



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



## St. Michael's Parish

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## St. Anthony's Parish

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April 9, 2023

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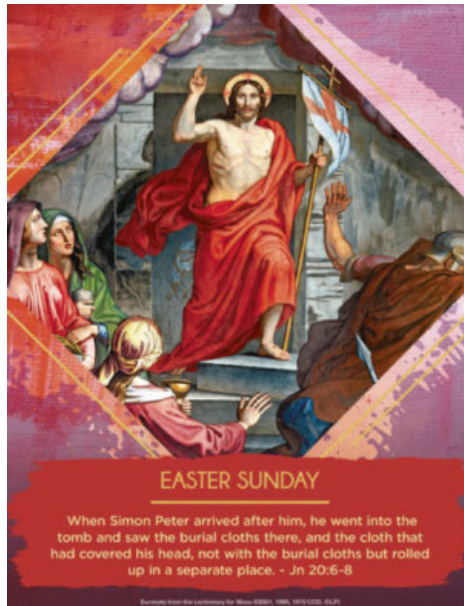
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### St. Anthony's

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**To schedule Masses at either parish:**

Contact Fr. Mark by phone, 402-395-2393, or mail to the rectory.

At Easter, we celebrate that our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, conquered death, rose from the dead, and remains very much alive. To the world of non-believers: what!? It is quite a big reality to swallow. But for the believer, it is a reality that inspires us to the point where we find ourselves constantly sharing the Gospel with everyone we meet! Right?

So what does Easter mean to you? The question is not what do you believe. The question is what impact does Easter have on you? How do your actions demonstrate the power of Easter? What does it mean we you hear that we, the Church, are an Easter people?

You may be saying right now that you have no intention of becoming an evangelist, passing out Bibles to all you meet. But I would like to suggest that you actually have a more powerful way of evangelizing others: everyday stewardship. Actions speak louder than words and the way you live your life can be a great testimony to all those you encounter. By acknowledging the gifts you have been given, cultivating those so they grow to an increase, and then sharing them fully with God and with others in God's name will give testimony to your belief that Jesus is alive and seeking a relationship with each of his people.

If more of us won't live our lives in this manner, then non-believers and non-intentional disciples will ask the question, "What difference does Easter make anyway?" Jesus died and rose for you and me. To be sure, it DOES make a difference.

*-Tracy Earl Welliver*

**Sacrament of Penance:** St. Michael's 4:30-5:00 p.m. on Saturday; St. Anthony's 7:25-7:50 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 Emma Loeffler, 402-447-4074 (cell) or 308-358-0451 (home).

## FROM THE PASTOR

Together, we rejoice in the Risen Lord! Easter truly offers countless reasons to reflect on our lives and to acknowledge the goodness of God's mercy, grace and love! When things don't go our way or something unexpected happens, it is very helpful to step back! On this **Easter Sunday**, the Scriptures accent the impact of Jesus' death and resurrection. Beginning with the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, we hear the testimony of Peter, who gave a concise summary of the saving work of Jesus and how he was put to death and raised on the third day. The words of Peter emphasize God's work to redeem humanity and the reminder of all who believe, to be witnesses. Throughout the Easter season, we will hear about the apostles as they sort out this mysterious death and resurrection of Jesus—the teacher, healer, messiah and Son of God. In the second reading from St. Paul to the Colossians, we are encouraged to be optimistic as believers, for we read: **"If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth."** This perspective connects us to John's gospel passage, describing the details of Mary of Magdala and some of the apostles coming to the tomb early in the morning. Their reactions involve intentional haste by running to the tomb to see for themselves, that Jesus is absent from the tomb. Slowly, the pieces begin to make sense. The beloved disciple, who arrived first, is cautious and does not go into the tomb. However, blessed with insight and a bold faith, **"He saw and believed."** This mystery of the resurrection of Jesus beckons us to think about how we come to believe with conviction in God's power over sin and death. Our Holy Father, Francis, shared this view: *"We are inserted into the death and resurrection of Christ and we participate in his new life. Therefore, as we await the last day, we have within us a seed of resurrection, as an anticipation of the full resurrection which we shall receive as an inheritance. This thought gives us hope: we are walking toward our resurrection. To see Jesus, to encounter Jesus: This is our joy! This is our destiny!"* Simply, we are empowered to rise to new life with him, the Risen Lord Jesus. Let us praise God and sing with jubilation, Alleluia! Happy Easter to everyone!

**Thank you** to all our wonderful volunteers who helped clean the churches, our musicians and singers, liturgical ministers, deacons, ushers, and special volunteers who decorated our churches for Holy Week and the glorious celebration of Easter! Your time and efforts are truly admired and appreciated. I also express my gratitude for your Easter cards, prayers, gifts and support. May God Bless you!

**Rice Bowl Donations** are still being collected! This is a marvelous way to complete our Lenten resolutions, mindful of Jesus' challenge as we started Lent. Your donations can be placed in the boxes in either church labeled for this cause, or you can drop any designated donation/envelope in the collection. Thanks for sharing with the poor!

