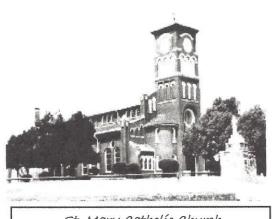


## CHRISTMAS 2020

**FATHER MICHAEL MOLONEY** AND THE STAFF OF ST. MARY'S AND ST. BONIFACE **WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND BEST WISHES** FOR MANY BLESSINGS, **PEACE AND HAPPINESS** TO EACH AND EVERYONE THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON AND

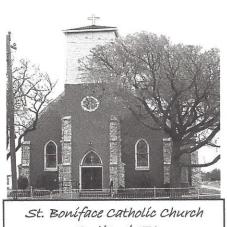
THROUGHOUT THE NEW YEAR!!!



St. Mary Catholic Church Windthorst, TX

### St. Mary / St. **Boniface** Vision Statement

To serve Christ and promote His teachings through Worship, Education, Training, Service, and Community



Scotland, TX

### Father Michael Moloney, O. F. S., PASTOR

"There's no such thing as a bad priest, just priests whose people don't pray enough for them." St . John Vianney

#### ailing Address for Both Churches

PO Box 230, Windthorst, Texas 76389 Phone (940) 423-6687 \* Fax (940) 423-6657 Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9 am-5 pm Closed on Tuesdays

www.stmarysstboniface.org Email: windscot@comcell.net

#### **BAPTISMAL PREPARATION**

on the 3rd Sunday of the month at 9:15 A.M. contact the office for dates and to register for classes

#### **Marriage Preparation**

contact the office at least nine to 12 months prior to wedding date

#### **RCIA**

contact Fr. Michael at 423-6687

#### **Funerals**

in the case of a death in the family, please contact the office as soon as possible.

#### Ministry to the Sick

contact the office immediately if you know of anyone who is sick, hospitalized or home-bound

#### Confession

Every Saturday 3:00 - 4:00 pm

At the Church Office

#### **Hispanic Ministry**

Tuesday & Thursday in Convent Call Oscar or Alma Contreras at 423-6918 or 940-224-8183

#### **Protecting Our Children Sessions**

Call Sharon Humpert @ 423-6283

#### Mass Schedule for the Week

Please wear a mask & practice social distancing at all Masses. Sunday & Wednesday services will be livestreamed.

