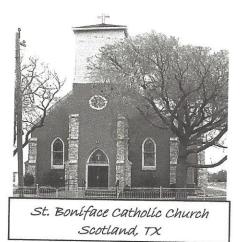


St. Mary Catholic Church Windthorst, TX

St. Mary / St. Boniface Vision Statement

To serve Christ and promote
His teachings
through Worship,
Education,
Training, Service,
and
Community
Involvement



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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BAPTISMALPREPARATION

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 <u>nine to 12 months prior</u> 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 wll be live-streamed

Monday
8:00 AM

February 13— St. Mary's

†Ed & †Alvin Veitenheimer
by Jerry Horns

by Jerry Horris

Tuesday February 14— St. Mary's
Intention of Father Michael

Wednesday February 15 – St. Mary's 6:00 PM †Lorine Wolf

by Kenny Wolf

Thursday
6:00 PM

- Evelyn Krahl
by St. Boniface Christian Mothers

Friday
7:25AM
Word Service
3:00 PM
- Donald Moer
- by Mark Hoffs

Saturday February 18 – St. Mary's

**Margo Munchrath
by Family

†Thomas & †Leona Schlumpf by Danny & Bonnie Schlumpf

Sunday February 19 – St. Boniface Intentions of Parishioners

Sunday
10:30 AM
February 19 – St. Mary's
Intentions of JCDA on National JCDA Day
by Catholic Daughters of the Americas #296

ST. MARY'S MINISTERS

Monday February 13th - Sunday February 19th

MONDAY FEBRUARY 13TH

8:00 AM

Reader - Volunteer

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 15TH

6:00 PM

Reader - Gina Wolf

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 18th

5:00 PM

Servers - Conner Schroeder, Chloe Schroeder, Kastin Wolf

Reader - Judy Koetter

Ushers - Doug Wolf, Doug Berend,

Mike Rusenberg, Robert Baumer

Eucharistic Ministers- Mitzi Veitenheimer,

Diane Schroeder, Chuck Veitenheimer (choir)

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 19th 10:30 AM

Servers- Lexsey McLemore, Savannah McCann,

Jake Schroeder

Reader - Brenda Doyal

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

Eucharistic Ministers – Mark & Kristi Veitenheimer

Shelley Schlumpf (choir)

Children's Liturgy: Feb. 19th Amie Conrady.

Whitney Schreiber

Eucharistic Minister to Homebound: February 19th

Joyce Wolf

SUPPORT - Envelopes \$5870.00 Loose \$517.00

Bldg. Fund \$50.00 Priest Care Fund \$100.00

COUNTERS February 13th: Doug Wolf,

Melinda Schenider, Darla Schroeder

ST. BONIFACE MINISTERS

Monday February 13th - Sunday February 19th

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 19th 8:00 AM

Servers - Shae Hoffman, Maddie Idell, Natalie Anderle

Reader - Brad Wolf

Ushers - Kenneth Veitenheimer, Ronnie Stallcup

Eucharistic Ministers - Patsy Stallcup, Cassidy Koetter

SUPPORT - Envelopes \$725.00 Loose \$275.00

COUNTERS February 12^{9h}: Pat Hemmi

Laverne Lindemann

ST. MARY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN THIS WEEK: in thanksgiving for the rain and for more rain.

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

ST. MARY'S ANNUAL PARISH: June 2023 is the date!! Mark your calendar & make plans to join the fun & fellowship of the day. Chairmen are needed so <u>PLEASE</u> volunteer your services. You are needed. Please call the office @ 940-423-6687.

ST. BONIFACE ANNOUNCEMENTS

SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN THIS WEEK: In memory of Jake Schenk, Steve Tisdale & Tony Wolf by Jerry & Margaret Smith

7 DAY LIGHTS: Special prayers for all the sick & hurting, may God grant them healing & peace by Joyce Moer

3RD DEGREE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #1715 SAUSAGE MEAL: Sunday, February 12th.

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.

