



St. Michael's & St. Anthony's Parishes



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January 23, 2022

St. Michael's

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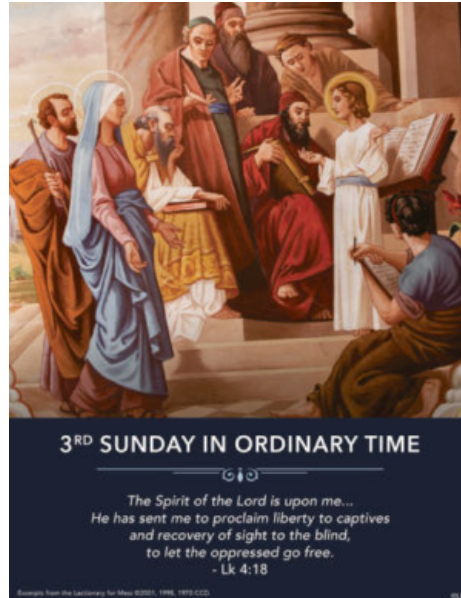
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St. Anthony's

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

One of the things about Scripture is that even the smallest word and shortest phrase can be critical to the overall message. When you take a quiet moment to rest with the Word, you find how quickly the most mundane sentence can reach out and grab you, pulling you into a deeper contemplation of some truth you hadn't even considered until then.

But we often fail to act as the Israelites in the Book of Nehemiah, standing before the Water Gate "listening attentively." Whether it's at Mass during the Liturgy of the Word or at home poring over the Bible, time after time we find ourselves less mindful than we could be. Our ears accept the sounds of the words and our eyes glance over the shape of the letters.

But are we mindful — truly?

The best answer is hopefully at least sometimes. There are always tasks to be completed, problems weighing on our minds that we can't quite give over to God. We lose ourselves in these things instead of in Scripture. We "clock in" with Bible reading instead of "diving in."

We can never forget that the words of the Lord are spirit and life. They are the soil that quickens the seed of all stewardship. There is no mindfulness, no prayer, no graciousness, no gratitude or accountability or sense of commitment unless there is the Word.

So let us pray today for mindfulness, that our every action will be grounded in the law of God — giving it true spirit and life.

— Tracy Earl Welliver

Sacrament of Penance: St. Michael's 4:30-5:00 p.m. on Saturday; St. Anthony's 10:00-10:20 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

Whether we hear latest information about COVID, news about the economy, or even possible predictions of which team might make the Super Bowl this year, we have to digest a lot of communication pieces or opinions which can be challenging. It's possible that part of our culture is overwhelmed with the multitude of messages, and some folks might be addicted to desiring more information or want to respond immediately to the cellphone sound. On a spiritual level, this experience may impact or impede our ability to hear God's voice and realize his ways of truth, wisdom or love for us. Listening and being able to hear God's speaking to us is at the heart of the Scriptures on the **Third Sunday of Ordinary Time**. The first reading from the book of Nehemiah, (governor of Israel) describes his attempts to help the people who return from the Babylonian exile. Their cities had been destroyed as well as their places of worship, and he led with serious efforts in rebuilding their lives with what he thought was most important—their faith in God. Hence, the passage tells about the assembly called by Nehemiah, and the people are to gather to listen to the priest-scribe Ezra read and interpret God's word to them. There is a possibility that the message was from one of the first five books (the Torah), and we gain a sense of how the people responded with reverence and enthusiasm for we read: **"Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden platform that had been made for the occasion. He opened the scroll so that all the people might see it—for he was standing higher up than any of the people—and, he opened it and all the people rose. Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people, their hands raised high, answered, 'Amen, amen!'"** Encouraging the people, he gave a brief commentary and the people were instructed and dismissed with these words: **"Today is holy to the Lord God. Do not be sad, and do not weep....Do not be saddened this day, for rejoicing in the Lord must be your strength!"** The gospel passage from Luke articulates a similar passage as Jesus begins his public ministry in Nazareth, for Jesus reads from the scroll and declares the passage as **"fulfilled in your hearing"** identifying himself with the servant in Isaiah's writings. The people who witnessed Jesus' teaching were stunned and troubled by his words, struggling to incorporate God's wisdom into daily living. If we are honest, there might be instances where God's word also challenges us and causes us to be speechless or confused. However, Jesus always invites us into his mission with him on the path toward holiness, service and salvation. Did you hear the Master call each one of us to commit to our faith and re-dedicate our lives as disciples, who strive to overcome obstacles? Where do you sense God beckoning you to be joyful or courageous each day in your prayer, work or leisure?