December 21 - St. Mary's Monday

Liv. & Dec. Members of 4th Degree K of C 6:00 pm

by 4th Degree K of C

Tuesday December 22 - St. Mary's

Intention of Fr. Michael

December 23 - St. Mary's Wednesday † Alvin Wolf by Steve Schlumpfs 6:00 pm

**Christmas Eve** 

December 24 - St. Boniface Thursday

**Parishioners** 1:00 pm

Thursday December 24 - St. Mary's

4:00 pm Henry Pennartz by Mildred Pennartz

8:00 pm **Parishioners** 

**Christmas Day** 

Friday December 25 - St. Mary's

† Floyd Hilbers by His Children 8:00 am

December 26 - St. Mary's Saturday

12:00 noon † Jeff Williams by Family

5:00 pm † James Wilde by Class of 1967

7:00 pm Parishioners

Sunday December 27 - St. Boniface

† Leonard Schenk Sr. by Dorothy Meurer 8:00 am

Sunday December 27 - St. Mary's

10:30 am † Jerome Berend by Bernadine Berend

#### **ST. MARY'S MINISTERS**

Monday December 21st - December 27th, 2020

#### THURSDAY DECEMBER 24TH 4PM

Lector - Suzette Schreiber

Ushers - James Vieith Jr, David Green, Doug Wolf

**Eucharistic Ministers** – Diane Schroeder & Deb Schreiber **FRIDAY DECEMBER 25**<sup>TH</sup>

Lector - Mark Veitenheimer

Ushers – Donnie Fleitman, Terry Schroeder, David McCann

**Eucharistic Ministers** – Dawn Vieth & Craig Anderle

#### SATURDAY DECEMBER 26TH

Lector - Judy Koetter

Ushers - Roy & Julie Koetter, James Vieth Jr., Doug Wolf

Eucharistic Ministers - Michael & June Schroeder

#### SUNDAY DECEMBER 27th

Lector - Chuck King

Ushers - Donnie Fleitman, Terry Schroeder, David McCann

Eucharistic Ministers- Chuck & Mitzi Veitenheimer

SUPPORT - Envelopes \$3114.00 Loose \$35.00

<u>Children \$10.00 Holy Day: Envelopes \$60.00</u> Retired Religious \$1210.00

#### ST. BONIFACE MINISTERS

Monday December 21<sup>st</sup> - December 27<sup>th</sup> , 2020

#### THURSDAY DECEMBER 24TH

Lector - Pat Hemmi

Ushers - Dan Smith & Brad Wolf

Eucharistic Ministers - Robert & Debbie Krahl

#### **SUNDAY DECEMBER 27th**

Lector - Pat Hemmi

Ushers - Kenneth Veitenheimer & Dan Smith

Eucharistic Ministers- Terry Berend & Brad Wolf

SUPPORT - Envelopes \$2835.00.00 Loose \$30.00 Holy

Day – Envelopes \$95.00 Loose \$20.00 Retired Religious 577.00

#### ST. MARY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN THIS WEEK** For A Merry Christmas for Parishioners

BAPTISMAL CLASSES are offered on the third Sunday of the month at 9:15 a.m. Classes need to be attended by Parents and Godparents. Baptismal classes need to be refreshed every three years. You may attend the class before the baby is born. Please call the office at 423-6687 or Diane Hubbard at 631-1803 to register. Thank you.

The next Baptism will be Dec. 27th following 10:30 Mass.

**LECTORS WORK BOOKS:** New workbooks for the Lectors are in the south sacristy in St. Mary's Church. All Lectors serving before the virus & on the list are asked to pick up a book as soon as they can.

**STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES** for 2021 are in Churches. Please pick up as soon as possible. Families with children in school, envelopes are in the paper bags. In case we have overlooked someone, please let the Church office know (423-6687). We realize this is a strangetime in the world but the Church still has obligations to meet. We thank you for your continued support of your Church. Thank you.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL — Thank you to everyone who responded generously to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. Your gift makes a difference to the people whom we will accompany in our shared journey of faith, hope and charity as one Church united in Christ. As of December 11, 2020, 76 families have donated for a total of \$11,024.01. Not even 1/10 of St. Mary's Parish have responded to this appeal. Please, please turn in a pledge card even if you are unable to donate. We are counting on every family to make a commitment in order to reach our parish goal of \$20,000.00. Please return a pledge card even if you are unable to donate. There are cards in the office & on the tables in Church, in case you need one.

**REMINDER:** Just a reminder...Christmas decorating will begin on Tuesday, Dec. 22 at 1 pm and again on Thursday, Dec. 23 at 1 pm.

**K OF C 4<sup>TH</sup> DEGREE:** Due to COVID, the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree will not be having their Christmas party or their December meeting, but want to wish all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Mattt & Becky Schroeder

**THE ST. MARY'S CHRISTIAN MOTHER'S SOCIETY** will hold their next regular meeting on January 7, 2021. Have a very Merry Christmas!

**THANK YOU NOTE:** Many thanks to those who generously donated much needed items for the residents of the University Park Manor Nursing Home in Wichita Falls, Texas. Saint Mary's has been helping with this charitable project for about fifteen years. They are so appreciative of your kindness. Without your help this act of charity could not have been accomplished. Gratefully, Melinda Schneider & Joyce Vieth.

**THANK YOU NOTE:** St. Mary's wishes to thank Mildred Lindemann & John & Maxine Veitenheimer for their generous donation to St. Mary's Improvement Fund in memory of Joyce Ostermann.

#### ST. BONIFACE ANNOUNCEMTENTS

**SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN THIS WEEK** for A Merry & Blessed Christmas to Father Michael & parishioners of St. Boniface by Altar Society.

**7-DAY LIGHTS:** For a speedy recovery for Chuck Berend by your family; Our parents & family, All those sick or hurting, Those in the military & threir families by Laurie, Kenneth & family.

**WEEKLY BULLETINS:** Since the Church is locked most of the week days, the bulletins will be placed in the bulletin board at the entrance of Church after Mass each Sunday if you would like to pick one up.

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**THE ST. BONIFACE ALTAR SOCIETY** will decorate for Christmas at 1:00pm on Tuesday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>. Anyone wishing to help is welcome to do so, it is always greatly appreciated. Wearing masks will be required.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR BOTH PARISHES**

**THE PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE** is in the home of the Bernard Scheffe Family the week of December 27<sup>th</sup>. They as well as all of us are asked to pray for world peace, military and vocations.

January 3<sup>rd</sup> Joey Schroeder Family January 10<sup>th</sup> James Zotz Family

**Confessions:** Father Michael will be hearing confessions on Saturdays at the Church Office from 3:00 to 4:00pm or by

MASS TIMES: Friday Masses will be at 3:00 pm. Monday Masses will be at 12:00 noon except the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month. PLEASE WATCH THE BULLETIN FOR MASS TIME CHANGES THROUGHOUT THE MONTH.

**ACTS OF CHARITY:** Please wear a mask at all Masses and practice social distancing (3 ft. apart). This is an act of charity to our neighbors when we practice social distancing & wear a mask.

