

*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

Mailing Address for Both Churches

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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

December 13 – St. Mary's
†Judy Hellman
by Pat Tracey Family

Tuesday

December 14 – St. Mary's
Intentions of Father Michael

Wednesday
6:00 pm

December 15 – St. Boniface
†Gus Berend
by Nellie Berend

Thursday
6:00 pm

December 16 – St. Boniface
†Pete & Pauline Block
by Bill Hemmis

Friday
3:00 pm

December 17 – St. Mary's
†Reinhold Lindeman
by Anna Mae Veitenheimer

Saturday
12:00 noon

December 18 – St. Mary's
†Geraldine Lindemann
by Berta Lou Eaves

5:00 pm

†Agnes Loran
by Michael Loran Family
Parishioners

7:00 pm

Sunday
8:00 am

December 19 – St. Boniface
†Kathie Hilbers by Albert & Family

Sunday
10:30 am

December 19 - St. Mary's
†Jerry Schroeder
by Mary Ann Schroeder

ST. MARY'S MINISTERS

Monday December 13-Sunday December 19, 2021

MONDAY DECEMBER 13TH

Reader - Volunteer

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 15TH

Reader - Florence Anderle

SATURDAY DECEMBER 18TH

Reader - Chad Steinberger

Ushers - Julie & Roy Koetter, Doug Wolf, David Green

Eucharistic Ministers - Donna & Leo Hoff Jr.

SUNDAY DECEMBER 19TH

Reader - Ted Neeb

Ushers - Donnie Fleitman, Terry Schroeder, 2 Volunteers

Eucharistic Ministers - Kristi & Mark Veitenheimer

Children's Liturgy - Brooke & Blaire Schreiber

Eucharistic Minister to Homebound - Elizabeth & Bert Hoff

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - Two ministers will be assigned at the weekend Masses. One will serve in the middle aisle along with Father at first. When the Choir/Elderly Minister returns, both ministers please go to the middle of the front pew and continue to distribute Holy Communion. If you have any questions please call the office at 940-423-6687.

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.

SUPPORT-Envelopes \$4625.00 Loose \$365.08 Children \$11.00 Bldg. Fund \$175.00 Thanksgiving \$591.00

ST. BONIFACE MINISTERS

Monday December 13-Sunday December 19, 2021

SUNDAY DECEMBER 19TH

Reader - Patsy Stallcup

Ushers - Dan Smith & Kenneth Veitenheimer

Eucharistic Ministers - Debbie & Robert Krah

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

SUPPORT- Envelopes \$1960.00 Loose \$129.00 Cemetery donation \$1000.00

ST. MARY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN THIS WEEK better health & healing for Mom by Denise & Cooper

READER'S WORKBOOKS: Please pick up the new workbooks as soon as possible.

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 Jan. 9th.**

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

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.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING AT ST. MARY'S: Decorating for Christmas at St. Mary's will begin at 1 pm on Wednesday, Dec. 22 when trees, storage containers and manger will be moved from storage to Church. We will be setting up trees and Nativity, decorating choir & wreaths that day. We will continue on Thursday, Dec. 23, also at 1 pm to decorate sanctuary as poinsettias are scheduled to be delivered in early pm. Will need much help as this is a lot to do in two days. Please consider coming up & offering a hand. Thanks in advance for volunteering!!

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!

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 \$8,912.00** 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.

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 has been placed in the back of Church. Many thanks in advance.

THE WINDTHORST BLOOD DRIVE will be held at the Berend Family Center, Wednesday, Dec. 22nd from 1 pm to 6 pm. Texas Blood Institute will be collecting blood using appropriate protocols during this period of critical blood supply. You can schedule an appointment by texting/calling Doug Berend, 940-782-4126. With a desired time, or visit TXBI.org to schedule an appointment.

ST. BONIFACE ANNOUNCEMENTS

SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN THIS WEEK: In memory of Shawn Sargent by the Family.

7 DAY LIGHTS – Prayers for Chuck Moore, May he rest in peace, Prayers for all the sick & hurting by Joyce Moer

READER'S WORKBOOKS: Please pick up the new workbooks as soon as possible.

ST. BONIFACE FATIMA PRAYER HOUR – Monday, December 13th at 10:00 a.m.

