



*St. Mary's Catholic Church  
Windthorst, TX*

**St. Mary's / St.  
Boniface  
Vision Statement**

To serve Christ and  
promote  
His teachings  
through Worship,  
Education,  
Training, Service,  
and  
Community  
Involvement



*St. Boniface Catholic Church  
Scotland, TX*

**Father Michael Moloney, O. F. S., Parochial Administrator, and  
Donald Brown, Deacon**

**Mailing Address for Both Churches**

PO Box 230, Windthorst, Texas 76389  
Phone (940) 423-6687 \* Fax (940) 423-6657  
Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9 am-5 pm  
[www.stmarysstboniface.org](http://www.stmarysstboniface.org)

**General Information**

**BAPTISMAL PREPARATION**

on the **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday** of the month at 8:45 A.M.  
contact the office for dates and to register for classes

**Marriage Preparation**

contact the office at least **six to nine months prior** to  
wedding date

**RCIA**

contact Florence Anderle @ 423-6310 or 423-6271

**Funerals**

in the case of a death in the family, please contact the  
office as soon as possible.

**Ministry to the Sick**

contact the office immediately if you know of anyone  
who is sick, hospitalized or home-bound

**Confession**

St. Mary's every Saturday 4:00 – 4:40 pm and  
every Wednesday after evening Mass.  
(or by appointment at the office.)  
St. Boniface – First Saturday from 3:15 – 3:45 p.m.

**Hispanic Ministry**

Tuesday & Thursday in Convent  
Call Oscar or Alma Contreras at 423-6918 or 940-224-8183

**Mass Schedule for the Week**

**Our Lady of Guadalupe**

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| <b>Sunday</b><br><b><u>4:30 pm</u></b>                            | † | <b>December 11 – St. Mary's</b><br>Deacon Andres Luna by Barron Family                   |
| <b>Monday</b><br><b><u>6:30 pm</u></b>                            | † | <b>December 12 – St. Mary's</b><br>Timothy Berend by Geraldine Lindemann                 |
| <b>Wednesday</b><br><b><u>7:00 pm</u></b>                         | † | <b>December 14 – St. Mary's</b><br>Louise Conrady by Ralph Veitenheimers                 |
| <b>Thursday</b><br><b><u>8:15 am</u></b>                          | † | <b>December 15 – St. Boniface</b><br>Reinhold Lindemann<br>by Anna Me Veitenheimer       |
| <b>Friday</b><br><b><u>7:25 am</u></b>                            | † | <b>December 16 – St. Mary's</b><br>Bill Hoffman by Butch Humperts                        |
| <b>Saturday</b><br><b><u>5:00 pm</u></b><br><b><u>7:00 pm</u></b> | † | <b>December 17 – St. Mary's</b><br>Mazie Berend by Family<br>Parishioners (Spanish Mass) |
| <b>Sunday</b><br><b><u>8:00 am</u></b>                            | † | <b>December 18 - St. Boniface</b><br>Kathie Hilbers by Albert & Family                   |
| <b>Sunday</b><br><b><u>10:00 am</u></b>                           | † | <b>December 18 - St. Mary's</b><br>Jerry Schroeder by Mary Ann Schroeder                 |

**ST. MARY'S MINISTERS**  
**Monday Dec. 12, 2016 – Sunday Dec. 18, 2016**

**HOSPITALITY**

Sat. 5:00 pm James & Deana Vieth  
 Sun. 10:00 am Reagan & Alex Veitenheimer

**LECTORS**

Mon. 6:30 pm Gloria Schroeder  
 Wed. 7:00 pm Gina Wolf  
 Fri. 7:25 am Michael Schroeder  
 Sat. 5:00 pm Suzette Schreiber & Skylar Veitenheimer  
 Sun. 10:00 am Weston Schlumpf & Marsha Frazier

**SERVERS**

Wed. 7:00 pm Caleb & Conner Schroeder  
 Thur. 7:25 am Divine Mercy Chaplet  
 Fri. 7:25 am Bri Hoff, Koen Sternadel  
 Sat. 5:00 pm Kyle & Andrew Scheffe, Kensley Vieth  
 Sun. 10:00 am Sadie Anderle, Breanae Hoff & Clay Hoff

**MINISTERS OF COMMUNION**

Sat. 5:00 pm Jay Pope/Hosts, Cheryl Pope/Hosts, Arthur Litteken, Diane Schroeder, Michael Schroeder, June Schroeder, Tracy Schreiber/Hosts Choir, Brooke Schreiber/Choir  
 Sun. 10:00 am Trissa Berend/Hosts, Dawn Vieth/Hosts, Emily McCann, Jean Berend, Tommy Schlumpf III, Shelley Schlumpf, Sherry Berend/Hosts Choir, Max Anderle/Choir

**USHERS**

Sat. 5:00 pm Doug Wolf, Jerry Anderle, James Vieth, Mason Vieth  
 Sun. 10:00 am Donnie & Jesse Fleitman, Jay Meurer, Trey Berend