**NOTICE:** Due to the cornavirus surge, we would like to ask that you call the office to make an appointment for any type of transaction, such as a visit with Father Michael, book the hall (For the future), or any type of concern you might have at this time. First of all it is to make sure the person you would like to speak with is in the office the time you plan to come by. We also ask that you wear a mask, This is for the protection of all concerned..we have the health and safety of our visitors in mind. You may continue to drop off bulletin notices, requests for lights in the slot of the office door. You may also drop off your stewardship donations if you would like. Even though the Church is serving a 50% capacity, the bills still continue. Thank you for your understanding.

## SPECIAL CHRISTMAS MASSE FOR CCD STUDENTS & PARENTS:

For students K-5, Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, Dec.  $20^{\text{th}}$  at 5PM.

All student & parents & their families are invited to attend. A prize for grades K through 5 with the most participants will be awarded.

WORLD WIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER- Don't give each other things this Christmas, give each other the gift of great communication, a deep love and a marriage filled with God by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. For dates for "virtual" Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends visit our website at: http://www.dfwme.org. For more information e-mail apply@dfwme.org or call Brian and Tina Little 281-773-9014. mas informacion de Encuentro Matrimonial en Espanol, escriba a <a href="mailto:emmdfw@gmail.com">emmdfw@gmail.com</a> o visite <a href="mailto:http://www.emmseccion21.org/">http://www.emmseccion21.org/</a>

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS & REMINDERS:**

Sun. Dec.  $20^{\text{th}}$  Kids (K-5) Christmas Mass at 5:00pm.

CHRISTMAS:

EVE Mass December 24th 1pm St. Boniface with Fr. Jerry Ward.

EVE Mass December 24th 4pm St. Mary's

EVE Mass December 24th 8pm St. Mary's

Christmas Day December 25th 8am St. Mary's

THE WINDTHORST KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BLOOD MOBILE will be held at the Berend Family Center, Weds., Dec. 23rd from 1:30 - 6:00pm. This Blood Mobile will honor our departed brother, and long-time Blood Chairman, Frosty Hoff. Texas Blood Institute will be collecting blood using appropriate protocols and social distancing requirements. You can schedule an appointment by texting Doug Berend, 940-782-4126, with a desired time, to minimize any waiting. There is a critical blood shortage as emergent surgeries and other needs are using up the limited supply, during this holiday season."

THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL was formed to help the needy of our area; as we are all called to serve in different ways. The St. Vincent De Paul Store is located at 1516 Beverly in Wichita Falls. Volunteers run the store. Donations are received such as clothing, bedding, kitchen items, etc. These items are then sold at low prices. We want to ask anyone that feels they could volunteer at the store to contact Denise Gough at 940-613-5268 in Wichita Falls for additional info. Store hours are 10-2 Mon., Tues., Wed., & Sat. Thank you in advance & look forward to fellowship with Our Lady Queen of Peace & Sacred Heart in Wichita Falls & St. Mary's in Windthorst. Individuals are also needed to serve on a board for each Church to offer guidance. Thank you & God Bless.

YEAR- END GIVING: The end of the year is a busy time, full of holiday fun with family and friends, special celebrations and a time of rejuvenation for the New Year. It's also one of the best times to review financial decisions, especially decisions regarding charitable giving. There are certain benefits making gifts before the end of the year. Plan Your Donations Now to Ensure Credit in the 2020 Tax Year. In order to be credited as a donation in the 2020 tax year, checks must be dated and mailed with a postmark on or before Thursday, December 31, 2020.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Books for St. Mary's/St. Boniface will close on December 31st, 2020.

**NOTE:** Yearly Lights are due at the end of the year.

**ATTENTION SENIORS 2020-2021:** If you are a member of the JCDA or a son/daughter, grandson/granddaughter, or nephew/niece of a CDA member you are eligible for the Texas CDA State Memorial Schlorship. The postmark deadline for the scholarship is January 31, 2021. For more details or an application, please contact Whitney Schreiber at 631-8328 or WISD Counselor, Darla Tackett at 423-6608.

**SEEKING HOSTS HOMES FOR INTERNATIONAL CATHOLIC EXCHANGE STUDENTS:** Thank you for being such a wonderful part of the community. I live here in Wichita Falls area and I am a representative to our area for Pan Atlantic Foundation, a non-profit organization, which works with international high school student exchange. Our students hail from Italy and many come from Catholic families! We are looking for families to host our incoming students and we would love to place them with families who share their faith. They would be such a great addition to your congregation!

Our students arrive in January and are here just for the Spring semester. They have a variety of hobbies and interests, including soccer, cooking, ice skating, golf, fashion, movies, mathematics, and so much more! They are proficient in English and come with their own health insurance and spending money for all personal, academic, and social expenses. Host families can be retired, empty nesters, single, or families of any size from zero to a tribe! Our students can even share a room with a same gender host sibling within 4 years of their age.

