

*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



*St. Boniface Catholic Church  
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

### Mailing 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](http://www.stmarysstboniface.org)

Email: [windsco@comcell.net](mailto:windsco@comcell.net)

### BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 live-  
streamed.

**Monday**  
**6:00 pm**

† **December 28 – St. Mary's**  
Bill Wolf by Lillie Rife

**Tuesday**

**December 29 – St. Mary's**  
Intention of Fr. Michael

**Wednesday**  
**6:00 pm**

† **December 30 – St. Mary's**  
Lorine Wolf by Stella & Ron Hoffman

### New Year's Eve

**Thursday**  
**6:00 pm**

† **December 31 – St. Mary's**  
Andy Berend by John Wolfs

### New Year's Day

**Friday**  
**8:00 am**

† **January 1 – St. Boniface**  
Hugo Teichman by Donna & Amanda

**Friday**  
**10:30 am**

**January 1 – St. Mary's**  
Parishioners & For the Intentions  
Of Father Michael

**Saturday**  
**8:00 am**

**January 2 – St. Mary's**  
Peace & Unity

**5:00 pm**  
**7:00 pm**

† Melvin Berend by Richard Schreibers  
Parishioners

**Sunday**  
**8:00 am**

† **January 3 – St. Boniface**  
Dwain Moer by Joyce, Grant, Jessica & Family

**Sunday**  
**10:30 am**

† **January 3 - St. Mary's**  
Ernest & Apoline Schreiber by Family



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

**Monday December 28<sup>th</sup> – January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021**

#### **THURSDAY DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup> 6PM**

**Lector** – Michael Schroeder

**Ushers** – Roy & Julie Koetter, James Vieith Jr., Doug Wolf

**Eucharistic Ministers** – Diane Schroeder & Deb Schreiber

#### **FRIDAY JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>**

**Lector** – Brenda Doyal

**Ushers** – Donnie Fleitman, Terry Schroeder, David McCann

**Eucharistic Ministers** – Shelly Schlumpf & Craig Anderle

#### **SATURDAY JANUARY 2<sup>ND</sup> 8AM**

**Lector** – Gina Wolf

#### **SATURDAY JANUARY 2<sup>ND</sup> 5PM**

**Lector** – Deana Vieth

**Ushers** – Roy & Julie Koetter, David Green, Doug Wolf

**Eucharistic Ministers** – Richard & Suzette Schreiber

#### **SUNDAY JANUARY 3<sup>RD</sup>**

**Lector** – Ted Neeb

**Ushers** – Donnie Fleitman, Terry Schroeder, David McCann

**Eucharistic Ministers** – Mark & Kristi Veitenheimer

**SUPPORT** – Envelopes \$9343.00 Loose \$61.94

Children \$6.00 Retired Religious \$165.00

### **ST. BONIFACE MINISTERS**

**Monday December 28<sup>TH</sup> – JANUARY 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2021**

#### **FRIDAY JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>**

**Lector** – Pat Hemmi

**Ushers** – Kenneth Veitenheimer & Brad Wolf

**Eucharistic Ministers** – Robert & Debbie Krah

#### **SUNDAY JANUARY 3<sup>RD</sup>**

**Lector** – Pat Hemmi

**Ushers** – Kenneth Veitenheimer & Dan Smith

**Eucharistic Ministers** – Terry Berend & Brad Wolf

**SUPPORT** – Envelopes \$1135.00.00 Loose \$20.00

### **ST. MARY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN THIS WEEK** For A Blessed New Year 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 Baptisms will be January 10<sup>th</sup> & February 14<sup>th</sup>.

**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.

### **ST. MARY'S WISHES TO WELCOME THE FOLLOWING INTO OUR CHURCH FAMILY:**

**Cristal Gonzalez Sanchez**, the daughter of Medardo Gonzalez & Maria Cristina Sanchez, Baptized November 28, 2020.

**Hazlee Grace Bledsoe, Ava Mae Bledsoe, Emma Renee Bledsoe & Lucas James Bledsoe**, the children of Ethan James Bledsoe and Erica (Avila) Bledsoe, Baptized November 28, 2020.

