

St. Mary's Church Dalton, NE 69131



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Dear Sisters, Brothers and Children in Jesus Christ,

"Go to all the world and tell the good news". This is the response we gave to the first reading of today. The saying is taken from Mark 16:15. It is a commandment that the risen Christ gave to his apostles. It is not a suggestion. So, if we are decided on being his disciples, there is no option but to go to the whole word and preach the gospel. What is the gospel? The gospel is that God loves us unconditionally. The gospel is that we've got to be loving people unconditionally. There are no discriminations. There are no disparities. In front of God, all of us are equal in our dignity as loving children of the same Father.

When someone asked whether it would be only a few that would be saved, it would certainly be on the assumption that the kingdom of God was for the Jews, the chosen people, and that gentiles would all be excluded. Jesus' answer must have come as a shock to the one who asked. Jesus declared that entry to the kingdom can never be automatic but is the result and the reward of a struggle. "Keep on striving to enter," he said. The struggle to enter in must be so intense that it can be described as an agony of soul and spirit. We run a certain danger. It is easy to think that, once we have made a commitment of ourselves to Jesus Christ, we have reached the end of the road and can, as it were, sit back as if we had achieved our goal. There is no such finality in the Christian life. A person must ever be going forward or necessarily he/she goes backward.

No one by virtue of their baptism has received any guarantee that they would be saved at the end of their lives. On the last judgement day, it will be a terribly scary thing to listen to the ruler saying, 'I do not know where you are from. Depart from me, all you evildoers!' We might think that merely by attending the weekend masses and thus fulfilling our Sunday obligation, we are eligible to enter the Kingdom. Sorry. The gospels do not give any indications for such provisions. We need to earn our salvation although Jesus has won it for us. If we do not try to earn it, in no way is it going to come to us. And the only way to earn it is to live a life which was lived out by Jesus. We should be speaking what Jesus would have spoken today, if he were alive. We should be doing exactly what Jesus would have done, had he been alive in our midst today.

Yours in Christ Jesus,

Fr. C. P. Varghese Pastor

| SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK | | | | | | |
|------------------------|-----------|---------------|---------------------------|--------------------|--|--|
| Date | Day | Time | Place | Intention | | |
| 08/26 | Monday | No Mass Today | | | | |
| 08/27 | Tuesday | 6.00 PM | Bridgeport | Oneva Lummel | | |
| 08/28 | Wednesday | No Mass Today | | | | |
| 08/29 | Thursday | 6.00 PM | Dalton | Donna Thummel | | |
| 08/30 | Friday | 6.00 PM | 10096 Road 89, Bridgeport | Picnic Mass | | |
| 08/31 | Saturday | 5.30 PM | Dalton | Peg Racek | | |
| 09/01 | Sunday | 8.00 AM | Bayard | Theresa Dukesherer | | |
| 09/01 | Sunday | 10.30 AM | Bridgeport | Don Loxterkamp | | |

ALL SOULS 617 P STREET BRIDGEPORT NE 69336

<u>SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER :</u> MASS TIME

Tuesday —6:00 PM Sunday —10.30 AM

Jubilee Celebration

OUR GIFTS TO GOD & CHURCH

| ADULTS | \$655.00 |
|---------------|-----------|
| CHILDREN | \$5.00 |
| PLATE | \$92.00 |
| SUBTOTAL | \$ 752.00 |
| MASS STIPEND | |
| ASSUMPTION | \$115.00 |
| TOTAL | \$ 867.00 |
| BUILDING FUND | |
| APPEAL | |

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



SACRED HEART 1003 AVE B BAYARD NE 69334

<u>SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER :</u> MASS TIME

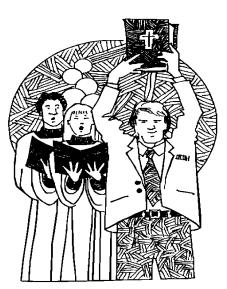
Friday – 6:00 PM Saturday – 5.30 PM

Picnic Mass
on Friday (August 30th) at 6 PM
at 10096 Road 89
(Mike & Berna O'Neal)

OUR GIFTS TO GOD & CHURCH

| ADULTS | \$135.00 |
|---------------|-----------|
| CHILDREN | \$10.00 |
| PLATE | \$598.00 |
| SUBTOTAL | \$743.00 |
| MASS STIPEND | \$20.00 |
| ASSUMPTION | \$47.00 |
| TOTAL | \$ 810.00 |
| BUILDING FUND | |
| APPEAL | |
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• Prayer line requests may be made to Paula-586-2992.



SAINT MARY'S 718 FRANCIS ST DALTON NE 69131

<u>SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER :</u> MASS TIME

Thursday – 6:00 PM Sunday – 8.00 AM

OUR GIFTS TO GOD & CHURCH

| ADULTS | \$1070.00 |
|----------------------|------------|
| CHILDREN | |
| PLATE | \$46.00 |
| SUBTOTAL | \$1,116.00 |
| MASS STIPEND | |
| ASSUMPTION | \$280.00 |
| TOTAL | \$1,396.00 |
| BUILDING FUND | |
| APPEAL | |

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

