



St. Mary's Church
Dalton, NE 69131



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Dear Sisters, Brothers and Children in Jesus Christ,
In today's first reading, we have a terrible episode, namely stoning to death of Stephen. Here, there is a subtle detail which might easily escape our attention. Just before the men rushed to stone Stephen, giving themselves into that final impulse, we are told they covered their ears. It is a gesture that says they don't want to hear Stephen anymore. They had been hearing all the beautiful speeches of Stephen about salvation history, of Jesus who is the messiah, the rightful heir of King David etc. But now these men cannot take it anymore. So, they cover their ears. How appalling!

If you look at the Old Testament, the Jewish people were called to be hearers. The great Shema, the Jewish *Our Father*, contained in the book of Deuteronomy goes like this: "Hear Oh Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is One..." So, hearing God is a kind of singular description of Jewish vocation. What is meant by this is not a passive hearing. Instead, when we hear a command, in obedience and receptivity, we put it into action. In other words, to hear is to hear and obey.

So also, the Christian vocation is to hear. This is something that Christ said all the time: "Those who have ears to hear, let them hear". St. Paul speaks of hearing of faith. There is a mention of it also in today's second reading. Our vocation is still to hear the word of God and to strive to hear evermore completely and accurately. With a gesture of closing the ears, those men didn't want to hear God speaking to them through the person of Stephen. I think all of us at one time or other might be resisting the word of God being heard. May we today become aware of the gravity and culpability of not hearing God speaking to us through the prophets sent to us into our lives.

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

SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

Date	Day	Time	Place	Intention
06/03	Monday	No Mass Today		
06/04	Tuesday	6.00 PM	Bridgeport	
06/05	Wednesday	No Mass Today		
06/06	Thursday	6.00 PM	Dalton	Rosa Devier
06/07	Friday	11.00 AM	Bridgeport	Adoration & Anointing Mass
06/07	Friday	5.00 PM	Bayard	Adoration & Mass
06/08	Saturday	5.30 PM	Dalton	Souls in Purgatory (By Kristin Linton)
06/09	Sunday	8.00 AM	Bayard	Chuck Kibbee
06/09	Sunday	10.30 AM	Bridgeport	Mary Penick
06/09	Sunday	5.15 PM	Bridgeport	Animation Mass

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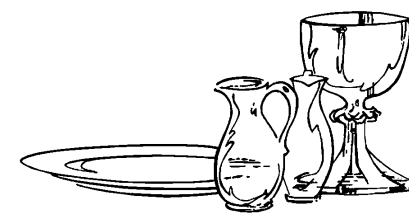
MAY - AUGUST : MASS TIME
Tuesday — 6:00 PM
Sunday — 10.30 AM

Easter House Blessings
St. Francis Assisi
Community
On Tuesday June 4th
after mass

OUR GIFTS TO GOD & CHURCH

ADULTS	\$665.00
CHILDREN	
PLATE	\$96.00
SUBTOTAL	\$ 761.00
MASS STIPEND	
CATHOLIC COMM.	\$161.00
TOTAL	\$ 922.00
BUILDING FUND	
APPEAL	

- **Adult Animation , Sunday, June 9, at 2:00. Topic: Pentecost, Pilgrimage and Prayer, with Empty Nesters.**
- 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

MAY - AUGUST : MASS TIME
Friday – 6:00 PM
Sunday – 8.00 AM

Easter House Blessings
St. John Paul II
Community
On Friday June 7th
after mass

OUR GIFTS TO GOD & CHURCH

ADULTS	\$303.00
CHILDREN	\$7.00
PLATE	\$435.00
SUBTOTAL	\$745.00
MASS STIPEND	
ASCENSION	\$15.00
CATHOLIC COMM.	\$49.00
TOTAL	\$ 809.00
BUILDING FUND	
APPEAL	

- **Adult Animation , Sunday, June 9, at 2:00. Topic: Pentecost, Pilgrimage and Prayer, with Empty Nesters.**
- 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

MAY - AUGUST : MASS TIME
Thursday – 6:00 PM
Saturday – 5.30 PM

Easter House Blessings
Little Flower
Community
On Thursday June 6th
after mass

OUR GIFTS TO GOD & CHURCH

ADULTS	\$940.00
CHILDREN	\$1.00
PLATE	\$11.00
SUBTOTAL	\$ 952.00
MASS STIPEND	\$20.00
CATHOLIC COMM.	\$20.00
TOTAL	\$ 992.00
BUILDING FUND	\$350.00
APPEAL	

- **Adult Animation , Sunday, June 9, at 2:00. Topic: Pentecost, Pilgrimage and Prayer, with Empty Nesters.**
- Prayer line requests may be made to DeAnn-249-1735.

