



*St. Mary Catholic Church
Windthorst, TX*

St. Mary / St. Boniface Vision Statement

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



*St. Boniface Catholic Church
Scotland, TX*

Father Michael Moloney, O. F. S., PASTOR

"There's no such thing as a bad priest, just priests whose people don't pray enough for them." St. John Vianney

Mailing Address for Both Churches

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BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

On the 3rd Sunday of the month at 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/ mmoloney@comcell.net
Brooke McLemore: bamclemore@yahoo.com
Imelda Hallenbeck: mel.hallenbeck@gmail.com

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 3:15 – 4:15 pm, Wednesdays 6:00-6:30 pm
& Anytime, Any Day by Appointment

St. Boniface Every Last Thursday of the month @ 5:30 pm

Hispanic Ministry

Call Oscar or Alma Contreras at 423-6918 or 940-224-8183

Safe Environment Program

Call Suzette Schreiber @ (940) 631-6301

Mass Schedule for the Week

All Sunday Masses will be live-streamed

Monday 8:00 AM -	December 11 – St. Mary's †Kendall Humpert by Margaret Beaman
Tuesday -	December 12 – St. Mary's Intention of Father Michael
Wednesday 6:00 PM 6:45 PM 7:00 PM -	December 13 – St. Mary's Adoration & Confession Benediction Living & Deceased Members by Knights of Columbus #1824
Thursday 6:00 PM -	December 14 – Boniface ROSARY - NO MASS
Friday 3:00 PM -	December 15 – St. Mary's †Chris Neeb by Ted & Vicki Neeb
Saturday 8:00 AM -	December 16 – St. Mary's Living & Deceased Members by Catholic Life Ins. Branch #30
5:00 PM -	†Joe & †Lucille Schroeder by Joey & Gail Schroeder
Sunday 8:00 AM -	December 17 – St. Boniface Intentions of Parishioners
Sunday 10:30 AM -	December 17 – St. Mary's †Jerry Schroeder by Mary Ann Schroeder

ST. MARY'S MINISTERS**Monday December 11th - Sunday December 17th****MONDAY DECEMBER 11TH 8:00 AM****Reader – Volunteer****WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 13TH ADORATION 6:00 PM****BENEDICTION 6:45 PM MASS 7:00 PM****Reader – Deb Schreiber****FRIDAY DECEMBER 15TH 3:00 PM****Reader - Volunteer****SATURDAY DECEMBER 16th 8:00 AM****Reader - Volunteer****SATURDAY DECEMBER 16th 5:00 PM****Servers – Ella Berend, Graham Berend, Kastin Wolf****Reader – Judy Koetter****Eucharistic Ministers:** Suzette Schreiber, Deb Schreiber
Richard Schreiber., (choir)**Ushers –**Roy Koetter, Robert Baumer,
Doug Berend, David Green**SUNDAY DECEMBER 17th 10:30 AM****Servers –**Brady Wolf, Leah Anderle, Jake Schroeder**Reader –**Kristi Veitenheimer**Eucharistic Ministers:** Justin Doyal, Ted Neeb
Brenda Doyal (choir)**Ushers –**Donnie Fleitman, David McCann, Terry Schroeder**CHILDREN'S LITURGY –**Karley Buerger, Shelby Wolf**Eucharistic Minister to Homebound: December 10**
Mike Schreiber**SUPPORT –** Envelopes \$5595.00 Loose \$3843.00

Bldg. Fund \$45.00

Retired Religious \$50.00

COUNTERS MONDAY DECEMBER 11TH 9:15 AM

Cheryl Pope, Melinda Schneider, Julie Koetter

ST. BONIFACE MINISTERS**Monday December 11th - Sunday December 17th****THURSDAY DECEMBER 14TH 6:00 PM****Reader – Volunteer****SUNDAY DECEMBER 17TH 8:00 AM****Servers –**Shae Hoffman, Riley Wolf, Luke Hoffman**Reader –**Keith Teichman**Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion-**

Patsy Stallcup, Ricardo Saldarriaga

Ushers –Dan Smith, Logan Veitenheimer**SUPPORT –** Envelopes \$1330.00 Loose \$251.00

