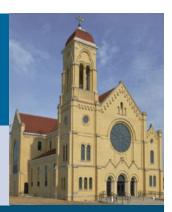


St Michael's & St. Anthony's Parishes

St. Michael's Parish 524 W. Church Street Albion, NE 68620 **St. Anthony's Parish** 508 W. Main Street/P.O. Box 56 Cedar Rapids, NE 68627

December 26, 2021 & January 2, 2022



St. Michael's

Fr. Mark Tomasiewicz, Pastor Rectory: 402-395-2393

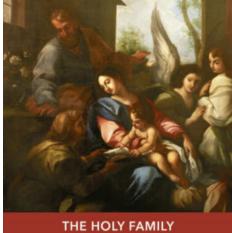
Jeni Porter, Business Manager Parish Office: 402-395-2332 Email: jlporter@archomaha.org

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He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man. - Lk 2:51-52

St. Anthony's

Fr. Mark Tomasiewicz, Pastor St. Michael's rectory: 402-395-2393

Linda Braun, Business Manager Parish Office: 308-358-0773 Email: lmbraun@archomaha.org

To rent St. Anthony's Parish Center contact: Leona VanDeWalle 308-750-6569 or 308-358-0394

Andi Moseman, Director of Religious Ed 308-550-1549

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To schedule Masses at either parish: Contact Fr. Mark by phone, 402-395-2393, or mail to the rectory.

At first glance, we can often find the image of the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph and the Christ Child intimidating — who are we to aspire to that level of discipleship? How could we ever hope to conform ourselves to that mold? Sometimes, it can even be painful — perhaps we hail from a broken family or struggle with a broken relationship within our family, or perhaps we long to be a mother or a father ourselves and that state in life has eluded us.

But the image of the Holy Family is, in reality, a beautiful invitation to us all, no matter our vocation or our state in life, and the example of Mary, Joseph and Jesus is rich with the symbolism of stewardship.

You need not be a biological mother who has carried a child in her womb to be a mother in spirit. Who in your world needs you to love them with the heart of a mother?

The same goes for fatherhood. The Church and the world are crying out for the courageous witness of Christian men like St. Joseph. Who can you love with the steadfast, selfless protection of a father?

Who in your life needs you to love them with the faithful, unconditional love of a son? Who needs your gentle and constant love as a daughter?

We are the Body of Christ, friends. Those of us rejoicing in heaven, those of us suffering in purgatory, and those of us struggling here on earth. We are the great family. Let us love each other well.

— Tracy Earl Welliver

Sacrament of Penance: St. Michael's 4:30-5:00 p.m. on Saturday; St. Anthony's 7:15-7:45 a.m. on Sunday.
Sacrament of Baptism: First-time parents are required to attend a baptism preparation class. Please contact Fr. Mark or Deacon Tim Preister to arrange for the class and for the baptism.
Sacrament of Marriage: Archdiocesan policy requires an 8-12 month preparation. Please make arrangements by contacting Fr. Mark.
Holy Communion for the Homebound: Communion is taken to the shut-ins at both parishes. Please contact Jodi Krohn in Albion, 402-741-9161, or Linda Braun in Cedar Rapids, 308-358-0554, to get put on the list.
Sick Call: Please call Fr. Mark if you or someone in your family is sick or in the hospital and would like a visit.
Prayer Chain at St. Michael's: Please call Nancy Morton, 402-395-6294.
Prayer Chain at St. Anthony's: Please call Betty Nelson, 402-805-0393.

FROM THE PASTOR

This year the joyful and festive celebration of Christmas is very close to other important feasts, which are connected to the mystery of the Incarnation: the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, the solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God, and Epiphany. Recalling that God fulfilled his promise of sending a Messiah as the Son of God, we reflect on this marvelous gift of Jesus, an innocent babe born to Mary and Joseph. Along with the shepherds, angels and people of Bethlehem, we rejoice knowing God wanted to be so close to us and nurture grace, renew the gift of faith and hope, and strengthen the depths of God's love for all of humanity. The readings for the Feast of the Holy Family offer unique accounts that accent virtue, steadfastness and discernment, like that of Hannah, desiring a child and being blessed with a son, or considering the challenges of Joseph and Mary, looking for Jesus in Jerusalem during his early years. Possibly the Holy Family models for us the contours of faith that are not static but change, calling for a trusting relationship with God. How do I understand God working within my life or family situations? When we honor Mary, Mother of God, the Scriptures call us to identify the clever way God reveals himself and possibly probes us to recognize his will for us. During the past few days, have I been aware of God's grace, consolation, mercy, strength or love in my life? How has the newborn Christ child challenged me to ponder the vulnerability or treasure of life, human and divine? The Epiphany of the Lord is a continuation of celebrating and discovering the salvific message Jesus revealed to the world, including both Jew and Gentile. Some cultures traditionally give and share gifts, imitating the Magi, who found Jesus and presented gifts fit for a newborn King, unknown to some yet powerful and influential. Where do you believe God wants to meet you and amaze you with his presence? What will you offer Christ in return-gratitude, homage, hunger or thirst, praise, hopes or a spirit of cooperation? Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