**GIFT BEARERS**

Sat. 5:00 pm Ricky & Whitney Schreiber  
 Sun. 10:00 am Tammy Schroeder Family

**COMMUNION MINISTERS TO THE SICK**

Sun. Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> Jerry Anderle & Diane Schroeder  
 Sun. Dec 25<sup>th</sup> Mike Schreiber

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY LEADERS**

Sun. Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> JoAnn Wolf & Diane Hubbard  
 Sun. Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> **No Children's Liturgy Today.**

**MONEY COUNTERS**

Mon. Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> Alfred Berend Jr., Margaret Schroeder, JoAnn Hoff

**SUPPORT**-Sunday Envelopes \$7307.75, Loose \$441.00, Children \$18.75, Building Fund \$70.00, Mission \$25.00, Human Development \$35.00.

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**Monday Dec. 12, 2016 - Sunday Dec. 18, 2016**

**HOSPITALITY**

Sun. 8:00 am Jerry & Margaret Smith

**LECTOR**

Sun. 8:00 am Patrick Idell

**SERVERS**

Sun. 8:00 am Landon & Abby Brown

**MINISTERS OF COMMUNION**

Sun. 8:00 am Keith & Cindy Teichman, Alyssa Teichman, Debbie Rodgers

**USHERS**

Sun. 8:00 am Joe Hoff & Lyndon Teichman

**GIFT BEARERS**

Sun. 8:00 am Grady Schenk Jr. Family

**MONEY COUNTERS**

Sun. Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> Arthur Hemmi, Sis Smith, Donna Tettleton

**SUPPORT** – Sunday Envelopes \$1310.00, Loose \$112.00, Children \$3.00, Immaculate Conception \$10.00.

**ST. MARY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SANCTUARY LIGHT** will burn this week in memory of my classmate, Pauline Cassidy, as requested by Frances Hoffman.

**CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS:** Mary Ann Schroeder will receive the Chalice on **December 18<sup>th</sup> at the 10:00 a.m. Mass.** She, as well as all of us, is asked to pray for vocations.

12-24 Butch & Pat Humpert 4:00 p.m. Mass  
 12-31 Lester & Florence Anderle 5:00 p.m. Mass

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> – Adoration, Benediction, Devotion 6:00 p.m. Mass 7:00 p.m. Wednesday evening Adoration Intentions: Unity in the Church.**

**WEEKLY WEDNESDAY ADORATION INTENTIONS:**

- First Week for Respect for Human Life.**
- Second Week for Unity in the Church.**
- Third Week for Vocations.**
- Fourth Week for World Peace.**
- Fifth Week for the Intentions of the Holy Father.**

**ENVELOPES** – The stewardship envelopes for 2017 are ready for you to pick up in the back of Church. In anyone has been overlooked please notify the office at 423-6687.

**ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES: All services at 7:00 pm**

- December 12 - St. Jude Burkburnett**
- December 14 - Our Lady of Guadalupe**
- December 16 - Our Lady Queen of Peace**
- December 22 - Sacred Heart Wichita Falls.**

**WINDTHORST SENIOR CITIZENS** meet **Tuesday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>** in the K. C. Hall at 11:30 for lunch and games.

**CHURCH NURSERY-** The church nursery is open for ages 1 – 3 years of age. **Drop off time starts at 9:30 a.m. for Sunday 10:00 a. m. Mass ONLY.**

**SECOND COLLECTION ON DECEMBER 10/11** will be for the Retired Religious. Your gift provides vital support for senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Your help is appreciated.

**CHOIR PRACTICE –** We will have a short Choir Practice, **Today, Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.** to get our voices ready for Christmas. All are welcome to join us.

**ST. MARY'S FINANCE COUNCIL** meet **Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup>** after Mass.

**ST. MARY'S 3<sup>RD</sup> DEGREE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** meet **Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>** after Mass.

**C.D.A. #296** will hold their December monthly meeting and Christmas party on **Wednesday evening, December 14**, after Mass and novena (Approx 7:45 p.m.) in the Parish Hall Meeting Room. **PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A DATE CHANGE!** All members are encouraged to attend and if you wish, bring along a refreshment treat for the party. Please do bring 30 items for the Christmas baskets we will be filling to distribute in the community for Christmas and don't forget your Secret Pal if you participated in that project. This will be our last meeting before the Anniversary Celebration on New Year's Day. Signed, Jean Berend Regent.

**J.C.D.A. – THE JUNIORETTES** will meet after school in the Convent until 5:00 p.m. on **Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**. We will be traveling to the Archer City Nursing Home to visit and sing Christmas Carols for their residents!

**ST. MARY'S 125<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION WILL BE JUNE 9, 10, 11, 2017. MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

**125<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY POSTCARDS** in back of Church. Take as many as you want. Send and give to friends and family. Invite, Invite, Invite! The More the Merrier.

