



*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 23– St. Mary's NO MASS Father is attending a conference
Tuesday -	January 24– St. Mary's Intention of Father Michael
Wednesday 6:00 PM -	January 25 – St. Mary's Novena
Thursday 6:00 PM -	January 26 – St. Boniface NO MASS Father is attending a conference
Friday 7:25AM 3:00 PM -	January 27 – St. Mary's Word Service †Russell Williams by Family
Saturday 8:00 AM -	January 28 – St. Mary's †Raymond Lindemann by †Anna Mae Veitenheimer
5:00 PM -	†Anna Mae Veitenheimer by John & Maxine Veitenheimer
Sunday 8:00 AM -	January 29 – St. Boniface Intentions of Parishioners
Sunday 10:30 AM -	January 29 – St. Mary's Deceased of Alfred & Pauline Berend Family by Stella Hoffman

ST. MARY'S MINISTERS

Monday January 23rd - Sunday January 29th

SATURDAY JANUARY 28th 5:00 PM

Servers – Grayson Steinberger, Gabby Hoegger,
Gunner Hoegger

Reader – Chad Steinberger

Ushers – Roy Koetter, Leo Hoff Jr., Doug Berend,
Mike Rusenberg

Eucharistic Ministers– Richard & Suzette Schreiber
Diane Schroeder (choir)

SUNDAY JANUARY 29th 10:30 AM

Servers– Drew Anderle, Carson Anderle, Leah Anderle

Reader – Karen McCann

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

Eucharistic Ministers – Brenda Doyal, Craig Anderle
Justin Doyal (choir)

Children's Liturgy – Hilary Wolf, Whitney Schreiber
Eucharistic Minister to Homebound:

Melinda & Leon Schneider

SUPPORT – Envelopes \$3155.00 Loose \$190.00

Priest Care Fund \$1229.00

COUNTERS January 23rd : Melinda Schneider,
Darla Schroeder, Roy Koetter

ST. BONIFACE MINISTERS

Monday January 23rd - Sunday January 29th

SUNDAY JANUARY 29th 8:00 AM

Servers –Maddie Idell, Shae Hoffman, Riley Wolf

Reader – Cassidy Koetter

Ushers – Brad Wolf, Tommy Schlumpf III

Eucharistic Ministers – Debbie & Robert Krah

SUPPORT – Envelopes \$1285.00 Loose \$55.00

Priest Care Fund \$376.00

COUNTERS January 29th :Laverne Lindemann, Joyce Moer

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.

4TH DEGREE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will meet Monday, January 23rd at Berend Family Center.

THANK YOU NOTE: Thank you for your wonderful kindnesses and giving hearts. Please forgive the tardiness. Thank you for sharing your kindness & warmth during this holiday season!! Ya'll have been an absolute blessing! Bonnie Masters, Activities Director & The Residents of University Park Nursing Center

***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: In memory of Jack & Margie Smith by Jerry & Margaret Smith

7 DAY LIGHTS:

ST. BONIFACE CHRISTIAN MOTHERS will hold our annual bake sale in conjunction with the Knights of Columbus Sausage Meal on February 12th. We are asking our members to bring your favorite baked items or a monetary donation if you prefer. Since this is our only fundraiser we appreciate all your help.

***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 Stella & Ron Hoffman the week of Jan. 29th. They, as well as all of us are asked to pray for world peace, military and vocations.

Feb. 5th Bert & Elizabeth Hoff

Feb. 12th Joseph Zotz Family

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/OCIA: 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, Feb. 18

THANK YOU NOTE: Thank you to all those who helped in any way for Mama's funeral. Special thanks to Father Michael, Gloria & Josh and also to The Eucharistic Ministers, Lector, Servers & Ushers. Thank you to everyone who brought food for the meal & a big thank you to those who helped serve. Thanks also for all of the cards, lights, Mass enrollments & donations made. We appreciate all of the acts of kindness bestowed upon us in our time of loss.