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, 14 families have donated for a total of \$2,915.00** 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.

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 daughter's address as he is still in Houston.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR BOTH PARISHES

BULLETIN NOTICES WILL BE DUE BY NOON ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 20TH.

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 James & Pat Zott the week of December 19th. They as well as all of us are asked to pray for world peace, military and vocations.

December 26th Stella & Ron Hoffman

January 2nd Elizabeth & Bert Hoff

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 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** classes over the Christmas School break.

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

CONFIRMATION CLASSES: Sundays at 4:00pm – 5:30pm. There will be no classes during Christmas School break.

V.F.W. LADIES AUXILIARY – The Scotland-Windthorst Post #2676 will meet **Monday December 13th** 7:00 p.m.

V. F. W. will meet **Monday, December 13th**, at 7:00 p.m.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS NEWS: The regular scheduled meeting is Wednesday, December 15, 2021, after 6 pm Mass in the parish hall meeting room. We will be making Christmas Boxes again this year and each member is asked to bring 30 individually wrapped items for the boxes. If you have a Secret Pal, please bring your gift for the gift exchange. We are asking each member to bring a food dish to share and stay and eat after meeting. Have a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Regent Whitney Schreiber

THANK YOU: Bernadine Berend wishes to thank those parishioners that bring her the Holy Eucharist and for mailing her a bulletin. A very special thanks to Bernadine Berend for her generous donation to help defray the cost of the bulletin being mailed to her and for support to the Church.

ATTENTION SENIORS 2021-2022: 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, 2022. For more details or an application, please contact Whitney Schreiber at 940-631-8328 or Darla Tackett at WISD 940-423-6608.

SPECIAL COLLECTION: DECEMBER 11TH & 12TH

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS: Help aging religious. Elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others – educating the young, comforting the sick, and ministering to the less fortunate. Today, many are frail and need assistance. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Please give generously to today's second collection.

Ayuden a los religiosos y religiosas ancianos. Las hermanas, hermanos y sacerdotes mayores de ordines religiosas catolicas han dedicado su vida en servicio a los demas: educaron a los jovenes, cuidaron a los enfermos y sirvieron a los menos afortunados. Hoy, muchos son ancianos y necesitan ser atendidos. El regalo deducible de impuestos al Fondo para la Jubilacion de Religiosos ayuda a proporcionar medicamentos, cuidado de enfermeria y mas. Sean generoso con la segunda colecta de hoy.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING SOON. A Vigil Mass will be held at **St. Boniface** at **4PM** with Fr. Jerry Ward celebrating on Christmas Eve. The Vigil Mass at **St. Mary's** will be at **4 PM** on Christmas Eve. (December 24th) and the Mass on Christmas Day (December 25th) will be at **9 AM** at **St. Mary's**, both celebrated by Fr. Michael. Christmas is on a Saturday this year 2021. When Christmas day falls on a Saturday, all Masses celebrated on Christmas Day are deemed to be Christmas Masses and are only for the Christmas obligation. Therefore, there will **NOT** be a 5 PM Vigil Mass on December 25, 2021 which can meet the Sunday obligation. Sunday Masses for December 26th will be as usual, **8 AM** at **St. Boniface** and **10:30 AM** at **St. Mary's**. If you have any questions please call the office at 940-423-6687.

NEW YEAR'S MASSES:

St. Mary's Vigil Mass at 6 PM and New Year's Day at 10:30 AM on New Year's Day.
St. Boniface New Year's Day Mass at 8:00 AM

WORLD WIDE MARRIAGE: "He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and Fire." Take time for your marriage by participating in 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.

"El te bautizara con el Espiritu Santo y Fuego". Dale tiempo a tu matrimonio participando en la próxima Experiencia del Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial. Para mas 4odos4ación de Encuentro Matrimonial el Espanol, 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

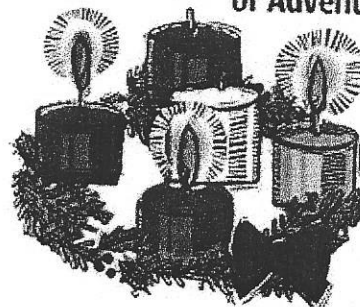
FAITH DIRECT DONOR MATCH PROGRAM

The holiday season is one of the largest giving seasons for our Church. Our online giving provider Faith Direct is generously providing a donor match program to help us increase recurring giving. Online gifts help reduce costs and our time spent handling other forms of payment.