### **CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED ON TUESDAYS!**

**LECTORS – The workbooks for the new church year have arrived. Please pick up your copy from the Sacristy in your respective Church. Thank you.**

**PRAYER PARTNERS NEEDED!** The Confirmation Class are needing many prayers as they prepare to receive this sacrament. If you are interested in being a prayer partner for one of these candidates, please call Mary Wolf at 423-6728.

**ANGEL TREE FOR RESIDENTS OF UNIVERSITY PARK MANOR IN WICHITA FALLS:** St. Mary's will once again sponsor an angel giving tree for 75 of the residents that reside in University Park Manor. The angels show a generalized list, you do not have to get everything that is listed. Please purchase item or items and return the gift bag by the Christmas Tree. Please attach the angel on the outside of the gift bag. It would be most helpful to return gifts as soon as you can. **The gifts need to be delivered no later than December 18, 2016.** We need time to have the gifts delivered so the staff has the chance to label or mark all items with the resident's name. Please no aerosol cans, only the pump kind for any of body sprays, hair sprays etc. All deodorants should be the roll on or stick kind. Not all of these residents have families that can provide some of the basic items or extra special treats that we take for granted. We are truly blessed to live in our community where we are looked after by family and friends. Your generosity to these residents is most appreciated. Each person would love to receive a Christmas card mailed to them in care of University Park Manor, 4511 Coronada Ave., Wichita Falls, Texas 76310. If you have any questions contact Joyce Vieth at 940-423-6404 or Darla Schroeder at 940-423-6363.

**ST. MARY'S CHRISTMAS FLOWERS –** It is time to once again think about decorating our church for the Christmas season. Donation to remember or honor a loved one this year is \$9.00 per poinsettia. Please send in as soon as possible. **The last day to place your order is noon on Friday, December 16.** Thank you in advance for your generosity!

**BAPTISMS:** Baptisms are held once a month on a rotating basis. Alternating months the baptisms will be done during the Sunday Mass and the next month the baptisms will be on a Sunday after the Mass. Baptisms will be held on the following dates:

Jan. 8, 2017      Inside Sunday Mass

Feb. 12, 2017    Outside Mass

No Baptisms during Advent or Lent unless an emergency.

**PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!** January 1, 2017 is the opening day of a yearlong celebration of the 125<sup>th</sup> birthday of St. Mary's Catholic Church. On Sunday, January 1, 2017, a mass will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. by Bishop Michael Olsen at St. Mary's followed by a meal in the Parish Hall. The meal will be free of charge to those who would like to attend.

There will be historical displays set up by St. Mary's and present day parish affiliated organizations, i.e., Knights of Columbus, Catholic Daughters of America, and Christian Mothers Society. Also, we have gathered items from organizations that are no longer active such as the St. Joseph's Society, the Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) and the Sodality.

Please help us in our effort to have our displays as complete as possible. If you have in your possession or know of someone who may have any old record books, financial records, recorded meeting minutes, scrapbooks, pictures or any other type of memorabilia of the aforementioned inactive organizations, please contact us. We have CYO minutes and members roll beginning in 1957 through March 20, 1970. We are not sure the last year the organization met as the CYO but, if anyone has this information, please contact Vicki Neeb at 423-6626 or Ann Hertel at 423-6542.

**ST. MARY'S IMPROVEMENT FUND** – Many thanks to John & Maxine Veitenheimer for their generous donation to the Improvement Fund In Memory of Margie Reeves. It is appreciated.

**FOUND –** A black men's jacket left in parish hall after the Hoffman Bereavement Meal. Call Stella at 423-6395.

## **ST. BONIFACE'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SANCTUARY LIGHT**—will burn this week for the improved health of Elmer Olson as requested by Jerry and Margaret Smith.

**ST. BONIFACE 7-DAY LIGHTS:** Special Intention by Donor; For Special Intention by Donor; For Peace, Our Members by St. Boniface Christian Mothers' Society; Living & Deceased Members & Relatives of Catholic Life Insurance Branch #36.

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**ANGEL TREE FOR THE NURSING CENTER IN ARCHER CITY:** The Angel Tree Gifts for the Nursing Center are due today (Sunday December 11<sup>th</sup>). The gifts will be taken to Archer City right after Mass for the party which will be held on Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 A.M. Everyone is invited to come to the Activity Room at the Archer Nursing Center for the celebration. Residents of the Center do appreciate your thoughtfulness during this holiday season. The residents love receiving mail, so please mail your angel a Christmas care to Archer Nursing Center, P.O. Box 786, Archer City, Texas 76351. Thanks to each of you. Frances.

**THE ST. BONIFACE ALTAR SOCIETY CHRISTMAS PARTY AND DECEMBER MEETING** will be held **Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>** at 2:00 o'clock PM at the home of Margaret and Jerry Smith. All members and spouses, or anyone interested in joining or helping the Altar Society, please come and enjoy the fun and fellowship. Bring a covered dish or snack for all to share, and a \$15 gift if you wish to participate in the fun and spirited gift exchange game. Hope to see you there for this fun time.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR BOTH PARISHES

**CONFESSIONS: Confessions on First Saturday afternoon at St. Boniface.** – Father Michael will have Confessions every Saturday afternoon from 4:00 – 4:40 at St. Mary's, and on Wednesdays after evening Mass at St. Mary's. Confessions at St. Boniface will be on the first Saturday of the month from 3:15 to 3:45 pm. If you are unable to make those times, please call the office at 423-6687 or e-mail Father Michael at [mmoloney@comcell.net](mailto:mmoloney@comcell.net) for a time convenient for both you and Fr. Michael.