<u>Thanks</u> for your generous support to the parishes at Christmas! I also extend <u>my gratitude</u> for the many efforts of our volunteers, (liturgical ministers, servers, ushers, singers, choirs, musicians and those who decorated our churches) from both parishes, who helped prepare and celebrate birth of our Lord Jesus. I am appreciative and thankful for your prayers, cards, gifts and ways of kindness. May God Bless you!

Please notice this **bulletin combines two weekends**, **December 26**, **2021** and **January 2**, **2022**, since Christmas and New Year's Day fall on a weekend. Thanks for your understanding and know that all collections will be posted at a later date!

Fr. Mark

ONE CHURCH: Encountering Jesus, Equipping Disciples and Living Mercy•

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK			
Monday, December 27			NO MASS (Pastor's day off!)
Tuesday, December 28	(SM)	8:00 a.m.	NO MASS
Wednesday, December 29	(SM)	8:10 a.m.	† Jack Kunzman
	(SA)	10:30 a.m.	† Tom Mahoney
Thursday, December 30	(SM)	8:00 a.m.	† Richard Vetick
Friday, December 31	(SM)	5:30 p.m.	Living & Deceased John & Joan Smith family John & Joan's 70th Wedding Anniversary
Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mo	other of	God	
Saturday, January 1	(SA)	9:00 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Anthony's & St. Michael's
	(SM)	5:30 p.m.	NO MASS
Sunday, January 2	(SM)	8:30 a.m.	† Cliff & Helen Langel
	(SA)	10:30 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Anthony's & St. Michael's
Monday, January 3			NO MASS (Pastor's day off!)
Tuesday, January 4	(SM)	8:00 a.m.	† Evelyn Wojcik
Wednesday, January 5	(SM)	8:10 a.m.	† Jerry Hagemann
	(SA)	10:30 a.m.	† Jerry Nebel
Thursday, January 6	(SM)	8:00 a.m.	† Rose Tworek
Friday, January 7	(SM)	9:00 a.m.	† Bert Ketteler Eucharistic Adoration after Mass
Saturday, January 8	(SM)	5:30 p.m.	† Mark & Joan Knust
Sunday, January 9	(SM)	8:30 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Michael's & St. Anthony's
	(SA)	10:30 a.m.	† Bernie, Louis & Ken Lesiak
Please note place designations	: (SM)	= St. Michael'	s in Albion, (SA) = St. Anthony's in Cedar Rapids

St Michael's Parish

Liturgical Ministries Next Week

Altar Servers

Fri., Dec. 31 5:30 p.m.	Myah Rankin & Leah Erickson
Sun., January 2	Brogan & Brielle Benes
Sat., January 8	Miranda & Morgan McGill
Sun., January 9	Eloise & Margot Martinez

Ushers

Fri., Dec. 31 5:30 p.m.	Brian Liss, Don Salber, Rusty Bruland
Sat., January 2	Ken Iwan, Dave Mohr, Jim Carder
Sat., January 8	Ron Young, Tom Hamling, Fred Mescher
Sun., January 9	Dave Weidner, Dave Langan, Rick Schack

Lectors

Fri., Dec. 31 5	5:30 p.m.	Jacquie Brugman
Sun., January 2	2	Jordan Classen
Sat., January 8		Mary Dozler
Sun., January 9)	Hilary Maricle

Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion

Fri., Dec. 31 5:30 p.m.	Valorie Slizoski
Sun., January 2	Lisa Hamling
Sat., January 8	Kendra Krohn
Sun., January 9	Cindy Hemmer

Music

Fri., Dec. 31 5:30 p.m. Jill Nore Dawn Smith Sun., January 2 Pat Baum Sat., January 8 Sun., January 9 Jill Nore

Collection Recorders

Sun., January 2	Andy Roberts & Dawn Smith
Sun., January 9	Andy Roberts & Lisa Hamling

If you can not fulfill your ministry duties, please find a replacement!

