



St. Mary's Church
Dalton, NE 69131



All Souls' Church
Bridgeport, NE 69336
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Bayard, NE 69334

ALL SOULS
617 P STREET
BRIDGEPORT NE 69336

JANUARY - APRIL:
MASS TIME

Tuesday — 6:00 PM
Sunday — 10:30 AM

No Public Church Services will be held this week. But Fr.C.P. will be available for confessions by appointments and for any spiritual emergencies.

OUR GIFTS TO GOD & CHURCH

ADULTS	\$886.00
CHILDREN	\$18.00
PLATE	\$183.00
SUBTOTAL	\$1,087.00
MASS STIPEND	
WEST NE REGISTER	\$50.00
TOTAL	\$1,137.00
BUILDING FUND	\$200.00
APPEAL	\$40.00

- 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.
- **We strongly encourage you to download the myParish app to help with communication in this time of "social-distancing". Text app to 88202 and it will automatically send a link to download the correct version for your phone. It will walk you through the process of choosing our church. Continued under Sacred Heart-**

SACRED HEART
1003 AVE B
BAYARD NE 69334

JANUARY - APRIL:
MASS TIME

Friday — 6:00 PM
Sunday — 8.00 AM

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OUR GIFTS TO GOD & CHURCH

ADULTS	\$415.00
CHILDREN	\$3.00
PLATE	\$74.00
SUBTOTAL	\$492.00
MASS STIPEND	
TOTAL	\$ 492.00
BUILDING FUND	
APPEAL	\$10.00

- Prayer line requests may be made to Paula-586-2992.
- The rosary is prayed ½ hr before Mass, please come and pray.
- **Cont. from All Souls... also consider joining our Facebook pages: Smassh Catholics or All Souls Catholic Church-Bridgeport, NE for more updates from the Diocese. There will be a link on the Facebook pages to download the app also.**

SAINT MARY'S
718 FRANCIS ST
DALTON NE 69131

JANUARY - APRIL:
MASS TIME

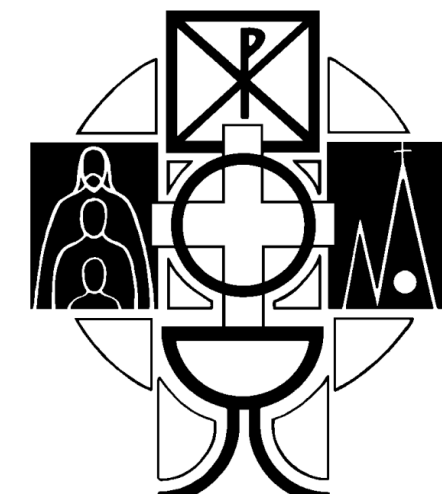
Thursday — 6:00 PM
Saturday — 5.30 PM

No Public Church Services will be held this week. But Fr.C.P. will be available for confessions by appointments and for any spiritual emergencies.

OUR GIFTS TO GOD & CHURCH

ADULTS	\$340.00
CHILDREN	
PLATE	\$160.00
SUBTOTAL	\$ 500.00
MASS STIPEND	
WEST NE REGISTER	\$35.00
TOTAL	\$ 535.00
BUILDING FUND	
APPEAL	

- Prayer line requests may be made to DeAnn-249-1735.
- **Read under All Souls and Sacred Heart for suggestions to keep updated.**



Dear Sisters, Brothers and Children in Jesus Christ,

Today is the Fourth Sunday of Lent and it is known as "Laetare (Rejoice) Sunday," expressing the Church's joy in anticipation of the Resurrection of our Lord. But we are through unprecedented times in the history of the Church and may be also in our own personal history, as we know how difficult it is for us not to congregate joyfully and be part of our community worship even on Sundays. But it is equally true to realize that the Church is not about a building where we go to, on Sundays. The Church was always meant to be a communion of human beings, and not a facility. Today, therefore we have an opportunity to make our homes a place where God dwells. Let us make our families a place where communion is experienced as God's loving children. In order to attain this, I suggest that starting today (if you are not doing it so far) the family members spend time praying together – may be recitation of the holy rosary, reading of the bible, and doing intercessory prayers etc., **but all done together**. Let the parents and grand parents teach prayers and Catechism to the little ones. Thus, let prayer and spirituality prevail in our homes. Then God's presence would be visible to us.

Today's readings both remind us that it is God who gives us proper vision in body as well as in soul and instruct us that we should be constantly on our guard against spiritual blindness. By describing the anointing of David as the second king of Israel, the first reading, taken from the First Book of Samuel, illustrates how blind we are in our judgments and how much we need God's help. In the second reading, St. Paul reminds the Ephesians of their new responsibility as children of light *to live as children of the light, producing every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth.* In today's Responsorial Psalm, (Ps 23), we celebrate the care of God, our Good Shepherd. Presenting the miracle of Jesus' giving of sight to a man born blind, today's Gospel teaches us the necessity of opening the eyes of our mind by Faith, and warns us that those who assume they see the truth are often blind, while those who acknowledge their blindness are given clear vision. In this episode, the most unlikely person, namely the beggar born blind, receives the light of Faith in Jesus, while the religion-oriented, law-educated Pharisees remain spiritually blind. Our Lenten prayers and sacrifices should serve to heal our spiritual blindness so that we can look at others, see them as children of God and love them as our own brothers and sisters.

We need to allow Jesus to heal our spiritual blindness. We all have blind-spots — in our marriages, our parenting, our work habits, and our personalities. We are often blind to the presence of God dwelling within us and fail to appreciate God's presence in others. We can be blind to the poverty, injustice and pain around them. Let us remember, however, that Jesus wants to heal our blindness. We need to ask him to remove from us the root causes of our blindness: namely, self-centeredness, greed, anger, hatred, prejudice, jealousy, addiction to evil habits and hardness of heart. Let us pray with the Scottish Bible scholar William Barclay, "God our Father, help us see Christ more clearly, love him more dearly and follow him more nearly." (Courtesy: Fr. Tony Kadavil)

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