



*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
Involvement



*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

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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
e-mail: mmmoloney@comcell.net

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 Rectory & Anytime, Any
Day by Appointment at the Rectory

Hispanic Ministry

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

Protecting Our Children Sessions

Call Suzette Schreiber @ (940) 631-6301

Mass Schedule for the Week

Please practice social
distancing at all Masses.
All Sunday Masses will be
live-streamed

Monday
6:00 pm

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Tuesday

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Wednesday
6:00 pm

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Thursday
6:00 pm

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Friday
3:00 pm
Saturday
8:00 am

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5:00 pm
7:00 pm

Sunday
8:00 am

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Sunday
10:30 am

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November 29 – St. Mary's

†Elizabeth Schlumpf
by Tommy Schlumpf, Jr.

November 30 – St. Mary's

Intentions of Father Michael

December 1 – St. Mary's

†Agnes Loran
by St. Mary's Christian Mothers' Society

December 2 – St. Boniface

†Debra Hoff by Joyce Moer

December 3 – St. Mary's

Intentions of Father Michael

December 4 – St. Mary's

Peace & Unity
by Catholic Daughters #296

†Jerome Berend by Family
Parishioners

December 5 – St. Boniface

†Vera Ann Schenk
by Joyce Moer & Family

December 5 - St. Mary's

†Vitalis Veitenheimer
by Anna Mae Veitenheimer

ST. MARY'S MINISTERS

Monday November 29-Sunday December 5, 2021

MONDAY NOVEMBER 29TH

Reader - Volunteer

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 1ST

Reader - Florence Anderle

SATURDAY DECEMBER 4TH

Reader - Michael Schroeder

Ushers - Julie & Roy Koetter, Doug Wolf, Mike Rusenberg

Eucharistic Ministers - Diane Schroeder,
Deb Schreiber (choir)

Eucharistic Ministers will be required to wear a mask while distributing the Eucharist. Masks are available in the front pew if one is needed in case one is broken or forgotten.

SUNDAY DECEMBER 5TH

Reader - Chuck King

Ushers - Donnie Fleitman, Terry Schroeder

Eucharistic Ministers - Kristi & Mark Veitenheimer

Children's Liturgy - Karley Buerger, Maddie Schreiber

Eucharistic Minister to Homebound - Mike Schreiber

Eucharistic Ministers will be required to wear a mask while distributing the Eucharist.

SUPPORT - Envelopes \$2665.00 Loose \$353.00 Children \$23.00
Bldg. Fund \$125.00 Campaign for Human Development \$599.00

ST. BONIFACE MINISTERS

Monday November 29-Sunday December 5, 2021

SUNDAY DECEMBER 12TH

Reader - Cassidy Koetter

Ushers - Kenneth Veitenheimer & Dan Smith

Eucharistic Ministers - Dena & Brad Wolf

Eucharistic Ministers will be required to wear a mask while distributing the Eucharist.

SUPPORT - Envelopes \$385.00 Loose \$160.00
Campaign for Human Development \$287.00

ST. MARY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN THIS WEEK in memory of Deceased Himmels Family Members by Ann Veitenheimer.

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. **Next Baptisms will be Dec. 26th.**

WINDTHORST SR. CITIZENS meet every Tuesday at 1pm at the Berend Family Center for bingo & games. All are welcome.

LECTOR'S WORKBOOKS: Advent, the beginning of the new Church year begins, November 28th, 2021. New workbooks for the Readers are ready for Readers to pick up. The books are in the south sacristy in Church. All those reading before covid & would like to return to this ministry, please call the office & inform us of your wish to serve. Thank you.

THANK YOU: St. Mary's wishes to thank Father Michael for his generous donation to St. Mary's Improvement Fund.

THANK YOU: St. Mary's wishes to thank The Edna W. Jennings Estate for their generous donation to St. Mary's Cemetery Fund in memory of Joe Meurer, Jr. & Edna Meurer Jennings.

THANK YOU: St. Mary's wishes to thank the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus for their generous donation to St. Mary's CCD Program.

ST. MARY'S CHRISTIAN MOTHERS' SOCIETY meeting after Mass, Wednesday, December 1st.

ST. MARY'S-POINSETTIAS: Orders for St. Mary's poinsettias will be taken until 5 pm on Wednesday, Dec. 15th. Price will be \$10.00 each. When placing your order, please include number of plants wanted, name of person (s) to be remembered or honored and money to cover the order. Thank you for helping us to celebrate Christ's birth with flowers in our sanctuary.

STEWARDSHIP/SUPPORT envelopes for 2022 are on a table in the entrance to the Church. Those who signed up for Faith Direct will not be getting envelopes (unless you request them). (This year - St. Mary's is not issuing envelopes to the school children. The cost keeps rising and not many families use them.) Please pick your box of envelopes up as soon as possible. If we have overlooked someone please call the office @ 940-423-6687 and let us know. Thanks!