St. Michael's Parish now offers online giving with a debit or credit card! Go to our web site. stmichaelalbion.com. and click on the icon.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP

Regular Collection December	19, 2021
Envelopes	\$2,035.00
Children	0
December Auto. Deposits	4,296.00
Plate	300.50
TOTAL STEWARDSHIP	\$6,631.50

Please contact Jeni Porter at the parish office, 395-2332, if you wish to use any of the parish or school facilities for any reason. The church's main calendar is kept in the parish office.

We ask that parishioners do not remove anything from the church, church basement, or school without permission (tables, chairs, kitchen items, etc.).

Donations were given for Christmas flowers in memory of...

Dwayne Lindhorst, Lee Hemmer, and Abby Hemmer from Dan & Cindy Hemmer Leon Martischang and James & Charlotte O'Brien from Tim & Amy O'Brien Donald & Lucille Figgner

This Week at St. Michael's:

Sat., Jan. 1	*Happy New Year!
	*No 5:30 p.m. Mass today
Wed., Jan. 5	*Safe Environment Training 6 p.m.,
	church basement
	*No PRE
Jan. 8-9	*Seminary Collection

This Week at St. Michael's School:

Wed., Jan. 5	*School resumes
	*Mass at 8:10 a.m. led by grades 6 & K
Fri., Jan. 7	*Mass at 9:00 a.m. led by 5th grade

Parish Religious Education Calendar:

Wed., Jan. 12	*PRE resumes
	*K-8 movie night
	*Regular class grades 9 & 12
	*Confirmation grades 10 & 11

Please remember our parishioners in prayer:

Donald Appelmann, Myron Benes, Pauline Pelster, Tiffany Preister & baby Elijah, John & Joan Smith, Scott Nelson (Mitch Nelson's brother), Adalynn Bouska (daughter of Jeff & Alex)

(If there is someone that you want to remember in prayer on this bulletin list, please call or email Jeni Porter at 395-2332 or jlporter@archomaha.org.)

Part-time help wanted: Cafeteria assistant to help prepare school lunches at St. Michael's School. Hours are from 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. every school day from August-May. Hourly wage is negotiable. Contact Tina Thiele-Blecher, 402-395-2926, to apply.

Liturgical Ministries Next Week

Altar Servers

Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion

Sat., Jan. 1 9:00 a.m.	Whalen Rother & Coy Paulsen	Sat., Jan. 1 9:00 a.m.	Ann Rother
Sun., January 2	Kayce Martinsen & Kennedy Dobson	Sun., January 2	Melissa VanDeWalle
Sun., January 9	Maria Moseman & Josie Rother	Sun., January 9	Joel Scott
<u>Ushers</u>		<u>Music</u>	
Sat., Jan. 1 9:00 a.m.	Steve Karmann & Gene Karmann	Sat., Jan. 1 9:00 a.m.	Kate Sullivan
Sun., January 2	Bill Armatys & Tom Schuele	Sun., January 2	Bonnie McPhillips
Sun., January 9	Steve Karmann & Gene Karmann	Sun., January 9	Noreen Moseman
<u>Lector</u>		Collection Recorder	<u>"S</u>
Sat., Jan. 1 9:00 a.m.	Clay Moseman	Sat., Jan. 1 9:00 a.m.	Jim Langan & Rich McPhillips
Sun., January 2	Dori Kennedy	Sun., January 2	Bill Armatys & Tom Schuele
Sun., January 9	Sue Jarosz	Tues., January 9	Jim Langan & Rich McPhillips

"See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are." 1 John 3:1

During this season of giving, let us remember a beautiful gift that we have received - being children of God! As God's children, it's in our DNA that we share and express our love for others as well. Tell your spouse, children, other family members and friends that you love them, every day! Also, pray for those people that are different than you, those that you may not like or those that go out of their way to annoy you. Your prayers may be the start of a new friendship.