Many of our students have dreamed of studying in America since they were children. All they need is a seat at your table and a place in your heart.

Visit <u>www.meetourstudents.org</u> to get to know the students excited to become a part of your family!

Norma Prisock

Area Representative, Pan Atlanctic Foundation, 811 Mohawk, Burkburnett, TX 76354 940-631-3713

www.panatlancticfoundation.org www.iwanttohost.org

**THANK YOU NOTE:** St. Mary's & St. Boniface wish to thank James & Gwen Teichman & Margaret Beaman for their generous donation to St. Mary's/St. Boniface Youth Group in memory of Joyce Ostermann and an Annonymous Donor for their generous donation in memory of Henry & Joyce Ostermann to St. Mary's/St. Boniface Youth Group.

**THANK YOU NOTE:** We use the means of the Sunday Bulletin to convey to all of our friends in Scotland & Windthorst our prayers & sincere thanks for the outpouring of love & prayers, visits, lights, Masses, flowers, food, and donations to their choices of charity made in memory of My husband, Bob, and Our father, grandfather & great grandfather. For the visits to Bob by Father Michael we thank you Father. That meant so much to him. Bob was born a Yankee but he truly became a Texan & loved our communities.

Mary, Pam, Robert, Bink, & families.

## 10 DAY IRELAND PILGRIMAGE HOSTED BY FATHER MICHAEL MOLONEY

October 18 - October 27, 2021

Please contact Denise Cooper at 940-781-3931 for more details.



**FOURTH WEEK** The prayer that follows is to be repeated each day of the fourth week. After the prayer, all four candles are lit

**Leader:** O Lord, stir up Thy power, we pray Thee, and come; and with great might help us, that with the help of Thy Grace, Thy merciful forgiveness may hasten what our sins impede. Through Christ our Lord. **All: Amen** 

The four candles are allowed to burn during the evening meals of the fourth week.

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MILITARY PRAYER LIST - Charles Berend, Jr. (Navy), Fermin Estrada Jr., (Army), Sgt. Bill Foster, Capt. Sean Fuhrmann (Marines), Lt. Colonel Tony Garcia (Navy), Cpl. Kellen Green (Marine), Luke Grotelueschen (Army), Captain Brian Hoff (Marine), Tracey Hoff (Navy), Damian Hoffman (Army), Master Sgt. Nicholas Klein (Army), Stephen Koetter (Army), Adam Lambert (Army), James Devon Lindeman (Army), PVT Miguel Luna Jr., Jess Martinez (Army), Joshua Millican (Navy), Sgt. Kenneth (K.J.) Nichols (Army), Major David Ogura (Army), Kyle Page (Marine), Frank Prokop, (Colorado Air National Guard), Sgt. Robert Rhinehart, Private Trey Schenk (Marine), Tracy Hoff Schmitt (Army), 1st Class Craig Slaten (Air Force), Staff Sgt. Ricky Smith (Air Force), Judy Solorio (Navy), Staff Sgt. Matthew Tubbs, Sgt. Ann Schreiber Turner (Air Force), Cpl. Logan Veitenheimer (Marine) Josh Winter (Army), Major Audrey Wolf (Army), Zachary Zotz (Army). (If there are any changes or additions please call the office.) Dear Heavenly Father, please protect our troops as they protect us. Bless them and their families for all that they are doing for us in our time of need. We ask this in the name of Jesus, AMEN



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Branch #36 of Scotland.

