



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 central theme of today's readings is the command "Rejoice!" We are to do so mainly by realizing the presence of Jesus in our midst and by receiving him into our lives through our repentance, our renewal of life and our doing of God's will. Today is called "Gaudete" Sunday because today's Mass begins with the opening antiphon, "*Gaudete in Domino semper*" ("Rejoice in the Lord always"). Today we light the rose candle of the Advent wreath, and the priest may wear rose vestments, to express our communal joy in the coming of Jesus as our Savior. We rejoice because a) we are celebrating the day of Christ's birth, b) we recognize his daily presence in our midst, and c) we wait for his return in glory. **Scripture lessons:** In today's first reading, the prophet Zephaniah encourages Jerusalem and Israel to shout out for the joy of expecting its deliverance from the Lord. St. Paul echoes this message of joy in the second reading, a letter written from imprisonment: "*Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again, rejoice...*" In the Gospel today, John the Baptist explains the secret of Christian joy as our wholehearted commitment to God's way by the doing of His will. John challenges people to generosity and sense of fairness so that others may have reason to rejoice. According to John, happiness comes from doing our duties faithfully, doing good for others and sharing our blessings with others in need. John's call to repentance is a call to joy and restoration. *Repentance* means a change in the purpose and direction of our lives. John tells the people to act with justice, charity and honesty, letting their lives reflect their transformation. For us, that transformation occurs when Christ enters our lives, and it is to be reflected in our living in the ways John suggests.

Yours in Christ Jesus,

Fr. C. P. Varghese

Pastor

Christmas Mass Schedule

St. Mary's, Dalton	- December 24th Monday, 7.00 PM
Sacred Heart, Bayard	- December 24th Monday, 11.00 PM
All Souls, Bridgeport	- December 25th Tuesday, 8.00 AM

SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

Date	Day	Time	Place	Intention
12/17	Monday	No Mass Today		
12/18	Tuesday	6.00 PM	Bridgeport	Joe Pohl
12/19	Wednesday	No Mass today		
12/20	Thursday	6.00 PM	Dalton	Mary Jansa
12/21	Friday	6.00 PM	Bayard	Alice Lauer
12/22	Saturday	5.00 PM	Dalton	For the Deceased of Kettler Family
12/23	Sunday	8.00 AM	Bridgeport	Joe Pohl
12/23	Sunday	10.30 AM	Bayard	Alfred & Gertrude Alber

ALL SOULS
701 P STREET
BRIDGEPORT NE 69336

OCT/NOV/DEC - MASS TIME

Tuesday — 6:00 PM
Sunday — 8.00 AM

St. Sebastian Community
Gathering

On 12/18/2018
Tuesday

OUR GIFTS TO GOD & CHURCH

ADULTS	\$339.00
CHILDREN	\$4.00
PLATE	768.00
SUBTOTAL	\$ 1111.00
RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT	\$58.00
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION	\$61.00
TOTAL	\$1230.00
BUILDING FUND	\$310.00
APPEAL	\$125.00

Prayer line requests may be made to Carolyn – 262-0453 or Teresa – 262-0439

SACRED HEART
942 AVE B
BAYARD NE 69334

OCT/NOV/DEC - MASS TIME

Friday – 6:00 PM
Sunday – 10:30 AM

St. George Community
Gathering

On 12/21/2018
Friday

OUR GIFTS TO GOD & CHURCH

ADULTS	\$513.00
CHILDREN	\$12.00
PLATE	\$189.00
SUBTOTAL	\$714.00
MASS STIPEND	\$25.00
RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT	\$45.00
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION	\$50.00
TOTAL	\$834.00
BUILDING FUND	\$20.00
APPEAL	\$1000.00

There will be Church cleaning and Christmas decorating after Mass on Sunday, Dec. 23. There will be a potluck to follow.

Prayer line requests may be made to Paula – 586-2992

SAINT MARY'S
EAST FRANCIS ST
DALTON NE 69131

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OCT/NOV/DEC - MASS TIME

Thursday – 6:00 PM
Saturday – 5.00 PM

St. Isidore Community
Gathering

On 12/20/2018
Thursday

OUR GIFTS TO GOD & CHURCH

ADULTS	\$415.00
CHILDREN	
PLATE	\$3.00
SUBTOTAL	\$418.00
MASS STIPEND	
RETIRED RELIGIOUS	\$120.00
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION	\$20.00
TOTAL	\$558.00
BUILDING FUND	\$370.00
APPEAL	

Prayer line requests may be made to DeAnn – 249-1735