ST. BONIFACE ALTAR SOCIETY will be having their fundraising bake sale this year during the sausage meal {Praise the Lord & thank the Knights}. Please bring your wonderful baked goods & other homemade items. Thank you, St. Boniface Altar Society.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA PRAYER HOUR: St. Boniface – Monday, Feb. 13th at 10:00 am.

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK: St. Boniface Thurs., Feb. 16th at 6:00 pm Mass.

SCOTLAND SR. CITIZENS will meet February 19th in the K of C hall at noon. All are invited for fellowship, a meal and games. See you then.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR BOTH PARISHES

THE PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE will be in the home of Harold & Patsy Stallcup the week of Feb. 19th. They, as well as all of us are asked to pray for world peace, military and vocations.

Feb. 26th

Bernice Hoegger

March 5th

Bertha Mae Schenk

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. No Confessions Ash Wednesday, February 22nd. Also, No Confessions on Saturday, February 25th due to pilgrimage.

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

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.

<u>CCD CLASSES:</u> 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.

<u>CCD CLASSES:</u> 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 Monday, February 27th.

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

CONFIRMATION: Confirmation will be at St. Mary's Tuesday, April 18th at 6:00 pm.

<u>VFW/VFW AUX:</u> Meet Monday, February 13th at 6:00 pm in Berend Family Center.

CDA NEWS: Join us for our regular scheduled meeting Wednesday, February 15, 2023, after the 6 pm Mass in the parish hall meeting room. Mrs. Renee Berend, FNP-C will give us a talk on how to take better care of our Heart. We will nominate delegates to the State Convention in April. Please make plans to attend!! God Bless You, Regent Whitney Schreiber.

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.

ENCHILADA DINNER FUND RAISER FOR OUR
YOUTH GROUP SUMMER RETREAT: Sunday, Feb. 19,
2023 10:30 am – 1:30 pm – Our Lade Queen of Peace Great
Hall – Adults \$10.00 Children under 10 Free.

ASH WEDNESDAY is February 22nd. Ash Wednesday services will be as follows:

St. Mary's Word Service 7:25 am with distribution of ashes St. Boniface Word Service 8:15 am with distribution of ashes St. Mary's Mass 6:00 pm with distribution of ashes

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: will be on Thursdays after 6:00 pm Mass at St. Boniface and Fridays at 6:00 pm at St. Mary's beginning February 23rd.

ST. MARY'S CHRISTIAN MOTHERS' SOCIETY

PILGRIMAGE will be on February 25, 2023. Please join us on this journey to visit beautiful churches and enjoy the fellowship of other Christian Mothers. The cost will be \$25 each for the cost of the bus. Water will be provided and you will be required to bring a sack lunch. The bus will leave at 8:30 AM from the Parish Hall. Come join in on all the fun!!

www.masstimes.org is a great website for anyone traveling who is looking for local Catholic Churches and their Mass times. You can input an exact address, a city, or have it find your location on your phone and it will share with you all the Mass times near you by each Church as well as giving you the Church's address.

ONE-DAY MEN;S RETREAT: Windthorst Knights of Columbus Council #1824 will be hosting the 3rd Annual Feast of Saint Joseph One-Day Men's Retreat on March 18, 2023, at the L.A. and Helen Berend Family Center. The theme for this year's retreat is *Identity of the Catholic Man*. Retreat will begin with a special Mass to Saint Joseph at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Windthorst at 8 am. Please watch the bulletin for additional details and contact Robert Baumer for more information. Email: Robert.baumer@gmail.com Phone: 940-782-3465.

COME & SEE VOCATION WEEKEND RETREAT FOR MEN IN HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE AGES 16 AND

OLDER: March 31 – April 2, 2023 – St. Joseph Seminary College Covington, LA – Communal Prayer + Mass + Seminary Tour + Discernment Stories - No Cost. Transportation provided to and from Seminary. For more information, Email Vocations Office at VOCATIONS@FWDIOC.ORG or call 817-945-9321

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 Safe Environment training will be Sunday, March 19^{th} at 2:30 pm in the convent.