Love, The Family of Rosalie Schenk

PRIEST CARE FUND SPECIAL COLLECTION: Thank you for your generous support of last week's collection for the Priest Care Fund. Your contributions provide medical and long-term care for those who care for us. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give! Simply note "Priest Care Fund" on your check or envelope and add it to the collection or drop off at the Church office by January 30th.

Gracias por apoyar generosamente la colecta de la semana pasada el Fondo de Cuidado al Sacerdote. Sus contribuciones proporcionan atención médica y de largo plazo para aquellos que cuidan de nosotros. Si te perdiste la colecta, no es demasiado tarde para dar! Simplemente anote "Fondo de Cuidado al Sacerdote" en su cheque o sobre y agréguelo a la colecta antes del 30 de enero o en

<https://bit.ly/DioceseSpecialCollections>

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 and 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: He said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." At once they left their nets and followed him." Let us answer God's call to make our marriages the best they can be by attending a 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.

BLESSING OF CANDLES & THROATS: will be at the 6:00 pm Mass on February 2nd at St. Boniface. (Please bring your candles and place them on the table by the altar & Fr. Michael will bless them.) Blessing of throats will be at 7:25 am at St. Mary's and at 3:00 pm Mass at St. Mary's on February 3rd.

THE 32ND ANNUAL FATHER DONLON VOCATIONS DINNER

The 32nd Annual Father Donlon Vocations Dinner will be held on **Saturday, February 18, 2023** at Knights of Columbus Hall on Turtle Creek Rd. starting at 6:00 PM. There will be a Live Auction and Golden Treasure Chest Drawing.

FAITH DIRECT

TEN REASON TO MAKE YOUR OFFERTORY GIFT THROUGH FAITH DIRECT

1. No more checks to write or envelopes to find
2. 52 Weeks of predictable income for your parish
3. Greater security than cash or checks
4. No cost for you to participate
5. Online control of your offertory giving – including special collections
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!

LIVING GLOBAL ROSARY AND EUCHARISTIC ADORATION EVENT

I. Friday, January 27, 2023

- 6am to 7am Men's group: Fr. James talks about forming fathers as leaders of family prayer.
- 7:25 – 7:45 am: 15 minute talk to 150 kids including powerful story and praying one decade of Scripture Rosary
- 3pm: Friday Mass at St. Mary's: Fr. James preaches

II. Saturday, January 28, 2023

- 8am Mass: Fr. James celebrant and preaches
- 3:30 – 4:30pm Fr. Michael & Fr. James hear confessions
- 5:00pm: English Mass: Fr. Michael celebrant and Fr. James preaches

III. Sunday, January 29, 2023

- 8am Mass: St. Boniface: Fr. James celebrant and preaches
- 9:30am: Adult Faith Formation
- 10:30am Mass: St. Mary's: Fr. Michael Celebrant & Fr. James preaches
- 12:00 noon to 1:30pm RCIA: Fr. James gives talk
- 5:30pm to 6:30pm Youth Group: Fr. James talks about vocational discernment and how to become a better friend of Jesus
- 7pm to 8pm: Evening of Eucharistic Adoration and Living Global Rosary

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ST. MARY'S 7 DAY LIGHTS: +T.A. Schlumpf by Schlumpf Family; For a Beneficial Rain, Thanks Joey & Gail, Blessings & Good Health for Our Sisters & Brothers, Mildred Lindemann by Ralph & Clara Veitenheimer; Ralph by Clara Veitenheimer; Ralph, Clara & Family, Ann Veitenheimer & Family, Tommy & Treva Schlumpf by Cordella Berend; Father Michael, Bountiful Rain, Helen Ann Hemmi, +Rosalie Schenk, may she rest in peace, Rosalie Schenk Family, All the sick & hurting of our parishes, Good Health for Myself & My Family, Special Intention by Pauline Wolf; Clayton & Dorcyle Hoff, Our Family by Denise & Cooper; Better Health for Cooper by Denise; Welfare of Mike Schreiber Jr. by Dad; In Memory of Mom & Dad by Marilyn & Richard Wachsman; Carol Sales by Ray Berend Family; Bountiful Rain, Tim & Cyndy Schenk, 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: Gerald & Deb Schreiber, Bountiful Rain, Roy & Julie Koetter, Russell & Judy Koetter, Clayton & Dorcyle Hoff, Our Family by Charles & Glenda Schroeder; 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 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 Special Intentions by Neil & Barbara Hoff; 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 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; +Martha & +Larry by Kenny Wolf; 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 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 & +Al Veitenheimer by Ann Veitenheimer; Dad & Mom by Nubbin & Angela; +Floyd & Betty Humpert by the Family; For My Family & In Memory of +Alfred Berend by Cordella; In memory of Duane & for Our Family by Pat & James Zotz; 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.