This Week at St. Anthony's:

Sat., Jan. 1	*Happy New Year! Mass at 9:00 a.m.
Wed., Jan. 5	*PRE
Sun., Jan. 9	*Seminary Collection

Parish Religious Education Calendar:

Wed., Jan. 5

*PRE resumes

Please remember our parishioners in prayer:

Mike Sullivan, Ted Sauser

(If there is someone that you want to remember in prayer on this bulletin list, please call or email Jeni Porter at 395-2332 or jlporter@archomaha.org.)

Advent Baby Shower

November 28 - January 6

You are all invited to participate in the Baby Shower. Please place your items in the church before the Feast of Epiphany. Norfolk Birthright appreciates our help!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP

Regular Collection December 19, 2021 Envelopes \$ Children Plate \$

TOTAL STEWARDSHIP

To rent St. Anthony's Parish Center, please contact Leona VanDeWalle, 308-750-6569 or 308-358-0394.

If you are new to our parish or you have never registered to be members of St. Anthony's, please see Fr. Mark to register.

If you would like your birthday and anniversary on the parish's monthly calendar, please write the information on an envelope and put it in the collection basket. Thank you.

St. Michael's & St. Anthony's Parish Vision

One family as God's people, centered on Word and Sacrament, blessed by baptismal grace and Christ's love, called to serve as disciples.

Our Parishes' Mission

We exist to build a faith community, empowered by the Holy Spirit to live our Catholic identity and gospel values, to engage others to be intentional disciples who share their gifts for the glory of God.

"Into The Breach"

Monday, January 10

7:30 p.m. KC Hall, Albion (old Senior Center room)

It's more important today than ever for every man to gain insight on how to be the "man" of your family, community, and country and our society desperately needs and deserves you. "Into The Breach" is a call to battle for Catholic men which urges them to embrace wholeheartedly

masculine virtues in a world in crisis.

All men are invited to attend this study group hosted by the KC's! For more information, please contact Pat Schmitz, 402-608-0430.

Rural Central Deanery Scholarship

\$200 scholarship offered to a senior Catholic girl. The winner of the deanery scholarship will be eligible to compete for the \$500 scholarship offered by the Omaha Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women. Application forms have been sent to the guidance counselors of the high schools. The applications must be postmarked by January 15, 2022 and need to be sent to: Barb Wurdinger, 84542 564th Ave., Stanton, NE 68779.

Tour of French Catholic Shrines with Fr. Frank Baumert October 1-12, 2022

October 1-12, 2022

This cross-country pilgrimage will include magnificent shrines and churches and learning about the lives of St. Bernadette, St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Veronica and Zaccheus, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, St. Therese of Lisieux, and St. Catherine Labourne. There is also a stop at the beaches in Normandy. See all of the details at www.pilgrimages.com/frbaumert. This trip is set up by 206Tours. Their web site is www.206Tours.com.

Support Our Catholic Kids

St. Michael's SOCKS Committee joined with the Family Life Committee to become St. Michael's Parish Life Committee. Committee members will be selling Gragert's and Thriftyway grocery certificates the <u>second weekend</u> of each month after Mass. Certificates are also available at St. Michael's School office and at the Boone County Bank.

St. Michael's receives 5% back from all grocery certificates purchased.

Safe Environment Training Wednesday, January 5

6:00 p.m.

St. Michael's Church Basement Registration forms will be available in the back of St. Michael's & St. Anthony's Churches or please call Lisa Wagner, 308-750-0423, to register or with questions.

The training lasts approximately 2 hours and is required of anyone working with children in the Archdiocese of Omaha, including parent volunteers.

Programs at St. Benedict Center, Schuyler

"This is My Beloved Son, Listen to Him!" - January 21-23 A men's retreat open to all ages. We are surrounded by so many voices telling us that our happiness consists in wealth, in pleasure, in power, and in worldly honor. Jesus, however, calls upon us to rid ourselves of those attachments, to anchor ourselves in God's steadfast love, and to will the good of the other person. This retreat will help us lister to Christ

other person. This retreat will help us listen to Christ

throughout the year. Friday, 7:30 p.m. to Sunday after lunch.

Windows Into Heaven: Encountering Jesus in Icons -

January 28-30 It has been said what the written word of Scripture is to the ears, icons are to the eyes.

Friday, 7:30 p.m. to Sunday after lunch.

Set Your House in Order: A Program to Organize Finances & Plan Estate - February 5

A workshop with James Fehringer. If you have possessions, you have an estate. Their orderly care during your lifetime represents financial management. Their disposition after your lifetime is called estate settlement. Deciding in advance

how this will be done is known as estate planning. Capitalize on this opportunity to learn how to plan your estate. Program fee is \$35. Lunch is available for \$12.08.