Retired Religious \$30.00

ST. MARY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN THIS WEEK** for Living &
Deceased Members of Fred & Helen Steinberger Family by
Denise & Jerry Cooper**THANK YOU:** St. Mary's wishes to thank the following for their
generous donations in memory of Ernie Prescher:To St. Mary's Improvement Fund – Joyce & Frank Wolf, Jean &
Scott Berend, The Lewis Group, Pauline Wolf, James Bourquin,
Bonnie & Danny Schlumpf, Darin & Julie Wolf, Denise & Jerry
Cooper St. Mary's Building Fund – Julie & Roy Koetter**THANK YOU NOTE:** St. Mary's Christian Mothers' Society
would like to thank Scotta & Terry Schroeder and Gladys &
Alving Wolf Family for generously donating the park benches
placed at the Ten Commandments/Beatitudes Monument.
These are in loving honor/memory of Mary Lou & Bill Schroeder
and Gladys & Alvin Wolf.**ATTENTION:** In the Parish Hall we have many bowls, pans &
plates that have been left especially after Funeral Meals. They
are in the closet in the northeast part of the kitchen. Please pick
them up when you are in the Hall next time. We appreciate
your generosity in providing food for the families of the
deceased.**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #1824** will meet Wednesday,
December 13th after Mass.**USHERS NEEDED:** We are in need of Ushers for all Masses,
especially the Sunday, 10:30 am Masses. If you have questions,
please feel free to reach out to Terry Schroeder @ 940-733-
0268. Before your name can be added to the list, everyone
needs to take/have taken the Safe Environment Program of the
Diocese of Fort Worth. Please contact Suzette Schreiber 940-
631-6301 for more info on this.**WINDTHORST SR. CITIZENS** meet every Tuesday at 1 pm
at the Berend Family Center for bingo & games. All are welcome.**CAN YOU SING???**Looking for cantors for Saturday evening Mass & Sunday
morning Mass. Please contact the Church office if you feel the
calling or have questions. 940-423-6687**DECORATING CHURCH:** Just a reminder – Mark your
calendars – Christmas decorating will begin at 9 am on
Thursday, Dec. 21st and again on Friday, Dec. 22nd at 9 am.**ANGEL TREE FOR RESIDENTS OF UNIVERSITY PARK
MANOR, WICHITA FALLS, TX:**St. Mary's will once again be
collecting items for the residents that reside in University Park
Manor at Wichita Falls, Texas. We will be going back to the
way we did the actual Angel Tree before Covid. Asking for you
to please take an angel and put purchased items in a Christmas
bag under the tree or in the box in the back of Church. As in
the past no aerosol cans, only the pump kind. Items that are
needed include socks, candy, sugar free candy and sugar free
snacks such as Little Debbie's, pudding fruit and apple sauce
cups or Jello cups, plus regular snacks. Canned Sprites and
other soft drinks would also be appreciated. The toiletry items
include body washes, body sprays, colognes, lotions, shampoos,
conditioners, deodorants (roll on kind or stick), shaving cream,
denture adhesive for men and women. Also needed are room
calendars and slipper socks for men and women. Baby dolls and
stuffed animals are also needed to soothe the dementia
residents. They could also use sweats for men and ladies' sizes
from xl to 5x, plus gloves and scarves. The staff will give these
to those most in need. Please have all donations delivered no
later than Sunday, December 17, 2023. We need time to have
the gifts delivered so the staff has the chance to label or mark
all items with the resident's names before their party. Not all of
these residents have families that can provide some of the basic
items or extra special treats that we take for granted. We are
truly blessed to live in our community where we are looked after
by family and friends. Your generosity to these residents is most
appreciated. If you have any questions, contact Joyce Vieth
940-733-3788 or Melinda Schneider 940-423-6731 or 940-733-
7741. Please help us in this charitable endeavor. Boxes will be
put out for Thanksgiving weekend. Many thanks in advance.

ST. MARY'S CHRISTIAN MOTHERS' SOCIETY will be sponsoring their annual Pilgrimage this next year. The date is February 17, 2024. More information will be coming soon about the Blessed Stanley Rother Shrine in Oklahoma City.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS: Christmas & poinsettia time are right around the corner & if you'd like to order a plant(s) to decorate St. Mary's Church in memory or in honor of a loved one-the time is now. Suggested donation per poinsettia is \$9.00. Please turn in your intentions & money to the Church office staff as soon as possible. Deadline for ordering plants is Monday, December 18th by noon. Thank you!

ST. BONIFACE ANNOUNCEMENTS

SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN THIS WEEK in appreciation and in memory of Bob Baumer for making the manger used at Christmas for the past many years by Jerry & Margaret Smith.

7 DAY LIGHTS: Blessings for the Jarrod Canada Family, may they find Peace & their hearts be healed, In memory of Rita Luig & all our Loved Ones that are in their heavenly home. God's Blessings for all their Loved Ones by Joyce Moer

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #1715 MEETING: Wednesday, December 6th at 7 pm.

ST. BONIFACE FATIMA PRAYER HOUR: Wednesday, December 13th at 10 am.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #1715 would like to invite all members, wives, & significant others to our Christmas party Dec. 12, 2023. We would also cordially invite widows & plus one's to attend. RSVP Dan Smith 940-867-2387 or Kevin Conrady 940-235-6294.