CHRISTMAS DONATIONS FOR RESIDENTS OF UNIVERSITY PARK MANOR, WICHITA FALLS, TX: St. Mary's will once again sponsor & be collecting items for the residents that reside in University Park Manor. With that being said, there will be some changes made again this year. Instead of having an angel for each resident, we are asking for general toiletry items and snacks. You will see a box in the back of Church for your donations. As in the past no aerosol cans, only the pump kind. Items that are needed include sugar free candy and sugar free snacks. The toiletry items include body washes, body sprays, colognes, lotions, shampoos, conditioners, deodorants (roll on kind or stick) for men and women. Also needed are room calendars, socks and slipper socks for men and women. Please have all donations delivered no later than Sunday, December 20, 2021. We need time to have the gifts delivered so the staff has the chance to label or mark all items with the resident's name. Not all of these residents have families that can provide some of the basic items or extra special treats that we take for granted. We are truly blessed to live in our community where we are looked after by family and friends. Your generosity to these residents is most appreciated. If you have any questions, contact Joyce Vieth at 940-423-7741 or Melinda Schneider at 940-423-6731 or 940-733-7741. Please help us in this charitable endeavor. A box will be put out for Thanksgiving weekend. Many thanks in advance.

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 November 19, 2021, 72 families have donated for a total of \$8,562.00** We are counting on every family to make a commitment in order to reach our parish goal of \$21,800.00. Please return a pledge card soon.

ST. BONIFACE ANNOUNCEMENTS

SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN THIS WEEK: For the health & welfare of Amy Jackson by Margaret & Jerry Smith.

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ST. BONIFACE CHRISTIAN MOTHERS' SOCIETY meeting at 7:00 pm, Wednesday, December 1st.

SCOTLAND SR. CITIZENS will meet on December 5th at noon. Please come for turkey & dressing with all the trimmings meal. We will have door prizes followed with games. See you there.

ST. BONIFACE POINSETTIAS: Orders will be taken until 5 pm on Wednesday, Dec. 15th. Price will be \$10.00 each. Please include name of person to be honored or remembered and the money for each plant. Thank you for helping us to celebrate Christmas with a beautifully decorated Church for this special season.

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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 November 19, 2021, 13 families have donated for a total of \$2,865.00** We are counting on every family to make a commitment in order to reach our parish goal of \$5,300.00. Please return a pledge card soon.

ATTENTION: We are in need of a new chairman for the funeral bereavement meals. If you or you know of anyone that would be interested, please contact me at 940-541-2299. I have the info and funds for this and I would be happy to meet with you and explain the duties involved with this very rewarding experience. If no one volunteers this tradition here in Scotland will be dissolved and the funds donated to a worthy cause. Please consider donating your time for the community. Patsy Stallcup.

CHRIS HEMMI'S ADDRESS: If you would like to send a card or letter to Chris, his address is 1306 Dwyce Dr. Austin, TX 78757-2608. This is his sister's address as he is still in Houston and is awaiting surgery sometime in December.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR BOTH PARISHES

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED DECEMBER 8TH IN OBSERVANCE OF THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION.

ACTS OF CHARITY: Please use hand sanitizer upon entering Church. This is an act of charity to our neighbors

THE PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE will be in the home of Florence & Lester Anderle the week of December 5th. They as well as all of us are asked to pray for world peace, military and vocations.

December 12th Joey Schroeder Family

December 19th Pat & James Zoltz

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. **Masses on December 8th will be at 8:00 am at St. Boniface at 6:00 pm at St. Mary's. PLEASE WATCH THE BULLETIN FOR ANY MASS TIME CHANGES THROUGHOUT THE MONTH.**

CCD CLASSES are Monday thru Thursday @ 7:25am for grades K to 5. On Friday mornings @ 7:25 there will be a Word Service. 6-12th grades meet @ 6:45pm on Wednesday evenings. There will be no class December 8th due to Holyday.

RCIA CLASS: Sundays at 7 pm in the parish hall.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES: SundayS at 4:00pm – 5:30pm. There will be no class December 5th since students will be helping with the CCD Play. Students should arrive at the gym at 5:00 pm to help set up for the play.

ADORATION TO DEFEAT ABORTION: On December 1st, the Supreme Court will debate abortion. You can just imagine the media circus. Many will be asking: What can I do? Right now we need prayer. Join Us in Adoration to End Abortion, Wednesday, December 1st at 5:00 pm @ St. Mary's. We really do need prayer more than ever before!