ST. MARY'S 7-DAY LIGHTS: Leonard Schenk Jr., Get well to Charles Berend by Vera Ann; Ann & Family, Ralph & Clara, Stella & Ron, Gloria, Carol & Terry Sales, Beverly Wilde by Cordella; Father Michael's intention, +Kathryn Roberts, Gloria Schroeder, Beverly Wilde, Frances Hoffman, Margaret Beaman, Carol Sales, +Joyce Ostermann, Ernie & Billie Hoff, My Family, +George by Ida Hoff; Our Children, Our Grandsons, In loving memory of Mom & Dad Roewe at Christmas, In loving memory of Urban J. & Frances Veitenheimer at Christmas, All the family of Joyce Ostermann, Kathy, Gary Hoff & family, Frances Hoffman, Mary Ann Riggins, Misty Lindley, Carol & Terry Sales, Ralph & Clara Veitenheimer, Agnes Schreiber, Aunt JoAnn Hoff, Aunt Pauline Hoff, Margaret Beaman, Father Michael, For all fighting Covid-19, Better health for John by John & Maxine Veitenheimer; Happy Heavenly Birthday +Helen Berend, Nellie Berend & Family, +Gus Berend, Terry & Carol Sales, Frances Hoffman,+Pauline Cassidy & Margie Himmels, +Juanita Munchrath,+Ida Mae, +Betty Jo, +Paul J. Himmels, Annete & Mabel, +Al, Complete healing for Jerry Anderle by Ann Veitenheimer; +Larry Wolf, Kenny, Martha & Family, +Gus Berend, Nellie & Family, +Leonard Schenk Sr., Vera Ann & Family, All suffering COVID, Beverly Wilde, Safety of WVFD & All First Responders, Bernard & Pat, Butch & Pat, All of Our Family, Merry Christmas to all of the people from St. Mary's & St. Boniface, Margaret Beaman, Fr. Michael, Love & Prayers to Margaret & Father by Robert & Pat Scheffe; All the sick of Our Communities, Fr. Michael, Mother, Safety of All Our healthcare workers, Our Family, Terry & Carol Sales by Frank & Joyce Wolf; My Family, Debbie Hoff Family, Cordella Berend, Fern Schreiber, Frances Hoffman, Gary & Jennifer, Mary Baumer Family, Terry & Carol Sales, Mildred Lindemann, My Special Intentions, In Thanksgiving for favors by JoAnn Hoff; Successful surgery for Leo Jr. by Mom; Merry Christmas Father David, Merry Christmas +Leroy, Joyce Ostermann Family, Edna Anderle, Annette Anderle, Jerry Anderle, All the sick & lonely. Safety of all travelers by Caroline Anderle; Cordella, Whitney, Lucas, Joyce Ostermann family, +Gus Berend, Nellie Berend, Paul & Rosalie Schenk, Karley & Scottie, Sue & Bobby Steinberger, Junior & Donna, Safety of Sabrina, Holly & Tatum, Happy Birthday Ethan, Kenny Wolf family, Safety of Logan & Loganetta by Ralph & Clara; Larry Wolf family, Gus Berend family, Joyce Ostermann family, Aunt Beverly Wilde, Jerry & Marsha Anderle, Ralph & Clara Veitenheimer, Cordella Berend. Margaret Beaman, Our family, All the sick & hurting, Fr. Michael by Betty & Doug Wolf; Complete healing for Gerald, Our family, Our Mothers, Jim & Geneva Simpson, Carol & Terry Sales by Gerald & Sherry; Healing for Linette, Tammy, Geneva & Jim by Mom; Healing for Ryan, Rick Fleitman by Grandma; Nellie Berend & Family, Beverly Wilde by Rosalee Schroeder; Our Sick Members, For an increase in Priestly & Consecrated Life Vocations, Students of WISD/CDA #296 by CDA #296

YEARLY LIGHTS: Joe & Magdalena Lindemann by Family; For my family & In memory of +Henry & +Troy Pennartz by Hillary; For all battling cancer by Charles & Joyce Vieth; In memory of +Janice, +Ed & +Catherine, +Lois Luig, +Nancy Luig Carr & +Geraldine Lindemann by Eddie Luig Family; For World Peace & safety of our Military, especially for Damian Hoffman (Army), David Ogura (Army), & Zachary Zotz (Army) by Grandmommy; For Jeanne & Family, Ray & Myra & Family, Chuck & Diane Zotz Family, Terry & Kathy & Family, Dolores Sumbera & Family by Frances Hoffman; Living & Deceased Members of Catholilc Life Insurance Branch #30; Our Family & For The Safety of Our Military by Ralph & Clara; For+Joe Schreiber & +Joseph Schreiber by Agnes Schreiber; For Mom

by Johnnie & Alice; For Students of W.I.S.D. & C.D.A. #296 Members by C.D.A. #296; The Holy Spirit's Daily Guidance in Endeavors for each member of my family by Donor; For +Lawrence & +Helen Berend Family by Terry & Carol Sales; For Our Family by Joe & Lugenia Zotz; +Arnold & +Lillian Lindeman by the Family; +Thomas &+Leona Schlumpf by Danny Schlumpf Family; Ben's safety by Mom & Dad; For our Family by Frank & Joyce Wolf; For all our Family by Don & Benita Essler; For Our Family by Bernard & Pat Scheffe; Sick & Hurting of St. Mary's Christian Mother's Society by the Christian Mothers; For my Family & for Bruce by Anna Mae Veitenheimer; Safety of Volunteer Firemen, Safety of Ben Wolf, Gina Loran, Brett Hoff, Kevin Schroeder, Corey George, & Greg Schlumpf, Living and Deceased Members of Charles & Mary Lindemann family by Benny Lindeman; Thank you for all the graces & blessings received for our Country, Community & Family by Bert & Elizabeth Hoff; Living & Deceased Members of Alphonse & Caroline Zotz by the Family; For our Family by George & Juanita Martin; My Family by Margaret Beaman; My Family; Living & Deceased members of Himmels Family, For my family & For +Al Veitenheimer by Ann Veitenheimer; Dad & Mom by Nubbin & Angela; +Floyd & Betty Humpert by the Family; For Our Family & In Memory of +Alfred Berend by Cordella; Guidance & Protection for our Military Service Men & Women by V.F.W.

