



St. Mary's Church
Dalton, NE 69131



All Souls' Church
Bridgeport, NE 69336



Sacred Heart Church
Bayard, NE 69334

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Dear Sisters, Brothers, and Children in Jesus Christ,

The feel of Christmas is already in the air. The decorated lamps, Christmas trees, nativity sets all have found a place in our homes and yards. However, Christmas is yet 3 weeks away from now. The Church gives us a time of preparation, namely the season of advent, for the commemoration of this great event – the birth of Jesus.

There is an often-quoted question, used by preachers: "Even if Jesus is born in a thousand mangers, if he does not find a place in my heart, what good is it for me?" It often scares me to think that we can have all the Christmas parties and dinners without ever even giving a thought to Christ who was born poor in our midst. He became a human in order that we humans could try to be divine like him, following his footsteps.

One of the ways we could get ready for the celebration of Christmas is to try to do at least one act of charity every day. It could be helping someone in need, saying a word of appreciation, consoling someone in pain etc. etc. And we don't need to go in search of people who need our help, concern, and care. They are all around us – in our family, school, work place, parish community.

"I hear the Lord passing by..." is a beautiful song by Tim Sheppard. It will be very sad if the Lord passes by me and goes somewhere else merely because I don't care to open my door and welcome him to come into my home, my heart, my life. In the hurry burry and busyness of the celebrations, I might even forget that I am supposed to be welcoming my Lord into my life.

In our parishes, we shall incorporate the Christmas novena during masses and community gatherings, so we could make a little effort to prepare spiritually for the great celebration of Christ's nativity. Let us also make use of the opportunities for the sacrament of reconciliation so that our hearts could be prepared for his coming.

Yours in Christ Jesus,

Fr. C. P. Varghese

Pastor

Kindly take note of the following:

- 1) Kindly see the schedule for reconciliation services and masses on days of obligation (Immaculate Conception & Christmas).
- 2) During advent season, novena in preparation for Christmas will be incorporated into mass and community gatherings.
- 3) Volunteers are required to work at Food Pantry (Bridgeport) on Thursdays in December 2017.

MASS SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

Date	Day	Time	Place	Intention
12/04	Monday	No Mass Today		
12/05	Tuesday	6.00 PM	Bridgeport	Chris Wise & Andrew Lummel
12/06	Wednesday	6.30 PM	Bridgeport	Children's Reconciliation Service
12/07	Thursday	6.00 PM	Dalton	Richard & Tyler Van Anne
12/08	Friday	7.00 AM	Bridgeport	Immaculate Conception
12/08	Friday	6.00 PM	Bayard	Lawrence Sanchez
12/09	Saturday	5.00 PM	Bridgeport	Joe Pohl
12/10	Sunday	8.00 AM	Bayard	Mr. & Mrs. Joe E Lopez
12/10	Sunday	11.00 AM	Dalton	Dec. of Brown & Vallier Families

**ALL SOULS
701 P STREET
BRIDGEPORT NE 69336**

OCT/NOV/DEC MASS TIME

Tuesday—6:00 PM
Saturday—5:00 PM

Community Gathering

December 05

**St. Francis Assisi
Bernard & Kay Miller,
10073 Road 101, Bridgeport
(308-262-0181)**

OUR GIFTS TO GOD & CHURCH

ADULTS	\$682.00
CHILDREN	\$.00
PLATE	\$102.00
SUBTOTAL	\$682.00
MASS STIPENDS	
RESALE REL. ART.	
CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEV.	\$100.00
TOTAL	\$782.00
BUILDING FUND	
APPEAL	

- A special mass on Sunday, Dec 10th at 6.00 PM to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.
- Christmas music practice has begun. It's on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm after CCD. Please join in.
- Prayer Line requests may be made to Carolyn-262-0453 or Teresa-262-0439.
- Remember the ASCCW Christmas party on Monday, Dec. 4. Please bring a salad, wear your sweater, and fuzzy socks to exchange.

**SACRED HEART
942 AVE B
BAYARD NE 69334**

OCT/NOV/DEC MASS TIME

Friday – 6:00 PM
Sunday – 8:00 AM

Community Gathering

December 08

**St. Leo
Ronald & Sharon Hoffman
602 2nd Avenue, Bayard
(308-586-2156)**

OUR GIFTS TO GOD & CHURCH

ADULTS	\$231.00
CHILDREN	\$21.25
PLATE	\$602.00
SUBTOTAL	\$854.25
MASS STIPEND	\$15.00
RESALE REL. ART.	
TOTAL	\$869.25
BUILDING FUND	
APPEAL	

- Coffee & Rolls after Dec 24th Mass
- Carry in potluck after mass on Jan 14th, 2017.
- Prayer line requests may be made to Paula Contreras 308-586-2992.
- Cleaning for December: All Parish Members.
- Remember the ASCCW Christmas party on Monday, Dec. 4. Please wear your sweater, and bring fuzzy socks to exchange.

**SAINT MARY'S
EAST FRANCIS ST
DALTON NE 69131**

www.stmarysdalton.com

OCT/NOV/DEC MASS TIME

Thursday – 6:00 PM
Sunday – 11:00 AM

Community Gathering

December 07

**St. Boniface
Kristin Linton,
5261 Road 105, Dalton
(308-249-6874)**

OUR GIFTS TO GOD & CHURCH

ADULT	\$745.00
CHILDREN	
PLATE	\$46.84
SUBTOTAL	\$791.84
MASS STIPEND	
RESALE REL. ART.	
CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEV.	\$50.00
TOTAL	\$841.84
BUILDING FUND	
APPEAL	\$100.00

- Prayer line requests may be made to DeAnn Ernest – 249-1735.
- The rosary is prayed ½ hour before Mass. Please come early and pray.
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