ST. MARY'S/ST. BONIFACE FAMILY LIFE & MISSION OUTREACH will meet on **Wednesday, December 1, at 5:00 p.m.** in the Classroom of St. Mary's Parish Hall to fill boxes for the food distribution on Thursday.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION will be on **Thursday, December 2,** from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. (or until all boxes are distributed) in the Parish Hall Meeting Room.

CCD CHRISTMAS PAGEANT: Sunday, December 5th @6:30 pm in the High School Gym.

CONSECRATION TO ST. JOSEPH: Windthorst Knights of Columbus Council #1824 is sponsoring a 33-day consecration to St Joseph. The 33-day consecration started on November 6th. The consecration preparation will be based on Father Donald Calloway's book Consecration to St. Joseph: The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father. Most of the consecration preparation will be completed individually. However, the final consecration will be completed as a group after the 6 PM Mass on December 8th which is the last day of the Year of Saint Joseph. Please contact Robert Baumer for more information or to register and get your copy of the book. Email: Robert.baumer@gmail.com Phone: 940-782-3465

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT:

Thank you for your generous support last week for the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development! If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! You can make a donation online at bit.ly/DioceseSpecialCollections or at the Church office.

Muchas gracias por su generoso apoyo la semana pasada la colecta para la Campana Catolica para el Desarrollo Humano! Si ustedes no alcanzaron a donar, aun lo pueden hacer! Visiten www.usccb.org/nationalcollections, y hagan clic en "How to Give" bajo "Resources".

WORLD WIDE MARRIAGE: "May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all." Do you want to learn how to love your spouse better? Join us on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend is Jan.28-30, 2022. To apply go to www.wwme.org. Questions - e-mail apply@dfwme.org or call 469-444-0904.

"Que el Señor haga que tu amore entre uno y otro crezca y aumente". Quieres aprender a amar mejor a tu esposo/a? Unete a nosotros en la próxima Experiencia del Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial. Para mas información de Encuentro Matrimonial el Español, escriba a mdgallegos06@gmail.com or 214-497-0188.

FAITH DIRECT

Looking for a great stewardship habit? Try **eGiving** – it streamlines your generosity and lets you do even more to help St. Mary's/St. Boniface Churches grow our ministries that share the Good News of God's love. You can make the switch today! Signing up is easy from your computer, smartphone or tablet, and you can set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift.

Recurring gifts sustain our parish throughout the year, and provide consistent support that helps us always be at the ready with programs, services, and ministries for church families and for those in need in our communities.

Sign up today by visiting Faith.Direct/FD2 or by completing the forms at the back of Church.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.

God Bless You, Father Michael



"But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because our redemption is at hand." Luke 21:28

We celebrate Advent each year in preparation for the birth of Jesus, His first coming, as we await His second coming. What will you do differently this Advent season to grow in friendship and love with Jesus? How will you inspire others to do the same? Start by sharing your God story with others, especially those closest to you. Invite and accompany them on their faith journey this Advent.

"Cuando estas senales empiecen a suceder, levantense y alcen la cabeza porque su redencion esta cerca" Lucas 21:28

Celebramos el Adviento cada año en preparación para el Nacimiento de Jesús, Su primera venida, mientras esperamos Su segunda venida. Que hará en forma diferente esta temporada de Adviento para crecer en la Amistad y el amor de Jesús? Como inspirará a otros a hacer lo mismo? Comience por compartir su historia con Dios con los demás, especialmente aquellos mas cercanos a usted. Invitelos y acompáñelos en su viaje de fe este Adviento.

The use of the [Advent Wreath](#) is a traditional practice which has found its place in the Church as well as in the home. The blessing of an Advent Wreath takes place on the First Sunday of Advent or on the evening before the First Sunday of Advent.

When the blessing of the Advent Wreath is celebrated in the home, it is appropriate that it be blessed by a parent or another member of the family.

All make the sign of the cross as the leader says:

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Response (R/.) Who made heaven and earth.

Then the Scripture, [Isaiah 9](#): (lines 1-2 and 5-6) or [Isaiah 63](#) (lines 16-17 & 19) or [Isaiah 64](#) (lines 2-7) is read:

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

R/. Thanks be to God.

With hands joined, the leader says: Lord our God, we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ: He is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples, He is the wisdom that teaches and guides us, He is the Savior of every nation. Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation. May He come quickly and not delay. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R/. Amen.

The blessing may conclude with a verse from

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel":

O come, desire of nations, bind in one the hearts of humankind:

bid ev'ry sad division cease and be thyself our Prince of peace.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.



