: Our Lord Jesus Christ Living in Us

Baptism: Contact the parish for a prep meeting and to schedule this entrance into the Life of Jesus Christ.

Reconciliation: Saturdays 3-3:45PM at St. Michael's, Sunday 7:30-7:50AM at St. Mary's. Anytime by appointment.

Anointing of the Sick: Please contact the parish if you are severely ill or are undergoing a major procedure. If you know of any person, Catholic or not, who is in danger of death and may want the Anointing, do not hesitate to contact the parish.

Holy Matrimony: Contact the parish at least six months prior to the planned wedding date to participate in marriage formation classes.

Religious Education/CCD Coordinator: Contact Georgann Friedrichsen at 402-300-0937.

NOTE: Confirmation will be May 8, 2025.

I've had a handful of folks come to me interested in joining the Catholic faith and also getting confirmed as adults if they have not been confirmed. I'll be happy to give folks group or individual lessons on the faith through the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults, culminating in Baptism/Confirmation/First Holy Communion at the Easter Vigil in the Spring. I don't think these would be "weekly meetings" for OCIA (formerly RCIA) but perhaps monthly. I can be very flexible and provide options. If you have an adult child who has not been confirmed, a spouse who is interested in joining the Catholic faith, or know of anyone who would like to participate in the Sacraments of His Church please email me (Fr. Fulton) at my contacts above. I'll make something convenient for all. God bless!

God needs us to assist at Holy Mass. Women & men, boys & girls can be readers. Boys & men can become altar servers, acolytes & installed lectors. Serving God & one another through the Holy Mass is an expression of love for God & neighbor, and allows you to live the Gospel in a profound. Please let Fr. Fulton know if you can help with these opportunities for grace.

Any historians out there? Would anyone have any photos (or leads on photos) of life in the old school? Classes, classmates, sisters, priests, recess, games, etc? With renovations ongoing I thought it might be neat to decorate the gym with enlarged photos of life in the building throughout the years. Would the local museum have any photos? If you may have a lead, please let Fr know. He is checking with the Chancery archivist too. Thanks!

Full Ton of Faith: *"God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission. I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next. I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. He has not created me for naught. I shall do good; I shall do His work. I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place, while not intending it if I do but keep His commandments. Therefore, I will trust Him, whatever I am,*

I can never be thrown away. If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve Him, in perplexity, my perplexity may serve Him. If I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve Him. He does nothing in vain. He knows what He is about. He may take away my friends. He may throw me among strangers. He may make me feel desolate, make my spirits sink, hide my future from me. Still, He knows what He is about.— **St. John Henry Newman** A beautiful prayer and meditation for all of us. He trusts us to live holy lives & do His work in the world. He cares for you and is with you always. God is in control. Thanks be to Him. God bless!

Cheers, Fr. Fulton

THANK YOU for your gifts to our Lord & to each other!		
July 21, 2024 Collections	St. Michael's-Fairbury	St. Mary's-Alexandria
Envelopes/Loose Plate	\$2905.46	\$530.00
Online Giving	125.00	
Total Weekly Tithe	\$3,030.46	\$530.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses	\$2,039.84	
Overage/Underage	\$990.62	

"I don't think there's any question about the fact that character & moral development are all a part of leadership. I look at it as, we always say, 'God have mercy,' but that mercy is not a well. It's not a cistern. It's a channel that should run through us to other people. That's part of what we try to do for our players, so they have a chance to be more successful in life." -Nick Saban, former Alabama Head Football Coach on His Catholic Faith & God's Mercy Influencing His Coaching Life