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.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: Happy

World Marriage Day! – 2/12/2023. "Therefore, if you bring your gift to the altar, and there recall that your brother has anything against you, leave your gift there at the altar, go first and be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift." Learn the tools of forgiveness and healing on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. The next Wordwide Marriage Encounter weekend is April 28 – 30, 2023. To apply go to www.wwme.org. Questions - 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.

"For I tell you, unless our righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 5:20

The Pharisees lived according to the letter of the law and they used this to elevate themselves above the other people. Jesus is clear – it's the love that you have in your heart, for God and others, that will get you to heaven. Simply following church rules to the letter and not out of love, does not necessarily put you on the path to heaven. Attending Sunday Mass and then gossiping about a fellow parishioner on the parking lot is an example of being a modern day Pharisee.

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.

FAITH DIRECT

TEN REASON TO MAKE YOUR OFFERTORY GIFT THROUGH FAITH DIRECT

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- 10. Fr. Michael does!



Society Is In Trouble, Only One Way To Fix It

It seems to me our country is in big trouble, and not just the United States!

Evil and sin are spreading more and more throughout the entire world. We need to do something to fix it!

We need to listen to and trust in God. We need to help and respect each other. We need to put an end to the evil that is abortion. We need to save the family unit with a father, a mother and children. We need more politicians we can trust and respect. We need to stop this greed for money and power.

We are all God's children regardless of race or religion.

Eventually God's patience with us will end. Remember reading about Sodom and Gomorrah in the Bible? Their sins were so grave, God destroyed both cities. We have been warned about things to come in the future, but we have no idea when they will happen. Only God knows.

What we need to do is pray to our God and make peace with Him before it is too late.

Ruth Weber, Davenport, IA

La Sociedad Esta En Problemas, Solo Hay Una Forma De Solucionario

Me parece que nuestro pais esta en un gran problema, y no solo los Estados Unidos!

El mal y el pecado se estan extendiendo cada vez mas por todo elm undo. Tenemos que hacer algo para solucionarlo! Necesitamos escuchar y confiar en Dios. Necesitamos ayudarnos y respetarnos unos a otros. Necesitamos poner fin al mal que es el aborto. Necesitamos salvar la unidad familiar con padre, madre e hijos. Necesitamos mas politicos en los que podamos confiar y respetar. Necesitamos detener esta codicia por el dinero y el poder.

Todos somos hijos de Dios sin importar raza o religion.
Finalmente, la paciencia de Dios con nosotros terminara.
Recuerda haber leido sobre Sodoma y Gomorra en la Biblia?
Sus pecados eran tan graves que Dios destruyo ambas ciudades. Nos han advertido sobroe lo que vendra en el futuro, pero no temenos idea de cuando sucederan. Solo Dios sabe.

Lo que temenos que hacer es orar a nuestro Dios y hacer las paces con El antes de que sea demasiado tarde.