CHURCH DECORATING: St. Boniface will be decorating for Christmas after Mass on Sunday, December 17th. We need help getting decorations out of storage, putting up tree, garlands, lights & decorations. Everyone's help is welcome & appreciated.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS: It's that time of year! Cost of poinsettias will be \$9. Money and intentions will be due at the Church office by 12 noon, Dec, 18th. Thanks.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR BOTH PARISHES

BULLETIN NOTICES ARE DUE BY 12 NOON ON WEDNESDAYS. THE BULLETIN IS PRINTED ON THURSDAYS.

THE PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE: will be in the home of Lloyd Schreiber Family the week of December 17th. They, as well as all of us are asked to pray for world peace, military, and vocations.

December 24 Arthur Hemmi Family

December 31 John & Lillie Wolf

THANK YOU NOTE: We would like to take this opportunity to thank each and everyone of you for your prayers, cards, food, visits, and well wishes towards us after our accident. Our prayers are constantly with you all. May God Bless you all.

Art & Helen Ann Hemmi

THANK YOU NOTE: Thank you to everyone who prayed for me recently and for the lights, visits, food, cards, calls, etc. It was a close call but God must still have work for me. May you all be especially blessed this Christmas Season! Benita Essler

THANK YOU NOTE: The Family of Gladys Rose Wolf would like to thank all her friends & relatives from Windthorst-Scotland-Archer City area for your thoughts & prayers after mom's passing last month. The out-pouring of love for mom was truly amazing as shown by your compassionate words & deeds, visits, hugs, food and Masses in mom's honor. We want to thank both Father Michael for his support & guidance, & for the beautiful funeral service, as well as Aulds Funeral Home for the wonderful job they did. We cannot express enough, the gratitude we have for the compassionate care & love given to mom by Hospice, thank you Lexi! Lastly, we are deeply moved & very appreciative of the monetary contributions received in mom's memory to the Brad Wolf Scholarship Fund (c/o Windthorst ISD) & The Lighted Community Nativity Scene (c/o Barbara Hoff). **We are truly blessed! Thank you very much.**

MASS TIMES: PLEASE WATCH THE BULLETIN FOR ANY MASS TIME CHANGES THROUGHOUT THE WEEK: Christmas Eve Mass will be at 4 pm at St. Boniface and at 10 pm at St. Mary's. Christmas Day Mass will be at 9 am at St. Mary's.

STEWARDSHIP/SUPPORT ENVELOPES: For those who are not with Faith Direct, envelopes are ready for you to pick up as soon as possible. The envelopes are on the tables at the entrance of Church. Some envelope numbers have changed so please be aware of the change. Thanks for your cooperation.

CONFESSIONS: Wednesdays 6:00 pm at St. Mary's, Saturdays 3:15 to 4:15 pm at St. Mary's & 1st Saturdays at 7:00 am at St. Mary's. No Confessions on Wednesday November 22nd. Confessions at St. Boniface, last Thursday of the month at 5:30.

***ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES:** Thursday, Dec. 14th @ Sacred Heart in Wichita Falls; Friday, Dec. 15th @ Our Lady of Guadalupe in Wichita Falls; Thursday, Dec. 21st @ St. Mary's in Windthorst @ 7 PM.

WEDNESDAY ADORATION, CONFESSIONS, & MASS:	
Eucharistic Adoration 6:00 pm	Confessions 6:00 pm
Benediction 6:45 pm	Mass 7:00 pm

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Tuesday mornings at 6:00 am in the Convent. There will be no bible study December 26th or January 2nd.

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

***FAMILY FAITH FORMATION:** Sundays at 9:30 am in the 3rd section of St. Mary's Parish Hall. Watch the bulletin for changes. **No Family Faith Formation December 24th.**

RCIA/OCIA: after 10:30 am Mass in the Convent. **No RCIA December 24th. Thank you to St. Mary's Christian Mothers' Society who have agreed to provide the meal for RCIA on the first Sunday of each month, The Knights of Columbus & 4th Degree who have agreed to provide the meal on the 2nd & 4th Sunday of each month & The Catholic Daughters who have agreed to provide the meal on the 3rd Sunday of each month.**

MEN & WOMEN'S ACTS CORE MEETINGS: 2nd Sunday of the month @ 2-4 pm in the Convent. Next meeting is December 12th.

CCD K-5TH CLASSES: Monday thru Thursday, 7:25 am – 7:50 am. Friday 7:25 am Word Service. No classes or Word Service during Christmas break (Dec. 22nd – Jan. 8th)

CONFIRMATION CLASSES: Classes for 10th graders, Wednesdays at 5:30 pm in the parish hall. No classes during Christmas break (Dec. 22nd – Jan. 8th).