#### **REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS!**

Conner Berardi, Gerald Berend, Nellie Berend, Patience Blake, J.C. Birkenfield, Teresa Lindeman Birkenfield, Mabel Bowlden, Al Cabrera, David Carcaño, Jesús Colchado, John Deason, Brandy Evans, Danielle Mueller Fontenot, Emily Foster, Jeanne Fischer, Annette Fleitman, Rick Fleitman, Cindy Frerich, Kimberly Fulford, Tootsie Gardner, Jerry Green, Louise Green, Sister Marie Green, Jerry Gibson, Judy Hale, Artie Hallenbeck, Gary Humpert, Pat Humpert, Billie Hoff, Debbie Hoff, Ernie Hoff, JoAnn Hoff, Leo Hoff Jr., Marvin Hoff Sr., Pauline Hoff, Willie L. Hoff, Myra Hoffman, Libby Ingram, Gary Julian, C.D. Knoblach, Elsie Koetter, Misty Lindley, Dee Litteken, Agnes Loran, Karen Lowe, Louis Lowe, Brian Lucore, Kyler Marlar, Annette Meurer, Jess Meurer, Hans Meyer, Madi Scogin, Skylar Mueller, Kim Nelson, Travis Nelson, Jerry Ostermann, Rita Pearson, Nancy Pennartz, Colby Peterson, Gina Phillips, Phillip Rafferty, Dawson Reynolds, Bradley Rodgers, Carol Sales, Cassey Schenk, Frank Schenk, Grady Schenk, Sr., Paul Schenk, Roch Schenk, Rosalie Schenk, Vera Ann Schenk, Agnes Schreiber, Fern Schreiber, Gerald Schreiber, Nelda Schreiber, Roxanne Schreiber, Alex Schroeder, Bruce Schroeder, Carolyn Schroeder, Hans Schroeder, Lauren Schroeder, Linda Schroeder, Mary Lou Schroeder, Rosalee Schroeder, Ryan Schroeder, Helen Seigler, Henri Seto, Debbie Shifflett, Geneva Simpson, Jim Simpson, Lisa Smith, Weldon Snyder, Kate Talley, Margaret Green Tift, Trent Tipton, Randy Townsend, Veitenheimer, Anna Mae Veitenheimer, Veitenheimer, Ralph Veitenheimer, James Vieth, Tim Vieth, Beverly Wilde, David Williams, Debbie Williams, Charles Winkles, Sarah Witten, Jim Wolf, Kenny Wolf, Martha Wolf, Pauline Wolf, Alphonse Zotz Jr., Bruce Zotz, Chuck Zotz, Harola Zotz.

**Prayer of the Faithful:** Lord Jesus, we lift those on our weekly list to you; You are the healer of the sick and we keep praying and hoping for those who are ill. May we continue to pray for all who are sick and hurting and may your peace come to each and every one of us. Amen

#### Sunday, Dec 20, 2020

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (O KEY OF DAVID)

#### Unlocking every door

Those who have been incarcerated know exactly what it means to face a locked door. So do folks who have been institutionalized with mental illness. But even those of us who have not been behind a literal door may find ourselves living under a sentence of fear, bitterness, depression, or unforgiveness. We may be locked out of relationships that are important to us because of resentment or past actions. Poverty is often a prison that keeps opportunity and hope out, while also fostering despair within. O Jesus, Key of David, unlock every door that keeps us from experiencing your freedom!

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38 (11). "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God."

#### Monday, Dec 21, 2020

ADVENT WEEKDAY (O RADIANT DAWN)

#### Just before dawn

They say it's darkest just before the dawn, and today we've reached that moment on the darkest day of what has been a very dark year. Our hope in the worst of circumstances reaches a crescendo in today's O Antiphon: "O Radiant Dawn,/splendor of eternal light, sun of justice:/come and shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the/shadow of death." We've reached the edge of a dramatic precipice in our waiting. Have faith and get ready—daybreak is coming.

TODAY'S READINGS: Song of Songs 2:8-14 or Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Luke 1:39-45 (197). "Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."

#### Tuesday, Dec 22, 2020

ADVENT WEEKDAY (O KING OF ALL NATIONS)

#### The unexpected king is arriving

Today's O Antiphon heralds the Messiah's long-expected arrival as king. But clearly Jesus is not a typical king—because God's kingdom is not a typical earthly kingdom. Jesus will later proclaim, through the Beatitudes, that the kingdom of God is the inverse of what we humans expect. "Blessed are the meek," he insists—and the poor, the persecuted, and those who mourn. In fact, according to Saint Matthew's version of the Final Judgment, Jesus will be the king wielding harsh judgment against all who've neglected the "least of these." How will you serve our expected-but-unexpected king today?