### **WELCOME INTO FULL COMMUNION**

#### **WITH THE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**(Baptism, Confirmation & Eucharist)**

**November 15, 2020**

**Rodie Yearian**

**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.

**WINDTHORST SR. CITIZENS** meet every Tuesday at 1 pm at the Berend Family Center for bingo & games. All are welcome for an afternoon of fun & socialism.

**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 6, 2021. Have a very Merry Christmas!

**THANK YOU NOTE:** St. Mary's wishes to thank Mildred Lindemann for her generous donation to St. Mary's Improvement Fund in memory of August Berend & Larry Wolf.

**THANK YOU NOTE:** St. Mary's wishes to thank James & Deana Vieth for their generous donation to St. Mary's Improvement Fund in memory of Larry Wolf, Kathryn Roberts, Frosty Hoff, Gus Berend, Joyce Ostermann, Janet Moer, Bill Wolf & Johnny Anderle.

**THANK YOU NOTE:** St. Mary's wishes to thank Don & Benita Essler for their generous donation to St. Mary's Building Fund in memory of John Rife, Bill Wolf, Gary Brewer, Idamae Essler Weller, Jeanette Essler Sarvis, Janet Moer, Sandra Essler, Frosty Hoff, Larry Wolf & Gus Berend.

**THANK YOU NOTE:** St. Mary's wishes to thank Jean & Scott Berend for their generous donation to St. Mary's Improvement Fund in memory of Frosty Hoff, Joyce Ostermann, Jo Roberts, Larry Wolf & Gus Berend.



**THANK YOU NOTE:** St. Mary's wishes to thank Richard & Suzette Schreiber for their generous donation to St. Mary's Improvement Fund in memory of Larry Wolf, Gus Berend, Frosty Hoff, Joyce Ostermann, Hoss Munchrath, Janet Moer, Duane Zott, Bill Wolf, Leonard Schenk Sr. & Dale Barrett.

**THANK YOU NOTE:** St. Mary's wishes to thank Tim & Cyndy Schenk for their generous donation to St. Mary's Improvement Fund in memory of Gus Berend, Larry Wolf & Joyce Ostermann.

**THANK YOU NOTE:** St. Mary's wishes to thank Charles & Rhonda Steinber for their generous donation to St. Mary's Improvement Fund in memory of Gus Berend.

## ST. BONIFACE ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN THIS WEEK** for A Happy, Blessed & Healthy New Year to Father Michael & Parishioners of St. Boniface by Altar Society.

**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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## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR BOTH PARISHES

**THE PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE** is in the home of the Joey Schroeder Family the week of January 3<sup>rd</sup>. They as well as all of us are asked to pray for world peace, military and vocations.

January 10<sup>th</sup> James Zott Family

January 17<sup>th</sup> Caroline Anderle

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

**MASS TIMES:** Friday Masses will be at 3:00 pm. Monday Masses will be at 6:00 pm. **PLEASE WATCH THE BULLETIN FOR MASS TIME CHANGES THROUGHOUT THE MONTH.**

**A SPECIAL BLESSING** for WHS Trojan STATE CHAMPIONS will be given by Father Michael at Mass on Wednesday, Dec. 30<sup>th</sup>.

**NEW YEAR'S EVE** Mass will be celebrated at St. Mary's at 6:00 PM.

**NEW YEAR'S DAY** Mass will be celebrated at St. Boniface at 8:00 AM & St. Mary's at 10:30

**NOTE:** The Church office will be closed Friday, Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>.

**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 coronavirus 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.

**WORLD WIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER-** As we celebrate Holy Family Sunday, let us remember that God's love for us is reflected in the love for each other in our family. Why not celebrate and encourage that love by giving your spouse the gift of 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](mailto:apply@dfwme.org) or call Brian and Tina Little 281-773-9014. Al celebrar el domingo de La Sagrada Familia recordemos que el amor de Dios se refleja en el amor que tenemos por cada persona de nuestra familia. Por que no celebramos y demostramos ese amor, dándole a nuestra/o esposa/o el regalo de un fin de Semana del Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial! Para mas informacion de Encuentro Matrimonial en Espanol, escriba a [emmdfw@gmail.com](mailto:emmdfw@gmail.com) o visite <http://www.emmseccion21.org/>

