

*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 6:00 pm.
Call the Church Office or Deb Schreiber (940-704-6537) or
Karley Buerger (940-631-3439) to register for classes.

Marriage Preparation

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

RCIA/OCIA

contact Fr. Michael at 782-3200/e-mail: mmoloney@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 3:30 – 4:30 pm, Wednesday after Mass

& Anytime, Any Day by Appointment

St. Boniface Every 4th Thursday 5:30 pm

Hispanic Ministry

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

All Sunday Masses will be live-streamed

Monday 8:00 AM -	January 16– St. Mary's †Bill Wolf by Family
Tuesday -	January 17– St. Mary's Intention of Father Michael
Wednesday 6:00 PM -	January 18 – St. Mary's †Jerry Anderle by 4 th Degree K of C
Thursday 6:00 PM -	January 19 – St. Boniface Deceased Members by St. Boniface Altar Society
Friday 7:25AM 3:00 PM -	January 20 – St. Mary's Word Service †Willie Hoff by Dean & Wina Church
Saturday 8:00 AM -	January 21 – St. Mary's †Adelaide Veitenheimer by †Anna Mae Veitenheimer Intentions of Parishioners
5:00 PM -	
Sunday 8:00 AM -	January 22 – St. Boniface †Jake Schenk by Class of 1980
Sunday 10:30 AM -	January 22 – St. Mary's †Martha Wolf by Zotz Brothers & Sisters

ST. MARY'S MINISTERS**Monday January 16th - Sunday January 22nd****MONDAY JANUARY 16TH 8:00 AM****Reader** – Volunteer**WEDNESDAY JANUARY 18TH 6:00 PM****Reader** – Suzette Schreiber**SATURDAY JANUARY 21st 5:00 PM****Servers** – Larson Vieth, Kensley Vieth, Lucas Petro**Reader** – Hilary Wolf**Ushers** – Doug Wolf, Jay Meurer, M.J. Geis,
James Vieth Jr.**Eucharistic Ministers**– Donna & Leo Hoff Jr.
Betty Wolf (choir)**SUNDAY JANUARY 22ND 10:30 AM****Servers**– Jaxon West, Jesslyn West, Jake Schroeder**Reader** – Chuck King**Ushers** – Donnie Fleitman, Terry Schroeder,
David McCann, Nathan McCann**Eucharistic Ministers** – Mark Veitenheimer,
Shelley Schlumpf, Kristi Veitenheimer (choir)**Children's Liturgy** – Brooke McLemore, Blaire Schreiber**Eucharistic Minister to Homebound:**

Elizabeth & Bert Hoff

SUPPORT – Envelopes \$3712.00 Loose \$292.00

Bldg. Fund \$450.00 Christmas \$10.00

FAITH DIRECT: 12/31 \$100.00 01/04 \$5432.09

Bldg. Fund \$150.00 Solemnity of Mary \$20.00

Priest Care \$150.00

COUNTERS January 16th : Danny Joe Schroeder,

Suzette Schreiber, Karen Berend

ST. BONIFACE MINISTERS**Monday January 16th - Sunday January 22nd****SUNDAY JANUARY 22ND 8:00 AM****Servers** – Shae Hoffman, Maddie Idell, Natalie Anderle**Reader** – Missy Brown**Ushers** – Kenneth Veitenheimer, David Winter**Eucharistic Ministers** – Patsy Stallcup & Cassidy Koetter**SUPPORT** – Envelopes \$1045.00 Loose \$626.00**FAITH DIRECT: \$1557.63****COUNTERS January 22nd :** Donna Tettleton, Pat Hemmi**ST. MARY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS****SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN THIS WEEK:** For Bountiful Rain!**WINDTHORST SR. CITIZENS** meet every Tuesday at 1pm at the Berend Family Center for bingo & games. All are welcome.**ST. MARY'S WISHES TO WELCOME THE FOLLOWING INTO OUR CHURCH FAMILY:****Grace Marie Baumer**, daughter of Robert Joseph & Samantha (Berend) Baumer, Baptized Dec. 31, 2022.**Waylon Eugene Weakley**, son of Cody Michael & Sydney (Berend) Weakley, Baptized Dec. 31, 2022.**THANK YOU:** St. Mary's wishes to thank the following for their generous donations:

Pat & Bernard Scheffe to St. Mary's Improvement Fund in memory of Martha Wolf.

