

# Sacred Heart

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**MASS TIMES - 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays, Mass will be at Bayard on Saturday at 6:00 pm. Mass will be at Dalton at 8:00 a.m. on Sundays. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays, Mass will be at Dalton on Saturday at 6:00 pm. Mass will be at Bayard at 8:00 a.m. on Sundays.**

For the Week of 12/13 to 12/20:

12/14	Monday	7:00 PM	Bayard	Communal Reconciliation Service
12/15	Tuesday	9:00 AM	Bridgeport	Helen Farro
12/16	Wednesday	8:30 AM	Dalton	Grandma Bess
	Wednesday	6:30 PM	Dalton	Communal Reconciliation Service
12/17	Thursday	9:00 AM	Bayard	Dec. of Gusman Family
12/18	Friday	No Service Today		
12/19	Saturday	6:00 PM	Bayard	For the People of the Parish
	FOURTH SUNDAY of ADVENT SEASON			
12/20	Sunday	8:00 AM	Dalton	Jean Beyer
	Sunday	10:30 AM	Bridgeport	Joe Pohl
	Sunday	11:30 AM	Bridgeport	Communal Reconciliation Service (after Mass)
	Sunday	3:00 PM	Scottsbluff St. Agnes	Communal Reconciliation Service
	Sunday	6:00 PM	Gering Christ the King	Communal Reconciliation Service

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK - - -

As we continue our Advent journey to Bethlehem, we still have time to prepare ourselves spiritually. Our Communal Reconciliation Services are scheduled for this week. It is important that we give ourselves to our Lord this Christmas with souls freed of sin. And bring your children as well. Our Communal Service at Bayard with Father Harr and myself will be Monday at 7:00 PM, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>; at Dalton on Wed., Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 PM with Father Jim Heithoff and myself; and at Bridgeport after Mass on Sunday, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> with Fathers Deaver, Harr and I. These will go quickly. There will be a good Examination of Conscience sheet to help you out.

Confession is an important time to ask God's forgiveness for missing Mass. Missing Mass without a serious reason for our Sunday Obligation and also Holy Days of Obligation continue to be mortal sins. You need to confess this sin if you are to receive Communion worthily.

This Sunday, the 13th, the religious education youngsters at All Souls are presenting their program and concert at the end of Mass with a potluck following in the Parish Center. I really appreciate Kelly Dean's leadership on this.

Since we do not have the gifts for needy children at All Souls any longer, the ladies decided to provide gloves and caps to needy children at school in grades K thru 6. The CCW ladies will forego their usual gift exchange and are asked to donate the five dollars instead for this project. Put the money into an envelope and drop into the 2<sup>nd</sup> collection on Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>. Anyone else is invited to donate as well.

As we enter the last month of this year, we have a major bill to be paid at the end of this month. The Priests' Health Insurance premium is due. It has increased since the average age of our priests has increased. All Souls is responsible to cover \$6,346.80. St. Mary's needs to cover \$5,553.45. Sacred Heart will need to pay \$3,966.75. It will be much appreciated if you help with a special donation to raise the funds to cover this bill. Thank you.

Again a reminder that the electronic transfer from your bank of your donation to the church is possible. It is a convenience that helps you support your parish when you are away. Staff at the Farmers Bank in Bridgeport can help you with this service. There is no fee to you for this service, and Farmers Bank will waive the fee for the church if it goes through that bank.

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY HAS BEGUN - Pope Francis opened The Jubilee Doors at St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican on Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> thus beginning the Jubilee Year. There will also be Jubilee Doors at the cathedral of each diocese,

including at St. Mary's Cathedral in Grand Island. A plenary indulgence will be available for yourself or for a soul in Purgatory if you make a pilgrimage to the Cathedral and the Jubilee doors. For information on how you can observe this special Jubilee Year of Mercy read the brochure distributed at Mass or available in the foyer of church. The last Jubilee Year was in 2000 to mark the beginning of the new Millennium.

Father has a very limited supply of the Magnificat booklet for a day-to-day observance of the Jubilee Year. These are available at cost in the amount of \$6.00 to be paid to Father Dave.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS COLLECTION TODAY - In the U.S. today there are more than 33,000 senior Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests. These religious gave their service in our Catholic schools, hospitals and agencies, usually for little or no pay. As a result, many religious communities do not have adequate savings for retirement and eldercare. Your gift can help provide medications, nursing care and more. Please respond.

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS - There has been a nice response so far in collecting food items at St. Mary's. Thank you. Our donations will be taken to Sidney St. Patrick's Food Pantry to help those in need. Likewise there were many items donated by Sacred Heart Youth Group. These items are being given to the Pantry for Morrill County sponsored by the Bridgeport Ministerial Association. Thank you all.

ST MARY'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM NEXT SUNDAY - The youngsters will have a program at the end of our Mass next Sunday, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>. There will be a brunch following in the Hall. For years Kathy Watchorn has taken charge of this effort. This is much appreciated.

NEBRASKA FAMILY HELPLINE - Call 1-888-866-8660. One phone call can now connect Nebraska families to the help they need when dealing with their children's behavioral health problems.

CHRISTMAS MASSES - Masses on Christmas Eve this year will be on Thursday at 6:00 PM at Dalton and 9:00 PM at Bridgeport. Christmas Day Mass will be on Friday at Bayard at 9:00 AM. Remember to bring your hand bells to Mass.

## 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 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.
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## Our Gift to God: Last Weekend's Collection:

Accounts	All Souls	St. Mary's	Sacred Heart
Adult	\$1,237.00	\$347.00	\$635.00
Youth	\$27.00	\$2.00	\$4.25
Plate	\$138.00	\$50.00	\$26.00
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,402.00</b>	<b>\$399.00</b>	<b>\$665.25</b>
Immaculate Conception	\$20.00		\$5.00
Campaign Human Dev.	\$5.00		
Candle Money	\$25.32		
Retired Religious Fund			\$5.00
Mass Stipends			
Christmas Flowers	\$50.00		\$15.00
Christmas Offering	\$120.00		\$15.00
Appeal			
Building Fund	\$191.00	\$15.00	\$25.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$1,622.32</b>	<b>\$399.00</b>	<b>\$705.25</b>