CCD 6TH – 12TH GRADES: Wednesdays, at 5:30 pm. High School will be in the youth bldg. & Jr. High will be in the JH bldg. of the school followed by **Adoration** at 6:35 pm & **Benediction** at 6:45 pm & **Mass** at 7 pm. There will be no classes during Christmas break (Dec. 22nd – Jan. 8th).

ST. FRANCES DE SALES CLASSES: The purpose of the St. Francis De Sales Program is to teach the faith as proclaimed in the Catechism of the Catholic Church and offer specialized catechist formation through pedagogical instruction. St. Mary's/St. Boniface St. Frances de Sales (SFDS) classes will be held every 3rd Sunday of the month from 2:00 to 4:00 pm in the **Convent. No class in December.**

BAPTISMAL CLASSES are offered on the third Sunday of the month at 6:00 pm in St. Mary's Convent. Classes need to be attended by Parents and Godparents/Sponsors. Baptismal classes need to be refreshed every three years as needed. 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 on the designated Saturday morning. Next Baptisms: Dec. 30

IS GOD CALLING YOU!! PLEASE!! PLEASE LISTEN TO HIS CALL!!!! PLEASE CONSIDER THE GIVING OF YOUR TIME!!! WE NEED ONE MORE CCD TEACHER AND A HALL MONITOR FOR K – 5 CCD CLASSES: Teaching days are Monday thru Wednesday. Class time begins @ 7:25 and ends @ 7:50. Teachers are needed Monday – Wednesday. We realize you may sometime have a conflict so a sub list will be provided to all teachers. Thursdays we have various religious activities in the Youth Center and on Friday there will be a **Word Service** in Church. Anyone interested in volunteering to teach or volunteering for Thursdays & or Fridays can contact **Gina Wolf (940-237-5506)** or **Mitzi Veitenheimer (940-733-5506)**. God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the Called. **All Volunteers are required to be current with the Safe Environment Program. Call Suzette (940-631-6301) to see if you need a Safe Environment class.

MONTHLY ROSARY FOR PEACE & REPARATION: In May of 1917 Our Blessed Lady appeared to the 3 children of Fatima for the first time with a message from Heaven and hope for humanity. She promised God would grant peace to the entire world if Her requests for, *Prayer, especially the Rosary, *Penance & Reparation, *the First Saturday Devotion & *Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary were observed. Our Lady's message is more timely now than ever in light of the many sins of men and the turning away from God and living Faith. As a means to help promote Fatima and the remedy given to us by Our Lady, the Christian Mothers' Society will begin to sponsor a monthly Rosary for Peace. The first will be on **Sunday, December 10**, after the 10:30 Mass. **PLEASE** make this a priority and **JOIN US.**

SACRED HEART WICHITA FALLS ADVENT MISSION: 6:30 PM on both Sunday, Dec. 10th & Monday, Dec. 11th in the Church. Reception in the parish hall following the Monday, Dec. 11th presentation. Speaker will be Joh Leonetti. **MISSION OF THE FAMILY** How will you change the world? What's the key to molding our culture into a culture for God? It's time we discover & live God's plan of discipleship & love in the family.

V.F.W./V.F.W. AUXILIARY – The Scotland-Windthorst Post #2676 will meet **Monday, December 11th at 6:00 p.m.** Berend Family Center.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS: Support a lifetime of service. Women and men religious have spent their lives serving others in prayer, ministry, education and care for those in need – usually for little or no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. As they age, they require essential care and medications. Please support them by giving to the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your donation makes a difference for nearly 25,000 senior men and women religious. Please give generously.

WINDTHORST KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #1824 NYE

DINNER/DANC/DRWDOWN RAFFLE: Sunday, December 31, 2023 6:00 PM – Midnight Berend Family Center Catered by Zeke's BBQ Entertainment by 380 West Band Tickets \$75.00 (includes 2 dinners & 1 raffle chance) /\$25.00 raffle chance Grand Prize: Choice of 4 Vacation Packages, additional prizes throughout the night. TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE SAUSAGE MEAL OR FROM ANY K OF C MEMBER.

ATTENTION 2024 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, 2024. For more details or an application, please contact Whitney Schreiber at 940-631-8328 or Darla Tackett at WISD 940-423-6608.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: Is your marriage prepared to be blessed by the Lord? We invite you to prepare to have the best marriage ever by attending the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend is Feb. 2-4, 2024. To apply go to www.wwme.org. Questions – email applications@dfwme.org or call 469-444-0904. Para mas informacion de Encuentro Matrimonial en Espanol, escriba a mdgallegos06@gmail.com 214-497-0188.