Margaret Beaman to St. Mary's Improvement Fund in memory of Rosalie Schenk.

The Children of George & Anna Mae Veitenheimer for the support of St. Mary's in memory of George & Anna Mae Veitenheimer.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL: FAITH – HOPE –*CHARITY: A call to Gratitude:** You can still respond. St.Mary's goal is set at \$22,000.00. As of December 1st, 54 donors have donated/pledged \$11,647.50. This is only a 22.50% participation level. The progress toward our goal is \$52.94%. Do you think we could do better? Please give today! There are envelopes on the table in the entrance of the church. Please help us help others with faith, hope and gratitude.**Attention all St. Mary's Parishioners:**

We are asking everyone to help us to update our Church records. Maybe you haven't moved, but have added a new cell phone number or email address. We have created a form on our Faith Direct page to aid us in gathering this information. There are several simple ways to get there: sign in to your Faith Direct account & click on events; follow this link:

<https://forms.ministryforms.net/viewForm.aspx?formId=4f1f1b27-e955-42cf-8ee6-6b0906109786>; or scan this


QR code & select "EVENTS":

*All we need to update is your address, phone no., cell no. & email Thanks

**ST. BONIFACE ANNOUNCEMENTS****SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN THIS WEEK:** For all the deceased members of St. Boniface Altar Society by the Altar Society.**7 DAY LIGHTS:** Bernice Hoegger who we love so much by Greg & Jackie Hoegger; Special prayers for +Donnie Moer, may he be enjoying everlasting life & prayers for his family to find peace, Special prayers for all the sick & hurting by Joyce Moer.**ATTENTION ALTAR SOCIETY MEMBERS:** There will be a rosary & Mass for our deceased members, Thurs, Jan. 19, 2023 starting at 5:30 PM rosary & 6:00 PM Mass. Please make plans to attend. Thank You.**THANK YOU:** St. Boniface wishes to thank the children of George & Anna Mae Veitenheimer for their generous donation to St. Boniface in memory of George & Anna Mae Veitenheimer.

***ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL: FAITH – HOPE – CHARITY: A call to Gratitude** You can still respond. St. Boniface goal is set at \$5,400.00 As of December 1st, 17 donors have donated/pledged \$3175.00. This is only a 26.56% participation level. The progress toward our goal is \$58.80%. Do you think we could do better? Please give today! There are envelopes on the table in the entrance of the church. Please help us help others with faith, hope and gratitude.

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It's that simple.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR BOTH PARISHES

YEARLY LIGHTS ARE \$52.00 & ARE PAST DUE.

THE PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE will be in the home of James & Pat Zott the week of Jan. 22nd. They, as well as all of us are asked to pray for world peace, military and vocations.

Jan. 29th Stella & Ron Hoffman

Feb.. 5th Bert & Elizabeth Hoff

THANK YOU NOTE: The family of Martha Wolf wish to thank all those who helped in any way from fr. Michael, Eucharistic Ministers Lectors, Servers * Ushers t her funeral. We thank the community for the wonderful food brought to her home and the bereavement meal. Thanks for everything including Masses, donations to the Fire Deptl, hospice and the Spiritual Enrollments.

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

SCAM ALERT: There is still a scam going on. Please be aware that Fr. Michael is not texting anyone for gift cards/money etc. Father would contact you personally should he need your help.

CONFESSIONS: Wednesdays at 6:45 pm at St. Mary's, Saturdays 3:30 to 4:30 pm at St. Mary's.