**APPOINTMENTS WITH FATHER MICHAEL** – If you have a concern and wish to visit with Fr. Michael, please call the office for an appointment. Or you may e-mail Father at [mmoloney@comcell.net](mailto:mmoloney@comcell.net).

**THE PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE** will be in the home of **Bernard & Pat Scheffe** the week of **December 18<sup>th</sup>**. They are asked to pray for world peace, military, and vocations.

12-25 Lester & Florence Anderler

1-1 Joey & Gail Schroeder

**NOTE:** Those people going for elective surgeries in the coming weeks are encouraged to consider coming to **Confession** on Saturday afternoon (4:00 – 4:40) and return for an **Anointing** of the sick following Mass.

**C.C.D. CLASSES FOR 6<sup>TH</sup> THROUGH 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE** are on Wednesday evenings starting at 5:45 p.m.

**OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE** – On Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> there will be a **Spanish Mass at St. Mary's at 4:30 p.m. in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Following the Mass there will be Mexican Dinner available to everyone in the Parish Hall.** The meal will be **FREE**. Everyone is encouraged to come and celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

A donation box will be available at the Hall at Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration to help with the cost of the celebration.

**V.F.W. LADIES AUXILIARY** – The Scotland-Windthorst Post #2676 will meet downstairs in the Windthorst K. C. Hall **Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 p.m.

**V. F. W.** will meet **Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 p.m. in the K. C. Hall.

### THANK YOU NOTES:

“Thank you so much to all of my fellow parishioners, friends, family and all concerned on my recent accident. Thanks for all of the 7-day lights, prayers, food, visits, ride along requests and help in anyway. I've heard in the past from others how generous and caring the people from our community and surrounding towns really are. The prayers are working and I have FAITH in GOD that He will take care of me. God Bless each and every one of you and always live your Faith. Thanks Again, Love you all, from Tom Hoff. GOD IS GOOD!!”

“We would like to thank all who have shown love and support during this difficult time! All the prayers, food, flowers, visits, lights and cards were greatly appreciated. We live in a wonderful community with great family and friends. Love and prayers to all. From, Anton (Tony) A. Wolf Jr. Family.”

### THE 7 P'S OF PRAYER

#### THE 7 P'S OF THE LORD'S PRAYER

#### THE 7 P'S OF THE OUR FATHER

**1 Presence**

**2 Praise**

**3 Purpose**

**4 Petition**

**5 Pardon**

**6 Protection**

**7 Perseverance/Persistence**

**UPCOMING MEN'S AND WOMEN'S ACTS RETREATS** – St. Mary's will be having ACTS Retreats for the men and women of our parishes. **The men's retreat will be February 16-19**, at the Bridgeport Camp and Conference Center. **The Women's retreat will be March 16-19** also in Bridgeport. Each retreat begins at St. Mary's Parish Hall on Thursday evening at 5:00 pm and ends with the 10:00 am Mass on Sunday. The purpose of the ACTS Retreat is to provide an opportunity to bring parishioners closer to each other and to Christ through Adoration, Community, Theology, and Service. Sign-up for the retreats by contacting the Retreat Directors, Chad Steinberger at 733-0430 or Sis Green at 237-6330. (Women's signup will begin December 17<sup>th</sup>.) You will also find Registration forms at the back of Church that may be turned in to any ACTS steam member. Please prayerfully consider whether you are being called to attend an ACTS Retreat. God is good!