Second Sunday of Advent

"Prepare the way of the Lord..." Mark 1:3

We are all called to live a holy life. We are all called to invite others to live holy lives. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, puts us on the path to holiness and is an example of others to be holy, too. We are responsible not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. How are you helping others get to Heaven?

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL – Love one another as I have loved you.

"I give you a new commandment, says the Lord; love one another as I have loved you." John 13:34 As you discern your contribution to the Annual Diocesan Appeal this year, reflect how you can best put Stewardship in Action. As Christian stewards, we receive God's gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them lovingly in justice with others, and return them with increase to the Lord. The Annual Diocesan Appeal provides an important way for us to put Stewardship in Action. It is an invitation to meet the needs of parishes, schools and outreach ministries across 28 counties of the Diocese of Ft. Worth.

St. Mary's goal this year is **\$23000.00.**

St. Boniface's goal this year is **\$5200.00.** Please be sure to review the entire 2023 Accountability report online at bit.ly/ADAAccountability. Learn more at AdvancementFoundation.org.

FAITH DIRECT

Luke 2:11- "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."

As Christmas is rapidly approaching, this is our time to celebrate the birth of Jesus our Lord and savior. So, amidst the presents, cookie decorating and Christmas parties, remember, Jesus is the reason for the season.

Your eGiving donations allows our ministry to continue to provide gifts to the community and you can easily get started by:

- Visiting faith.direct/TX1143 (St Mary's) or faith.direct/TX1144 (St Boniface)
- Calling Faith Direct Customer Service at 866-507-8757
- Scan this QR code
- For St. Mary's
- Scan this QR code
- For St. Boniface



REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS!

Caroline Anderle, Debbie King Appeal, Jim Baumhardt, Margaret Beaman, Angie Berend, Bernadine Berend, Carol Berend, Chuck Berend, Gerald Berend, Jean Berend, Teresa Lindeman Birkenfield, Patience Blake, Toni Blaze, Starlet Borgman, Mabel Bowlden, Karen Brewer, Lonnie Buerger, Billie Burks, David Carcaño, Bill Cardin, Janette Carrera, Jesús Colchado, Sharlotta Connally, Jerry Cooper, John Deeson, Marion D'entrement, Ryan Essler, Jeanne Fischer, Annette Fleitman, Danielle Mueller Fontenot, Emily Foster, Art Frerich, Cindy Frerich, Kimberly Fulford, Tyler Ferguson, 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, Pauline Hoff, Willie L. Hoff, Myra Hoffman, Ray Hoffman Jr., Terry Hoffman, Melissa Hogan, Monica Green Hughes, Pat Humpert, Libby Ingram, Donnie Johnson, Gary Julian, JoAnn (Schenk) Klein, Julie Koetter, Robert W. Krah, Phyllis Lawrence, Shirley Litteken, Jennifer Lindemann, Mildred Lindemann, Misty Lindley, Gerry Meurer, Jessa Loraus, Brian Lucore, Kyler Marlar, Agnes McDonald, Lexsey McLemore, Jess Meurer, Sonia Meurer, Hans Meyer, Skylar Mueller, Tonya Mooney, Debbie Moer, Clarence Ostermann, Patty Ostermann, Rita Pearson, Colby Peterson, Gina Phillips, Phillip Rafferty, Paige Rameriz, Vickie Rinebold, Bradley Rodgers, Marilene Renee Rodriguez, Mary Jo Russe, Carol Sales, Bertha Mae Schenk, Cassey Schenk, Frank Schenk, Roch Schenk, Madi Scogin, David "Aggie" Schreiber, Gerald Schreiber, Nancy Schreiber, Nelda Schreiber, Roxanne Schreiber, Vicki Schreiber, Alex Schroeder, Lauren Schroeder, Linda Schroeder, Johnny Schroeder, Margaret Schroeder, Mary Lou Schroeder, Rosalee Schroeder, Ryan Schroeder, Helen Seigler, Geneva Schroeder Simpson, Jim Simpson, David Smith, Jolynn Smith, Lisa Smith, Weldon Snyder, Danielle Mueller Sontenot, Harold Stallcup, Sue Steinberger, Koen Sternadel Kate Talley, Margaret Green Tift, Trent Tipton, Randy Townsend, Ann Veitenheimer, John Veitenheimer, Maxine Veitenheimer, Ralph Veitenheimer, Tim Vieth, Paul Wachsmann, David Williams, Shirley Williams, Charles Winkles, 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

PRAYER FOR THOSE SUFFERING FROM MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS

"We pray for the intercession of St. Dymphna and St. John of God, the patron saints of persons experiencing mental illness, as well as St. Luke, the patron saint of health care, that our work will bear great fruit for such a critical inflection point in our culture today. May the Lord, the Divine Physician, give aid and comfort to all who are suffering, inspire communities to offer greater support to the sick, and grant wisdom to policymakers so that everyone who needs help can get help."