ST. MARY'S 7 DAY LIGHTS: Tommy Schlumpf Jr. by Treva; Fr. Michael, All Our Sick, All Our Deceased Loved Ones, Abby's Intentions, Our Special Intentions by Joyce & Frank Wolf; Ralph & Clara Veitenheimer, David & Karen McCann, Ann Veitenheimer & Family, Bob & Carolyn Schreiber by Cordella Berend; My Family, Joyce Moer, Paul Schenk Family, Yvette Smith, David McCann, Gary & Jennifer Julian, Robert & Edna Krah, Frances Hoffman, Pauline Hoff, Cordella Berend, John & Maxine Veitenheimer, Rosalee Schroeder & Family, Happy Birthday +Frank Lindemann, Happy Birthday +Bud Hoff, Thanksgiving for Favors by JoAnn Hoff; David McCann & Family, Lizzy Pitts & Family, Elaine & Lenny Berend & Family, Cyndy & Tim Schenk & Family, Bonnie & Danny Schlumpf & Family, Suzette Schreiber, Our Family by Denise & Jerry Cooper; +Russell Williams by Shirley Williams; Healing for Jim, My Children by Mom; Healing for Ryan, Brady Vieth & Rick Fleitman, All My Granchildren by Grandma; Our Sick Members, For an increase in Priestly & Consecrated Life Vocations by CDA #296

YEARLY LIGHTS: Terry & Carol Sales by Ray & Dorothy Berend; +Jerry Anderle by Marsha, Victoria & Rachel; +Leroy Anderle by Caroline & Family; +Bill Wolf by Vinie; +Dale Barrett by Family; +Clarence & +Dorothy Wolf by Family; Ed & Alvina Veitenheimer by Family; +Gus Berend, +Nell Vieth by James & Deana Vieth; +Joe & +Magdalena Lindemann by Family; For Fr. Michael, For +Henry & Mildred Pennartz Family by Hillary & Roy; 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, Corey George, Greg Schlumpf, Holly Villa, Sabrina Johnston, 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; 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!

Bernadine Berend, Chuck Berend, Gerald Berend, Nellie Berend, Patience Blake, Toni Blaze, J.C. Birkenfield, Teresa Lindeman Birkenfield, Mabel Bowlden, Lonnie Buerger, David Carcaño, Bill Cardin, Jesús Colchado, John Deeson, Don Defoor, Danielle Mueller Fontenot, Emily Foster, Jeanne Fischer, Annette Fleitman, Rick Fleitman, Cindy Frerich, Kimberly Fulford, Tootsie Gardner, Jerry Green, Jim Green, Louise Green, Sister Marie Green, Artie Hallenbeck, Stan Hammack, Chris Hemmi, Betty Hilbers, Terry Hoffman, Melissa Hogan, Pat Humpert, Billie Hoff, Ernie Hoff, Joyce Moer, Ida Hoff, Marvin Hoff Sr., Pauline Hoff, Willie L. Hoff, Myra Hoffman, Libby Ingram, Amy Jackson, Donnie Johnson, Gary Julian, JoAnn (Schenk) Klein, Elsie Koetter, Russell Koetter, Robert W. Krah, Misty Lindley, Brian Lucore, Kyler Marlar, Annette Meurer, Jess Meurer, Hans Meyer, Charles Morath, Skylar Mueller, Kim Nelson, Travis Nelson, Rita Pearson, Nancy Pennartz, Colby Peterson, Gina Phillips, Ernie Prescher, Phillip Rafferty, Bradley Rodgers, Mary Jo Russe, Cassey Schenk, Frank Schenk, Roch Schenk, Rosalie Schenk, Madi Scogin, Agnes Schreiber, Fern Schreiber, Gerald Schreiber, Nelda Schreiber, Roxanne Schreiber, Alex Schroeder, Lauren Schroeder, Linda Schroeder, Margaret Schroeder, Mary Lou Schroeder, Rosalee Schroeder, Ryan Schroeder, Helen Seigler, Henri Seto, Debbie Shifflett, Geneva Simpson, Jim Simpson, Lisa Smith, Yvette Smith, Weldon Snyder, Sue Steinberger, Kate Talley, Margaret Green Tift, Trent Tipton, Randy Townsend, Ann Veitenheimer, Anna Mae Veitenheimer, John Veitenheimer, Ralph Veitenheimer, James Vieth, Tim Vieth, Paul Wachsmann, David Williams, Debbie Williams, Charles Winkles, Joe Witten, 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 – Taylor D. Anderson (Army),

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 & St. Boniface's CCD Classes

Presents

2021 CHRISTMAS PLAY



SUNDAY

DECEMBER 5, 2021

6:30 PM

WINDTHORST HIGH SCHOOL GYM

Come and support our children and help celebrate the
Reason for the Season!

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Help make a difference on GivingTuesday!