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Samuel 1:24-28; Luke 1:46-56 (198). "He has cast down the mighty from their thrones and has lifted up the lowly."

#### Wednesday, Dec 23, 2020 ADVENT WEEKDAY (O EMMANUEL)

#### Do not doubt-God is with us

As we the church celebrate Evening Prayer—whether in monasteries or in our own homes, the domestic church—tonight we pray or sing the seventh and final O Antiphon of Advent with these words: "O Emmanuel, our king and giver of law, come to save us, Lord our God." The name *Emmanuel* means God-withus. As the season of Advent longing comes to a close, in a world that is in need of God's compassionate and saving presence, let us pray tonight for eyes to see and hearts to embrace the presence

of God-with-us in the events and conversations of these holy holidays. Indeed, O come, O come Emmanuel.

TODAY'S READINGS: Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24; Luke 1:57-66 (199). "What, then, will this child be?"

#### Thursday, Dec 24, 2020

ADVENT WEEKDAY

#### More than a song and dance

For many Catholics of Mexican heritage, today is the final celebration of Las Posadas, nine days of reenacting Mary and Joseph's search for *posada*, shelter. Each day the ritual is the same: Participants knock on doors, sing songs begging for shelter, while hosts respond with songs denying shelter, and finally end with the glorious moment when the door is opened wide and the Holy Family is given shelter for the night. The repetition drives home the desperation of the most famous migrant family and migrants of all times and places, including our own. Can you take some action in support of migrants and refugees this Christmas season?

TODAY'S READINGS: Morning: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Luke 1:67-79 (200). "Here I am living in a house of cedar, while the ark of God dwells in a tent!"

#### Friday, Dec 25, 2020

SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)

#### The Light shines upon us!

Today as we gaze upon a tiny infant born in difficult circumstances, we are also gazing upon a powerful love that has transformed the world—and us. Fragility and strength, new life and enduring love—these are not mutually exclusive. In the Incarnation, we encounter a God who has loved us since before the creation of the world and who longs to draw close and bring us life. This life is not to be "spiritualized" but to be incarnate in our whole life, including our places of pain and challenge. Saint Athanasius writes, "For the Lord touched all parts of creation, and freed and undeceived them all from every deceit." What is the freedom that God has begun to unfold within you?

TODAY'S READINGS: Vigil: Isaiah 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Matthew 1:1-25 (13); Night: Isaiah 9:1-6; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14 (14); Day: Isaiah 52:7-10; Hebrews 1:1-6; John 1:1-18 (16). "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone."

#### Saturday, Dec 26, 2020 FEAST OF STEPHEN, FIRST MARTYR

#### Don't cloak your compassion

Even the greatest among us have their darkest moment. The great Saint Paul had such a moment before his conversion, when he looked on approvingly and guarded the cloaks of those who stoned the church's first martyr, the young and courageous deacon Stephen. Saul of Tarsus, as Paul was known before his conversion, no doubt was convinced that righteousness called for such a cruel and harsh death sentence. Be on guard for misguided righteousness wherever it rears its head, especially when that head is on your own shoulders. It rarely leads to compassion or mercy, God's signposts. Saint Stephen, pray for us.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Matthew 10:17-22 (696). "Stephen, filled with grace and power, was working great wonders and signs among the people. . . . They threw him out of the city, and began to stone him."

#### Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time



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REHOLD, THE VIRGIN SHALL BE WITH CHILD AND BEAR A SON, AND THEY SHALL NAME HIM EMMANUEL," WHICH MEANS "GOD IS WITH US."

-Matthew 1:23



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Thank you and have a blessed day!

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## CHRISTMAS FLOWER INTENTIONS FOR ST. MARY'S DECEMBER 2020

In Loving Memory of A.P. & Veronica Vieth by Charlie & Joyce Vieth

Our Family by Cordella Berend

In Loving Memory of John Rife, In Honor of Don & Benita Essler by Lillie Rife

In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Frank Wachsman, In Memory of Mr. L.A. & Helen Berend, In Memory of Rusty & Geraldine Lindemann, In Memory of Carol Hudak, In Memory of Margie Himmels, In Honor of Terry & Carol Sales, In Honor of Ann Veitenheimer,

In Honor of Mabel Bowlden, In Honor of Annette Fleitman by Richard & Marilyn Wachsman

In Loving Memory of Dad (Richard Schroeder), In Honor of Mom (Rosalee Schroeder), In Loving Memory of our grandparents (Joe & Lucille Schroeder & Fred & Helen Steinberger), In Honor of Our brothers & sisters (Cyril, Geneva, Tammy, Linette & Ricky), In Honor of Our brother in-laws (Donnie & Jim), In Honor of our children (Christy, Barbara, Jeremy, Jonathan & Jana), In Honor of our grandchildren (Garrett, Jessica, Baylee, Brady, Mikayla, Lizzy, Tyler, Ethan) & great -grandson (Grayson) by Denise & Jerry Cooper

In Honor of family & friends, In honor of Religion Teachers, Church Helpers & Father Michael by Ralph & Clara

In Memory of Elizabeth Schlumpf, In Memory of Thomas & Leona Schlumpf by Tommy Schlumpf Jr.