Confessions at St. Boniface, every 4th Thursday at 5:30 pm.

There will be no Confessions on Jan. 25th or 26th as Father will be attending a conference.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Tuesday mornings at 6:00 am in the Convent.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Friday mornings at 6:00 am at Berend Family Center.

CCD CLASSES: Grades K – 5 Monday – Thursday @ 7:25 am. Word Service will be on Friday mornings at 7:25 am.

***ADULT FAITH FORMATION :** Sundays at 9:30 am in the 3rd section of St. Mary's Parish Hall.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES: Wednesdays after Mass in the Parish Hall & every 2nd & 4th Sunday 4:00-5:30 pm in the Parish Hall.

CCD CLASSES: Grades 6 – 12 Wednesdays beginning with Mass @ 6:00 pm. High School will meet in the youth building & Junior High will meet in the JH building.

RCIA: Sundays after 10:30 Mass in the Convent.

MASS TIMES: PLEASE WATCH THE BULLETIN FOR ANY MASS TIME CHANGES THROUGHOUT THE MONTH Monday Masses will be at 8:00 am except the 4th Monday of the month. There will be no Mass Jan. 23rd thru Jan. 27th as Father Michael will be attending a conference.

BAPTISMAL CLASSES are offered on the

third Sunday of the month at 6:00 p.m in St. Mary's Convent. 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 940-423-6687 or Deb Schreiber at 940-704-6537 or Karley Buerger at 940-631-3439 to register. Thank you.

Baptisms will be at 11:00 am

Next Baptisms will be: Saturday, Jan. 21 / Saturday, Feb. 18

PRIEST CARE FUND SPECIAL COLLECTION: Our special collection today is for the Priest Care Fund. One hundred percent of this collection remains in the Diocese of Fort Worth to pay for medical and long-term care expenses of retired priests not covered by insurance. "A Lifetime of Service Asks for a Moment of Support." Please give generously to the Priest Care Fund today at Mass or through our parish online giving.

Nuestra colecta especial hoy es para el Fondo de Cuidado al Sacerdote. El cien por ciento de esta colecta permanece en la Diocesis de Fort Worth para pagar los gastos medicos y de cuidado a largo plazo no cubiertos por el seguro. "Una Vida de Servicio Require un Momento de Apoyo." Por favor, aporte generosamente al Fondo de cuidado al Sacerdote durante las misas del 8 y 9 de enero, traves de las donaciones en linea de nuestra parroquia o en <https://bit.ly/DioceseSpecialCollections>

CDA NEWS: Join us for our regular scheduled meeting Wednesday, January 18, 2023, after the 6 pm Mass in the parish hall meeting room. Please bring your items for the "Baby Shower" that we are collecting for "The Center of Wichita Falls". Needed items are crib sheets, bath towels, & baby clothes. No diapers or wipes are needed at this time. Hope to see you there! God Bless, Regent Whitney Schreiber

IMPORTANT! IMPORTANT! - SAFE ENVIRONMENT: If anyone serving any ministry in St. Mary's or St. Boniface is not up to date on Safe Environment Training, you are not in compliance with Ft. Worth Diocese and are unable to continue in your ministry.

The next class is Sunday, Jan. 22nd at 2:00 in the Scotland K of C Hall. If you are non compliant your name will be removed from lists beginning Ash Wednesday, February 22nd. Once you have completed the background check and / or taken Safe Environment classes, you can be reinstated and continue your ministry. Please attend a class. Please we need you. Please contact Suzette Schreiber for more info.