Thank you for supporting the annual Knights of Columbus, One Rose, One Life Campaign! This is an excellent way to honor the Pro-life cause as we acknowledged the unfortunate anniversary of Roe vs Wade Supreme court decision, which legalized abortion in USA. Your prayers are equally important for our leaders and country to foster greater respect for human life in all stages, from conception until natural death.

Fr. Mark

One Church: *Encountering Jesus, Equipping Disciples and Living Mercy*

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Monday, January 24	(SM)	NO MASS (Pastor's day off)
Tuesday, January 25	(SM) 8:00 a.m.	† Jerry Brockhaus
Wednesday, January 26	(SM) 8:10 a.m.	† Audrey Sueper
	(SA) 10:30 a.m.	† Emily Jarosz Studley
Thursday, January 27	(SM) 8:00 a.m.	† Donald Appelmann
Friday, January 28	(SM) 8:00 a.m.	† Lloyd & Marie Reuter
Saturday, January 29	(SM) 5:30 p.m.	† Jim (Bean) Krohn
Sunday, January 30	(SM) 8:30 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Michael's & St. Anthony's
	(SA) 10:30 a.m.	Living & deceased Jerry & Philomae Towey family

Please note place designations: (SM) = St. Michael's in Albion, (SA) = St. Anthony's in Cedar Rapids, (SE) = Samaritan Estates Assisted Living in Albion, (WM) = Wolf Memorial in Albion

St. Michael's Parish

Liturgical Ministries Next Week

Altar Servers

Sat., January 29 Marc Hamling & Jacob Krohn
Sun., January 30 Makenna Devine & Brooklyn Krohn

Ushers

Sat., January 29 Steve Johnson, Jerry Leifeld,
Lonnie Smith
Sun., January 30 Randy Hedlund, Jack Dailey,
Larry Krings

Lectors

Sat., January 29 Tim O'Brien
Sun., January 30 Katie Score

Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion

Sat., January 29 Connie Schindel
Sun., January 30 Pat Schmitz

Music

Sat., January 29 Marcus Johnson
Sun., January 30 Musical Vibes

Collection Recorders

Sun., January 30 Andy Roberts & Jolynn Groeteke

This Week at St. Michael's:

Wed., Jan. 26 *Musical Vibes practice 5:15 p.m.
*PRE
Sun., Jan 30 *Catholic Schools Week begins!
*KC's Pancake Feed, 9 a.m.-noon, KC Hall
*Book Fair, 9:30 a.m. – noon, KC Hall

This Week at St. Michael's School:

Wed., Jan. 26 *Mass at 8:10 a.m. led by grades 8 & 2

Parish Religious Education Calendar:

Wed., Jan. 26 *PRE
Wed., Feb. 2 *PRE
Wed., Feb. 9 *PRE
Wed., Feb. 16 *PRE

Please remember our parishioners in prayer:

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.)

St. Michael's Parish offer the convenience of bimonthly or monthly
AUTOMATIC WITHDRAWALS for your parish donations.

There is no monthly fee for parishioners to use the automatic
withdrawal feature! If you are interested, please contact the parish
office, 395-2332.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP

Regular Collection January 16, 2022	
Envelopes	\$4,190.00
Children	0
<u>Plate</u>	<u>192.00</u>
TOTAL STEWARDSHIP	\$4,382.00
Seminary Collection total	\$2,260.00
Christmas total	\$38,071.00

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.).**

St. Michael's Parish family extends their sympathy to the
family of Carolyn Seier, whose funeral was celebrated on
January 18. May the Perpetual Light shine upon her.

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.

March will be here before we know it, so it's time to start thinking about the St. Pat's Carnival again! If you have something you would
like to donate toward the carnival/auction, please contact one of our school board members: Sarah Moeller, 712-577-1570;
Anthony Michael, 402-741-0756; Hilary Maricle, 402-741-0714; Tony Kurtenbach, 402-948-0591; Ron Harris, 402-580-0903;
Jonathan Temme, 402-843-6051; Mary Osantowski, 402-741-0311.

