



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,

In the first reading of today's liturgy we read the prophecy of Isaiah: "The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners...." (Is 61:1 ff). One day, it was this text that was given to Jesus to read at the synagogue. After he finished reading it, he said, "Today as you listened, this prophecy has been fulfilled" (Luke 4:21). What does it mean? It means that Jesus came exactly to do whatever the prophet had foretold of him in this text, several centuries before his birth.

Going further therefore, if Jesus came into the world primarily to bring good news to the poor, to heal the broken hearted and to give liberty to the captives and prisoners, somehow we, his disciples, ought to do the same in our lifetime – at least try making efforts to do what our master did during his life. We need to bring good news to people around us. The good news comes to a hungry person in the form of food. The good news to a broken heart is perhaps a word of consolation. A comforting word could be a means of healing for many. Forgiveness shown to the erring persons may be an instrument for their liberation.

Often in our lives, we could be doing just the opposite of what the Lord did in his lifetime. We could be pointing our finger at people for their mistakes. We could be cursing people who offend us. We could be justifying the hunger experienced by the poor for their apparent irresponsible planning in life. These are excuses that are not acceptable in the sight of the Lord.

Advent is a time of invitation to try doing what the Lord is asking us to do as true to our name, namely, CHRISTIANS.

Yours in Christ Jesus,

Fr. C. P. Varghese

Pastor

Kindly take note of the following:

- 1) The schedule for next weekend masses will be as usual. The Christmas mass times are as follows:
Bridgeport – Sunday, Dec 24: 7 PM, Dalton – Sunday, Dec 24: 10 PM, Bayard – Monday, Dec 25: 8 AM
- 2) Participation in both weekend mass and Christmas mass is obligatory (It is not an 'either or').
- 3) Kindly cooperate with all those who are taking up leadership in music, decoration and other ministries.
- 4) Please follow the schedule of ministries for Christmas Liturgy.

MASS SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

Date	Day	Time	Place	Intention
12/18	Monday	No Mass Today		
12/19	Tuesday	6.00 PM	Bridgeport	John Seng
12/20	Wednesday	6.30 PM	Dalton	Reconciliation Service
12/21	Thursday	6.00 PM	Dalton	Deceased of Kettler Family
12/22	Friday	6.00 PM	Bayard	Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Vera
12/23	Saturday	5.00 PM	Bridgeport	Mary Jansa
12/24	Sunday	8.00 AM	Bayard	Kathleen Vasquez
12/24	Sunday	11.00 AM	Dalton	Deceased of Kettler Family

ALL SOULS
701 P STREET
BRIDGEPORT NE 69336

JAN/FEB/MAR - MASS TIME

Tuesday—6:00 PM
Sunday—8:00 PM

Community Gathering
December 19 (?)
St. Sebastian

OUR GIFTS TO GOD & CHURCH

ADULTS	\$150.00
CHILDREN	\$2.00
PLATE	\$114.00
SUBTOTAL	\$266.00
MASS STIPEND	
RESALE REL. ART	
RETIRED RELIGIOUS	\$30.00
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION	\$193.00
TOTAL	\$489.00
BUILDING FUND	
APPEAL	

- Prayer line requests may be made to Carolyn-262-0453 or Teresa-262-0439
- Christmas music practice has begun. It's on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm after CCD. Please join in.



SACRED HEART
942 AVE B
BAYARD NE 69334

JAN/FEB/MAR - MASS TIME

Friday – 6:00 PM
Sunday – 10:30 AM

Community Gathering
December 22
St. Augustine
Daniel & Janet Dailey
10659 RD 81, Bayard
(308-641-3380)

OUR GIFTS TO GOD & CHURCH

ADULTS	\$389.00
CHILDREN	
PLATE	\$176.00
SUBTOTAL	\$565.00
MASS STIPEND	
RESALE REL. ART	
RETIRED RELIGIOUS	\$94.00
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION	\$70.00
CHRISTMAS	\$10.00
CHRISTMAS FLOWERS	\$10.00
TOTAL	\$749.00
BUILDING FUND	\$10.00
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 Families

SAINT MARY'S
EAST FRANCIS ST
DALTON NE 69131

www.stmarysdalton.com

JAN/FEB/MAR - MASS TIME

Thursday – 6:00 PM
Saturday – 5:00 PM

Community Gathering
December 21
St. Isidore
Kyle & Kathy Watchorn
716 Elm St, Dalton
(308-377-2521)

OUR GIFTS TO GOD & CHURCH

ADULTS	\$235.00
CHILDREN	
PLATE	\$62.00
SUBTOTAL	\$297.00
MASS STIPEND	
RESALE REL. ART	
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION	\$89.50
RETIRED RELIGIOUS	\$200.00
CHRISTMAS FLOWERS	\$20.00
TOTAL	\$676.50
BUILDING FUND	\$270.00
APPEAL	

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