***COMING SOON – LIVING GLOBAL
ROSARY & EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
EVENT- WITH FATHER JAMES KELLEHER
SOLT - JAN. 29TH, 7 PM @ ST. MARY'S.
THIS IS A WHOLE PARISH – WHOLE
FAMILY EVENT!**

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

NORTHWEST DEANERY: The Northwest Deanery meeting will be held at Sacred Heart in Wichita Falls in the Parish Hall on Thursday, January 26, 2023. Join us for “Birds of the Bible”. Meet new friends, see old friends, and enjoy a day of faith reflection. Each parish is asked to bring one breakfast dish to share. Call Bette Lowe 940-887-3293 or Judy Shaw 940-636-2155 for reservations by January 24. The cost is \$6.00 which includes a light breakfast and lunch. Registration will begin at 9:30 am the business meeting starting at 10:00 am. Lunch will be served after Mass. Bring any articles, pictures, or news from your parish that you would like to share. Let us begin this new year with a great day of sharing, friendship, knowledge, and prayer. All commission chairs and presidents are asked to bring their reports to the meeting. If you are unable to attend, please send your report with someone from your parish that will be attending or mail to Bette Lowe 20552 CR 103 N, Vernon, TX 76384.

ATTENTION 2023 SENIORS: 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, 2023. For more details or an application, please contact Whitney Schreiber at 940-631-8328 or Darla Tackett at WISD 940-423-6608.

CDA 2023 NATIONAL EDUCATION CONTEST: The Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court #296 is sponsoring the 2023 National Education Contest. The theme this year is “Walk by Faith, Not by Sight” 2 Corinthians: 5:7 Or “When do I have to lean on my faith more than sight?” There are four age divisions from 4th grade through adult. Entries may be done through essay, poetry, art, computer art, music and photography. Cash prizes awarded at the local and state level. Please contact Karen McCann for more information and an entry form. 940-632-6006. Deadline is Wednesday, February 1st.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: “I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him. Allow the Holy Spirit to deepen your communication, rekindle your romance and renew your sacrament by attending the next upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend is Jan. 27-29, 2023 and April 28 – 30, 2023. To apply go to www.wwme.org. Questins - email apply@dfwme.org or call 469-444-0904. Para mas informacion de Encuentro Matrimonial en Espanol, escriba a mdgallegos06@gmail.com 214-497-0188.

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6. Reduction of envelope and postage expense for St. Mary's/St. Boniface
7. Less work for our parish office staff to post contribution records
8. Offertory cards enable you to witness your gift of treasure
9. Earn credit card points for your offertory gifts
10. Fr. Michael does!

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

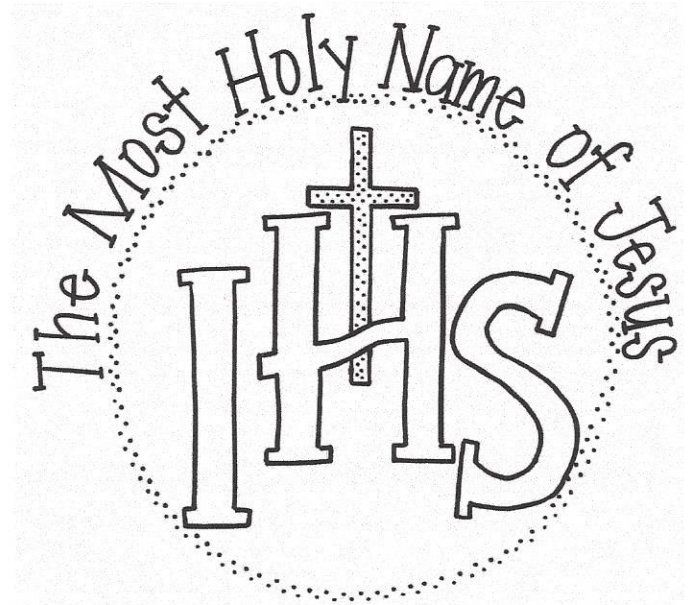
SUNDAY SUMMARY

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6 God's just servant is raised up as a light to all the nations.

Psalms 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 God's law is in the heart and the divine song in the mouth of the one who does God's will.