St. Anthony's Parish

Liturgical Ministries Next Week

Altar Servers

Sun., January 30 Josie Hemmingsen & Wade Rother

Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion

Sun., January 30 Byron Moseman

Ushers

Sun., January 30 Bill Armatys & Tom Schuele

Music

Sun., January 30 Bonnie McPhillips

Lector

Sun., January 30 Sue McIntyre

Collection Recorders

Sun., January 30 Bill Armatys & Tom Schuele

“Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared. . .” Nehemiah 8:10

Ezra's instructions to the people show us that God does not forbid us from enjoying the good things in life. He wants us to be happy! However, God expects us to be grateful for all that He has given us and to generously share our blessings with those who are in need.

Now here's the hard part - to share all that we have without expecting anything in return.

This Week at St. Anthony's:

Wed., Jan. 26 *PRE

Parish Religious Education Calendar:

Wed., Jan. 26 *PRE
Wed., Feb. 2 *PRE
Wed., Feb. 9 *PRE
Wed., Feb. 16 *PRE
Wed., Feb. 23 *No class for grades 1-8, class for grades 9-12

Please remember our parishioners in prayer:

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.)

We welcome Molly Mae Jarosz, daughter of Daniel & Rebecca Jarosz, to our parish family. She was baptized on January 9. May God bless her with grace and love in her faith journey.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP

Regular Collection January 16, 2022	
Envelopes	\$868.00
Children	0
Plate	255.00
TOTAL STEWARDSHIP	\$1,123.00
Seminary Collection	\$753.00

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

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.

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.

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.

Spirit Catholic Radio "Spirit 2022 Celebration"

Saturday, February 12

6:00 p.m. social hour, 7:00 p.m. dinner/program

Mid-America Convention Center, Council Bluffs

Featuring Steve Ray, producer of "Footprints of God," author of five books, and regular on EWTN.

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Red Cross Blood Drive

Monday, January 24

11:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Casey's Building at Boone County Fairgrounds

Please contact Diane Krings, 402-395-2056, for an appointment.

Programs at St. Benedict Center, Schuyler

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, \$75 after.

Retreat In Preparation for Lent - February 12

Lent is often thought of as a time of "giving up," but what it really is about is "discovering" our relationship with Jesus. Cost is \$35.

Silent Directed Retreat - March 27-April 1

Come during Lent and step out in expectant faith and await the marvels of your God. Program fee is \$150. Room & board is extra.

The Beauty of Marriage: Ever Changing, Ever New - April 22-23

A marriage retreat for couples at every stage of their marital journey. Program fee is \$72/couple. Room & board is extra.

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!

Goodwill Donation Trailer

January 24-31

St. Michael's Parking Lot East of the KC Hall

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Accepting anything saleable from your home or garage. Due to limited storage space, furniture, televisions, mattresses, and large appliances are not accepted.

"Into The Breach"

Monday, January 24

7:30 p.m.

KC Hall, Albion (old Senior Center room)

All men are invited to attend this study group hosted by the KC's! It's more important than ever for every man to gain insight on how to be the man of your family. For more information, please contact Pat Schmitz, 402-608-0430.

Card Shower for Sister Agatha Sadler's 85th Birthday

Sister Agatha's birthday is on January 25 and her address is:

P.O. Box 271, Albion, NE 68620.

Parishioners & community members are invited to send her a birthday card to brighten her special day!

Catholic Schools Week Pancake Feed

Sunday, January 30

9:00 a.m. - noon

KC Hall, Albion

Free will donations accepted to help support St. Michael's School.

Catholic Schools Week Book Fair

Sunday, Jan. 30 from 9:30 a.m. - noon

Monday, Jan. 31 - Wednesday, Feb. 2 from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

At the KC Hall

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 second weekend 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.

Readings for the week of January 23, 2022

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117: 1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18

Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25

Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41

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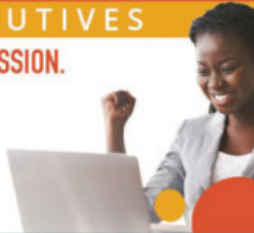


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