Fr. Mark

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## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Monday, April 10	(SM)	NO MASS (Pastor's day off!)
Tuesday, April 11	(SM) 8:00 a.m.	NO MASS
Wednesday, April 12	(SM) 8:10 a.m.	† Don Merten
	(SA) 10:30 a.m.	† Betty Schuele
Thursday, April 13	(SM) 8:00 a.m.	† Joey Sullivan
Friday, April 14	(SM) 8:00 a.m.	† Jim & Jerry Beierman
Saturday, April 15	(SM) 5:30 p.m.	† Agnes Kuta & † Merle Klassen
Sunday, April 16	<b><u>(SA) 8:00 a.m.</u></b>	† Felix & Maxine Tomasiewicz
	<b><u>(SM) 10:00 a.m.</u></b>	Parishioners of St. Michael's & St. Anthony's

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

Sat., April 15 Leah & Luke Erickson  
Sun., April 16 Dalton & Lincoln Rolf

### Ushers

Sat., April 15 Fred Mescher, Lonnie Smith, Dave Figgner  
Sun., April 16 Bill Ketteler, Tom Ketteler, Jack Dailey

### Lectors

Sat., April 15 Ruth Hagemann  
Sun., April 16 Mary Dozler

### Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion

Sat., April 15 Cheryl Young & Rachelle Spence  
Sun., April 16 Mike Kuta & Lisa Hamling

### Music

Sat., April 15 Pat Baum & Maggie Smith  
Sun., April 16 Musical Vibes

### Collection Recorders

Sun., April 16 John Moeller & Dave Weidner

### This Week at St. Michael's:

Sun., April 9 \*Happy Easter!  
Tues., April 11 \*KC's Meeting 7:30 p.m.  
Wed., April 12 \*Musical Vibes practice 5:15 p.m.  
\*PRE  
\*1st Communion practice 6:00 p.m.  
Sun., April 16 \*1st Communion

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP

Regular Collection April 2, 2023

Envelopes	\$4,840.00
Children	124.00
Plate	1,486.00
<b>TOTAL STEWARDSHIP</b>	<b>\$6,450.00</b>
Easter flowers	\$980.00

### This Week at St. Michael's School:

Mon., April 10 \*No school  
Wed., April 12 \*Mass at 8:10 a.m. led by 3rd grade

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.

We also offer **ONLINE GIVING** with a debit or credit card. Visit our web site, [stmichaelalbion.com](http://stmichaelalbion.com), and click on the icon.

### Parish Religious Education Calendar:

Wed., April 12 \*PRE & 1st Communion practice  
Wed., April 19 \*PRE  
Wed., April 26 \*PRE Closing Mass 6:30 p.m.

### **Red Cross Blood Drive**

Monday, April 17  
11:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Boone County Fairgrounds - Casey's Building  
Please contact Diane Krings, 402-395-2056, for an appointment or schedule at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org).

### Please remember our parishioners in prayer:

Deloris Rutton, Joe Voboril, Grace Perone,  
Arthur Struebing, Shawna Ranslem, Tracy Hedlund,  
Tiffany & Elijah Preister, 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](mailto:jlporter@archomaha.org).)

### **A reminder about JC Camp**

May 24-28 at Tintern

If you would like to be a counselor, please text Paul Weeder, 402-741-1353.

St. Michael's Parish family would like to welcome Lucas John Seda, son of Tyler & Sarah Seda, who was baptized on March 26.  
May God bless Lucas on his faith journey!

### **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.

**Forever Ours**, a support group for child loss, is being held at **Zion Lutheran Church in Albion**. The group meets monthly on the 2nd Monday of the month. **The next meeting will be held on Monday, April 10 at 7:00 p.m.** This free group is open to parents who have lost a child of any age. The church is located at 319 S 5th Street in Albion. For more information, call Zion Lutheran at 402-395-2043.



# St. Anthony's Parish

## Liturgical Ministries Next Week

### Altar Servers

Sun., April 16 Jarrett Rother & Max Sears

### Ushers

Sun., April 16 Bill Armatys & Tom Schuele

### Lector

Sun., April 16 Clay Moseman

### Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion

Sun., April 16 Joel Scott

### Music

Sun., April 16 Bonnie McPhillips

### Collection Recorders

Sun., April 16 Bill Armatys & Tom Schuele

*“Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.” Colossians 3:2*

Do you put God first in all things? Possessions, money, power, and ego can easily become gods to many of us. Do a quick check of what is important to you. Is God at the very top of the list? If not, your priorities need to be re-adjusted. Don't let earthly things become a god before God. This is also the first commandment - I am the Lord your God, you shall not have any strange gods before me.

### This Week at St. Anthony's:

Sun., April 9 \*Happy Easter!  
Wed., April 12 \*PRE  
Sun., April 16 \*1st Communion  
\*KC's meeting after Mass

### Parish Religious Education Calendar:

Wed., April 12 \*PRE  
Wed., April 19 \*PRE  
Wed., April 26 \*PRE

### Please remember our parishioners in prayer:

Kim Buettner, Jerri Ray, Maxine Choyski, Theresa Koziol,  
Gale & Liz Carder, Dave Langan, Sr.