Ruth Weber, Davenport, IA

ST. MARY'S 7 DAY LIGHTS: Speedy Recovery for Abby Zotz Gifford by Joe & Lugenia Zotz; In Thanksgiving for the rain & for more, John & Maxine Veitenheimer, Margaret Beaman, Cordella & Family, Stella & Family, Gail & Joey & Family, Cooper & Denise, Julie & Roy, Gerald & Deb, Bobby & Pat, Kenny Wolf Family, Tommy & Treva by Ralph & Clara Veitenheimer; Julie Koetter by Charles & Glenda Schroeder; Ralph & Clara & Family, Ann Veitenheimer & Family, Sonia Meurer & Family, Gail & Joey Schroeder & Family, Rain by Cordella Berend; Recovery of Frances Hoffman, Julie Koetter, Sonia Meurer, Deb & Gerald Schreiber, Gail Schroeder, Carol Sales, Joann Hoff, Jay & Cheryl Pope, Aunt Mary Jo, Aunt Helen Ann, Jim & Lois Wolf, Marie Veitenheimer, Our Family, Bountiful Rain, John Veitenheimer by Betty & Doug Wolf; Julie Koetter, Sonia Meurer, Carol Sales, Our Family by Denise & Cooper; Better Health for Cooper by Denise; Gail Schroeder, prayers are sent as you recover from surgery by All Your Siblings; Welfare of Mike Schreiber Jr. by Dad; Our Family 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: 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 Sumbera & Family by Frances Hoffman; Living & Deceased Members of Catholilc 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; 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'entrement, Larry Fenoglio, Jeanne Fischer, Annette Fleitman, Danielle Mueller Fontenot, Emily Foster, 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, Frances Hoffman, 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, Julie Koetter, Robert W. Krahl, Shirley Litteken, Jennifer Lindemann, Mildred Lindemann, Misty Lindley, Jessa Loraus, Brian Lucore, Kyler Marlar, Agnes McDonald, Annette Meurer, Jess Meurer, Sonia Meurer, Hans Meyer, Mueller, Tonya Mooney, Travis Nelson, Caitlyn Norris, 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

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Sunday, Feb 12, 2023

Create a genuine love story

No one ever said relationships were easy. Commitments, whether in marriage, religious life, or elsewhere, take spiritual insight to discern, patience to maintain, time to mature, and a whole lot of love to keep the engine moving on the tracks. Today's celebration of World Marriage Day is meant to support the development of a culture of life and love within our most fundamental relationships. As Pope Francis declared in *Amoris Laetitia* (The Joy of Love): "The welfare of the family is decisive for the future of the world and that of the church." Take the journey to joy and love. Work to make each relationship life-giving.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Sirach 15:15-20; 1 Corinthians 2:6-10; Matthew 5:17-37 (76). "We speak a wisdom to those who are mature, not a wisdom of this age."

Monday, Feb 13, 2023

Make a petition, not a deal

It can be tempting, especially when we're desperate, to try to bargain with God: "If you do this one thing for me, I'll quit a bad habit forever and never miss Mass again." But that's not how our relationship with God works. For starters, Jesus told us not to bargain, but to simply ask for what we need (Matthew 7:7-11). God already knows what we need better than we do but wants us to ask anyway, persistently even—because a willingness to be vulnerable and share intimacy are central to any healthy relationship. For that reason, petitionary prayer isn't always easy. Open up with your longings and offer God your trust, rather than a deal.

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 4:1-15, 25; Mark 8:11-13 (335). "Amen, I say to you, no sign will be given to this generation."

Tuesday, Feb 14, 2023

Speak the language of love

More than 1,000 years before Vatican II—with its directive to translate the Latin liturgy into the vernacular—two missionary siblings, Cyril and Methodius, got the blessing of their pope to do the same for the Slavic people. In doing so, they created the Cyrillic alphabet. And as Pope John Paul II noted, they impacted not only the "history of the church, but also the civil and the political history of a great part of the European continent. . . . Cyril and Methodius [are] not only the apostles of the Slavic peoples but also the fathers of their culture." On this Valentine's Day, how can you translate love into your vernacular?

MEMORIAL OF CYRIL, MONK, AND METHODIUS, BISHOP TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Mark 8:14-21 (336). "Do you not yet understand or comprehend? Are your hearts hardened?"

Wednesday, Feb 15, 2023

A pioneer priest who broke a color barrier

On this day in 1880, Augustus Tolton departed the United States on a holy mission: to enter a Catholic seminary as an African American. After several years of trying to become a priest stateside and experiencing rejection due to racism, Tolton's friends and allies successfully arranged for his passage to study at the Urban College in Rome, where he was ordained as the world's first openly African-American Catholic priest in 1886. He would return to his home state of Illinois, eventually settling in Chicago

where he founded the city's first black parish. He died of heat stroke in 1897 at the young age of 43 and has since been on the path to sainthood. In these times of continuing anti-black discrimination, may we look to his witness for hope and sustenance. Venerable Father Tolton, pray for us!