**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 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020.

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

**THANK YOU NOTE:** Thank you for the calls, prayers, cards, food, and visits while I was in the hospital and rehab, Wishing everyone good health. Albert Hilbers

**THANK YOU NOTE:** St. Mary's & St. Boniface wish to thank Bernard & Pat Scheffe, Doris Luig Sterling, Leo Brochtrup Jr. & Family, Charles & Rhonda Steinberger & James & Deana Vieth for their generous donation to St. Mary's/St. Boniface Youth Group in memory of Joyce Ostermann

**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 Scholarship. 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 [www.meetourstudents.org](http://www.meetourstudents.org) to get to know the students excited to become a part of your family!

Norma Prisock

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

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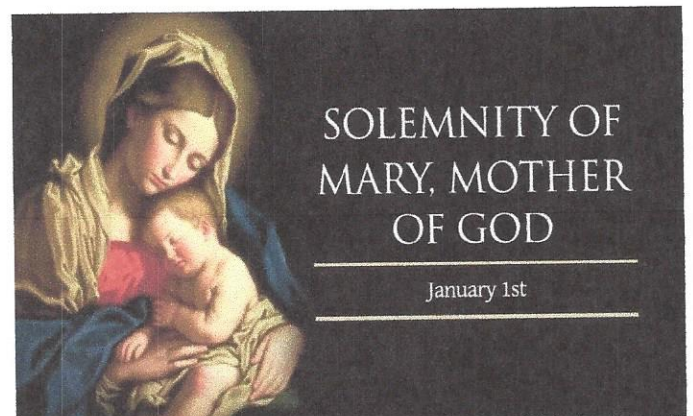
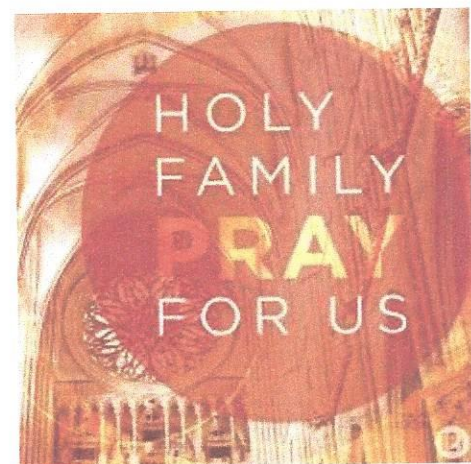
**10 DAY IRELAND PILGRIMAGE  
HOSTED BY FATHER MICHAEL MOLONEY**

**October 18 – October 27, 2021**

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



**FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY**



**This bulletin compliments of Catholic Life Insurance  
Union Branch #30 of Windthorst and  
Branch #36 of Scotland.**



**ST. MARY'S 7-DAY LIGHTS:** Merry Christmas & A Happy & Healthy New Year To All, Margaret Beaman, Denise Cooper, My Family, All the Sick & Shut-Ins, Happy Birthday Glenda, All the Volunteers for Meals On Wheels, Kenny, Martha & +Larry by Frances Hoffman; For the Sick of the Parish, The Families who lost loved ones this year in Our Parish by Bernard & Pat Scheffe; Peace & Unity in Our Country, Return to good health for Jerry Anderle, Carol Sales, Our Moms, All those who have been affected by COVID, Those suffering loss of loved ones, Safety of Fr. Michael, Healthcare & Essential Workers, An end to the Pandemic, A happy & healthy New Year 2021 for Friends & Family by Jean & Scott Berend; Vera Ann Schenk, & Family, In memory of Leonard Schenk Sr., All the Sick, In loving memory of James Meurer, In loving memor of our parents by Dorothy Meurer; Gus Berend Family, Larry Wolf Family, Kathryn Roberts Family, Joyce Ostermann Family, Frosty Hoff Family, Father Michael, All those suffering from Covid, Jerry Anderle by James & Deana Vieth; 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; Our Sick Members, For an increase in Priestly & Consecrated Life Vocations,

**YEARLY LIGHTS:** +Gus Berend, +Nell Vieth by James & Deana Vieth; +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 Sumner & Family by Frances Hoffman; Living & Deceased Members of Catholic 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.; Students of WISD/CDA #296 by CDA #296

## REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS!

Conner Berardi, **Chuck Berend**, 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, Ann Veitenheimer, Anna Mae Veitenheimer, John 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

**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), 1<sup>st</sup> 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



## Sunday, Dec 27, 2020

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

### The measure of success

Fruitfulness is a sign that we're doing something right. Plant a seed, water it, give it light, and it brings forth a shoot. Neglect it, and get nothing. We measure success in terms of fruitfulness: schooling completed, jobs held, relationships that endure, children raised, financial security, years lived, virtues practiced. God blessed Abram with wealth and years, but to that old man, the only true measure of success was a child. By what standard do you evaluate your life's worth? What's required for you to say in the end: "Lord, now you let your servant go in peace?"

TODAY'S READINGS: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Colossians 3:12-21; Luke 2:22-40; or Genesis 15:1-6, 21:1-3; Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Luke 2:22-40 (17). "But Abram said, 'O Lord GOD, what good will your gifts be, if I keep on being childless?'"

## Monday, Dec 28, 2020

FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS

### Suffer little children

On the heels of the joyful celebration of the birth of our Savior, we remember the Holy Innocents—all the baby boys who were murdered by Herod in his attempt to kill the child Jesus. Remember too all those innocents who die today at the hands of their governments and who are victims of institutional and structural violence. About the Holy Innocents, Matthew quotes Jeremiah: "A voice was heard in Ramah, sobbing and loud lamentation; Rachel weeping for her children . . ." Console today's mourning mothers by fighting for children's rights and protections.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 1:5—2:2; Matthew 2:13-18 (698). "My children, I am writing this to you so that you may not commit sin."

## Tuesday, Dec 29, 2020

FIFTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD; MEMORIAL OF THOMAS BECKET, BISHOP, MARTYR

### Choosing right vs. might

Thomas Becket found himself having to choose between an earthly king and Christ the King. The cleric Thomas befriended England's Henry II—leading Henry to appoint him chancellor. Later, when Henry spotted a chance to wield power over church affairs, he named his friend the archbishop of Canterbury. But Thomas would not go along with Henry's plans. Repercussions followed, and in 1170 Thomas was brutally murdered—in Canterbury Cathedral—by the king's men. Though perhaps with less dramatic outcomes, standing up for your convictions may cost you, too. Are you willing to pay the price?

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 2:3-11; Luke 2:22-35 (202). "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many."

## Wednesday, Dec 30, 2020

SIXTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

### The party never ends

On this sixth day of the Octave, the Christmas celebration continues. Or it can—even if the culture around us has moved on. Especially in pandemic days, you may feel challenged to find hope and joy in the promise that God is with us. So celebrate by sharing that Divine Love, however you feel able to. Bake and share cookies, make a call to someone you may have overlooked this busy season, write a note of gratitude to someone who

challenges you, or contribute to an organization that cares for mothers and children in this season of the Holy Family. Take time in prayer to recollect and give thanks for any awareness of God's presence in recent days. *Loving God, help me remember that Christmas is not a day but rather a season that invites me to see you at work in my life every day.*

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 2:12-17; Luke 2:36-40 (203). "And coming forward at that very time, [Anna] gave thanks to God and spoke about the child."

## Thursday, Dec 31, 2020

SEVENTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

### The light still shines

We might well ring out a difficult year with the words of today's psalmist: "Let the heavens be glad and the Earth rejoice!" Rejoicing implies an expectation of better things to come, placing us firmly within the Christian virtue of hope. Christians are hopeful for many reasons, starting with the fact that Jesus's death led to resurrection. The church teaches, too, that hope lies in building the kingdom of God on Earth, "as it is in heaven." Lift up your hopes for 2021 to God, and be ready to work for them with God's grace.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 2:18-21; John 1:1-18 (204). "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."

## Friday, Jan 01, 2021

WORLD DAY OF PEACE; OCTAVE DAY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD; SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

### Renew the face of the Earth

We have longed for the year 2020 to be over, to move away from the pandemics that have wounded us collectively and individually. With 2021 on the calendar now, it feels like maybe, just maybe we can start anew at some point. Given the chance, we, along with all of creation, have the capacity to renew, that is, to be "new again"—not only each year but each moment. An essential ingredient to renewal is peace. The church calls us to follow Christ the Way of Peace, as Pope Benedict said on this day in 2007, "with hearts full of hope, notwithstanding the dangers and difficulties that surround us." Let us pray for *and choose* peace for ourselves and for the world in all that we renew this year.