ST. MARY'S 7 DAY LIGHT: Ernie Prescher Family, Kendall Humpert Family, Complete recovery for Margaret Beaman, Complete recovery for Lexy McLemore, Our Family, Complete recovery for Julie by Roy & Julie Koetter; Ryan Essler by Don & Benita Essler; Debbie Moer by Eddie Moer; My Family, Special Intentions by JoAnn Hoff, Lexy McLemore, Margaret Beaman, Debbie Moer, Arthur & Shirley Litteken, Ernie Prescher Family, Ralph & Clara Veitenheimer, Deacon Don & Helen Brown, Cathy Wolf, Jim & Lois Wolf, Marie Veitenheimer, Our Family by Doug & Betty Wolf; +Ernie Prescher, Jolene Prescher & Family, +Kendall Humpert & Kendall Humpert's Family by Rosalee Schroeder; Pauline Hoff, Willie L. Hoff by Dean & Wina Church; +Ed & +Alvina Veitenheimer, +Jake & +Louise Horn by Jerry & Virgie Horn; Lexsey McLemore & Family, Gerald & Deb Schreiber, by Suzette & Richard Schreiber; Our Family by Marilyn & Richard Wachsman; Carol Sales by Ray Berend Family; Our Sick Members, For an increase in Priestly & Consecrated Life Vocations by CDA #296.

YEARLY LIGHTS: Henry Pennartz Family & their intentions by Roy Pennartz; 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; 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.; +Willie Hoff, Pauline Hoff & Willie L. Hoff by Dean & Wina Church

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Sunday, Dec 10, 2023

A voice cries out

This year the Universal Declaration of Human Rights turns 75. The world could use a reminder that human rights belong to each of us and must be defended without exception. We live in an age marred by misinformation. Attacks on others grow more destructive online and in our common spaces. Climate change, hunger, and poverty are unequally borne by those whose rights are not recognized or protected. Advent is the perfect time to identify the rights that resonate most powerfully for you. Claim them. Discover ways to stand up for them. Create alliances with those whose rights are in jeopardy.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Peter 3:8-14; Mark 1:1-8 (5). *"In the desert prepare the way of the LORD! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God!"*

Monday, Dec 11, 2023

Backstory on the Bible

The 73 books in the Catholic Bible were written hundreds, and in some cases thousands, of years before they were officially compiled. It wasn't until the late fourth century that the Catholic Church decided upon the list of sacred scripture to be included. Pope Damasus I presided over the Council of Rome of 382 that determined the scriptural canon, and he commissioned Saint Jerome to translate these texts from Greek into Latin. This collection of sacred books is the inspired word of God, reveals the truth of Revelation, and forms the core of Catholic beliefs. Pass on the Good News!

MEMORIAL OF DAMASUS I, POPE

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 35:1-10; Luke 5:17-26 (181). *"We have seen incredible things today."*

Tuesday, Dec 12, 2023

Mysterious mother of the Americas

On a wall, under glass, is the life-sized image of Our Lady of Guadalupe—enshrined in the Basilica of Guadalupe, on Tepeyac Hill in Mexico City, where Our Lady appeared to Juan Diego in December 1591. As mysterious and symbolic as the Woman of the Apocalypse described in Revelation 12, it continues to defy human explanation, including analysis from a NASA scientist. The humble cactus fiber cloak it appears on hasn't deteriorated in more than 400 years, nor has the image, which experts from Kodak likened to a photograph though photography wasn't invented yet. Countless miracles are associated with Guadalupe, but the greatest is the conversion of an entire continent. Pray for the people of the Americas with the Center of Concern prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe that begins: Hail Mary, Lady of Peace, We pray for the peace in our world; make us peacemakers.

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

TODAY'S READINGS: Zechariah 2:14-17 or Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Luke 1:26-38 or Luke 1:39-47 (690A). *"A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun."*

Wednesday, Dec 13, 2023

Keep your eye on the divine

Like many early Roman saints, little is known about Saint Lucy. Tradition says that her eyes were removed in an act of torture before her death for being a Christian. As such, she is the patron saint of the blind. We often take sight for granted, but Lucy should remind us, especially in hard times, to look beyond our own vision

—and see with God's eyes. The reward for our faithful acts is the beatific vision. Or as Saint Paul puts it: "We see now in a glass darkly, but then face to face" (1 Cor. 13:12). Work to improve your vision.