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 8:6-13, 20-22; Mark 22-26 (337). "My vows to the LORD I will pay in the presence of all his people. Precious in the eyes of the LORD is the death of his faithful ones."

Thursday, Feb 16, 2023

Take the path of Saint Francis

Christian theology has often encouraged human domination over creation. Saint Francis of Assisi had another view, one that has become more prominent in the church as the climate crisis intensifies. Franciscan Sister Rose Dowling expresses one facet of it: "The Earth with which we are so intimate is our primary teacher about who God is and how God wants to relate with us... I see a God who has set into being a creation that continues to grow, evolve, become more conscious, become more complex. I see that as a human I, like the rest of creation, have the potential to grow and become *more*..." How will you become more conscious of all of creation today?

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 9:1-13; Mark 8:27-33 (338). "Peter said to him in reply, 'You are the Christ.'"

Friday, Feb 17, 2023

To Mary, in times of sorrow

The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order were 13th-century Florentine cloth merchants who banded together in prayer, solace, and community during politically tumultuous times. From the beginning, the Servites dedicated themselves to Mary, the Sorrowful Mother. Today their mission is to "gather in fraternal communion to be with those suffering and sorrowful." The Servites developed the three most common devotions to Our Lady of Sorrows, namely the Scapular of the Seven Dolours of Mary, the Novena to Our Sorrowful Mother, and the Rosary of the Seven Sorrows. In the closing prayer of the Rosary chaplet, we say, "Pray for us, O most sorrowful Virgin. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ." That is certainly a prayer to remember as we face each day's trials.

MEMORIAL OF THE SEVEN HOLY FOUNDERS OF THE SERVITE ORDER

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 11:1-9; Mark 8:34—9:1 (339). "Whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the Gospel will save it."

Saturday, Feb 18, 2023

Good to be here

Were you ever so enamored of something that you just wanted it to last forever? That's what Peter was experiencing on the Mount of Transfiguration. But Jesus and his inner circle had to move on. They had to come down the mountain. There was more that needed to be done, people who needed to be served. In his 1967 encyclical, *Populorum Progressio* (On the Development of Peoples), Pope Paul VI wrote, "Genuine progress... consists in an economic order designed for the welfare of the human person, where the daily bread that each [one] receives reflects the glow of love and the helping hand of God." Pray that we become enamored by justice and help transfigure the world in Jesus' image!

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 11:1-7; Mark 9:2-13 (340). "Rabbi, it is good that we are here! Let us make three tents."

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



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Windthorst Parish Pilgrimage

Join us in a Pilgrimage to visit local churches.

A tour bus is being chartered to visit the Catholic Churches of Graham, Graford, Mineral Wells, Weatherford, Aledo and Azle. We will do two (2) or three (3) Stations of the Cross, to be led by Father Michael, at each church.

When : February 25, 2023

Time : 8:00 AM (bus will leave at 8:30 AM)

Place : St. Mary's Parish Hall

Fee : \$25.00 per person

Please bring your own lunch, water will be provided.

For Reservations: Donna – 733-3344, Melinda -733-7741, Scotta – 733-3042, Sherry -733-1902 and Treva – 782-2800

Reservations are due Feb 22, 2022

Pilgrimage is sponsored by the Christian Mother Society

5 ways to avoid despair in difficult times



Glory to Jesus Christ, Glory to Him forever!

You will be challenged during sickness and before death to trust in God's mercy. One

way to avoid despair in difficult times is to plan now, turning to Christ and the Church's teachings, with legal documents that integrate your faith.

Health Care Powers of Attorney & Living Wills

Powers of attorney are documents which authorize another person to make medical decisions for you when you are incapacitated. By contrast, a Living Will is a document that informs and directs a treating physician about your medical decisions regarding end-of-life care.

