

For the Week 12/21 to 12/28:

12/21	Sunday	3:00 PM	Scottsbluff St. Agnes	Communal Penance Service
	Sunday	6:00 PM	Gering Christ the King	Communal Penance Service
12/22	Monday	6:00-7:00 PM	Bayard	Confessions
	Monday	7:30-8:00 PM	Bridgeport	Confessions
12/23	Tuesday	9:00 AM	Bridgeport	Danny Hollenback, Sr.
	Tuesday	6:00-7:00 PM	Dalton	Confessions
	Tuesday	7:30-8:00 PM	Bridgeport	Confessions
12/24	CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES			
	Wednesday	6:00 PM	Bayard	Intentions of Christmas Flower Donors
	Wednesday	9:00 PM	Bridgeport	World Peace
12/25	CHRISTMAS DAY MASS			
	Thursday	9:00 AM	Dalton	Special Intentions of Father Dave
12/26	Friday	No Service Today		
12/27	FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY			
	Saturday	6:00 PM	Dalton	Elaine Hoppes
12/28	Sunday	8:00 AM	Bayard	For the People of the Parish
	Sunday	10:30 AM	Bridgeport	Mildred Dolson
	Sunday	1:30 PM	Skyview Nursing Home	Non-Denominational Service

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK - - -

As we anticipate the celebration of Christmas this week, why not invite members of your family to attend Mass with you, especially those who have not been active in the Church for awhile. What a kind gesture that would be. I pray that Christmas and the special days of the Christmas Season are the source of many blessings for you and your loved ones. Take time after Mass to point out to your little ones the figures in the manger scene set up at church. May all of us be taken in by the momentous miracle that took place that quiet night in Bethlehem.

As we draw close to the end of Advent, there is still time to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Note above in the schedule the communal Penance Services this Sunday and the individual confessions on Monday and Tuesday. There is nothing to fear. It is free. And it is very therapeutic. Make it your gift to Jesus this Christmas.

Please pick up your box of parish offertory envelopes for 2015. If you desire a box, we will gladly issue a box if you will use it. The donations we make to church or to charity are not just a matter of paying bills, but it is expression above all of our attitude of gratitude to God for his blessings in our lives. It is part of our stewardship. Last years budget at All Souls came to \$70,000, at St. Mary's at \$57,000, and \$39,000 at Sacred Heart Parish.

There are still 2015 Catholic parish calendars available. We are grateful to Joliffe Funeral for providing them free

<p>Sacred Heart</p> <p>PO Box 190 Box 346 Bayard NE 69334-0190 Dalton NE 69131-0346 308-586-1160 308-377-2440</p>	<p>All Souls</p> <p>PO Box 250 Bridgeport NE 69336-0250 C: 308-262-0709 R: 308-262-1332</p>	<p>Saint Mary's</p> <p>PO www.stmarysdalton.com</p>
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of charge to our parishioners.

Those parishioners at Dalton making special donations towards the new lights should make their checks out to St. Mary's with the memo at the bottom marked for the new lights. Just put your check or envelope into the regular collection at Mass, or give it directly to Father Dave. We need to raise \$25,000.

collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious benefits some 35,000 senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests. May God bless you donors for your generosity.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES - The student reports on their Confirmation names is due before Christmas. Get them to your teacher. Also, a reminder for the candidates who have not yet made a retreat experience this year, there is the **TEENS ENCOUNTER CHRIST** weekend coming up in North Platte on Jan. 17th-19th. It begins at 9:30 AM on Saturday and ends at 4:00 PM on Monday. Go to youth.gidiocese.org to register.

BRIDGEPORT STUDENTS CLOTHING DRIVE - Students are asking for donations of lightly used clothing of any kind, such as t-shirts, pants, gloves, hats, etc. There will be a box in the entry of All Souls Church where you can place the items until the end of December. The clothes will be taken to the clothes closet operated by Mimi Linch at the Presbyterian Church. Thank You.

AN UPCOMING WORKSHOP - GROWING AND CULTIVATING A STEWARDSHIP HEART - The Diocese is sponsoring this presentation at several sites around the Diocese. There is one at Alliance Holy Rosary Church on Sat., January 17th from 8:30 to 4:30 PM. There is no cost, and lunch will be provided. They are asking us to pre-register. I strongly encourage you to use this opportunity for spiritual enrichment. I have asked our Council members and Parish Trustees to attend. This is open to all. Please let Father Dave know if you are able to attend.

YOU CAN HELP YOUR MARRIAGE - Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue? Or have you stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it make it only worse? Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriage. This program has helped tens of thousands of couples. For confidential information about or to register for the program weekend on Feb. 20-22, 2015, call 1-888-317-5654 or www.HelpOurMarriage.com on the web.

Sacred Heart

- Cleaning for December - All Members
- Prayer chain requests may be made to Paula Contreras - 586-2992 or Berna O'Neal - 262-9990

All Souls:

- Prayer line requests may be made to JoAnn - 262-0558 or Doreen - 262-1430.
- The rosary is prayed one-half hour before Mass. Please come early and pray.

Saint Mary's:

- The rosary is prayed one-half hour before Mass. Please come early and pray.
- Prayer line requests may be made to Margaret - 377-2420.

Our Gift to God: Last Weekend's Collection:

Accounts	All Souls	St. Mary's	Sacred Heart
Adult	\$604.00	\$747.00	\$235.00
Youth	\$15.00	\$0.00	\$7.00
Plate	\$46.00	\$0.50	\$77.00
SUB-TOTAL	\$665.00	\$747.50	\$319.00
Rent	\$70.00		
Immaculate Conception	\$177.75	\$10.00	
Lighting Project		\$2,500.00	
Stole/Stipend			
Retired Religious Fund	\$150.00	\$178.87	\$174.00
Christmas Flowers	\$25.00		
Christmas Offering	\$20.00		
Appeal			
Building Fund			\$15.00
TOTALS	\$1,107.75	\$3,436.37	\$493.00