MEMORIAL OF LUCY, MARTYR

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 40:25-31; Matthew 11:28-30 (183). *"Lift up your eyes on high and see who has created these things."*

Thursday, Dec 14, 2023

He wasn't afraid of the dark

Today is the memorial of Saint John of the Cross, a Spanish Carmelite mystic, poet, and reformer who died in 1591. He may be best known for *Dark Night of the Soul*, which develops the idea that suffering—including the sense of God's absence—can actually lead to unity with God. "The endurance of darkness is the preparation for great light," he wrote. John came to his insights through experience, having been maltreated and even imprisoned by his own religious community. If God ever seems far away, let John of the Cross guide you to the light.

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

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 41:13-20; Matthew 11:11-15 (184). *"Whoever has ears ought to hear."*

Friday, Dec 15, 2023

The secret to our success

Damned if you do, damned if you don't. That is Jesus' complaint about public opinion. John the Baptist fasted and they called him crazy. Jesus feasted and they called him a glutton and drunkard. We've all been there. The best response to criticism is success. What is success in the spiritual life? "In God's will, there is great peace" is the answer Saint Josephine Bakhita offers. Wise words. Ignore your critics, and follow Jesus' path to peace.

ADVENT WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 48:17-19; Matthew 11:16-19 (185). *"Wisdom is vindicated by her works."*

Saturday, Dec 16, 2023

Modernism gets its say

Maude Petre, who died on this date in 1937, was a British writer and religious sister best known for her work on Catholic modernism. She was a prolific author, writing on a wide range of topics, including theology, philosophy, politics, and literature. She openly supported women's suffrage, which the church opposed at the time. Her 1907 book *Catholicism and Independence* got her kicked out of her order and she was refused the sacraments by her bishop. Her views were controversial, but they helped form Catholic thinking for the Second Vatican Council. Prayerfully consider that the Catholic controversies of today may lead to the church of tomorrow.

ADVENT WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11; Matthew 17:9a, 10-13 (186). *"Elijah will indeed come and restore all things; but I tell you that Elijah has already come."*