Caution Regarding the Use of Living Wills

The Catholic Church teaches that you should know the individual making an end-of-life decision for you. A Health Care Power of Attorney is preferable to a Living Will because you have no idea who the treating physician will be to enforce your wished. A Living Will also does not consider advances in medical treatment, and the document restricts a health care agent's authority to make medical decisions for you.

When drafting a Health Care Power of Attorney, you may wish to include the following faith-based provisions in the document:



Administration of Nutrition and Hydration

Catholics should prayerfully consider including a provision in a Health Care Power that requests the administration of nutrition and hydration *except and unless* the administration (1) would worsen one's medical condition, (2) cause significant pain or discomfort, or (3) not assimilate into the body.



Request for Sacraments

Include a request for
Anointing of the Sick, Confession, and
Holy Communion. By making these
requests, you are exercising your First
Amendment right to "free exercise of
religion" under the U.S. Constitution,
which may offer the opportunity to
obtain a court-ordered injunction if your
request is denied.

One can also explicitly request in the Power of Attorney the **Apostolic Pardon** from the priest administering Sacramental Anointing, thereby receiving a plenary indulgence and pardon for all temporal punishment provided one is in the state of grace and the usual conditions are met.



Directive Forbidding Physician-Assisted Suicide

Include a directive forbidding physician-assisted suicide, and a declaration that overrides the signing of a MOLST/POLST (Medical or Physicians Order for Life Sustaining Treatment) so that the Health Care agent's authority is in no way limited by a subsequent medical order.



Provisions Concerning Pregnancy

Language may also be included that protects both the life of an unborn child in utero and the life of the mother when the mother has already been declared legally brain-dead.



Avoidance of Unethically Derived Medical Treatments

Finally, consider including a provision rejecting medical treatments derived from immoral and unethical medical practices, including abortions and embryonic stem cell research.

Will you trust in the Lord?

Remember the Lord's words: "Fear is useless, what is needed it trust." (Luke 8:50) Each of us must carry our cross with the Lord all the way to Calvary one day receive the crown of holiness and be clothed in light for all eternity. Start now prepare the necessary documents while trusting in the Lord's mercy and in His teachings through the Church.

God is with us! He is and always will be!

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COVID TRENDS IN WICHITA FALLS

DATE	NEW	ACTIVE CASES	HOSPITALIZED	HOSPITALIZED CRITICAL	NEW DEATHS	POSITIVITY RATE
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01/28/21	2042	4082	82	16	16	51%
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%
01/20/23	147	131	11	0	5	21.7%
01/27/23	110	84	15	0	3	18.6%
02/3/23	76	55	10	0	3	17.6%

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.