1 Corinthians 1:1-3 Bearing the name of Jesus commits us to the way of holiness.

John 1:29-34 The Holy Spirit identifies the Lamb of God to John.



ST. MARY'S 7 DAY LIGHTS: In Thanksgiving for the improved health of Jean Berend, Carol Sales, Cordella Berend, Clara & Ralph Veitenheimer, Margaret Beaman, Caroline Anderle, Fr. Michael, Bertha Mae Schenk, Annette Fleitman, Mabel Bowlden by Ann Veitenheimer; Welfare of Mike Schreiber Jr. by Dad; In Memory of Mom & Dad by Marilyn & Richard Wachsman; Carol Sales by Ray Berend Family; Bountiful Rain, Healing for Jim & Geneva, Healing for Linette, My Children by Mom; Healing for Rick, All My Grandchildren by Grandma; Our Sick Members, For an increase in Priestly & Consecrated Life Vocations by CDA #296.

YEARLY LIGHTS: For a very special intention, The health of our entire family, The upcoming marriage of Grace Hoegger & Brady Tackett by Jackie & Greg Hoegger; Terry & Carol Sales by Ray & Dorothy Berend; +Leroy Anderle & +Jerry Anderle by Caroline & Family; Our Family by Gerald & Sherry Berend; In memory of +Janice, +Ed & +Catherine, +Lois Luig, +Nancy Luig Carr & +Geraldine Lindemann by Eddie Luig Family; For World Peace & for my family, Jeanne & Family, Ray & Myra & Family, Chuck & Diane Zolt & Family, Terry & Kathy & Family, Dolores Sumera & 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 Special Intentions by Neil & Barbara Hoff; For Our Family by Joe & Lugenia Zolt; +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 the Welfare of Our Family 2023 by Bernard & Pat Scheffe; Intentions of the Members of St. Mary's Christian Mothers' Society by the Christian Mothers' Society; 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 Johnston, Sabrina Johnston, Living and Deceased Members of Charles & Mary Lindemann family by Benny Lindeman; "Thanksgiving prayer for all blessings received for my family, community and our country" by Bert & Elizabeth Hoff; For the Safety of Parker & Garrett Amy on their Military Journey by Richard & Marilyn Wachsman; Living & Deceased Members of Alphonse & Caroline Zolt by the Family; For our Family by George & Juanita Martin; My Family by Margaret Beaman; Living & Deceased members of Himmels Family, For my family & +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; In memory of Duane & for Our Family by Pat & James Zolt; For those battling cancer & heart disease by Joyce & Charlie Vieth; Pauline Hoff & Willie L. Hoff by Wina & Dean Church; Guidance & Protection for our Military Service Men & Women by V.F.W.

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REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS!