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 Growing, 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 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), 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 Zotz (Army). (If there are any changes or additions please call the office.) Dear Heavenly Father, please protect our troops as they protect us. Bless them and their families for all that they are doing for us in our time of need. We ask this in the name of Jesus. AMEN.

Sunday, Jan 22, 2023

Coming live to a parish near you!

Some of us were taught that Mass attendance "counted" if we arrived for the gospel and stayed through Communion. Most churchgoers, thankfully, are weaned from this spartan idea to the liturgical celebration. In 2019, Pope Francis designated the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time as "Word of God Sunday." While every Mass includes a healthy serving of Bible readings, annually we're invited to reflect that this is "an experience which occurs 'live' and not through hearsay," as the pope says. "We gather precisely to listen to what God has done *and still intends to do for us.*" Let's not miss a word of it!

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 8:23—9:3; 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17; Matthew 4:12-23 (67). *"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone."*

Monday, Jan 23, 2023

Don't let fear keep you from serving

The disease of leprosy has been curable since the mid-20th century and is actually not highly contagious, as was believed in the past, but the physical effects were devastating enough to cause tremendous fear. Mother Marianne Cope was not afraid, which she stated in 1883 in her letter of acceptance to King Kalākaua of Hawaii, who had already asked for help from—and been turned down by—more than 50 other religious congregations to care for his people who had leprosy. The German-born American sister and six others came to his aid all the way from New York. When you go beyond your fears to answer a call, you may be bridging the greatest distance of all.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN; MEMORIAL OF MARIANNE COPE, RELIGIOUS

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 9:15, 24-28; Mark 3:22-30 (317). *"If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand."*

Tuesday, Jan 24, 2023

There is strength in gentleness

Francis de Sales is famous for his gentleness. He used it on his stubborn father, convincing him he was meant to become a priest instead of a lawyer. It was a virtue Francis tapped to win hardened Calvinists back to the Catholic faith following the Protestant Reformation, a time of much bitterness. Explaining that a "spoonful of honey gathers more flies than a barrel full of vinegar," Saint Francis practiced what he preached by greeting everyone with simple kindness, speaking good-naturedly about the goodness, truth, and beauty of the Catholic faith. "Be who you are and be that well," he reminds us in *Introduction to the Devout Life*.

MEMORIAL OF FRANCIS DE SALES, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 10:1-10; Mark 3:31-35 (318). *"Behold, I come to do your will, O God."*

Wednesday, Jan 25, 2023

I can see clearly now

We've all had the rather unpleasant experience of "being shown the error of our ways," though none perhaps as dramatically as Saul of Tarsus, zealous persecutor of early followers of Christ. On assignment to round up these dissidents, Saul was knocked from his horse by a blinding light and a voice from heaven. Three days

of blindness ensued before the scales literally "fell from his eyes" and the newly awakened apostle and great evangelist we know as Saint Paul emerged. Don't wait to be knocked to the ground before considering how your own life may have gone astray. Pray that anything that blinds you may fall away from your vision.