For every first offertory gift from a new recurring donor that is added between **November 1 and December 31, 2021**, Faith Direct will match that first gift, up to \$50, with a maximum match of \$1000 for our Church. To be eligible for the matching gift, more than one installment must be set-up and the first recurring gift must be transacted by December 31, 2021.

We appreciate your generosity and your support of our Church. We prayerfully ask that you consider helping us meet this goal by creating your recurring online gift today. Visit faith.direct/ or reach out to the Faith Direct Customer Support team at 866-507-8757.

Third Sunday of Advent



"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God."

Phillippians 4:6

St. Paul reminds us that God is an abundant God – He is the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. Remember, that we are created in God's image and likeness. We, too, are made to be generous with all of our gifts as well. Placing our trust in God frees us from being a slave to possessions. It allows us to gratefully and generously share ourselves and our goods with others.

"Nada debe angustiarlos; al contrario, en cualquier situacion, presenten a Dios sus deseos, acompanando sus oraciones y suplicas con agradecimiento". (Fillipenses 4:6)

San Pablo nos recuerda que Dios es un Dios abundante – El es el supremo dador de dones. El nos promete darnos todo lo que necesitamos. Recuerde, fuimos creados a imagen y semejanza de Dios. Nosotros, tambien, estamos hechos para ser generosos con todos nuestros dones. El colocar nuestra confianza en Dios nos libera de ser esclavos de nuestros bienes. Nos permite ser agradecidos y generosos para compartir nuestros bienes con los demas.

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SPACE IS LIMITED - SIGN UP TODAY!!

ST. MARY'S 7 DAY LIGHTS: Healing for Charlie & Nelda, In thanksgiving by Clara & Ralph Veitenheimer; Speedy recovery from hip surgery for Angie, Better health for all the sick of the Parish & community, Our Country, Special Intentions by Jean & Scott Berend; Birthday Blessings for Mom, Compete & Speedy recovery for Angie Berend, Bountiful Rain by Joyce & Frank Wolf; For a Bountiful Rain by Donor; +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 Sumbera & 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!

Angie Berend, 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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ST. MARY'S / ST. BONIFACE YOUTH GROUP &
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CHRISTMAS CAROLING



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12th

5:00 PM YOUTH BLDG

PLEASE DRESS WARM AND BRING A
FLASHLIGHT. COOKIES AND HOT COCOA IN THE
YOUTH BLDG AFTER CAROLING.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT SHELLEY SCHLUMPF 940-237-6676.

BENEFIT FOR SAMMY WOLF
(WHO RECENTLY LOST HIS HOME TO A HOUSE FIRE)

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16TH

5:30 TO 7:30 P.M.

WINDTHORST CITY PARK
DONATIONS ACCEPTED FOR SAMMY

EVENT CONTACTS:

TED NEEB: 940-781-0354, DALLAS FILLINGIM: 940-636-1144
BOBBY SCHREIBER, 940-636-7699, ROBERT KRAHL: 940-733-6752,
DOUG WOLF: 940-237-6738, SKYLAR VEITENHEIMER: 940-613-7015
BRADEN WOLF: 940-704-4567, ROBERT BAUMER: 940-782-3465

RAFFLE FOR GUN AND RR BEEF CERTIFICATE

CONTACTS:

JERRY STEINBERGER: 940-636-4724 KRIS INGRAM: 940-447-6585

PULLED PORK SANDWICH MEAL

ACCOUNT HAS BEEN SETUP AT WINDTHORST FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

Sunday, Dec 12, 2021

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Queen of Mercy, watch over us

Often, we seek guidance, wondering like those around John the Baptist: *What should we do?* The answer's a simple one: show mercy. Our adversaries, family members, and we ourselves may be in need of such compassion. When La Virgen Morena (the Brown Virgin) appeared to Juan Diego in Mexico and left her image on his cactus-fiber cloak, her promise of mercy to all who appealed to her was sealed on the Americas. Our Lady of Guadalupe, now patroness of Mexico and empress of the Americas, extends her reign across two continents and around the globe. Respond with mercy today.

