



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,

"A family that prays together stays together" (Patrick Payton).

Today (Sunday, December 31, 2017), the Church celebrates the feast of Holy Family of Nazareth, a model for all Christian families. We see in there a just man Joseph being the head of the family, Mary the mother who pondered everything in her heart and the boy Jesus who grew up in virtue and wisdom being obedient to his parents. This is the model for all the families even today.

It is not likely that a family that spends time to pray together can go on separate ways disintegrating itself after a while. The members of a believing family face problems and difficulties of daily life with courage and Christian resignation. Such courage and strength are derived from moments of prayer that they spend together. Unfortunately, these days for most families, there is sufficient time at their disposal for entertainments – sports, games, and parties but not enough time for Prayer, Church, and Sacraments. May be there are some of us who think that the minimum requirements to meet up to be part of a Church is what is needed. But I dare to say, if we do not set our priorities right, be sure that we are likely to crumble down may be even sooner than we imagine or expect it to happen.

Jesus tells us to build our homes on solid rocky foundations. What does that mean? It means that our value system need to correspond to that of Jesus which he preached in the gospels. If we don't do take pain to follow the gospel path, it sure will overtake us some day. Let us not brood over the spilt milk when it happens. In this new year 2018, it is my desire as your pastor, that we all make a firm resolution to continually build strong foundations of lasting family relationships where unity, harmony, understanding and peace will prevail. Let our first goal be a continued acceptance of Christ and his gospel as our way of life; And everything else shall be treated secondary to it.

Yours in Christ Jesus,

Fr. C. P. Varghese

Pastor

Kindly take note of the following:

- 1) On January 1<sup>st</sup>, every year we celebrate the solemnity of Mary, Mother of God which is usually a day of obligation in the Church. This year, USCCB (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops) has decided it NOT A DAY OF OBLIGATION. However, there will be a mass on that day 9.30 AM at Bridgeport. All are welcome to participate in it.
- 2) We are introducing a holy hour at 5.00 PM on First Friday of every month at Sacred Heart, Bayard starting from January 2018. Please consider spending one hour (5 PM to 6 PM) in front of the Blessed Sacrament, exposed.

**MASS SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK**

Date	Day	Time	Place	Intention
01/01	Monday	9.30 AM	Bridgeport	New Year Mass
01/02	Tuesday	6.00 PM	Bridgeport	Family of David & Peggy Backer
01/03	Wednesday	No Mass Today		
01/04	Thursday	6.00 PM	Dalton	Duncan Hackworth
01/05	Friday	6.00 PM	Bayard	Rick Hernandez
01/06	Saturday	5.00 PM	Dalton	Deceased of Janicek Family
01/07	Sunday	8.00 AM	Bridgeport	Joe Pohl
01/07	Sunday	10.30 AM	Bayard	Donna Mark & Family

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

**JAN/FEB/MAR - MASS TIME**

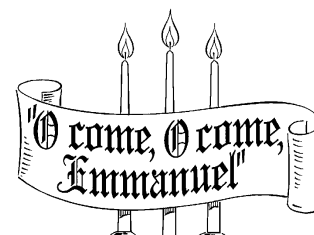
Tuesday—6:00 PM  
Sunday—8:00 AM

**Community Gathering  
January 2  
St. Francis Assisi  
Mary Pohl  
10258 Road 99, Bridgeport  
(308-262-0276)**

**OUR GIFTS TO GOD & CHURCH**

ADULTS	\$304.00
CHILDREN	\$14.83
PLATE	\$102.25
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$421.08</b>
MASS STIPEND	\$160.00
CHRISTMAS	\$1703.00
CAMP. HUMAN DEV.	\$20.00
CHRISTMAS FLOWERS	\$20.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2324.08</b>
BUILDING FUND	
APPEAL	

- Eucharistic Adoration on Jan 5 (First Friday) from 8 AM to 4 PM.
- Prayer line requests may be made to Carolyn-262-0453 or Teresa-262-0439



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

**JAN/FEB/MAR - MASS TIME**

Friday – 6:00 PM  
Sunday – 10:30 AM

**Community Gathering  
January 5  
St. John Paul II  
John & Karen Araujo  
112, E 12<sup>th</sup> St, Bayard  
(308-586-1950)**

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BUILDING FUND	
APPEAL	
INTEREST FROM DIOCESE SAVINGS	\$486.60

- There will be one hour of Eucharistic adoration on First Friday (Jan 5) from 5 PM to 6 PM.
- Carry in potluck after mass on Jan 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018.
- Prayer line requests may be made to Paula Contreras 308-586-2992.

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

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**JAN/FEB/MAR - MASS TIME**

Thursday – 6:00 PM  
Saturday – 5:00 PM

**Community Gathering  
January 4  
Little Flower  
James & Carolyn Schmitt  
Dalton  
(308-377-2240)**

**OUR GIFTS TO GOD & CHURCH**

ADULTS	\$1190.00
CHILDREN	\$0
PLATE	\$58.00
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$1248.00</b>
MASS STIPEND	\$50.00
CHRISTMAS	\$1143.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2441.00</b>
BUILDING FUND	
APPEAL	\$50.00
INTEREST FROM DIOCESE SAVINGS	\$350.00

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

