

For the Week 12/28 to 1/4:

12/28	Sunday	1:30 PM	Skyview Nursing Home	Non-Denominational Service
12/29	Monday	No Service		
12/30	Tuesday	9:00 AM	Bridgeport	Ed & Thrasilla McNulty
12/31	Wednesday	NEW YEAR'S EVE - FEAST OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD		
	Wednesday	6:00 PM	Dalton	Rosa Devier
	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Bridgeport	Mike Hall
1/1	Thursday	FEAST OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD		
	Thursday	9:00 AM	Bayard	World Peace
1/2	Friday	No Service Today		
1/3	Saturday	6:00 PM	Bayard	Rodriguez Family
		FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY		
1/4	Sunday	8:00 AM	Dalton	For the People of the Parish
	Sunday	10:30 AM	Bridgeport	Cecil & Agnes Beal

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK - - -**

I extend my heartfelt wishes to you and your loved ones for a happy and above all a blessed Christmas season. And make it a safe Christmas season. Long ago Mother Mary brought the Child Jesus into the world. Likewise, we need to bring Jesus into the world around us by what we say and do. Our families, our society and our world are in need of help. This Sunday we observe the Feast of the Holy Family. Strong marriages and strong family life are essential to the well-being of society. You can help with that.

I wish to thank everyone helping with our special liturgies for this Christmas season. The decorations for the art and environment are really nice. We've had some good workers. And the music ministry at our churches is as usual to be commended. Thank you. I wish to also express my appreciation for your cards, prayers and also gifts. They are much appreciated. And Sophie also appreciated her gifts.

January 1<sup>st</sup> is New Year's Day, and it is also the Feast of Mary, the Mother of God. It is a Holy Day of Obligation for Catholics. Notice the schedule above for Masses on the Eve and also on the Day. At 8:15 PM following the Mass at All Souls there will be our traditional New Year's Eve Party. Sue Wiggins is the hostess with the mostest (in other words, she does a good job). Everyone is welcome to attend. Bring along some finger food to share. You can play "dirty" bingo for prizes, or play cards or a board game if you wish. Please come and enjoy the fun.

I will take four days away after New Year's. There will be a priest to cover Masses for me next weekend.

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

<b>Sacred Heart</b>	<b>All Souls</b>	<b>Saint Mary's</b>
PO Box 190	PO Box 250	PO
Box 346		
Bayard NE 69334-0190	Bridgeport NE 69336-0250	
Dalton NE 69131-0346		
308-586-1160	C: 308-262-0709 R: 308-262-1332	
308-377-2440		
		<a href="http://www.stmarysdalton.com">www.stmarysdalton.com</a>
<b>Pastor: David L. Rykwald</b>		
Bookkeeper/Secretary: Carolyn Gusman		

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 of charge to our parishioners.

Just a reminder to our Confirmation candidates during your school break. Make sure you have your report on your Confirmation name completed and handed in to your teacher. They were due before Christmas.

Parishioners at St. Mary's who have been concerned about the poor lighting at church and many who gave some

input, as well as our trustees and Council members who approved the project, now is the time to step up to the plate with your donations. We are seeking \$25,000. Designate your donation for the lights.

**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-19<sup>th</sup>. It begins at 9:30 AM on Saturday and ends at 4:00 PM on Monday. Go to [youth.giocese.org](http://youth.giocese.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 17<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 to 4:30 PM. There is no cost, and lunch will be provided. 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](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com) on the web.

**Sacred Heart**

- Cleaning for December - Temple, Gonzales, Meter
- 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	\$585.00	\$517.00	\$620.00
Youth	\$25.00	\$8.00	\$5.00
Plate	\$209.00	\$114.00	\$62.00
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>	<b>\$819.00</b>	<b>\$639.00</b>	<b>\$687.00</b>
Insurance	\$100.00		
Immaculate Conception			\$36.00
Lighting Project		\$600.00	
Stole/Stipend			
Retired Religious Fund	\$100.00	\$25.00	
Christmas Flowers	\$75.00	\$135.00	\$70.00
Christmas Offering	\$25.00	\$25.00	
Appeal			
Building Fund			
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$1,119.00</b>	<b>\$1,424.00</b>	<b>\$793.00</b>