As you may know GivingTuesday is a global day of generosity that will take place on November 30, 2021. As a worldwide movement, this special day of giving reflects our Catholic values of selflessness, compassion, mercy, and grace. Hundreds of millions of people will come together on GivingTuesday to share what they have with those in need – and on this special day of stewardship, we hope you will remember **St. Mary's & St. Boniface**.

Even in times of economic uncertainty, we each have a deep reserve of generosity and the ability to make a difference with our time, talent, and treasure. We are encouraging anyone in our parish who can to consider contributing on November 30 - whether it's helping in ministry, advocating for those seeking justice, sharing a skill, or giving to the parish. Every act of generosity counts!

You can enroll in recurring eGiving or make a single donation to **St. Mary's or St. Boniface** at **faith.direct/TX1143 for (St. Mary's) or faith.direct/TX1144 for (St. Boniface)**. Your gifts and your participation would be a blessing to us.

May God bless you and your loved ones.

Thank you for your faithful generosity!

Father Michael Moloney

Sunday, Nov 28, 2021

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Light up the night

In an unusual conjoining of celebrations, we begin the season of Advent today as our Jewish friends begin the eight-day festival of lights known as Chanukah tonight. It's intriguing to reflect on how Advent too is an extended celebration of moving from the darkness of history into the light of Christ's coming. Light remains a symbol of spiritual illumination, abandoning the gloom of ignorance for knowledge and the shadow of foolishness for wisdom. As we string holiday lights and decorate with sparkling ornaments, let's consciously choose against error's dark deceptions and ally ourselves with the light of truth.

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 33:14-16; 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2; Luke 21:25-28, 34-36 (3). *"Be vigilant at all times . . . to stand before the Son of Man."*

Monday, Nov 29, 2021

ADVENT WEEKDAY

Have yourself an evergreen Advent

The origins of the Advent wreath are unclear. Like many holiday traditions, they may be pre-Christian, and like many of today's Christmas traditions, Advent wreaths were popularized by Germans, who brought them to the United States. No matter where they came from or how they differ, Advent wreaths are rich in symbolism. The candles are lit as a sign of hope to dispel the darkness. The evergreen, wrapped in a circle, signifies continuous life. The prickly leaves of holly are like the crown of thorns. Pinecones symbolize resurrection. If you don't already have one, consider making one as a craft project this Advent, and add elements that have symbolic meaning for you.

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 2:1-5; Matthew 8:5-11 (175). *"Lord, I am not worthy to have you enter under my roof; only say the word and my servant will be healed."*

Tuesday, Nov 30, 2021

FEAST OF ANDREW, APOSTLE

Can you follow directions?

Sometimes what we appreciate about saints comes from other saints. Such is the case with Saint Andrew and his brother, Simon Peter, of whom Saint Gregory the Great said: "At a single command" from Jesus, they "leaving their nets followed the Redeemer. Up to that time, they had not seen him perform any miracles. They had heard nothing from him concerning a reward of eternal joy." All Jesus had to do was ask them to follow. This Advent, listen for what Jesus may be asking of you; pray for the trust that Andrew had, to simply follow.

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 10:9-18; Matthew 4:18-22 (684). *"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."*

Wednesday, Dec 01, 2021

ADVENT WEEKDAY

Guess who is on the way?

On this Wednesday of the First Week of Advent, we look forward to the second coming of Christ. *Advent* comes from the Latin word for *arriving*. We have all experienced brokenness and hopelessness in our lives. You may know and cross paths with someone yearning for Jesus' healing power and awareness of his presence in their life. Has your mind, heart, body, and spirit been hungry for spiritual nourishment? Have you been healed by

Jesus? Do you want to share that same healing experience with others? Consider simple ways that you can share with a hurting friend the Good News that Jesus is on the way!

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 25:6-10a; Matthew 15:29-37 (177). *"I do not want to send them away hungry."*

Thursday, Dec 02, 2021

ADVENT WEEKDAY

Seek to unite, not divide

It's human nature to see the good in our own habits, ways, and traditions, but at the same time, Pope Francis has encouraged Christians to acknowledge the validity of other spiritual paths to God. The Holy Father's focus on what unites humanity spiritually is an important lesson for a world community that depends more than ever on cooperation. As you begin Advent, look for ways that you are united spiritually with people who are part of your life, no matter what their faith tradition is.

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 26:1-6; Matthew 7:21, 24-27 (178). *"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the Kingdom of heaven."*

Friday, Dec 03, 2021

ADVENT WEEKDAY

Creation celebrates diversity

"If you embrace diversity, but ignore disability, you're doing it wrong." This popular phrase on social media reflects the venerable tradition of Catholic social teaching. On this Day of Persons with Disabilities, remember that in following Jesus, we are committed to promoting and protecting the dignity of all humans. At times, we as church have led the way in this, and other times we have fallen short. Nevertheless, it is fundamental to our faith. Why? Because we believe that each person is made in the image of God. Imagine that: In you—with all your strengths, weaknesses, challenges, and unique traits—we see an image of God. What does that do within you?

