



St. Mary's Church
Dalton, NE 69131



All Souls' Church
Bridgeport, NE 69336



Sacred Heart Church
Bayard, NE 69334

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Dear Sisters, Brothers and Children in Jesus Christ,

On this *Good Shepherd Sunday* and the *World Day of Prayer for Vocations*, the Church reminds us of our call to become good shepherds of God's flock and good sheep of His parishes and invites us to pray for vocations to the priesthood, the diaconate and the consecrated life. Both the Old and New Testaments use the image of a Shepherd and His flock to describe the unique relationship of God with Israel and of the Christ with Christians. The first reading is taken from St. Peter's first sermon, given on the day of Pentecost. He reminds his Jewish listeners that they have crucified their true Shepherd. Hence, they need to receive forgiveness for their sin by getting baptized in the name of Jesus and acknowledging the risen Jesus as their Lord and Savior, as Jesus had commanded. The Responsorial Psalm (Ps 23), introduces Yahweh as the Good Shepherd of Israel Who cares for us, His sheep, providing for our needs. In the second reading, Peter encourages the suffering Christians to follow in the footsteps of their Good Shepherd, Jesus. In today's Gospel, two brief parables show us Jesus, the first, as a selfless, caring "shepherd" who provides for his sheep protection and life itself, and the second, as our unique gateway ("sheep gate"), to eternal salvation.

We need to become good shepherds and good leaders: Everyone who is entrusted with the care of others is a shepherd. Hence, pastors, parents, teachers, doctors, nurses, government officials, and caregivers, among others, are all shepherds. We become good shepherds by loving those entrusted to us, praying for them, spending our time, talents and blessings for their welfare, and guarding them from physical and spiritual dangers. We need to become good sheep in the fold of Jesus, the Good Shepherd: Our local parish is our sheepfold, and our pastors are our shepherds. Jesus is the High Priest, the Bishops are the successors of the Apostles, the pastors are their helpers and the parishioners are the sheep. We need to pray for vocations. Jesus' work is carried out in the world through the Church. And priests and religious are those who are specially chosen by God to bear witness to Jesus, God's Son. We should pray for all of them today.

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

SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

Date	Day	Time	Place	Intention
05/04	Monday	No Mass Today		
05/05	Tuesday	6.00 PM	Bridgeport	Mary Jansa
05/06	Wednesday	No Mass Today		
05/07	Thursday	6.00 PM	Dalton	Health of Nancy Wagoner
05/08	Friday	6.00 PM	Bayard	William & Janis Albro
05/09	Saturday	5.30 PM	Bayard	Janis Albro
05/10	Sunday	8.00 AM	Dalton	Carole Runngren
05/10	Sunday	10.30 AM	Bridgeport	Phyllis Biberos

ALL SOULS
617 P STREET
BRIDGEPORT NE 69336

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

- No Obligation to attend Sunday Mass
- Sanitize your hands before mass
- Keep social distancing during mass (Be seated 6 ft apart)

OUR GIFTS TO GOD & CHURCH

ADULTS	\$530.00
CHILDREN	
PLATE	
SUBTOTAL	\$ 530.00
MASS STIPEND	
RICE BOWL	\$50.00
TOTAL	\$ 580.00
BUILDING FUND	

- 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
Saturday — 5.30 PM

- No Obligation to attend Sunday Mass
- Sanitize your hands before mass
- Keep social distancing during mass (Be seated 6 ft apart)

OUR GIFTS TO GOD & CHURCH

ADULTS	\$15.00
CHILDREN	
PLATE	
SUBTOTAL	\$15.00
MASS STIPEND	\$30.00
HOME MISSION	\$15.00
TOTAL	\$ 60.00
BUILDING FUND	

- Prayer line requests may be made to Paula-586-2992.
- The rosary is prayed ½ hr before Mass, please come and pray.
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SAINT MARY'S
718 FRANCIS ST
DALTON NE 69131

MAY - AUGUST:
MASS TIME
Thursday — 6:00 PM
Sunday — 8.00 AM

- No Obligation to attend Sunday Mass
- Sanitize your hands before mass
- Keep social distancing during mass (Be seated 6 ft apart)

OUR GIFTS TO GOD & CHURCH

ADULTS	\$400.00
CHILDREN	
PLATE	
SUBTOTAL	\$ 400.00
EASTER	\$150.00
RICE BOWL	\$20.11
TOTAL	\$ 570.11
BUILDING FUND	

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