### **REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS!**

Caroline Anderle, Zack Andrus, Conner Berardi, Andy Berend, Don Billbrey, Patience Blake, J.C. Birkenfield, Teresa Lindeman Birkenfield, Daphne Borgman, Diane Borgman, Deacon Don Brown, David Carcaño, Maria Carcaño, Henry Chafin, Jesús Colchado, Sue Conrady, Freida Day, Leanne Dennis, Brad Dennis, Karen Edge, Danielle Mueller Fontenot, Royce Gilmore, Marlene Ermis Marshall, Jeanne Fischer, Father Nicholas Fuhrmann, Kimberly Fulford, Sister Marie Green, Jerry Gibson, Artie Hallenbeck, Floyd Hilbers, Mildred Hilbers, Margie Himmels, Billie Hoff, Cathy Hoff, Ernie Hoff, Frosty Hoff, Marvin Hoff Sr., Wilfred A. Hoff, Willie L. Hoff, Chris Hogue, Libby Ingram, Casey Jeter, Judy Koetter, Jim Lowe, Brian Lucore, Kyler Marlar, Annette Meurer, Jess Meurer, Loretta Meurer, Frank Moer, Kathleen Moer, Anna Moloney, Clyde Morbitzer, Mary Morbitzer, Skylar Mueller, Steve Munchrath, Kim Nelson, Travis Nelson, Lena Ostermann, Raymond Ostermann, Rita Pearson, Henry Pennartz, Troy Pennartz, Gina Phillips, Michelle Hubbard Riddles, John Rife, Terry Shefflett, Cassey Schenk, Paul Schenk, Roch Schenk, Rosalie Schenk, Gerald Schreiber, Mike Schreiber Jr., Nelda Schreiber, Conner Schroeder, Linda Schroeder, Richard Schroeder, Weldon Snyder, Caroline Stallcup, Kate Talley, Marie Teichman, Margaret Green Tift, Trent Tipton, Anna Mae Veitenheimer, Margie Vieth, Charles Winkles, Sarah Witten, Dorothy V. Wolf, Kellar Wolf, Kenny Wolf, Larry Wolf, Lillie Wolf, Lorine Wolf, Martha Wolf, Pauline Wolf, Ronnie Wolf, Alphonse Zotz Jr., Chuck Zotz. If you wish your name removed or there are any changes, please call the office. **Prayer of the Faithful:** Lord Jesus, we lift those on our weekly list to you; You are the healer of the sick and we keep praying and hoping for those who are ill. May we continue to pray for all who are sick and hurting and may your peace come to each and every one of us. Amen.

**MILITARY PRAYER LIST** – Taylor Anderson (Air Force), Charles Berend, Jr. (Navy), Fermin Estrada Jr., (Army), Sgt. Bill Foster, Capt. Sean Fuhrmann (Marines), Lt. Colonel Tony Garcia (Navy), Luke Grotelueschen (Army), Tracey Hoff (Navy), Sgt. Damian Hoffman, Ethan Hoffman (Air Force), Sgt. Whitney Jeter (Marine), Sgt. Nicholas Klein (Army), Jess Martinez (Army), Joshua Millican (Navy), Blake Newby (Army), Kenneth (K.J.) Nichols (Army), Major David Ogura (Army), Kyle Page (Marine), Frank Prokop, (Colorado Air National Guard), Sgt. Robert Rhinehart, Hank Schenk (Air National Guard), 1<sup>st</sup> Class Craig Slaten (Air Force), Staff Sgt. Ricky Smith (Air Force), Judy Solorio (Navy), Staff Sgt. Matthew Tubbs, Sgt. Ann Schreiber Turner (Air Force), Sgt. Matt Turner (Air Force), Ben Veitenheimer (Navy), Josh Winter (Army), Major Audrey Wolf (Army). (If there are any changes or additions please call the office.) Dear Heavenly Father, please protect our troops as they protect us. Bless them and their families for all that they are doing for us in our time of need. We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

**SAFE ENVIRONMENT** – Safe and Sacred is the new safe environment program for the Diocese of Fort Worth (Former program Keeping Children and Vulnerable Adults Safe). You may enroll/renew online. Please send an e-mail to [windscof@comcell.net](mailto:windscof@comcell.net) and ask for instructions or if you are up for renewal. Thank you.

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER** – “The desert and the parched land will exult; the steppe will rejoice and bloom.” As we await the coming of the Lord, let us rejoice and encourage our marriages to bloom by participating in a WorldWide Marriage Encounter weekend on January, 20-22. Dates fill fast. To apply, visit our website at <http://www.dfwme.org/apply>. For more information e-mail [apply@dfwme.org](mailto:apply@dfwme.org) or call 469-444-0904. Para mas informacion de Encuentro Matrimonial en Espanol, escriba a [emmdfw@gmail.com](mailto:emmdfw@gmail.com) o visite <http://www.wemmseccion21.org/>

### **CATECHISM IN A YEAR**

#### **What is prayer?**

Prayer is turning the heart toward God. When a person prays, he enters into a living relationship with God. Prayer is the great gate leading into faith. Someone who prays no longer lives on his own, for himself, and by his own strength. He knows there is a God to whom he can talk. People who pray entrust themselves more and more to God. Even now they seek union with the one whom they will encounter one day face to face. Therefore, the effort to pray daily is part of Christian life. Of course, one cannot learn to pray in the same way one learns a technique. As strange as it sounds, prayer is a gift one obtains through prayer.

#### **What prompts a person to pray?**

We pray because we are full of an infinite longing and God has created us men for himself: “our hearts are restless until they rest in you” (St. Augustine). But we pray also because we need to; Mother Teresa says, “Because I cannot rely on myself, I rely on him, twenty-four hours a day.” Often we forget God, run away from him and hide. Whether we avoid thinking about God or deny him he is always there for us. He seeks us before we seek him; he yearns for us, he calls us. You speak with your conscience and suddenly notice that you are speaking with God. You feel lonely, have no one to talk with, and then sense that God is always available to talk. You are in danger and experience that a cry for help is answered by God. Praying is as human as breathing, eating, and loving. Praying purifies. Praying makes it possible to resist temptations. Praying strengthens us in our weakness. Praying removes fear, increases energy, and gives a second wind. Praying makes one happy and joyful.