FEAST OF THE CONVERSION OF PAUL THE APOSTLE

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Mark 16:15-18 (519). *"Saul, my brother, regain your sight."*

Thursday, Jan 26, 2023

Our moment is now

In the '90s, it seemed everyone wanted in on the "dot.com" internet startup craze. Many were excited to be in on the ground floor of something brand new. It's tempting to think that Timothy and Titus (both of whom have letters in the New Testament addressed to them) were like the dot.com entrepreneurs when it came to the new, exciting religion of Christianity. In contrast, today's Christianity can seem weighed down by centuries of precedent and proscriptions. Titus and Timothy dealt with plenty of church trouble in their time, however, from division to drunkenness to false teaching. Their witness reminds us to pray for the strength to rise to the challenges of the moment we've been given, just as they did.

MEMORIAL OF TIMOTHY AND TITUS, BISHOPS

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Timothy 1:1-8 or Titus 1:1-5 (520); Mark 4:21-25 (320). *"The measure with which you measure will be measured out to you."*

Friday, Jan 27, 2023

Stay the course

Sometimes when the going gets tough, if they are honest, the tough want to curl up under the blankets and never come out! Life is not always an easy road, even when we feel called by God. But we're not alone on the journey. We can look to the saints to see how they've weathered the storms. Today, on the feast of Angela Merici, educator and founder of the Ursuline Sisters, let us take heart in her wisdom. "Strive with all your might to keep yourselves as you have been called by God, and seek out and desire all those means and ways that are necessary to persevere and prosper till the end."

MEMORIAL OF ANGELA MERICI, RELIGIOUS FOUNDER

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 10:32-39; Mark 4:26-34 (321). *"We are not among those who draw back and perish, but among those who have faith and will possess life."*

Saturday, Jan 28, 2023

Be resolute

Sometimes your commitment to your faith or choice of a vocation or calling can lead to uncomfortable conflicts with loved ones who have a different idea of who you should be or how you should live your life. Even a saint as illustrious as Saint Thomas had to struggle against opposition. His family was so opposed to his decision to enter the Dominican order that they had him abducted and held captive for a year! Thomas stood firm and they finally relented, and as a result the church gained perhaps its greatest theologian. Stand firm when you need to—who knows what God has in store for you!

MEMORIAL OF THOMAS AQUINAS, PRIEST, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19; Mark 4:35-41 (322). *"He asked them, 'Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?'"*

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%
09/09/22	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%
01/13/23	170	181	22	0	2	24.5%

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.

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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 FATHER WILL BE	TUES. JAN. 24 Women's Bible Study 6am CCD K-5 at 7:25am Sr. Citizens 1 PM Church Office closed ATTENDING A	WED. JAN. 25 CCD K-5 at 7:25am St. Mary's 6:00 pm Novena Confirmation Class & CCD grades 6 th – 12 th CONFERENCE-----	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 Youth Group 5:30 Youth Center 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 1ST FRIDAY Men's Bible Study 6am Children's Blessing of Throats 7:25am Mass St. Mary's 3:00 pm Blessing of Throats
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SATURDAY FEB 11 St. Mary's Mass 8:00am St. Mary's Confessions 3:30-4:30pm St. Mary's' Mass 5:00PM Anointing of the Sick Please use hand sanitizer	SUNDAY FEB 12 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 Scotland Knights of Columbus Sausage Meal 1 st Reconciliation Parent/Child Confirmation 4-5:30 Parish Hall	MON FEB 13 CCD K-5 at 7:25am St. Mary's Mass 8:00 am St. Boniface Fatima Prayer hour 10am	TUES FEB 14 Women's Bible Study 6am CCD K-5 at 7:25am Sr. Citizens 1 PM Church Office closed	WED FEB 15 CCD K-5 at 7:25am St. Mary's Mass 6:00 pm Mass & Novena Confessions 6:45 pm Confirmation Class & CCD grades 6 th – 12 th after Mass CDA #296 meeting after Mass	THURS FEB 16 CCD K-5 at 7:25am St. Boniface Mass 6:00 pm Anointing of the Sick	FRI FEB 17 Men's Bible Study 6am Word Service 7:25am Mass St. Mary's 3:00 pm