February 11 —March 10, 2023

SATURDAY MARCH 4 1 ST SATURDAY 7:00am Confessions 7:30 am Scriptural Rosary 8:00am St. Mary's Mass of Reparation 8:30 Rosary Meditation St. Mary's Confessions St. Mary's Confessions 3:30-4:30pm St. Mary's' Mass 5:00PM Please use hand sanitizer	SATURDAY FEB 25 St. Mary's Mass 8:00am St. Mary's Christian Mothers' Society Pilgrimage 8:30am St. Mary's' Mass 5:00PM St. Mary's' Mass 5:00PM Special Collection: Black & Indian Missions	SATURDAY FEB 18 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 Fr. Donlon Vocations Dinner 6pm,	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 MARCH 5 St. Boniface Mass 8:00AM Adult Faith Formation 9:30am St. Mary's Mass 10:30 AM Both Masses will be live-streamed Please use hand sanitizer RCIA/OCIA after Mass 1st Reconciliation Parent/Child WVFD/K of C 4th Degree Sausage Meal	SUNDAY FEB 26 St. Boniface Mass 8:00AM Adult Faith Formation 9:30am St. Mary's Mass 10:30 AM Both Masses will be live-streamed Please use hand sanitizer Special Collection: Black & Indian Missions RCIA/OCIA after Mass 1st Reconciliation Parent/Child Confirmation 4-5:30 Parish Hall	SUNDAY FEB 19 St. Boniface Mass 8:00AM Adult Faith Formation 9:30am St. Mary's Mass 10:30 AM Both Masses will be live-streamed Please use hand sanitizer RCIA/OCIA after Mass 1st Reconciliation Parent/Child Confirmation 4-5:30 Parish Hall Baptism Class 6pm in Convent	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 Confirmation 4-5:30 Parish Hall
MON MARCH 6 CCD K-5 at 7:25am St. Mary's Mass 8:00 am Please use hand sanitizer	MON FEB 27 CCD K-5 at 7:25am St. Mary's NO Mass Please use hand sanitizer 4th Degree K of C	MON FEB 20 CCD K-5 at 7:25am St. Mary's Mass 8:00 am Please use hand sanitizer	MON FEB 13 CCD K-5 at 7:25am St. Mary's Mass 8:00 am St. Boniface Fatima Prayer hour 10am VFW/VFW AUX. meeting 6pm
TUES MARCH 7 Women's Bible Study 6am CCD K-5 at 7:25am Sr. Citizens 1 PM	TUES FEB 28 Women's Bible Study 6am CCD K-5 at 7:25am Sr. Citizens 1 PM	TUES FEB 21 Women's Bible Study 6am CCD K-5 at 7:25am Sr. Citizens 1 PM	TUES FEB 14 Women's Bible Study 6am CCD K-5 at 7:25am Sr. Citizens 1 PM Church Office closed
WED MARCH 8 CCD K-5 at 7:25am St. Mary's Mass 6:00 pm Mass & Novena Confessions 6:45 pm Confirmation Class & CCD grades 6th – 12th after Mass 3rd Degree K of C #1824meeting after Mass 3rd Degree K of C #1715 meeting 7pm	WED MARCH 1 CCD K-5 at 7:25am Family Life & Mission Outreach (classroom) 5pm St. Mary's Mass 6:00 pm Mass & Novena Please use hand sanitizer Confessions 6:45 pm Confirmation Class & CCD grades 6th – 12th after Mass St. Mary's Christian Mothers' meeting after Mass	WED FEB 22 ASH WEDNESDAY Word Service 7:25am with distribution of ashes St. Boniface Word Service & Distribution of Ashes 8:15am St. Mary's Mass 6:00 pm Mass & Novena Please use hand sanitizer Confirmation Class & CCD grades 6th – 12th after Mass	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 6th – 12th after Mass CDA #296 meeting after Mass
THURS MARCH 9 CCD K-5 at 7:25am St. Boniface Mass 6:00 pm Please use hand sanitizer St. Boniface Stations of the Cross after Mass St. Boniface Altar Society meeting after Stations of the Cross	THURS MARCH 2 CCD K-5 at 7:25am Food Distribution (Parish Hall) 9am – 11am St. Boniface Mass 6:00 pm Please use hand sanitizer St. Boniface Christian Mothers' meeting after Mass St. Boniface Stations of the Cross after Mass	THURS FEB 23 CCD K-5 at 7:25am St. Boniface Mass 6:00 pm Please use hand sanitizer St. Boniface Stations of the Cross after Mass	THURS FEB 16 CCD K-5 at 7:25am St. Boniface Mass 6:00 pm Anointing of the Sick
FRI MARCH 10 Men's Bible Study 6am Word Service 7:25am Mass St. Mary's 3:00 pm Please use hand sanitizer St. Mary's Stations of the Cross 6:00pm	FRI MARCH 3 1st Friday Men's Bible Study 6am Word Service 7:25am Mass St. Mary's 3:00 pm Please use hand sanitizer St. Mary's Stations of the Cross 6:00pm St. Mary's Sacrificial Holy Hour 8:00 to 10:00 pm	FRI FEB 24 Men's Bible Study 6am Word Service 7:25am Mass St. Mary's 3:00 pm Please use hand sanitizer St. Mary's Stations of the Cross 6:00pm	FRI FEB 17 Men's Bible Study 6am Word Service 7:25am Mass St. Mary's 3:00 pm