Caroline Anderle, Debbie King Appeal, Jim Baumhardt, Angie Berend, Bernadine Berend, Chuck Berend, Gerald Berend, Jean Berend, Nellie Berend, Teresa Lindeman Birkenfield, Patience Blake, Toni Blaze, Mabel Bowlden, Karen Brewer, Lonnie Buerger, Billie Burks, David Carcaño, Bill Cardin, Jesús Colchado, Jerry Cooper, John Deeson, Marion D'entremont, Danielle Mueller Fontenot, Emily Foster, Jeanne Fischer, Annette Fleitman, Art Frerich, Cindy Frerich, Kimberly Fulford, Savannah Syrus Garcia, Tootsie Gardner, Carolyn Gibbs, Jim Green, Sister Marie Green, Tammie Gutierrez, Theresa Grewing, Stan Hammack, Chris Hemmi, Helen Ann Hemmi, Betty Hilbers, , Billie Hoff, Elsie Hoff, Ernie Hoff, Ida Hoff, Marvin Hoff Sr., Pauline Hoff, Willie L. Hoff, Myra Hoffman, Ray Hoffman Jr., Terry Hoffman, Melissa Hogan, Butch Humpert, Pat Humpert, Libby Ingram, Donnie Johnson, Gary Julian, JoAnn (Schenk) Klein, Elsie Koetter, Robert W. Krah, Shirley Litteken, Jennifer Lindemann, Mildred Lindemann, Misty Lindley, Jessa Loraus, Brian Lucore, Kyler Marlar, Agnes McDonald, Annette Meurer, Jess Meurer, Sonia Meurer, Hans Meyer, Skylar Mueller, Tonya Mooney, Travis Nelson, Clarence Ostermann, Patty Ostermann, Rita Pearson, Colby Peterson, Gina Phillips, Ernie Prescher, Phillip Rafferty, **Vivian Rice**, Bradley Rodgers, Mary Jo Russe, Carol Sales, Bertha Mae Schenk, Cassey Schenk, Frank Schenk, Roch Schenk, **Tommy Schlumpf Jr.**, Madi Scogin, Agnes Schreiber, David "Aggie" Schreiber, Fern Schreiber, Gerald Schreiber, Nelda Schreiber, Roxanne Schreiber, Vicki 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, Weldon Snyder, Harold Stallcup, Sue Steinberger, Kate Talley, Margaret Green Tift, Trent Tipton, Randy Townsend, Ann Veitenheimer, John Veitenheimer, Ralph Veitenheimer, Garrett Vieth, Jana Vieth, Tim Vieth, Paul Wachsman, David Williams, Shirley Williams, Charles Winkles, Gladys Wolf, Jim Wolf, Kenny Wolf, Pauline Wolf, Alphonse Zolt Jr., Bruce Zolt, Chuck Zolt, Harola Zolt .

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), Specialist Benny Garcia, Lt. Colonel Tony Garcia (Navy), 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), 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), Master Sgt. Matthew Tubbs, Josh Winter (Army), Major Audrey Wolf (Army), Zachary Zolt (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, Jan 15, 2023

Tend your inner lamp

Why do we take so many pictures of sunsets and sunrises? Why fill our homes with chandeliers, lamps, and candles? To the eye, light is incredibly attractive. It illuminates all that surrounds it, offering us not simply its own glow, but redeeming the whole environment swallowed by darkness and delivering it back to us. People who carry an inner light are similar. We're attracted to their aura, but even more so to how clear and bright reality appears when we're in their company. Saints attract others with their light long before the church bestows on them the customary halo. Let your light shine!

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6; 1 Corinthians 1:1-3; John 1:29-34 (64). *"I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth."*

Monday, Jan 16, 2023

Help the dream awaken in all hearts and minds

Many people have today off from school and work in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Why not make it a "day on" instead? Spend at least a little time working for peace and justice today, as King did every day. This is the only federal holiday that is also designated by Congress as a national day of service. The Catholic Church has embraced King's call for racial equality. The Catechism of the Catholic Church says, "Racism and every form of discrimination ... must be curbed and eradicated as incompatible with God's design." Lift a hand to help in your community, and pray that love banish hate.

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 2:18-22 (311). *"The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them."*

Tuesday, Jan 17, 2023

Make space for silence

The *Apophthegmata Patrum* is a 1,600-year-old collection of writings known as the *Sayings of the Desert Fathers*. These texts record the teachings of the earliest Christian monks, who congregated in the desert of Egypt. The wisest among these monks was Anthony the Abbot. He wrote: "Just as fish die if they stay too long out of water, so the monks who loiter outside their cells or pass their time with men of the world lose the intensity of inner peace." When Christianity became politically accepted—and martyrdoms ceased—Anthony sought the desert to experience a different kind of sacrifice. There he found silence and solitude, too. Seek God in silence today.