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 29:17-24; Matthew 9:27-31 (179). *"And their eyes were opened."*

Saturday, Dec 04, 2021

MEMORIAL OF JOHN DAMASCENE, PRIEST, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

The embodiment of faith

John Damascene, priest, monk, and poet, was an early defender of the use of religious icons—images of the sacred—at a time in the early Middle Ages when a movement to strip religious life and worship of all images—called *iconoclasm*—had a following. Thanks to John's vision—perhaps rooted in his sense of the power of the poetic to move people—religious icons are cherished, especially in the Eastern church but also throughout the Catholic world. Our faith is an embodied faith, an incarnated faith. Wear it proudly!

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26; Matthew 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8 (180). *"Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give."*

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



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Advent 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
November 28 Buy or make an Advent wreath. Bless it and light the first candle tonight and every night this week. Read Luke 21:25-28, 34-36.	29 Advent is about waiting for the Savior to come. Offer a simple prayer of praise anytime you have to wait during Advent.	30 The presence of Jesus reminds us to hope in God's mercy. Make a list of reasons for your hope today.	1 Pick one habit that is keeping you from holiness. Identify your "go-to sin" and resolve to conquer it during Advent.	2 Add 20 minutes of daily prayer during Advent. Set an alarm to remind you to pray for 10 minutes each morning and night this month.	3 In gratitude that God provides for your needs, set aside gently used clothing and give it to the poor. Add a piece you love as a special sacrifice.	4 Perform a thorough examination of conscience today. Then attend Confession to ready your soul to greet the Savior.
5 At sundown tonight, light two violet candles in the Advent wreath and read Luke 3:1-6.	6 St. Nicholas was a generous man and a courageous bishop. Today, make at least one generous act of love in his honor.	7 In your Christmas cards write a note about the blessings you received this year as a witness to God's love.	8 The feast of the Immaculate Conception celebrates Mary's freedom from Original Sin. Attend Mass and pray a Rosary.	9 Today, let nothing discourage you in honor of St. Juan Diego. He never gave up, placing his trust in Jesus and His Mother.	10 Buy Christmas gifts from stores or online merchants that carry "fair trade" items to support workers in developing countries.	11 To honor the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe tomorrow, place a rose in a vase in your home and pray a "Hail Mary" whenever you pass it.
Gaudete 12 Sunday-Joy! Celebrate the halfway point of Advent. Light two violet candles and the rose one for joy. Read Luke 3:10-18.	13 Spend time in silence today. Say "no" to unnecessary distractions. In silence and peace, you will be open to God's will.	14 Think of Biblical accounts of God's mercy to sinners. Ask forgiveness from someone you have hurt and forgive those who wronged you.	15 In honor of the Holy Family's trek to Bethlehem, pray for all those who have been forced from home.	16 Send a card to someone who lost a loved one in the last year. Offer your thoughts and prayers for healing and comfort.	17 Pray for the men and women in the armed services who won't be able to spend Christmas with their families.	18 Pray the Angelus at 6:00 am, 12:00 pm, and 6:00pm every day until Christmas.
19 Light all four candles in the wreath tonight and all week. Read Luke 1:39-45.	20 This can be a sad time for those who are alone. Include anyone in your own gatherings who might be otherwise forgotten.	21 As a gift to the coming Savior, repair a relationship with a friend or family member that needs healing.	22 Make an effort to share God's love today. Say a kind word or listen with compassion to someone who is suffering.	23 Gather friends and neighbors and Christmas carol (safely) at a nursing home or homeless shelter.	24 Even if you live alone, put up and decorate a Christmas tree. Light it as a symbol of Christ, the Light of the World.	Rejoice! 25 Read the story of Jesus' birth in Luke 2:1-20 and focus on each detail. Think of how joyful it will be to meet Jesus when he comes again.