TODAY'S READINGS: Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:10-18 (9). *"The crowds asked John the Baptist, 'What should we do?'"*

Monday, Dec 13, 2021

MEMORIAL OF LUCY, MARTYR

I can see clearly now

In these darkening days of December, the Scandinavian festival of light held on Saint Lucy's feast day is a cheerful sight to brighten spirits. In these countries—and wherever Scandinavians are found—girls dress as Lucy in long white gowns with wreaths of candles on their heads, carrying sweets in procession as songs are sung. Similar practices can be found in Italy and Croatia. Whether you belong to those ethnicities or not, why not incorporate the festival into your family holiday traditions? Saint Lucy is the patron and protector of eyesight—ask her to help you focus yours, to see more clearly the coming of the radiant king.

TODAY'S READINGS: Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17a; Matthew 21:23-27 (187). *"By what authority are you doing these things? And who gave you this authority?"*

Tuesday, Dec 14, 2021

MEMORIAL OF JOHN OF THE CROSS, PRIEST, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Carried by love

Saint John of the Cross was named a doctor of the church for his profound, poetic writings on Christian mysticism. As a spiritual phenomenon, mysticism is difficult to explain. Central ideas, though, connect love and suffering. Today, pause to remember the tragic school shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary and contemplate this meditation by John and remember to love: "I saw the river over which every soul must pass to reach the kingdom of heaven, and the name of that river was suffering. And I saw a boat which carries souls across the river, and the name of that boat was love."

TODAY'S READINGS: Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13; Matthew 21:28-32 (188). *"Then will I remove from your midst the proud braggarts, and you shall no longer exalt yourself."*

Wednesday, Dec 15, 2021

ADVENT WEEKDAY

Jesus, our justice and our peace

The coming of Jesus into the world was ultimately the coming of true justice and peace. In today's psalm, these two virtues are said to have "kissed" when the Messiah arrived on Earth. What an incredible image! Every promise of God finds its yes in the One who frees us from sin and death. In the gospel reading, Jesus proves by his miraculous love that he is the long-hoped-for Messiah. Today, remember that as we anticipate Christmas, the

fulfillment of all our hopes and dreams is the justice and peace of Jesus. Perhaps not what we expected, but what we need!

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25; Luke 7:18b-23 (189). *"Kindness and truth shall meet; justice and peace shall kiss. Truth shall spring out of the earth, and justice shall look down from heaven."*

Thursday, Dec 16, 2021

ADVENT WEEKDAY

Differently blessed

Today's first reading refers to an idea repeated many times in the Bible: that children are a blessing from God. Catholic teaching on situations where bearing children is not possible is not the inverse, however. The church has never taught that infertility or any other limitation is a punishment or "curse" from God. To the contrary, Catholic tradition emphasizes that persons in every situation or condition deserve our full attention, respect, and caring concern. How can you practice empathy toward those whose family life has taken a less common direction?

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 54:1-10; Luke 7:24-30 (190). *"Among those born of women, no one is greater than John; yet the least in the Kingdom of God is greater than he."*

Friday, Dec 17, 2021

ADVENT WEEKDAY (O WISDOM)

Make the wise choice

Today the church begins to sing the O Antiphons to accompany the Advent evening prayer of Mary's Magnificat. These short, sung phrases remind us of our need for salvation and our desire to embody the divine characteristics of our Savior. Today we pray for knowledge. This is not the knowledge that wins arguments around the dinner table, but the knowledge that shines a light on who we are, where we came from, and what we are called to do. It is the knowledge that comes with discernment and brings us peace. May wisdom be our teacher.

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 49:2, 8-10; Matthew 1:1-17 (193). *"O Wisdom of our God Most High, guiding creation with power and love: come to teach us the path of knowledge!"*

Saturday, Dec 18, 2021

ADVENT WEEKDAY (O SACRED LORD)

Walk each other home

The theme for this year's International Migrants Day is "Reimagining Human Mobility." U.N. Secretary-General António Guterres calls upon citizens of the world to "seize the opportunity of the recovery from the pandemic to implement safe, orderly, and regular migration and enable migrants to build more inclusive and resilient societies." Today's O Antiphon recalls the migration of Israel from Egypt to Palestine and asks God to guide the movement of peoples. Because we all can trace our ancestry back to migrating people at one time or another, it is appropriate today to pray for people on the move seeking new homes and new lives in new lands.