MEMORIAL OF ANTHONY, ABBOT

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 6:10-20; Mark 2:23-28 (312). *"Have you never read what David did when he was in need and he and his companions were hungry?"*

Wednesday, Jan 18, 2023

There's room in this big tent

Every camper knows that it's a stretch of the imagination to think that a four-person tent can really fit four people! You're lucky if two people and a backpack fit! In Catholic circles, however, tents have a different meaning. Instead of being short on space, this tent is expandable, able to include everyone, not just one or two. This image is core to the church's "Synod on Synodality" in which all

Catholics, including the marginalized, give voice to their experience and together discern God's call. If you want more specs on this big tent, have a look at the USCCB website.

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 7:1-3, 15-17; Mark 3:1-6 (313). *"[Jesus] said to the man with the withered hand, 'Come up here before us.'"*

Thursday, Jan 19, 2023

Come in from the cold

Christmas is over and Epiphany has faded. In much of the Northern Hemisphere, the days are cold and dark. This is when the warmth of the Christian tradition is more important than ever. Pope Francis has often encouraged Christians to practice their faith in warmth and kindness: "Let us light fires of fraternity around which people can warm themselves," he said at a 2022 meeting with migrants in Malta. That's advice we can all take to heart—and to hearth. Can you find a word or gesture today to add positive warmth to a wintry world?

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 7:25—8:6; Mark 3:7-12 (314). *"He had cured many and, as a result, those who had diseases were pressing upon him to touch him."*

Friday, Jan 20, 2023

Twelve is enough

Twelve months of the year. Twelve inches in a foot. Twelve numbers on the face of a watch. We certainly like our twelves. So does the church. The most famous of course is the 12 apostles, often simply called the Twelve. There's also the 12 days of Christmas and 12 fruits of the Holy Spirit. It's not just that 12 is a handy number for grouping things, it also carries symbolic value. It signifies completion or fullness. Twelve eggs, for example, means you have a full carton. And 12 apostles means the church has everything it needs to preach the Good News. Count your spiritual blessings—by the dozen!

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 8:6-13; Mark 3:13-19 (315). *"He appointed Twelve, whom he also named Apostles."*

Saturday, Jan 21, 2023

No has always meant no

As a young girl of 13 or 14, Agnes refused all suitors because she had betrothed herself to Christ. As punishment, she was taken to a brothel. One man attempted to violate her, only to be mysteriously struck blind—until Agnes restored his sight. Historical or not, this story reminds us that the scandal of child sex trafficking has always been, and still is, very much with us. Millions of girls and boys are kidnapped, bought and sold, exploited and violated for profit every year. You can help end childhood sex trafficking at the Save the Children and United Nations websites. Act in honor of courageous Agnes.

MEMORIAL OF AGNES, MARTYR

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 9:2-3, 11-14; Mark 3:20-21 (316). *"Cleanse our consciences from dead works to worship the living God."*

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
01/28/21	2042	4082	82	16	16	51%
09/02/22	217	217	6	0	1	26.3%
09/09/22	185	201	3	0	2	24.2%
09/16/22	140	163	7	0	0	17.6%
09/23/22	131	113	2	0	0	23.5%
09/30/22	88	71	4	0	0	13.7%
10/07/22	79	39	3	0	1	16.1%
10/14/22	39	13	3	0	2	9%
10/21/22	49	21	6	0	0	9.6%
10/28/22	56	29	4	0	0	8.4%
11/04/22	53	53	1	0	0	7.2%
11/11/22	53	47	4	0	0	7.7%
11/18/22	56	55	2	0	0	7.4%
11/25/22	62	61	3	0	0	8.6%
12/2/22	103	115	6	0	0	12.2%
12/9/22	102	141	5	0	0	15%
12/23/22	141	102	6	0	1	21%
12/30/22	144	137	14	0	0	27.9%
01/06/23	212	234	16	0	1	28.7%

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 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.

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.