**ST. MARY'S 7-DAY LIGHTS:** Marlene & Donnie by her parents; Lillie Wolf by the Catholic Daughters of the Americas #296; Lillie Wolf by Floyd & Mildred; Very Special Intentions by L.E. in (Okla.); For Special Help and My Intentions by a Donor; My Family, Judy Koetter, Frank & Kathleen, Alfred & Cordella, Charles & Glenda, Pam Wolf, Margaret Beaman, All my special Intentions, In Thanksgiving by JoAnn Hoff; Tom, Mark & Mike by Mom; For all who helped make our C.C.D. Christmas Program a success by Gloria & Clara; Johnny Teichman Family, Diane & Roy Conrady Family by Ralph & Clara; Tom Hoff, Paul & Rosalie Schenk, for Trent's safety, Aunt Frances Hoffman, In Thanksgiving, Our Special Intentions by Ernie & Jolene; Paul and all our Family, +Tony Wolf, Gladys & Family, Kurt & Summer and Jake & Patty, Frank & Ester, Steve & Sue, All the sick, Special Intentions by the Paul Schenks; Our Children, Our Grandsons, Marlene & Donnie Marshall, Tom & Leann Hoff, Judy Koetter, Mildred Lindemann, Frank Moer, Paul & Rosalie Schenk, Lillie Wolf, Lorine Wolf, Frances Hoffman, Uncle Willie & Aunt Pauline, Aunt JoAnn Hoff & Bill, World Peace, For Vocations, For Good Health by John & Maxine Veitenheimer; Diane & Roy Conrady, Annette, Jess & Gerry Meurer, Judy & Russell Koetter, Aunt Leona Koetter, +Johnny Teichman by Alfred & Cordella; **YEARLY LIGHTS:** The Holy Spirit's Daily Guidance in Endeavors for each member of my family by Donor; For World Peace and the safety of all our military, especially for Staff Sgt. Damian Hoffman (Army), Ethan Hoffman (Air Force) and Maj. David Ogura (Army) by Grandmommy; Our Family by Alfred & Cordella; For our Military Personnel by V. F. W. Auxiliary Post #267; For Students of W. I. S. D. & C. D. A. #296 Members by C. D. A. #296; Ben's Safety by Mom & Dad; For our Family by Joe & Lugenia Zotz; Living & Deceased Members of Alphonse and Caroline Zotz by the Family; For our Family by Bernard & Pat Scheffe; Arnold & Lillian Lindeman by the Family; Thomas & Leona Schlumpf by Danny Schlumpf Family; In loving memory of Rusty & Shannon and all dear departed of Lindemann & Green Families, For my Children & Grandchildren to always stay faithful to the Church and its teachings, don't fall away and to keep God in their lives, For peace, our beloved country, and all the brave military, For the sick & elderly of our parishes and for all my dear friends who are so kind and helpful to me, For all the faithful Priests and Religious and for more vocations by Geraldine Lindemann; For the Living & Deceased Members of the Charles & Mary Lindeman Family, Safety of Ben Wolf, Gina Loran & Brett Hoff by Benny Lindeman; My Family by Ann Veitenheimer; For my Family and for Bruce by Anna Mae Veitenheimer; For my Family by Lena Ostermann; For my Family by Margaret Beaman; For my Family by Elmer Schroeder; For our Family by Henry & Mildred Pennartz; For the safety and welfare of Blake Newby (Army) by Grandma Dorothy V. Wolf; Joe Schreiber & Joseph Schreiber, Jr. by Agnes

Schreiber; Mom by Johnnie & Alice; Janice, Ed & Catherine and Lois Luig and Geraldine's health by Eddie Luig; For our Family by Marvin & Elsie Hoff; Floyd Humpert by Betty; Sick and hurting of St. Mary's Christian Mothers Society by St. Mary's Christian Mothers; Living & Deceased Members of Catholic Life Insurance Branch #30.

**YEARLY LIGHTS WILL BE DUE AT THE END OF THE YEAR.** Please let the office know if you wish to renew any lights from 2016.

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**NOTE: PLEASE CHECK THE ATTACHED PAGE FOR THE LIST OF LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES. IF YOU CANNOT SERVE PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE. THANKS!!!**

**PLENARY INDULGENCE:** The remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sin whose guilt has already been forgiven. A properly disposed member of the Christian faithful can obtain an indulgence under prescribed conditions through the help of the Church which, as the minister of redemption, dispenses and applies with authority the treasury of the satisfactions of Christ and the saints. An indulgence is partial if it removes part of the temporal punishment due to sin, or plenary if it removes all punishment.

**THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER ARE:**

**Universal:** That the countries which take in a great number of displaced persons and refugees may find support for their efforts which show solidarity.