TODAY'S READINGS: Numbers 6:22-27; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21 (18). "Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart."

## Saturday, Jan 02, 2021

MEMORIAL OF BASIL THE GREAT AND GREGORY NAZIANZEN, BISHOPS, DOCTORS OF THE CHURCH

### Spiritual friendship lasts for ages

Spiritual friendship is one of the greatest gifts of life in a faith community. Basil and Gregory, fourth-century patriarchs of the Eastern Church, had such a friendship and spurred each other on to great accomplishments and service in their spiritual lives. We all need community and spiritual support as we work through the mysteries of our own personal lives and the challenges presented by a suffering world. Who can you count on for support and encouragement in these hard times? Do your resolutions for this new year include cultivation of spiritual community and friendships?

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 2:22-28; John 1:19-28 (205). "All the ends of the Earth have seen the salvation by our God."

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



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DECEMBER 26, 2020 – JANUARY 22, 2021

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<p><b>SATURDAY DEC. 26</b>  <b>St. Mary's Mass 12:00 NOON</b>            Confessions 3:00 – 4:00            At the Church office  <b>St. Mary's' Mass 5:00PM</b>  <b>Spanish Mass 7:00PM</b>            Live-streamed at 5            Please wear a mask &amp; practice social distancing</p>	<p><b>SUNDAY DEC. 27</b>  <b>THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY &amp; JOSEPH</b>  <b>St. Boniface Mass 8:00 AM</b>  <b>St. Mary's Mass 10:30 AM</b>            Baptism after Mass            Please wear a mask &amp; practice social distancing.            Both Masses live streamed</p>	<p><b>MONDAY DEC. 28</b>            Bulletin Notices due by noon  <b>St. Mary's Mass 6:00 pm</b></p>	<p><b>TUESDAY DEC. 29</b>  <b>Mass St. Mary's</b>  <b>Church Office closed</b></p>	<p><b>WEDNESDAY DEC. 30</b>  <b>K-12 Youth Mass</b>  <b>St. Mary's 6:00pm</b>  <b>Adoration 6:30/Chaplet 6:30</b>  <b>Novena 7:00pm</b>  <b>WHS TROJANS STATE CHAMPS BLESSING</b>            Please wear a mask &amp; practice social distancing.            Mass will be live-streamed</p>	<p><b>THURSDAY DEC. 31</b>  <b>St. Mary's' Mass 6:00PM</b>            Please wear a mask &amp; practice social distancing.</p>	<p><b>FRIDAY JAN. 1</b>  <b>SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD</b>            (Holy Day of Obligation)  <b>Mass St. Boniface 8:00AM</b>  <b>Mass St. Mary's 10:30AM</b>            Please wear a mask &amp; practice social distancing.  <b>Church Office closed</b></p>
<p><b>SATURDAY JAN. 2</b>  <b>1<sup>ST</sup> SATURDAY</b>  <b>St. Mary's Mass 8:00AM</b>            Confessions 3:00 – 4:00            At the Church office  <b>St. Mary's' Mass 5:00PM</b>  <b>Spanish Mass 7:00PM</b>            Live-streamed at 5            Please wear a mask &amp; practice social distancing</p>	<p><b>SUNDAY JAN. 3</b>  <b>THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</b>  <b>St. Boniface Mass 8:00 AM</b>  <b>St. Mary's Mass 10:30 AM</b>            Please wear a mask &amp; practice social distancing.            Both Masses live streamed</p>	<p><b>MONDAY JAN. 4</b>  <b>Father Michael On Retreat!</b></p>	<p><b>TUESDAY JAN. 5</b>            CCD 7:25AM  <b>Church Office closed</b>  <b>Father Michael On Retreat!</b></p>	<p><b>WEDNESDAY JAN. 6</b>            CCD 7:25am            Family Life &amp; Mission Outreach 5pm            St. Mary's Mother's Society Meeting  <b>Father Michael On Retreat!</b></p>	<p><b>THURSDAY JAN. 7</b>  <b>St. Mary's Prayer 7:25am</b>            Food Distribution 9am - 11am  <b>Father Michael on Retreat!</b></p>	<p><b>FRIDAY JAN. 8</b>  <b>Mass St. Mary's 3:00pm</b>            Please wear a mask &amp; practice social distancing.</p>
