



St. Mary's Church
Dalton, NE 69131



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Bridgeport, NE 69336
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Dear Sisters, Brothers and Children in Jesus Christ,

In today's gospel we hear Jesus saying the parable of the pharisee and the tax collector who go to the temple for praying. The pharisee did not really go to pray to God. He prayed with himself. We must know that true prayer is always offered to God and to God alone. The pharisee's whole attitude was not untypical of the worst in what we call as Pharisaism. He went to inform God how good he was. But there was a tax-collector. He stood afar off, and would not even lift his eyes to God. He actually prayed, "O God, be merciful to me--the sinner," as if he was not merely a sinner, but the sinner par excellence. "And," said Jesus, "it was that heart-broken, self-despising prayer which won him acceptance before God."

This parable unmistakably tells us certain things about prayer.

(i) No human who is proud can pray. The gate of heaven is so low that none can enter it except upon one's knees. (ii) No human who despises their fellow-humans can pray. In prayer we do not lift ourselves above our fellow-human beings. We remember that we are one of a great army of sinning, suffering, sorrowing humanity, all kneeling before the throne of God's mercy. (iii) True prayer comes from setting our lives beside the life of God. No doubt all that the Pharisee said was true. He did fast; he did meticulously give tithes; he was not as other men are; still less was he like that tax-collector. But the question is not, "Am I as good as my fellow-men?" The question is, "Am I as good as God?" It all depends what we compare ourselves with. And when we set our lives beside the life of Jesus and beside the holiness of God, all that is left to say is, "God be merciful to me--the sinner."

Yours in Christ Jesus,

Fr. C. P. Varghese

Pastor

SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

Date	Day	Time	Place	Intention
10/28	Monday	No Mass Today		
10/29	Tuesday	6.00 PM	Bridgeport	Chris Wise & Andrew Lummel
10/30	Wednesday	No Mass Today		
10/31	Thursday	6.00 PM	Dalton	Solemnity of All Saints (Obligation)
11/01	Friday	7.00 AM	Bridgeport	Solemnity of All Saints (Obligation)
11/01	Friday	6.00 PM	Bayard	Solemnity of All Saints (Obligation)
11/02	Saturday	5.30 PM	Bayard	
11/03	Sunday	8.00 AM	Dalton	Sp. Intention of Waite family
11/03	Sunday	10.30 AM	Bridgeport	Chris Wise & Andrew Lummel

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

**SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER :
MASS TIME**

Tuesday —6:00 PM
Sunday —10.30 AM

**Rosary Rally
St. Claire Community
On October 29th, Tuesday**

OUR GIFTS TO GOD & CHURCH

ADULTS	\$578.00
CHILDREN	\$5.00
PLATE	\$123.00
SUBTOTAL	\$ 706.00
MASS STIPEND	
WORLD MISSION	\$164.00
TOTAL	\$ 870.00
BUILDING FUND	
APPEAL	

- 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.
- Harvest Dinner coming up Nov. 3 from 11:30-1:00. Adults -\$10; Youth 6-12-\$5; under 5 Free.



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

**SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER :
MASS TIME**

Friday – 6:00 PM
Saturday – 5.30 PM

**Parish Council Meeting
On November 2nd, Saturday
After mass**

OUR GIFTS TO GOD & CHURCH

ADULTS	\$365.00
CHILDREN	
PLATE	\$507.00
SUBTOTAL	\$872.00
MASS STIPEND	
WORLD MISSION	\$20.00
TOTAL	\$ 892.00
BUILDING FUND	
APPEAL	

- Prayer line requests may be made to Paula-586-2992.
- The rosary is prayed ½ hr before Mass, please come and pray.
- All Souls Harvest Dinner coming up Nov. 3 from 11:30-1:00. Adults -\$10; Youth 6-12-\$5; under 5 Free.



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

**SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER :
MASS TIME**

Thursday – 6:00 PM
Sunday – 8.00 AM

OUR GIFTS TO GOD & CHURCH

ADULTS	\$1150
CHILDREN	
PLATE	\$30.00
SUBTOTAL	\$1,180.00
MASS STIPEND	\$20.00
WORLD MISSION	\$155.00
TOTAL	\$1,355.00
BUILDING FUND	\$350.00
APPEAL	

- Prayer line requests may be made to DeAnn-249-1735.
- All Souls Harvest Dinner coming up Nov. 3 from 11:30-1:00. Adults -\$10; Youth 6-12-\$5; under 5 Free.