**Evangelization:** That within parishes, priests and lay people may collaborate in service to the community without giving in to the temptation of discouragement..

**The four conditions to receive a Plenary Indulgence** after going through the Door of Mercy in a designated Church are: Praying the Apostles Creed, Praying for the Intentions of the Holy Father, Going to Confession within a couple of weeks, and receiving Holy Communion weekly.

**PRAYER BEFORE MASS**

Almighty and ever-living God, I approach the sacrament of Your only-begotten Son Our Lord Jesus Christ, I come sick to the doctor of life, unclean to the fountain of mercy, blind to the radiance of eternal light, and poor and needy to the lord of heaven and earth.

Lord, in your great generosity, heal my sickness, wash away my defilement, enlighten my blindness, enrich my poverty, and clothe my nakedness. May I receive the bread of angels, the King of kings and Lord of lords, with humble reverence, with the purity and faith, the repentance and love, and the determined purpose that will help to bring me to salvation. May I receive the sacrament of the lord's Body and Blood, and its reality and power.

Kind God, may I receive the Body of Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, born from the womb of the Virgin Mary, and so be received into His mystical body and numbered among His members.

Loving Father, as on my earthly pilgrimage I now receive Your beloved Son under the veil of a sacrament, may I one day see him face to face in glory, who lives and reigns with You forever. Amen.

Saint Thomas Aquinas.

**THE SEVEN SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY:**

- 1 **Counsel the doubtful.**
- 2 **Instruct the ignorant.**
- 3 **Admonish sinners.**
- 4 **Comfort the afflicted**
- 5 **Forgive offenses.**
- 6 **Bear wrongs patiently.**
- 7 **Pray for the living and the dead.**

**THANKSGIVING AFTER MASS**

Lord, Father all-powerful and ever-living God, I thank You, for even though I am a sinner, your unprofitable servant, not because of my worth but in the kindness of your mercy, You have fed me with the Precious Body & Blood of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

I pray that this Holy Communion may not bring me condemnation and punishment but forgiveness and salvation. May it be a helmet of faith and a shield of good will. May it purify me from evil ways and put an end to my evil passions. May it bring me charity and patience, humility and obedience, and growth in the power to do good. May it be my strong defense against all my enemies, visible and invisible, and the perfect calming of all my evil impulses, bodily and spiritual. May it unite me more closely to you, the One true God, and lead me safely through death to everlasting happiness with You. And I pray that You will lead me, a sinner, to the banquet where you with Your Son and holy Spirit, are true and perfect light, total fulfillment, everlasting joy, gladness without end, and perfect happiness to your saints. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Saint Thomas Aquinas.

**PLANNED PARENTHOOD:** A common term for the practice of contraception or, when this fails, of abortion. Also the organized policy of governments and international cartels to coerce people by means of economic or other sanctions to practice contraception or abortion, or submit to sterilization.

**THE SEVEN CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY:**

- 1 **Give drink to the thirsty.**
- 2 **Clothe the naked.**
- 3 **Shelter the homeless.**
- 4 **Visit the sick.**
- 5 **Visit the imprisoned.**
- 6 **Bury the dead.**
- 7 **Give alms to the poor.**

**PRAYER FOR LIFE**

Lord Jesus, come to our aid and bring an end to the horror of abortion and all the evils that flow from it. May every human being love and honor all human life, from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death; May we, Your disciples always choose the Gospel of Life. Through the Eucharist, the great sacrament of life, let us be Your instruments in bringing an end to the culture of death. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS TO CONSECRATED LIFE**

O God, throughout the ages you have called women and men to pursue lives of perfect charity through the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity, and obedience. We give you thanks for these courageous witnesses of Faith and models of Inspiration. Their pursuit of holy lives teaches us to make a more perfect offering of ourselves to you. Continue to enrich your Church by calling forth sons and daughters who, having found the pearl of great price, treasure the Kingdom of Heaven above all things. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God forever and ever Amen.