Adviento 2021

Domingo	Lunes	Martes	Miércoles	Jueves	Viernes	Sábado
Noviembre 28 Compra o haz una Corona de Adviento. Bendícela y enciende la primera vela esta noche y todas las noches esta semana. Leer a Luke 21: 25-28, 34-36.	29 El Adviento se trata de esperar la llegada del Salvador. Ofrezca una simple oración de alabanza cada vez que tenga que esperar durante el Adviento.	30 La presencia de Jesús nos recuerda que debemos esperar en la misericordia de Dios. Haga una lista de las razones de su esperanza hoy.	1 Elija un hábito que lo aleje de la santidad. Identifique su "pecado al que debe ir" y decida conquistarlo durante el Adviento.	2 Agregue 20 minutos de oración diaria durante el Adviento. Configure una alarma para recordarle que debe orar durante 10 minutos cada mañana y cada noche de este mes.	3 En gratitud porque Dios provee para sus necesidades, deje a un lado la ropa usada suavemente y entréguela a los pobres. Agrega una pieza que te guste como sacrificio especial.	4 Realice hoy n examen de conciencia minucioso. Entonces asiste a Confesión para preparar tu alma para saludar al Salvador.
5 Al anochece, enciende dos velas violetas en la corona de Adviento y lea Lucas 3: 1-6.	6 San Nicolás fue un hombre generoso y un obispo valiente. Hoy, haz al menos un generoso acto de amor en su honor.	7 En sus tarjetas de Navidad, escriba una nota sobre las bendiciones que recibió este año como testimonio del amor de Dios.	8 La fiesta de la Inmaculada Concepción celebra la libertad de María del pecado original. Asiste a misa y reza un rosario.	9 Hoy, nada te desanime en honor a San Juan Diego. Nunca se rindió, poniendo su confianza en Jesús y su Madre.	10 Compre regalos de Navidad en tiendas o comerciantes en línea que ofrezcan artículos de "comercio justo" para ayudar a los trabajadores en los países en desarrollo.	11 Para honrar la fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe mañana, coloque una rosa en un jarrón en su casa y reza un "Ave María" cada vez que lo pase.
12 Gaudete-Domingo de Alegría! Celebre the halfway Celebre el punto medio del Adviento. Enciende dos velas violetas y la rosa de alegría. Lea Lucas 3:10-18.	13 Pase tiempo en silencio hoy. Di "no" a las distracciones innecesarias. En silencio y paz, estarás abierto a la voluntad de Dios.	14 Piense en los relatos bíblicos de la misericordia de Dios para con los pecadores. Pídele a alguien a quien hayas herido la orgía y perdona a los que te hicieron daño.	15 En honor al viaje de la Sagrada Familia a Belén, ore por todos aquellos que se han visto obligados a abandonar su hogar.	16 Envíe una tarjeta a alguien que perdió a un ser querido en el último año. Ofrezca sus pensamientos y oraciones por la curación y el consuelo.	17 Ore por los hombres y mujeres de las fuerzas armadas que no podrán pasar la Navidad con sus familias.	18 Pray the Angelus at 6:00 am, 12:00pm, and 6:00pm every day until Chris Reza el Ángel a las 6:00 am; a las 12:00pm; y a las 6:00pm todos los días hasta Navidad. tmas.
19 Encienda las cuatro velas de la corona esta noche y toda la semana. Lea Lucas 1:39-45.	20 Este puede ser un momento triste para quienes están solos. Incluya a cualquier persona en sus propias reuniones que de otra manera podría ser olvidada.	21 As a gift to the coming Savior, repair a relationship with a friend or family member that needs healing.	22 Como regalo para el Salvador venidero, repare una relación con un amigo o familiar que necesite sanidad.	23 Reúna a amigos y vecinos y lleve villancicos (de manera segura) en un hogar para ancianos o refugio para personas sin hogar.	24 Incluso si vives solo, coloca y decora un árbol de Navidad. Enciéndelo como símbolo de Cristo, la Luz del Mundo.	¡Alégrese! 25 Lea la historia del nacimiento de Jesús en Lucas 2: 1-20 y concéntrese en cada detalle. Piense en lo gozoso que será encontrarse con Jesús cuando regrese.

COVID TRENDS IN WICHITA FALLS

DATE	NEW CASES	ACTIVE CASES	HOSPITALIZED	HOSPITALIZED CRITICAL	NEW DEATHS	POSITIVITY RATE
07/02	42	65	13	5	0	7%
07/16	107	133	14	6	1	27%
07/30	231	335	14	10	4	21%
08/13	402	628	51	15	2	30%
08/27	802	1358	76	54	4	31%
09/10	762	2032	85	27	7	28%
09/24	515	1747	63	27	19	23%
10/01	434	1378	64		14	18.45%
10/29	106		32	16	12	10%
11/05	117	341	22	9	5	11.4%
11/12	102	330	19	6	5	6.8%
11/19	68	207	13		3	5.2%

Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace.

Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages "curing every disease and illness."
At your command, the sick were made well.
Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.

Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace.

Heal those who are sick with the virus.
May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care.

Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve.
Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions that will help prepare for or prevent future outbreaks. May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth.

Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another.

Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders.

Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare.
In place of our anxiety, give us your peace.

Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow.

Jesus Christ, heal us. Amen.

Be with those who have died from the virus.
May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace.

