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### Who's a Prophet?

We are rightly suspicious of self-appointed prophets. Biblical warrant for this suspicion lies in the fact that the typical prophet in Scripture is profoundly reluctant to accept the appointment. Whence the sarcastic label "self-anointed prophet" applied to anyone who too readily claims such a role. In most biblical contexts, the term prophet means "forth-teller" rather than "fore-teller." That is, the designated person is asked to speak to the community in the name of God. Sometimes, indeed, the message does include reference to the future, but mainly it is a message the community needs to hear regarding how it ought to alter its way of proceeding in the present.

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In our appropriate restraint to name or claim to be prophets, we more readily apply the term to dead messengers (Martin Luther King, Pope John XXIII, Dorothy Day) than to living ones (Sister Helen Prejean?—one of my candidates). And yet, our Scriptures invite us to take the role of prophet with utmost seriousness—regarding Jesus, the apostles, and ourselves. Jeremiah was for the early Church the archetypal prophet, so much so that language from his call story (this Sunday's [First Reading](#)) is used to describe our archetypal apostle, St. Paul; he uses Jeremiah's call to describe his own vocation ([Gal 1:15](#)), and Luke does the same in [Acts 26:17](#). The [Gospel](#) reading shows Jesus placing his mission in the prophetic tradition of Elijah and Elisha. Further, our theology of baptism describes our own Christian mission as a participation in Jesus' role of prophet, along with the awesome roles of priest and king.

What can give perspective to any application of the role of prophet to ourselves or others is Paul's reflection on the place of love as the "way" of exercising all the gifts. When we feel called to confront our little part of the world in the name of God—that is, according to an informed conscience—it must be motivated by love. Otherwise our action is empty and our perceived role self-appointed  
Dennis Hamm, SJ

### CORRECTION ON LAST WEEK'S INFORMATION ABOUT FR. DAVE:

He will turn 72 not 75 (my bad math). Also he had a consultation with the heart surgeon on Wednesday and they have scheduled a procedure for February 13 at the Heart Center in Lincoln. A note from Fr.: "I appreciate all your prayers and good wishes. I continue to be very grateful for God's blessings and bountiful graces."

### SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

Date	Day	Time	Place	Intention
2/5	Tuesday	No Mass Today		
2/7	Thursday	No Mass Today		
2/8	Friday	No Mass Today		
2/9	Saturday	5.30 PM	Bayard	Allen Thummel
2/10	Sunday	8.00 AM	Dalton	Marjorie Watchorn
2/10	Sunday	10.30 AM	Bridgeport	Catherine Mohatt

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

**JAN – APRIL : MASS TIME**  
Tuesday – 6:00 PM  
Sunday – 10.30 AM

**Community Gathering:**  
**St. Francis of Assisi**  
**Community on 2/5/2019**  
**Tuesday**

### OUR GIFTS TO GOD & CHURCH

ADULTS	\$701.00
CHILDREN	\$7.00
PLATE	\$96.00
SUBTOTAL	\$ 804.00
MASS STIPEND	
LATIN AMERICA	\$108.00
CANDLES	\$20.70
TOTAL	\$ 932.70
BUILDING FUND	
APPEAL	

- 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.
- Sacred Heart is sponsoring a dinner from 11:00 to 1:00 at the Bayard Elementary.



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

**JAN – APRIL : MASS TIME**  
Friday – 6:00 PM  
Saturday – 5.30 PM

**Community Gathering:**  
**St. George Community on**  
**2/8/2019 Friday**

### OUR GIFTS TO GOD & CHURCH

ADULTS	\$280.00
CHILDREN	
PLATE	\$101.00
SUBTOTAL	\$ 381.00
MASS STIPEND	
LATIN AMERICA	\$15.00
TOTAL	\$ 396.00
BUILDING FUND	\$15.00
APPEAL	

- Prayer line requests may be made to Paula – 586-2992.
- Don't forget the Super Bowl dinner from 11:00 to 1:00 on Sunday.



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

**JAN – APRIL : MASS TIME**  
Thursday – 6:00 PM  
Sunday – 8.00 AM

**Community Gathering:**  
**St. Little Flower**  
**Community on 2/7/2019**  
**Thursday**

### OUR GIFTS TO GOD & CHURCH

ADULTS	\$350.00
CHILDREN	
PLATE	\$13.00
SUBTOTAL	\$ 363.00
MASS STIPEND	
LATIN AMERICA	\$60.00
TOTAL	\$ 423.00
BUILDING FUND	
APPEAL	

- Prayer line requests may be made to DeAnn – 249-1735.
- Sacred Heart is sponsoring a dinner from 11:00 to 1:00 at the Bayard Elementary.

