



St. Mary's Church
Dalton, NE 69131



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

The *Feast of the Presentation of Jesus* commemorates how Jesus, as a baby, was presented to God in the Temple in Jerusalem. This presentation finds its complete and perfect fulfillment in the mystery of the passion, death and Resurrection of the Lord. It is a combined feast, commemorating the Jewish practice of the purification of the mother after childbirth and the presentation of the child to God in the Temple and his buying back (redemption) from God. It is also known as the *Feast of the Purification of Mary*, and the *Feast of Candlemas*. It is also called the *Feast of Encounter (Hypapante in Greek)* because the New Testament, represented by the baby Jesus, encountered the Old Testament, represented by Simeon and Anna. Joseph offered two pigeons in the Temple as sacrifice for the purification of Mary after her childbirth and for the presentation and redemption ceremonies performed for baby Jesus.

In the first reading, taken from Malachi, the prophet speaks of the Lord suddenly coming to Jerusalem to purify the lax, lazy and indifferent priests of His Temple as silver is purified by fire. Simeon saw the Infant Jesus as the fulfillment of this passage. He saw Jesus as the Lord Who has come to the Temple, "destined to be the downfall and rise of many in Israel." In the second reading, St. Paul proclaims Jesus as our Eternal High Priest of the New Covenant (Heb 2:17), Who offered himself on the altar of Calvary, the only pure priestly sacrifice that could please God. He replaces the former priesthood. The Gospel describes how Joseph, as the head of the Holy Family of Nazareth, presented Mary and the baby Jesus in the Temple of God for the mother's purification and the Child's "redemption." It also describes the Holy Family's encounter with the old prophet Simeon and the holy old widow Anna. In his prophecy, Simeon extols the divine blessings which the Messiah is bringing to Israel and to all men and predicts that Mary will play a crucial and sacrificial role in her Son's redemptive work by sharing in her Son's sufferings.

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

SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

Date	Day	Time	Place	Intention
02/03	Monday	No Mass Today		
02/04	Tuesday	6.00 PM	Bridgeport	For the intention of Kathy Rice
02/05	Wednesday	No Mass Today		
02/06	Thursday	6.00 PM	Dalton	
02/07	Friday	11.00 AM	Bridgeport	Adoration & Anointing Mass
02/07	Friday	5.00 PM	Bayard	Adoration & Mass
02/08	Saturday	5.30 PM	Dalton	Tyler Vann Anne
02/09	Sunday	8.00 AM	Bayard	For the health of John Mercer
02/09	Sunday	10.30 AM	Bridgeport	Carol Rykwaldler

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

**JANUARY - APRIL:
MASS TIME**
Tuesday — 6:00 PM
Sunday — 10.30 AM

**Parish Council Meeting
on Sunday Feb 9, 2020
after the mass**

OUR GIFTS TO GOD & CHURCH

ADULTS	\$775.00
CHILDREN	\$13.00
PLATE	\$54.00
SUBTOTAL	\$ 842.00
MASS STIPEND	
SOLEMNITY	\$10.00
LATIN AMERICA	\$117.00
TOTAL	\$ 969.00
HEAT/AC	\$130.00
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.
- The Grand Island Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will be presenting four \$200 scholarships to young women who are currently Seniors in High School. The Alliance Deanery will be presenting one of these scholarships. The form is available now on-line at our website: www.gidccw.org This form can be filled out on-line, printed from your home computer and returned to our Deanery President, with all the signatures and other information needed. **Please mail to:** Deb Kearns 2797 560th Road Rushville, NE 69360 If you have questions, contact Sherry Weatherly, our Scholarship Chairperson, at 308-530-1474. The deadline for submission is Sunday, March 1, 2020. **No late submissions will be considered.**

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

**JANUARY - APRIL:
MASS TIME**
Friday — 6:00 PM
Sunday — 8.00 AM

**Parish Council Meeting
on Sunday Feb 9, 2020
at 6.00 PM**

OUR GIFTS TO GOD & CHURCH

ADULTS	\$460.00
CHILDREN	\$8.50
PLATE	\$100.00
SUBTOTAL	\$ 568.50
MASS STIPEND	\$20.00
LATIN AMERICA	\$35.00
TOTAL	\$ 623.50
BUILDING FUND	
DONATIONS	\$4,525.00
APPEAL GOAL	\$3,403.00
BALANCE	\$1,122.00

- Prayer line requests may be made to Paula-586-2992.
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**SAINT MARY'S
718 FRANCIS ST
DALTON NE 69131**

**JANUARY - APRIL:
MASS TIME**
Thursday — 6:00 PM
Saturday — 5.30 PM

**Parish Council Meeting
on Saturday Feb 8, 2020
after the mass**

OUR GIFTS TO GOD & CHURCH

ADULTS	\$325.00
CHILDREN	
PLATE	\$26.00
SUBTOTAL	\$ 351.00
MASS STIPEND	
LATIN AMERICA	\$24.25
TOTAL	\$ 375.25
BUILDING FUND	
DONATIONS	\$6,003.00
APPEAL GOAL	\$5,502.00
BALANCE	\$501.00

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