



St. Mary's Church
Dalton, NE 69131



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Dear Sisters, Brothers and Children in Jesus Christ,

Today's first reading, taken from the book of Leviticus, teaches us that we should be holy because it is the command given to us by God through Moses: "Be holy, for I the Lord, your God, am holy." It also shows us the way to share in God's holiness: "Love your neighbor as yourself." The Responsorial Psalm (Ps 103) challenges us to be holy as our God is holy by becoming kind and merciful and forgiving, as He is to us. In the second reading, St. Paul gives us an additional reason to be holy. We are to keep our bodies and souls holy because we are the temples of the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit lives in us. In the Gospel passages taken from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus teaches us four methods of becoming holy as God is holy.

First, we need to become holy by abstaining from all forms of retaliation. In place of limited, proportional retaliation, such as 'an eye for an eye....' Jesus gives his new law of love, grace, forgiveness, reconciliation and no retaliation. For Jesus, retaliation, or even limited vengeance, has no place in the Christian life. The second method of becoming holy as God is holy is to take the offense gracefully and love the offender. Jesus illustrates this in three images: "turning the other cheek, freely giving the tunic and adding the cloak to it and walking the extra mile." Jesus tells us that what makes Christians different is the grace with which they treat others, offering them loving kindness and mercy. The third method of sharing in God's holiness is by unconditionally and whole-heartedly forgiving the offender without planning revenge in any form. This means not only loving one's neighbors, but also forgiving those enemies who hurt us and seem willfully to cause us suffering, hardship and unhappiness. The fourth method of becoming holy as God is holy is to seal our determination to forgive our enemies by sincerely praying for their spiritual and physical welfare and for the grace needed for their conversion and renewal of life. Thus, today's Scripture readings challenge us to become holy as our God is holy by loving, forgiving, and blessing others.

Yours in Christ Jesus,

Fr. C. P. Varghese

Pastor

SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

Date	Day	Time	Place	Intention
02/24	Monday	No Mass Today		
02/25	Tuesday	6.00 PM	Bridgeport	Mass & Blessing of Ashes
02/26	Wednesday	7.00 AM	Dalton	Mass & Blessing of Ashes
02/26	Wednesday	6.00 PM	Bayard	Mass & Blessing of Ashes
02/27	Thursday	5.30 PM	Dalton	Stations of the Cross & Mass
02/28	Friday	5.30 PM	Bayard	Stations of the Cross & Mass
02/29	Saturday	5.30 PM	Dalton	For the people of God
03/01	Sunday	8.00 AM	Bayard	For health of Leo Williamson
03/01	Sunday	10.30 AM	Bridgeport	Oneva Lummel

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

**JANUARY - APRIL:
MASS TIME**

Tuesday —6:00 PM
Sunday —10.30 AM

**Ash Wednesday
Eucharist of Blessing &
Distribution of Ashes:
Tuesday, 25th Feb:6.00 PM**

OUR GIFTS TO GOD & CHURCH

ADULTS	\$683.00
CHILDREN	\$14.00
PLATE	\$377.00
SUBTOTAL	\$1,074.00
MASS STIPEND	\$20.00
TOTAL	\$1,094.00
BUILDING FUND	
HEAT/AC	\$50.00
DONATIONS	\$5,685.00
APPEAL GOAL	\$5,484.00
BALANCE	\$201.00

- 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.



**SACRED HEART
1003 AVE B
BAYARD NE 69334**

**JANUARY - APRIL:
MASS TIME**

Friday – 6:00 PM
Sunday – 8.00 AM

**Ash Wednesday
Eucharist of Blessing &
Distribution of Ashes:
Wednesday, 26th Feb:6.00 PM**

OUR GIFTS TO GOD & CHURCH

ADULTS	\$626.00
CHILDREN	\$1.00
PLATE	\$125.00
SUBTOTAL	\$ 752.00
MASS STIPEND	
TOTAL	\$ 752.00
BUILDING FUND	
DONATIONS	\$9,525.00
APPEAL GOAL	\$3,403.00
BALANCE	\$6,122.00

- Prayer line requests may be made to Paula-586-2992.
- The rosary is prayed ½ hr before Mass, please come and pray.



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

**JANUARY - APRIL:
MASS TIME**

Thursday – 6:00 PM
Saturday – 5.30 PM

**Ash Wednesday
Eucharist of Blessing &
Distribution of Ashes:
Wednesday, 25th Feb:7.00 AM**

OUR GIFTS TO GOD & CHURCH

ADULTS	\$442.00
CHILDREN	
PLATE	\$12.00
SUBTOTAL	\$ 454.00
MASS STIPEND	
TOTAL	\$ 454.00
BUILDING FUND	
DONATIONS	\$6,103.00
APPEAL GOAL	\$5,502.00
BALANCE	\$601.00

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