January 14 —February 10, 2023

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
SATURDAY JAN. 14 St. Mary's Mass 8:00am St. Mary's Confessions 3:30-4:30pm St. Mary's' Mass 5:00PM Please use hand sanitizer Special Collection: Priest Care Fund	SUNDAY JAN. 15 2 ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME St. Boniface Mass 8:00AM Adult Faith Formation 9:30am St. Mary's Mass 10:30 AM Both Masses will be live-streamed RCIA/OCIA after Mass Confirmation 4-5:30 Parish Hall Baptismal Preparation 6:00pm Special Collection: Priest Care Fund	MON. JAN. 16 CCD K-5 at 7:25am St. Mary's Mass 8:00 am Church Office Closed	TUES. JAN. 17 Women's Bible Study 6am CCD K-5 at 7:25am Sr. Citizens 1 PM Church Office closed	WED. JAN. 18 CCD K-5 at 7:25am St. Mary's Mass 6:00 pm Novena Confessions 6:45 pm Confirmation Class & CCD grades 6 th – 12 th after Mass CDA #296 after Mass	THURS. JAN. 19 CCD K-5 at 7:25am St. Boniface Mass 6:00 pm	FRI. JAN. 20 Men's Bible Study 6am Word Service 7:25am Mass St. Mary's 3:00 pm
SATURDAY JAN. 21 St. Mary's Mass 8:00am Baptism 11:00am St. Mary's Confessions 3:30-4:30pm St. Mary's' Mass 5:00PM Please use hand sanitizer	SUNDAY JAN. 22 3 RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD St. Boniface Mass 8:00AM Adult Faith Formation 9:30am St. Mary's Mass 10:30 AM Both Masses will be live-streamed RCIA/OCIA after Mass Confirmation 4-5:30 Parish Hall 1 st Reconciliation – Parents Safe Environment Class 2:00pm Scotland K of C Hall	MON. JAN. 23 CCD K-5 at 7:25am NO MASS 4 th Degree K of C CONFERENCE-----	TUES. JAN. 24 Women's Bible Study 6am CCD K-5 at 7:25am Sr. Citizens 1 PM Church Office closed	WED. JAN. 25 CCD K-5 at 7:25am St. Mary's 6:00 pm Novena Confirmation Class & CCD grades 6 th – 12 th	THURS. JAN. 26 CCD K-5 at 7:25am St. Boniface NO MASS -----	FRI. JAN. 27 Men's Bible Study 6am Word Service 7:25am Mass St. Mary's 3:00 pm
SATURDAY JAN. 28 St. Mary's Mass 8:00am St. Mary's Confessions 3:30-4:30pm St. Mary's' Mass 5:00PM Please use hand sanitizer	SUNDAY JAN. 29 4 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME St. Boniface Mass 8:00AM Adult Faith Formation 9:30am St. Mary's Mass 10:30 AM Both Masses will be live-streamed RCIA/OCIA after Mass Confirmation 4-5:30 Parish Hall Living Global Rosary & Eucharistic Adoration – Father James Kelleher SOLT 7pm @ St. Mary's *This is a Whole Parish - Whole Family Event! 1 st Reconciliation Parent/Child	MON. JAN 30 CCD K-5 at 7:25am St. Mary's Mass 8:00 am	TUES. JAN. 31 Women's Bible Study 6am CCD K-5 at 7:25am Sr. Citizens 1 PM Church Office closed	WED. FEB. 1 CCD K-5 at 7:25am Family Life & Mission Outreach (classroom) 5pm St. Mary's Mass 6:00 pm Novena Confessions 6:45 pm Confirmation Class & CCD grades 6 th – 12 th after Mass St. Mary's Christian Mothers' Society after Mass	THURS FEB 2 CCD K-5 at 7:25am Food Distribution (Parish Hall) 9am-11am St. Boniface Mass 6:00 pm Blessing of Candles & Blessing of Throats St. Boniface Christian Mothers' Society after Mass	FRI FEB 3 1 ST FRIDAY Men's Bible Study 6am Word Service 7:25am Mass St. Mary's 3:00 pm Blessing of Throats
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