Prayer written by Kerry Weber, executive editor of America.

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SATURDAY		SUNDAY		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
SATURDAY NOV. 27 St. Mary's Mass 5:00PM St. Mary's Spanish Mass 7:00PM Please use hand sanitizer <u>Decorate Church 9:00am</u>		SUNDAY NOVEMBER 28 1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT St. Boniface Mass 8:00 AM St. Mary's Mass 10:30 AM Both Masses will be live-streamed Confirmation 4:00pm – 5:30pm RCIA 7:00pm		MONDAY NOV. 29 CCD class grades K-5 begins @7:25 St. Mary's Mass 6:00pm Please use hand sanitizer	TUESDAY NOV. 30 CCD class grades K-5 begins @7:25 Mass St. Mary's <u>Church Office closed</u> Sr. Citizens 1pm	WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 1 CCD class grades K-5 begins @7:25 Juniorettes CDA meeting after school in convent Family Life & Mission Outreach 5pm (classroom) St. Mary's Holy Hour of Adoration to Defeat Abortion 5:00-6:00pm Mass 6:00pm Novena 6:30pm Please use hand sanitizer CCD 6-12 th grades 6:45pm St. Mary's Mothers' Society after Mass St. Boniface Mothers' Society 7pm	THURSDAY DEC. 2 CCD class grades K-5 begins @7:25 Food Distribution (Parish Hall) 9am-11am St. Boniface Mass 6:00pm Please use hand sanitizer	FRIDAY DEC. 3 1st FRIDAY Word Service 7:25 Mass St. Mary's 3:00pm Please use hand sanitizer
SATURDAY DEC. 4 1st SATURDAY St. Mary's Mass 8:00AM Confessions 3:00 – 4:00 At the Church office St. Mary's Mass 5:00PM St. Mary's Spanish Mass 7:00PM Please use hand sanitizer		SUNDAY DECEMBER 5 2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT St. Boniface Mass 8:00 AM St. Mary's Mass 10:30 AM Both Masses will be live-streamed K of C Sausage Meal 11-12 CCD Christmas Play 6:30pm in High School New Gym No Confirmation 4:00pm – 5:30pm Class will be helping with CCD Christmas Play arrive at the Gym at 5:00 RCIA 7:00pm		MONDAY DEC. 6 CCD class grades K-5 begins @7:25 St. Mary's Mass 6:00pm Please use hand sanitizer	TUESDAY DEC. 7 CCD class grades K-5 begins @7:25 Mass St. Mary's <u>Church Office closed</u> Sr. Citizens 1pm	WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 8 THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CCD class grades K-5 begins @7:25 Church Office Closed St. Boniface Mass 8:00am St. Mary's Adoration 5:45 Mass 6:00pm Novena 6:30pm Please use hand sanitizer No CCD 6-12 th grades 6:45pm 3 rd Degree K of C #1824 after Mass 3 rd Degree K of C # 1715	THURSDAY DEC. 9 CCD class grades K-5 begins @7:25 St. Boniface Mass 6:00pm Please use hand sanitizer	FRIDAY DEC. 10 Word Service 7:25 Mass St. Mary's 3:00pm Please use hand sanitizer
SATURDAY DEC. 11 St. Mary's Mass 12:00 Confessions 3:00 – 4:00 At the Church office St. Mary's Mass 5:00PM St. Mary's Spanish Mass 7:00PM Special Collection for Retired Religious Please use hand sanitizer		SUNDAY DECEMBER 12 3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT St. Boniface Mass 8:00 AM St. Mary's Mass 10:30 AM Both Masses will be live-streamed Special Collection for Retired Religious Please use hand sanitizer Scotland St. Citizens 12:00 noon Youth Caroling Confirmation 4:00pm – 5:30pm 2 nd Sunday RCIA 7:00pm		MONDAY DEC. 13 CCD class grades K-5 begins @7:25 St. Boniface Fatima Prayer Hour 10:00am St. Mary's Mass 6:00pm Please use hand sanitizer VF/W/VFW Ladies Aux. 7pm	TUESDAY DEC. 14 CCD class grades K-5 begins @7:25 Mass St. Mary's <u>Church Office closed</u> Sr. Citizens 1pm	WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 15 CCD class grades K-5 begins @7:25 Poinsettia orders due! St. Mary's Adoration 5:45 Mass 6:00pm Novena 6:30pm Please use hand sanitizer CCD 6-12 th grades 6:45pm CDA #266 after Mass	THURSDAY DEC. 16 CCD class grades K-5 begins @7:25 St. Boniface Mass 6:00pm Please use hand sanitizer	FRIDAY DEC. 17 Word Service 7:25 Mass St. Mary's 3:00pm Please use hand sanitizer