

For the Week of 2/22 to 3/1:

2/23	Monday	Lenten Day of Prayer for Priests in Alliance		
	Monday	6:00 PM	Bridgeport	Stations of Cross followed by Soup Supper
2/24	Tuesday	9:00 AM	Bridgeport	Peter Ardissono
	Tuesday	6:00 PM	Bayard	Stations of Cross followed by Soup Supper
2/25	Wednesday	8:30 AM	Dalton	John Watchorn
2/26	Thursday	9:00 AM	Bayard	Katie Faesser
	Thursday	6:00 PM	Dalton	Stations of Cross followed by Soup Supper
	Thursday	7:00 PM	Dalton	RCIA Class
2/27	Friday	5:30-7:00 PM	Bridgeport	Knights of Columbus Fish Fry
2/28	Saturday	9:00-2:00	Bayard Sacred Heart	Deanery Meeting of DCCW
	Saturday	6:00 PM	Bayard	For the People of the Parish
3/1	Sunday	8:00 AM	Dalton	Collette Schmitt
	Sunday	10:30 AM	Bridgeport	Joe Pohl

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK - - -

We are in the midst of our Annual Diocesan Appeal. I urge your support for the 2015 Appeal. I have always been proud of your response every year. Your stewardship response of returning to God of a portion of what you have been blessed with has always helped us reach our goal. Anything above our goals remains to be used within the parish. Envelopes are available in the foyer at your church. Thank you.

Carol Brown and Becky Watchorn of Dalton St. Mary's are among the Elect at the Rite of Election in Alliance on Saturday, Feb. 21st. They will begin their final preparation for making their Profession of Faith at the Easter Vigil. Remember them in your prayers this Lenten season.

We are beginning our first full week of the Lent. Make it a meaningful one this year. Read your Lenten booklet daily. Take and use a Rice Bowl from CRS for your sacrifices. Take extra time for prayer by attending a weekday Mass or attending the Stations of the Cross or praying the rosary daily. Draw closer to our Lord this Lent.

Please remember in your prayers the persecuted Christians in many parts of the world. There are people dying because of their Christian faith. Many of these are Catholic Christians. All people deserve the right to practice their religious beliefs free of fear.

At our recent Council meeting at St. Mary's it was suggested that at times individual donors to the collection make their checks out to the Savings Building Fund. This would avoid it being counted as "ordinary income" which is subject to the Diocesan assessment tax. Your donations to the lighting fund are not taxed by the Diocese.

Our update on the lighting fixture fund at St. Mary's is that it has reached the \$21,500 amount. We are only \$3,500 from our goal. If you have not already donated, you still have that opportunity. Add your name to our donors or add a

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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		
		www.stmarysdalton.com
Pastor: David L. Rykwald		
Bookkeeper/Secretary: Carolyn Gusman		

memorial to a deceased loved one. A plaque will be created later.

PLEASE OPPOSE LB 586 IN OUR STATE LEGISLATURE - LB 586 would make "sexual orientation" and "gender identity" protected classifications under Nebraska employment laws. Everyone should be treated with respect, but our Catholic institutions should not be forced to hire someone whose lifestyle is contrary to the moral teachings of our Church. There is no exemption provided for the Church in the proposed law. We need to call or email our Senator as soon as possible with the message PLEASE OPPOSE LB 586. Senator Ken Schilz's phone is 402-471-2616. His email is kschilz@leg.ne.gov

PRO-LIFE CONTEST FEB. 23RD THRU MARCH 25TH - There is a poster contest for grades 1 thru 8, while there

is an essay contest for grades 7 thru 11. See your religious education teacher for the information sheet. These are available at all three of our churches. This is sponsored by the Diocese of Grand Island. There are cash prizes for the winners.

LENTEN REGULATIONS - FASTING is required on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by those between the ages of 18 and 60 years. That means one main meal and two small meals and no snacks those days. ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT is required for those 14 years of age and older on all Fridays during Lent.

ASH WEDNESDAY COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC CHURCH IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE- Your donations were much appreciated in helping the Church in this area formerly behind the Iron Curtain. Visit www.uscb.org Search: "Church in Central and Eastern Europe" to learn more.

LENTEN DEVOTIONS - Stations of the Cross will be at 6:00 PM with the Soup Supper to follow at 6:30 PM. The movie series "Catholicism" will be shown at All Souls at 7:00 PM. All Souls' devotions will be on Mondays, Sacred Heart on Tuesdays and St. Mary's on Thursdays, they will begin this week of February 22nd.

STUDY GROUP MEETS ON TUES. IN BAYARD - The group meets on Tuesdays at 9:00 AM at Mary Temple's.

LENTEN FISH FRIES - All Souls Knights have scheduled Fish Fries on Fridays of Feb. 27th and March 20th. Sacred Heart Parish will have a fish fry on Friday, March 13th. Dalton St. Mary's will serve on Friday, March 6th. Served at all will be fried pollock, tater tots, cole slaw, macaroni and cheese, dessert and beverages. Adults will be \$8.00. Children under 14 years will be \$4.00, while those kids under 5 are free.

REST IN PEACE - Please remember the soul of Maria Ybarra in your prayers. She is the mother of Mary Trevino of Sacred Heart Parish in Bayard.

UPCOMING DCCW DEANERY MEETING AT BAYARD SACRED HEART - SAT., FEB. 28th Father Joseph from Alliance Holy Rosary Church will be the keynote speaker. Registration begins at 9:00 AM. There will be a delicious salad luncheon. We will also have time for adoration and Benediction. We will conclude by 2:00 PM.

HOLY LAND OLIVE WOOD ART RETURNING THE WEEKEND OF FEB. 28TH -March 1st. The Palestinian man will be at each of our churches to sell beautiful religious art crafted by Palestinian Christian artisans. You might like to find a special gift for Confirmation or First Communion or a wedding gift. Help the Christians support themselves with your patronage. Thank you.

Sacred Heart

- Cleaning for February - Vera, Sanchez, Acosta
- 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 Teresa - 262-0439.
- 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	\$400.00	\$1,035.00	\$392.00
Youth	\$11.00	\$1.00	\$4.30
Plate	\$313.00	\$72.00	\$20.25
SUB-TOTAL	\$724.00	\$1,108.00	\$416.55
Rent	\$70.00		
Lighting Project		\$50.00	
Stole/Stipend			\$10.00
Refund			
Religious Education		\$20.00	
Appeal	\$1,810.00	\$2,385.00	\$825.00
Building Fund			
TOTALS	\$794.00	\$1,178.00	\$426.55

