



St. Mary's Church
Dalton, NE 69131



All Souls' Church
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Dear Sisters, Brothers and Children in Jesus Christ,

We are on the third Sunday in Advent. We know that 'advent' means 'coming' or 'arrival'. Usually in the season of Advent, we think of and speak about Jesus coming to us. Let us today change that and try to focus on our coming to Jesus. The coming of Jesus to us will not bear fruits in us unless we come to Jesus, unless we bring ourselves to Jesus. In the Gospel reading of today, we see John the Baptist coming to Jesus, not directly, but indirectly through his disciples. Why does John the Baptist come to Jesus? He comes to Jesus because he is in doubt. The question he raises is "Are you the Messiah?" Jesus clears his doubt not through words saying 'yes' or 'no' but by inviting John to see what Jesus is doing: The blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised (Matthew 11:5). Jesus is actually quoting Isaiah 35:5. Since Jesus is doing what was foretold of Messiah, he is the messiah. Thus, Jesus clarifies the doubt of John.

Not only John the Baptist, but also others who were in difficulties came to Jesus – the blind, the lame, the deaf, the lepers, the dead and the poor. And all of them experienced the healing touch of Jesus. What Jesus did 2000 years ago in Palestine, he still does today in the world. So, come to him. We are blind to the truth about ourselves, about others and God. Come to him. He will open our eyes and make us see. We are lame to walk the right way. Come to him. He will straighten our feet to walk the path of righteousness. Our spiritual life is corroded with selfishness. We have contracted spiritual leprosy. Come to him. He will restore our health. We have become deaf to the voice of God. Come to him. He will make us listen once again. We are dead because of sin. Come to him. He will raise us to new life. We are poor lacking the word of God. He will fill us with his riches. When faced with difficulties and trials there is a tendency in us to look for solutions elsewhere. Often, we turn to Jesus when everything else fails. Let us change that. Let us first come to Jesus who: "Come to me all you who are weary...And I will give you rest (Matthew 11:28-30).

Yours in Christ Jesus,
Fr. C. P. Varghese
Pastor

SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

Date	Day	Time	Place	Intention
12/16	Monday	No Mass Today		
12/17	Tuesday	6.00 PM	Bridgeport	Oneva Lummel
12/18	Wednesday	No Mass Today		
12/19	Thursday	6.00 PM	Dalton	Sp. Intention of Waite family
12/20	Friday	6.00 PM	Bayard	Lawrence Sanchez
12/21	Saturday	5.30 PM	Bayard	Emery & Myrtle Gusman
12/22	Sunday	8.00 AM	Dalton	For the deceased of Kettelers
12/22	Sunday	10.30 AM	Bridgeport	Chris Wise & Andrew Lummel

ALL SOULS
617 P STREET
BRIDGEPORT NE 69336

SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER :
MASS TIME
Tuesday —6:00 PM
Sunday —10.30 AM

Christmas Mass

Dec. 24th (Tue): 11 PM

OUR GIFTS TO GOD & CHURCH

ADULTS	\$645.00
CHILDREN	\$5.00
PLATE	\$701.00
SUBTOTAL	\$1,351.00
HEALTH INSURANCE	\$2000.00
RETIRED RELIGIOUS	\$20.00
CHRISTMAS FLOWERS	\$10.00
IMMACULATE CONC.	\$55.00
TOTAL	\$3,436.00
BUILDING FUND	\$2,038.00
HEAT/AC	\$24.00
APPEAL GOAL	\$5,484.00
DONATIONS	\$5,160.00
BALANCE	\$324.00

- Prayer line requests may be made to Carolyn-262-0453 or Teresa-262-0439.
- The rosary is prayed ½ hr before Mass, please come and pray.
- Please attend the final animation this afternoon to decide where we go from here.



SACRED HEART
1003 AVE B
BAYARD NE 69334

SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER :
MASS TIME
Friday – 6:00 PM
Saturday – 5.30 PM

Christmas Mass

Dec. 24th (Tue): 5.30 PM

OUR GIFTS TO GOD & CHURCH

ADULTS	\$585.00
CHILDREN	\$5.00
PLATE	\$154.79
SUBTOTAL	\$744.79
IMMACULATE CONC.	\$77.00
CHRISTMAS	\$5.00
RETIRED RELIGIOUS	\$25.00
CHRISTMAS FLOWERS	\$20.00
TOTAL	\$ 871.79
BUILDING FUND	\$30.00
APPEAL GOAL	\$3,403.00
DONATIONS	\$3,825.00
BALANCE	(\$422.00)

- Prayer line requests may be made to Paula-586-2992.
- The rosary is prayed ½ hr before Mass, please come and pray.
- Make plans to attend the final animation Sunday at 2:00 pm at All Souls to make plans for the future.



SAINT MARY'S
718 FRANCIS ST
DALTON NE 69131

SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER :
MASS TIME
Thursday – 6:00 PM
Sunday – 8.00 AM

Christmas Mass

Dec. 25th (Wed): 8 AM

OUR GIFTS TO GOD & CHURCH

ADULTS	\$2,155.00
CHILDREN	
PLATE	\$21.00
SUBTOTAL	\$2,176.00
RETIREDL RELIGIOUS	\$77.00
CHRISTMAS FLOWERS	\$20.00
TOTAL	\$2,273.00
BUILDING FUND	\$60.00
APPEAL GOAL	\$5,502.00
DONATIONS	\$2,760.00
BALANCE	\$2,742.00

- Prayer line requests may be made to DeAnn-249-1735.
- Make plans to attend the final animation Sunday at 2:00 pm at All Souls to make plans for the future.