<p><b>SATURDAY JAN. 9</b>  <b>St. Mary's Mass 12:00 NOON</b>            Confessions 3:00 – 4:00            At the Church office  <b>St. Mary's' Mass 5:00PM</b>  <b>Spanish Mass 7:00PM</b>            Live-streamed at 5            Please wear a mask &amp; practice social distancing            Special Collection: Priest Care Fund</p>	<p><b>SUNDAY JAN. 10</b>  <b>THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD</b>  <b>St. Boniface Mass 8:00 AM</b>  <b>St. Mary's Mass 10:30 AM</b>            Baptism after Mass  <b>St. Mary's Children's Mass 5:00PM</b>            Please wear a mask &amp; practice social distancing.            Both Masses live streamed            Special Collection: Priest Care Fund</p>	<p><b>MONDAY JAN. 11</b>  <b>Mass St. Mary's 12:00 noon</b>            Please wear a mask &amp; practice social distancing.            VFW &amp; Ladies Aux. 7pm</p>	<p><b>TUESDAY JAN. 12</b>  <b>Mass St. Mary's</b>  <b>Church Office closed</b></p>	<p><b>WEDNESDAY JAN. 13</b>  <b>Boniface Fatima Prayer hr. 10am</b>  <b>K-12 Youth Mass</b>  <b>St. Mary's 6:00pm</b>  <b>Adoration 6:30/Chaplet 6:30</b>  <b>Novena 7:00pm</b>            Please wear a mask &amp; practice social distancing.            Mass will be live-streamed            3<sup>rd</sup> Degree K of C #1824 after Mass            3<sup>rd</sup> Degree K of C #1715 after Mass</p>	<p><b>THURSDAY JAN. 14</b>  <b>St. Mary's Prayer 7:25am</b>  <b>St. Boniface Mass 6:00PM</b>            Please wear a mask &amp; practice social distancing.</p>	<p><b>FRIDAY JAN. 15</b>  <b>Word &amp; Worship</b>  <b>Mass St. Mary's 3:00pm</b>            Please wear a mask &amp; practice social distancing.</p>
<p><b>SATURDAY JAN. 16</b>  <b>St. Mary's Mass 12:00 NOON</b>            Confessions 3:00 – 4:00            At the Church office  <b>St. Mary's' Mass 5:00PM</b>  <b>Spanish Mass 7:00PM</b>            Live-streamed at 5            Please wear a mask &amp; practice social distancing</p>	<p><b>SUNDAY JAN. 17</b>  <b>2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>  <b>St. Boniface Mass 8:00 AM</b>  <b>St. Mary's Mass 10:30 AM</b>            Please wear a mask &amp; practice social distancing.            Both Masses live streamed</p>	<p><b>MONDAY JAN. 18</b>  <b>Mass St. Mary's 12:00 noon</b>            Please wear a mask &amp; practice social distancing.</p>	<p><b>TUESDAY JAN. 19</b>  <b>Mass St. Mary's</b>  <b>Church Office closed</b></p>	<p><b>WEDNESDAY JAN. 20</b>  <b>K-12 Youth Mass</b>  <b>St. Mary's 6:00pm</b>  <b>Adoration 6:30/Chaplet 6:30</b>  <b>Novena 7:00pm</b>            Please wear a mask &amp; practice social distancing.            Mass will be live-streamed            CDA #296 after Mass</p>	<p><b>THURSDAY JAN. 21</b>  <b>St. Mary's Prayer 7:25am</b>  <b>St. Boniface Mass 6:00PM</b>            Please wear a mask &amp; practice social distancing.</p>	<p><b>FRIDAY JAN. 22</b>  <b>Word &amp; Worship</b>  <b>Mass St. Mary's 3:00pm</b>            Please wear a mask &amp; practice social distancing.</p>



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