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 23:5-8; Matthew 1:18-25 (194). *"And they shall name him Emmanuel, which means 'God is with us.'"*

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



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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%
07/30	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%
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%
11/26	91	209	12		3	11%
12/03	186	327	13	2	5	18%

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.

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

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.

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

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

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.

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.

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, heal us. Amen.

Prayer written by Barry Weber, executive editor of America.

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SATURDAY

SUNDAY

December 11, 2021 – January 7, 2022

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

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 VFW/VFW Ladies Aux. 7pm	TUESDAY DEC. 14 CCD class grades K-5 begins @7:25 Mass St. Mary's Church Office closed Sr. Citizens 1pm	WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 15 CCD class grades K-5 begins @7:25 Poinsettia orders are due by 5pm! St. Mary's Adoration 5:45 Mass 6:00pm Novena 6:30pm Please use hand sanitizer CCD 6-12 th grades 6:45pm CDA #296 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
SATURDAY DEC. 18 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 Please use hand sanitizer	SUNDAY DECEMBER 19 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT St. Boniface Mass 8:00 AM St. Mary's Mass 10:30 AM Both Masses will be live-streamed Please use hand sanitizer Confirmation 4:00pm – 5:30pm RCIA 7:00pm	MONDAY DEC. 20 CCD class grades K-5 begins @7:25 Bulletin notices are due by noon St. Mary's Mass 6:00pm Please use hand sanitizer	TUESDAY DEC. 21 CCD class grades K-5 begins @7:25 Mass St. Mary's Church Office closed Sr. Citizens 1pm	WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 22 CCD class grades K-5 begins @7:25 St. Mary's Adoration 5:45 Mass 6:00pm Novena 6:30pm Please use hand sanitizer CCD 6-12 th grades 6:45pm Early release from School for Christmas Break	THURSDAY DEC. 23 St. Mary's Mass 8:00am Please use hand sanitizer	FRIDAY DEC. 24 CHRISTMAS EVE Mass St. Boniface 4PM Mass St. Mary's 4PM Church Office Closed Please use hand sanitizer
SATURDAY DEC. 25 THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD St. Mary's Mass 9:00AM Please use hand sanitizer	SUNDAY DECEMBER 26 THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY JOSEPH St. Boniface Mass 8:00 AM St. Mary's Mass 10:30 AM Both Masses will be live-streamed Please use hand sanitizer	MONDAY DEC. 27 Bulletin notices are due by noon St. Mary's Mass 8:00am Please use hand sanitizer	TUESDAY DEC. 28 Mass St. Mary's Church Office closed Sr. Citizens 1pm	WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 29 St. Mary's Adoration 5:45 Mass 6:00pm Novena 6:30pm Please use hand sanitizer	THURSDAY DEC. 30 St. Boniface Mass 6:00pm Please use hand sanitizer	FRIDAY DEC. 31 New Year's Eve St. Mary's Mass 6:00pm Please use hand sanitizer
SATURDAY JAN. 1 SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD (Holy Day of Obligation) St. Boniface Mass 8:00 AM St. Mary's Mass 10:30 AM St. Mary's Vigil Mass 5pm Please use hand sanitizer	SUNDAY JANUARY 2 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD St. Boniface Mass 8:00 AM St. Mary's Mass 10:30 AM Both Masses will be live-streamed Please use hand sanitizer	MONDAY JAN. 3 Please use hand sanitizer MANDATORY PRIEST'S RETREAT	TUESDAY JAN. 4 Church Office closed Sr. Citizens 1pm NO MASS	WEDNESDAY JANUARY 5 Family Life & Mission Outreach 5pm (classroom) Novena 6:00pm Please use hand sanitizer St. Mary's Mothers' Society Meeting after Novena NO MASS	THURSDAY JAN. 6 Food Distribution 9am-11am Parish Hall St. Boniface Mass 6:00pm Please use hand sanitizer NO MASS	FRIDAY JAN. 7 1st FRIDAY Mass St. Mary's 3:00pm Please use hand sanitizer