Valentine's Day Dinner - February 6 Mass at 5 p.m. followed by a 4-course dinner at 6 p.m. Cost is \$70 if registered before January 24

To register for an event, please call the St. Benedict Center, 402-352-8819, or go to their web site, www.StBenedictCenter.com. See all of their retreats on their web site!

Readings for the week of December 26, 2021

Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8 Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18 Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35 Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40 Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18 Saturday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Readings for the week of January 02, 2022

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25 Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44 Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52 Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16 Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30

St. Mich	St. Michael's Parish	rish			Janu	anuary 2022	
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
	Catholic Schools	Cathe Janu "Catholic Schoc <i>Thanks to everyone for</i>	Catholic Schools Week January 30 - February 4 "Catholic Schools: Faith. Excellence. Service" <i>Thanks to everyone for your support of St. Michael's School!</i>	vice", el's School!		-No 5:30 p.m. Massl	Ц
Mary Preister 2 Bob Luettel Ava Frey Pevton Donner	Nancy Morton Lumir Fajman Rob Rozeboom	LeRoy Dozler 4 Myron Benes Mike Grape	Tom Molt Derek Leifeld Ellie Nelson	Jessica Pelster A-Dave & Jean Fisher	6 Beata Hoefer Carolyn Fischer Kay Bykerk Tavlor Weber	7 Shari Buettner Kim Beierman Thomas Roberts Leah Erickson	00
			-School resumes -No PRE -Safe Environment Training		Emily Erickson A-Francis & Pam Forkn er		
Kim Wesseln 9	Jerry Niewohner 10 Myah Lipker A-Dave & Kristi Weidner	D Clareen Prothman 11 Paul Kyncl Carsen Grape Anna Gragert	Jayne Schack 12 Laura Nelson Kenny Molt Reed Reinhart Luke Erickson	Raphael Starman 13 Ruth Molt Ashley Ransen April Landauer Skyler Weber	3 Jeanette Simons 14 Mary Dozler Steve VonBonn Brooke Michael Joe Preister	Jim Bader	15
-Seminary Collection		-KC's meeting 7:30 p.m.	-PRE resumes				
16	Connie Mescher 17 Drew Niewohner	Alvin Hamling 18 -Parish Council meeting, 7 p.m., KC Hall	Gail Borer 19 Joe Landauer Serena Henry Kaden Miller Noah Borer -PRE -1st Communion meeting 6 p.m., parents/students	Mary Bittner 20 Pat Schmitz Brian Henry Josh Nore Marcus Johnson Cole Greek	3 Shannon Meyer 21 Jett Malander Julia Nelson		22
Jill Imus 23 Doug Stuhr Claire Nelson Liberty Lee	Steven Ruzek 24	4 Jerry Leifeld 25 Grant Addison	Judy VanDeWalle 26 Andy Roberts Justin Bounds Vincent Malander	Shirley Liss 27 John Moeller Bobby Stopak Booker Stagemeyer	7 Tim Beierman 28 Audrey Meyer	Yetta Sullivan Jack Flanagan A-Dave & Carla Mohr	29
30 Bob Stopak Larry Erickson -Catholic Schools Week beginsl	31 Judy Hoppe Dawna Nelson		-PRE				

St. Anth	St. Anthony's Parish	ish			Janus	anuary 2022
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	The mont celebrated o "In the name o	h of January is dedicated n January 3. This feast or century and spread over : f Jesus every knee should and under the earth	The month of January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus, which is celebrated on January 3. This feast originated toward the end of the fifteenth century and spread over a great part of the Church. "In the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those that are in heaven, on earth and under the earth." Philippians 2:10	, which is the fifteenth leaven, on earth		A:Patt & Pat Kolm -9:00 a.m. Mass
N	ω	Rebecca Jarosz	Lisa Kennedy 5	თ	7 Msgr. Ralph Steffensmeier Ed Braun	8
-The Epiphany of the Lord - Conclusion of the Advent Baby Shower			-PRE			
Q	10	11 Tony Braun	12 Bill Loeffler	13	14	15 Bennett Pribnow
-Seminary Collection			-PRE			
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
-KC's meet after Mass						
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 -Catholic Schools Week	31		PRE			