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



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SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>SATURDAY DEC. 9 St. Mary's 8:00am Mass</p> <p>St. Mary's Confessions 3:15-4:15pm</p> <p>St. Mary's Mass 5:00PM</p> <p>2nd Collection: National Collection for Retired Religious</p> <p>Annual Diocesan Appeal</p> <p>Please send in commitment card</p>	<p>SUNDAY DEC. 10/2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</p> <p>St. Boniface Mass 8:00AM</p> <p>Family Faith Formation 9:30 am</p> <p>St. Mary's Mass 10:30AM</p> <p>Both Masses will be live-streamed</p> <p>2nd Collection: National Collection for Retired Religious</p> <p>Annual Diocesan Appeal</p> <p>Please send in commitment card</p> <p>RCIA/OCIA after Mass in Convent</p> <p>ACTS Core Meeting 2-4pm in Convent</p> <p>2nd Sunday Youth Group 5pm</p>	<p>MON DEC. 11</p> <p>CCD K-5 7:25am</p> <p>St. Mary's Mass 8:00AM</p> <p>VFW/VFW</p> <p>Aux. meeting 6pm Berend Hall</p>	<p>TUES DEC. 12</p> <p>Women's Bible Study 6am</p> <p>CCD K-5 7:25am</p> <p>Sr. Citizens 1 PM</p> <p><u>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</u></p> <p>Knights of Columbus #1715</p> <p>Christmas party</p>	<p>WED DEC. 13</p> <p>CCD K-5 7:25am</p> <p>St. Boniface Fatima Prayer Hour 10am</p> <p>CCD 6th - 12th 5:30pm</p> <p>St. Mary's Adoration 6pm</p> <p>Confessions 6:00pm</p> <p>Benediction 6:45pm</p> <p>Mass 7:00pm</p> <p>K of C #1824 meeting after Mass</p>	<p>THURS DEC. 14</p> <p>CCD K-5 7:25am</p> <p>St. Boniface ROSARY 6:00 PM</p> <p>St. Boniface Altar Society meeting after ROSARY</p> <p>NO MASS @ ST. BONIFACE</p> <p>Advent Reconciliation @ Sacred Heart in Wichita Falls</p>	<p>FRI DEC. 15</p> <p>Men's Bible Study 6am</p> <p>Word Service 7:25am</p> <p>Mass St. Mary's 3:00 pm</p> <p>Advent Reconciliation @ Our Lady of Guadalupe in Wichita Falls</p>
<p>SATURDAY DEC. 16</p> <p>St. Mary's 8:00am Mass</p> <p>St. Mary's Confessions 3:15-4:15pm</p> <p>St. Mary's Mass 5:00PM</p> <p>Annual Diocesan Appeal</p> <p>Please send in commitment card</p>	<p>SUNDAY DEC. 17 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</p> <p>St. Boniface Mass 8:00AM</p> <p>Family Faith Formation 9:30 am</p> <p>St. Mary's Mass 10:30AM</p> <p>Both Masses will be live-streamed</p> <p>Annual Diocesan Appeal</p> <p>Please send in commitment card</p> <p>RCIA/OCIA after Mass in Convent</p> <p>Baptismal Prep class 6:00pm</p>	<p>MON DEC. 18</p> <p>CCD K-5 7:25am</p> <p>St. Mary's Mass 8:00AM</p> <p>Poinsettia orders are due by 12 noon</p> <p>CDA meeting</p> <p><u>Bulletin notices due by noon for bulletins 12/24 & 12/31</u></p>	<p>TUES DEC. 19</p> <p>Women's Bible Study 6am</p> <p>CCD K-5 7:25am</p> <p>Sr. Citizens 1 PM</p> <p><u>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</u></p>	<p>WED DEC. 20</p> <p>CCD K-5 7:25am</p> <p>CCD 6th - 12th 5:30pm</p> <p>St. Mary's Adoration 6pm</p> <p>Confessions 6:00pm</p> <p>Benediction 6:45pm</p> <p>Mass 7:00pm</p>	<p>THURS DEC. 21</p> <p>CCD K-5 7:25am</p> <p>St. Mary's Church Decorating 9am</p> <p>NO Mass @ St. Boniface</p> <p>Reconciliation Services @St. Mary's @7pm</p> <p>Bulletins for 12/24 & 12/31 will be printed today</p>	<p>FRI DEC. 22</p> <p>Men's Bible Study 6am</p> <p>No school</p> <p>St. Mary's Church Decorating 9am</p> <p>Mass St. Mary's 3:00 pm</p>
<p>SATURDAY DEC. 23</p> <p>St. Mary's 8:00am Mass</p> <p>St. Mary's Confessions 3:15-4:15pm</p> <p>St. Mary's Mass 5:00PM</p> <p>Annual Diocesan Appeal</p> <p>Please send in commitment card</p>	<p>SUNDAY DEC. 24 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT</p> <p>CHRISTMAS EVE</p> <p>St. Boniface Mass 8:00AM</p> <p>St. Mary's Mass 10:30AM</p> <p>Both Masses will be live-streamed</p> <p>St. Boniface Christmas Eve Mass 4:00pm</p> <p>St. Mary's Christmas Eve Mass 10:00pm</p> <p>Annual Diocesan Appeal</p> <p>Please send in commitment card</p>	<p>MON DEC. 25</p> <p>CHRISTMAS DAY</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p> <p>St. Mary's Mass 9:00am</p> <p><u>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</u></p> <p>CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS</p>	<p>TUES DEC. 26</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p> <p><u>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</u></p>	<p>WED DEC. 27</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p> <p><u>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</u></p>	<p>THURS DEC. 28</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p> <p><u>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</u></p>	<p>FRI DEC. 29</p> <p>Men's Bible Study 6am</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p> <p><u>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</u></p>
<p>SATURDAY DEC. 30</p> <p>St. Mary's 8:00am Mass</p> <p>Baptism 11:00am</p> <p>St. Mary's Confessions 3:15-4:15pm</p> <p>St. Mary's Mass 5:00PM</p> <p>Annual Diocesan Appeal</p> <p>Please send in commitment card</p>	<p>SUNDAY DEC. 31</p> <p>St. Boniface Mass 8:00AM</p> <p>St. Mary's Mass 10:30AM</p> <p>Both Masses will be live-streamed</p> <p>Annual Diocesan Appeal</p> <p>Please send in commitment card</p>	<p>MON JAN. 1</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p> <p>St. Mary's Mass 9:00AM</p> <p><u>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</u></p>	<p>TUES JAN. 2</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p> <p>Sr. Citizens 1 PM</p> <p><u>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</u></p>	<p>WED JAN. 3</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p> <p>Family Life & Mission Outreach 5pm (classroom)</p> <p>St. Mary's Adoration 6pm</p> <p>Confessions 6:00pm</p> <p>Benediction 6:45pm</p> <p>Mass 7:00pm</p> <p>3rd Degree K of C meeting #1715 7pm</p> <p>St. Mary's Mothers' Society meeting 5:30pm</p>	<p>THURS. JAN. 4</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p> <p>Food Distribution (Parish Hall) 9am - 11am</p> <p>St. Boniface Mary 6:00 PM</p>	<p>FRI JAN. 5</p> <p>Men's Bible Study 6am</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p> <p>St. Mary's Mass 3:00pm</p> <p><u>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</u></p>