(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](mailto:jlporter@archomaha.org).)

The Boone County Food Pantry is always in need of monetary assistance. Donations can be left for the Food Pantry account at any of the five grocery stores in Boone County or at Cornerstone Bank in Albion. Checks can be sent to 1690 290th Ave, Albion, NE 68620 or grain can be donated at Country Partners or Cargill in the Food Pantry's name.

The Boone County Food Pantry is open every Thursday from 2-4 p.m. at 1106 W State Street in Albion.

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP

Regular Collection April 2, 2023

Envelopes	\$1,683.00
Plate	288.00
<b>TOTAL STEWARDSHIP</b>	<b>\$1,971.00</b>
Endowment Interest	\$241.04
Easter flowers	407.00

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.

### Spring Meeting of Rural Southwest Deanery

Thursday, April 13  
1:30 p.m.  
Fullerton Parish Hall

**Sunday, April 16 at St. Anthony's**  
First Communion & Kids' Choir sings!

## **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.*

### **Donations were given for Easter flowers at St. Anthony's Parish in memory of...**

Patricia Beister, Lucille Beister, Edward Beister, Francis Beister, and Howard Remm from Jim Beister  
Ed Swerczek family, Joe Choyeski, Ray Choyeski family, and Vic Zuerlein family from Gladys Choyeski  
Harold & Frances Ridder from Paul & Janet Groeteker

The Jarosz families from John & Susie Jarosz

Deceased members of the Jarosz & Reeder families from Tony & Sue Jarosz

Carrol Kennedy and Bud & Micki Zabka from Jim & Lisa Kennedy

Michael Loeffler from Cheryl Loeffler

George Zabka Sr., Josie Zabka, Helen Morris, Mary Ellen Miller, and Josephine Homolka from Jim & Betty Miller

Steve Roan from Andrew Roan

Additional donations were given by Elizabeth French, Jim & Diane Langan, Larry & Mary Jo Miller, Alfons & Maria Kessler, Leo & Jane Rutten, and Jim & Carol Towey.

### **Donations were given for Easter flowers at St. Michael's Parish in memory of...**

Agnes Kuta from Mike & Jacque Kuta

Rudy Starman and Roman & Margie Baum from Pat & Bonnie Baum

Laura DeVries from Brian & Hilary Maricle

Glenn J. Lincoln and Annette Hellbusch from David & Martina Hellbusch

Richard & Eileen Ketteler and Kim Bader from Tom & Connie Ketteler

Ray Prothman, Ed & Molly Prothman, and Gina (Cook) Hanlon from Dave & Jane Prothman

Darwin Bremer, Terry & Pauline McManaman, and Elmer & Josephine Bremer from Teresa Bremer

Myron Benes, Ermin & Dolores Benes, and Henry & Leona Stevens from Karen Benes

Kim Smith and Jeff Bussey from Lonnie & Dawn Smith

Danny & James Berney from Joan Berney

Living & deceased members of John & Joan Smith family from John & Joan Smith

Carmine & Margaret Perone from Chuck & Grace Perone

Bernard, Jerry & Carolyn Seier from Leona Seier

LeRoy & Kristine Dozler, Andrew & Clara Dozler, Don & Ella Mae Cozler, and John & Edith Nordhues from Mary Dozler

Isaac Krebs from Grant & Alyssa Krebs

Bob Shaw from Mary & Judy Shaw

Ardis Sullivan and Kathleen Sullivan from Gene Sullivan

Mark & Joan Knust, Al & Millie Luettel, and Donna Packard from Bob & Nancy Luettel

The Hoppe & Hagemann families from Lyle & Judy Hoppe

Noah Liss and Mark & Joan Knust from Brian & Rita Liss

Audrey Sueper from Richard Sueper

For all those we loved from Ken & Donna Iwan

For our family members who went before us from Kevin & Traci Gragert

Crystal Ranslem, Ann Kruse, and Vernon & Fern Ranslem from Duane & Karen Ranslem

Morrie & Dolly Henn, Elvin & Marilyn Beierman, and Mary Kay Beierman from Keith & Diane Beierman

Jack & Elaine Leifeld and Kathy Palmer from James & Connie Schindel

Leon Martischang and Jim & Charlotte O'Brien from Tim & Amy O'Brien & family

Leo, Helen, Dave, Pat, Jeremy, & Jason Eller and Herman & Mary Fisher from Dave & Jean Fisher

Jim & Charlotte O'Brien, Dick Michael, and Caitria Struebing from Randy & Kim Michael

### **Readings for the week of April 9, 2023**

**Monday:** Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15

**Tuesday:** Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/Jn 20:11-18

**Wednesday:** Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:13-35

**Thursday:** Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:35-48

**Friday:** Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/Jn 21:1-14

**Saturday:** Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/Mk 16:9-15





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