In Memory of Bill Hoffman, In Memory of Alfred & Pauline Berend, In Memory of Frank & Elizabeth Hoffman, In Honor of Father Michael , In Honor of my family by Stella & Ron

In Memory of George Beaman, In Memory of Frank & Nellie Veitenheimer & Joseph & Dorothy Beaman, In Honor of My Family, In Honor of Ralph & Clara, In Thanksgiving by Margaret Beaman

In Memory of William & Lena Fleitman & Family, In Memory of Reinhold & JosephIne Lindemann & Family by Mildred Lindemann

In Memory of Mom & Dad Meurer, In Memory of Mom & Dad Koetter, In Honor of Father Michael, In Honor of Margaret Beaman by Roy & Julie Koetter

In Memory of George Hoff, In Honor of Ida Hoff by James & Gwen Teichman

In Honor of Anna Mae Veitenheimer & In Memory of George Veitenheimer, In Memory of Joe & Lucille Schroeder by Joey, Gail & Bruce

# CHRISTMAS FLOWER INTENTIONS FOR ST. MARY'S DECEMBER 2020

In Memory of George, In Honor of My Family by Ida Hoff

In Loving Memory of Andy & Dolores Roewe, In Loving Memory of Urban J. & Frances Veitenheimer, In Memory of Our Grandparents by John & Maxine Veitenheimer

In Honor of My Husband John by Maxine

In Loving Memory of Al Veitenheimer, In Loving Memory of Aunt Margie Himmels, In Loving Memory of Robert & Lorine Wolf by Frank & Joyce Wolf

In Memory of Adolph Veitenheimer, In Memory of Lois Luig, In Honor of Jim & Lois Wolf,

In Honor of Marie Veitenheimer In Honor of Anna Mae Veitenheimer by Betty & Doug Wolfn

In Memory of Greg Fuselier by Doug & Renee Berend

In Memory of Bill & Dorothy Schreiber, In Memory of Wendell & Frances Adkins, In Memory of Adolf Veitenheimer, In Honor of Marie Veitenheimer by Rick & Whitney Schreiber Family

In Memory of Oliver & Mildred Koetter by Kenneth & Wanda Teichman

In Memory of Our Dads (Al Veitenheimer & Bill Berend, With Love at Christmas, Blessings for Our Moms (Ann Veitenheimer & Angie Berend) by Jean & Scott Berend

In Memory of Janice & Lois Luig, In Memory of Ed & Catherine Luig, In Memory of C.J. (Bob) & Edna Green, In Memory of Geraldine Lindemann & Nanci Luig Caff by Eddie Luig

## CHRISTMAS FLOWER INTENTIONS FOR ST. BONIFACE DECEMBER 2020

In Memory of Hugo Teichman, In Memory of Marie Teichman by James & Gwen Teichman

In Memory of Frank & Pauline Vieth, In Memory of Jack & Marjorie Smith, In Memory of Raymond & Ricky Vieth, In Memory of Our Grandparents, In Memory of Tony Wolf & Steve Tisdale, In Memory of John & Jo Kathryn Cox, In Memory of Joe & Norma Adair, In Memory of Bud & Gloria Smith, In Memory of Paul DeCleva, In Memory of Margaret & Bill Peysen by Jerry & Margaret Smith

In Memory of Kathie Hilbers, In Memory of Henry & Frances Hilbers by Albert

In Memory of Louis & Regina Matteck, In Honor of Albert Hilbers by Debbie

In Memory of Della Ables by Larry Ables & Joyce Moer

In Memory of Eleanor Frerich, In Memory of Ed Schroeder & all of the Deceased Members of August Baumhardt Family by Ida Schroeder

In Loving Memory of Dad & Mom, Ed & Catherine Luig by Charlie & Joyce Vieth

In Memory of Dwain Moer, Frank & Kathleen, Frosty Hoff & All the Moer Descendants, In Memory of Toddy & Cathy Hoff, Dale, Becky & All the Hoff/Schenk Descendants by Joyce Moer

In Memory of Hugo & Marie Teichman by Kenneth & Wanda Teichman

In Memory of Herman & Eleanor Frerich, In Memory of Oscar & Seraphia Stallcup, In Memory of Doug Stallcup by Harold & Patsy Stallcup

In Loving Memory of Pops by Frances