

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

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Bulletin submissions are due by 9am Thursday to Brandi. Check our Facebook page regularly as well.

December 14th & 15th, 2024

3rd Sunday of Advent

Rejoice in the Lord Always, I say Again Rejoice...

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 Parish Administrative Assistant, Brandi Warnke, whose contact details are listed above. May God bless and keep you!

Mass Times and Intentions:

Mon 12/16: 8:15am **Peter Brahm+**
Tues 12/17: 9am (Cedarwood) **Cameron Connelly**
Wed 12/18: 5:15pm **Hannah LaFave**
Th 12/19: 8:15am (St. Mary's) **Jeff Fulton**
Fri 12/20: (Day off, Private) **Eddie & Linda Villarante+**
Sat 12/21: 4pm **Tyler James Wert**
Sun 12/22: 8am **Our Parishioners**
10am **Lindsey Rickstrew+**

Events This Week

Sun. St. Mary's Christmas Breakfast after 8am Mass
Wed. Adoration, Noon-5pm
CCD, 6pm-7:15pm
CCD Christmas Program
Sat. Coffee Talk, 9am School gym. "The Immaculate Conception"
Sun. (22nd) Reconciliations w/ Fr. Major, 1pm-3pm, St. Michael's

Christmas Mass Times for Your Planning

St. Michael's Christmas Eve: **4pm**
St. Mary's Christmas Morning: **8am**
St. Michael's Christmas Morning: **10am**

Bring a neighbor, friend, relative or anyone who needs to Know the Love of Jesus Christ!

NOTE: *Adoration this week is only from 12pm-5pm given the CCD Christmas Program Wednesday night. Come to the Christmas program & celebrate the kids' hard work & the joy of Christ!*

Other Note: For knowledge & safety sake, if you have a key given to you by Fr. Birkel, could you notify Brandi Warnke? We are looking to compile a list of folks who have keys to the buildings. Thank you!

Reconciliation Times

Saturdays, 3pm-3:45pm @ St. Michael's Sundays, 7:30am-7:45am @ St. Mary's Anytime by appointment

Sunday, 12/22 @ St. Michael's (Fr. Major from Hebron hearing Confessions) 1pm-3pm

Monday, 12/23 @ St. Michael's, (Fr. Fulton) 5pm-7pm

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.

Lincoln Diocese Seminarian of the Week Please pray for Matthias Clark, from Hastings-St. Michael's. Matthias, the son of Richard & Melissa, is in the Propaedeutic Year at St. Gregory the Great in Seward. May God bless him & all willing to give their lives to become priests for God's people.

A thank-you note from Hope Crisis Pregnancy Center to St. Michael's Parish was received for the donation of 813 diapers and other items. The donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you again from their staff!!

Thank you to the group that decorated Crystal Springs with the St. Michael's' "Keep Christ in Christmas" décor! Thanks to Gina, Brandi, Willow, Gracie, Bert M, Georgann, Dan, Mary, & Randy! May their efforts brings Christ's love & salvation to all who witness the nativity scene at Crystal Springs! Thank you, Gang!!!! God reward you!

Christmas Reconciliations Please make a good effort to have our Lord bring you His peace in the Sacrament so that you may better experience the joy of the Christmas Season! Times are listed above in this bulletin. Christ was born to die for where you fall short in life---your sins. We all fall short in our relationship with God & with each other. Receive His forgiveness & His peace in the Sacrament this season & regularly. God bless you.

Epiphany Celebration Save the Date

To mimic the three kings coming from all parts of the world to give homage to the Baby King Jesus, we will have a multilingual **10am Mass on Sunday, January 5th**. Readings will be in Spanish, Tagalog (Filipino), & English. Spanish & English music too!

Afterwards, Fr. Fulton's mom & some Filipino & Hispanic parishioners will have Filipino & Hispanic foods. Please bring dishes native to your ancestral homeland from Europe, South America, & beyond. Catholics love a good party! Let's do this!

End of the Year Giving Thank you to those who have thought of our parishes with end-of-the-year gifts! Consider us if you are looking to benefit your tax reporting for 2004. Gifts need to be into the office & marked clearly for 2004 by December 30th. A couple of ideas to consider if you are making year-end gifts: 1) A qualified charitable distribution (QCD) is a distribution from your IRA to a qualified charity. All individuals over the age of 70 ½ with an IRA are eligible to make QCDs. The benefit of a QCD is that it's not taxed, nor is it included in your taxable income. Talk w/ your tax professional for more info. 2) Gifting stock instead of cash as a charitable donation can benefit the donor as well as the recipient. Stock gifts are tax-deductible & there are no capital gains taxes to pay. Talk w/ your tax professional for any specific tax-related advice and thank you for your consideration of a year-end extra gift to the parishes! God bless you.

Full-ton of Faith Consider for a moment what Christ the King was born into. A manger. Literally, a feeding trough. A barn. With manure, filth, stink, and at best---a mess. The God of gods & Lord of lords, the Infinite choose to be born into a mess. So it was. So it can be if you invite that same humble, vulnerable, Almighty King into your mess: the anxieties & stresses of life. May we open our hearts to Him & invite Him. He wants to be born in you. Let Him into the manger of your heart. God bless you!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS TO OUR LORD & TO EACH OTHER!

Collections, Dec. 8	St. Michael's	St. Mary's
Envelopes/Loose Plate	\$3728.00	\$2623.76
Online Giving	\$125.00	\$0.00
Total Tithe	\$3853.00	\$2623.76
Budgeted Expenses	\$2039.84	
Overage/Underage	\$1813.16	

"God made us for joy. God is joy, and the joy of living reflects the original joy that God felt in creating us."-St. John Paul II