DECEMBER 11, 2016 – JANUARY 7, 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
11 Third Sunday of Advent Second Collection for Retired Religious Youth Christmas Caroling 6pm Angel Tree Gifts for St. Boniface due today	12 Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe - English Mass at St. Mary's 6:30 pm V.F.W. & V.F.W. Auxiliary 7 pm	13 St. Mary's Prayer Group 7am Church Office Closed	14 Adoration, Benediction & Devotion 6 pm, Mass 7pm Confessions after Mass. Adoration Intentions: Unity in the Church C.C.D. 6-12 classes	15 Sing Hymns at 7:25 am St. Mary's Mass St. Boniface 8:15 am	16 Mass at St. Mary's 7:25 am Christmas flower intentions due for St. Boniface & St. Mary's by noon.	17 Confessions St. Mary's 4:00 – 4:40 MASS 5:00 P.M. SPANISH MASS 7:00 P.M
Our Lady of Guadalupe Spanish Mass at St. Mary's 4:30pm Mexican Meal will follow the Mass	St. Mary's Finance Council meet after Mass		St. Mary's 3 <sup>rd</sup> Degree K.C. meet after Mass C.D.A. #296 meeting & Christmas Party after Mass. St. Boniface 3 <sup>rd</sup> Degree K.C. meet 7 pm			
18 Fourth Sunday of Advent Angel Tree Gifts for St. Mary's due today.	19 Mass at St. Mary's 6:30 pm	20 St. Mary's Prayer Group 7am Church Office Closed	21 Adoration, Benediction & Devotion 6 pm, Mass 7pm Confessions after Mass. Adoration Intentions: Vocations. School ends and is out for Christmas Break.	22 Mass St. Boniface 8:15 am	23 Mass at St. Mary's 7:25 am	24 Christmas Eve Mass times: St. Mary's 4:00 pm St. Boniface 4:00 pm Spanish Mass 8:00 pm
St. Boniface Altar Society Christmas Party & meeting 2:00 pm Baptismal Preparation 8:45 a.m. Convent						
25 The Nativity of the Lord Christmas Day	26 Mass at St. Mary's 6:30 pm Care Givers Meet 6:30pm Church Office closed	27 St. Mary's Prayer Group 7am Church Office Closed C.D.A. Nursing Home Party	28 Adoration, Benediction & Devotion 6 pm, Mass 7pm Confessions after Mass. Adoration Intentions: World Peace	29 Mass at St. Boniface 8:15 am	30 Mass at St. Mary's 7:25 am	31 Confessions St. Mary's 4:00 – 4:40 MASS 5:00 P.M. SPANISH MASS 7:00 P.M
Mass at St. Mary's 9:00 am	4 <sup>th</sup> Degree K.C. meet					
1 JANUARY Mary, The Holy Mother of God Mass St. Boniface 8am Mass at St. Mary's 11:00 a.m. with Bishop Olson. Following Mass there will be a Parish Gathering & Meal in St. Mary's Parish Hall. All are welcomed.	2 Mass at St. Mary's 6:30 pm	3 St. Mary's Prayer Group 7am Church Office Closed	4 Adoration, Benediction & Devotion 6 pm, Mass 7pm Confessions after Mass. Adoration Intentions: Respect for Human Life Mission Outreach 6pm St. Mary's Christian Mothers	5 Mass at St. Boniface 8:15 am Food Distribution 8-11am Kristy Krahl Center 8-11am	6 First Friday Mass at St. Mary's 7:25 am	7 First Saturday Mass 8am for Peace & Unity St. Mary's Confessions at St. Boniface 3:15-3:45 Confessions St. Mary's 4:00 – 4:40 MASS 5:00 P.M. SPANISH MASS 7:00 P.M



LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR DECEMBER 24  
AND 25, 2016

**CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES**

**ST. MARY'S CHRISTMAS EVE 4:00 P.M.**

**HOSPITALITY: GREG & P.A. VIETH FAMILY**  
**LECTORS: JUDY KOETTER & GINA WOLF**  
**SERVERS: GAGE, GAVIN, & GRAYSON STEINBERGER**  
**MINISTERS OF RICKY SCHREIBER, WHITNEY SCHREIBER, BETH GEIS, COMMUNION: DEB SCHREIBER, BRETT HOFF, BETTY WOLF, RICHARD SCHREIBER, DIANE SCHROEDER**  
**USHERS: ALFRED BEREND JR., LEO HOFF JR., EDDIE LUIG, M. J. GEIS**  
**GIFT BEARERS: JAMES & DEANA VIETH FAMILY**

**ST. BONIFACE CHRISTMAS EVE – 4:00 P.M.**

**HOSPITALITY: HAROLD & PATSTY STALLCUP**  
**LECTOR: KEITH TEICHMAN & MISSY BROWN**  
**SERVERS: TREY SCHENK, CASSIDY & JENNA VEITENHEIMER**  
**MINISTERS OF PRISCILLA STALLCUP, A. J. SCHREIBER, PAT HEMMI, COMMUNION: TERRY BEREND**  
**USHERS: GRADY SCHENK SR., & GRADY SCHENK JR.**  
**GIFT BEARERS: ROBERT J. KRAHL FAMILY**

**ST. MARY'S CHRISTMAS DAY 9:00 A.M.**

**HOSPITALITY: STEVE & CARLA SCHLUMPF**  
**LECTORS: MARK & KRISTI VEITENHEIMER**  
**SERVERS: BETHANY SCHLUMPF, MADELYN ANDERLE & NATHAN MCCANN**  
**MINISTERS OF BRIAN ANDERLE, MELINDA SCHNEIDER, JOEY COMMUNION: VEITENHEIMER, ANGEL VEITENHEIMER, SHERRY BEREND, ALEX VEITENHEIMER, CRAIG ANDERLE, TED NEEB**  
**USHERS: DONNIE & JESSE FLEITMAN, TERRY SCHROEDER, JAY MEURER**  
**GIFT BEARERS: BRAD HOFFMAN FAMILY**

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