

*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/ 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 18 – St. Mary's
Living & Deceased Members
by 4th Degree Knights of Columbus

Tuesday

December 19 – St. Mary's
Intention of Father Michael

Wednesday

December 20 – St. Mary's

6:00 PM

Adoration & Confession

6:45 PM

Benediction

7:00 PM

†Alvin Wolf
by Family

Thursday

December 21 – Boniface

6:00 PM

†Kathie Hilbers
by Albert & Family

Friday

December 22 – St. Mary's

3:00 PM

†Martha Wolf
by Joey & Gail Schroeder

Saturday

December 23 – St. Mary's

8:00 AM

†Henry & †Bertha Wolf
by Family

5:00 PM

†Butch Humpert
by Stella & Ron Hoffman

Sunday

December 24 – St. Boniface

8:00 AM

†Nellie Berend
by Lillie Rife

Sunday

December 24 – St. Mary's

10:30 AM

Intentions of Parishioners

Sunday

December 24 – St. Mary's Christmas Eve

4:00 PM

Intentions of Parishioners

ST. MARY'S MINISTERS**Monday December 18th - Sunday December 24th****MONDAY DECEMBER 18TH 8:00 AM****Reader – Volunteer****WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 20TH ADORATION 6:00 PM****BENEDICTION 6:45 PM MASS 7:00 PM****Reader – Ted Neeb****FRIDAY DECEMBER 22nd 3:00 PM****Reader - Volunteer****SATURDAY DECEMBER 23rd 8:00 AM****Reader - Volunteer****SATURDAY DECEMBER 23rd 5:00 PM****Servers – Gabby Hoegger, Chloe Schroeder, Gunner Hoegger****Reader – Michael Schroeder****Eucharistic Ministers:** Chuck Veitenheimer, Betty Wolf
Mitzi Veitenheimer (choir)**Ushers – Doug Wolf, Mike Rueschenberg, Leo Hoff Jr., M.J. Geis****SUNDAY DECEMBER 24th 10:30 AM****Servers – Jaxon West, Carson Anderle, Wyatt Anderle****Reader – Brenda Doyal****Eucharistic Ministers:** Mark Veitenheimer, Shelley Schlumpf
Kristi Veitenheimer(choir)**Ushers – Donnie Fleitman, David McCann, Terry Schroeder****CHILDREN'S LITURGY – None****Eucharistic Minister to Homebound: December 17**

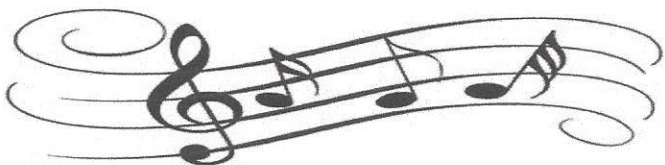
Joyce Wolf

SUNDAY DECEMBER 24th 4:00 PM**Servers – Nolan Schreiber, Ella Berend, Leah Anderle,
Graham Berend, Kastin Wolf****Reader – Gina Wolf****Eucharistic Ministers:** Ricky Schreiber, Diane Schroeder
Whitney Schreiber (choir)**Ushers – Roy Koetter, Robert Baumer,
Doug Berend, David Green****SUPPORT – Envelopes \$3695.00 Loose \$345.00****Bldg. Fund \$170.00 Holyday Envelopes 630.00 Loose \$149.00****Retired Religious \$1411.00****COUNTERS MONDAY DECEMBER 18TH 9:15 AM**

Doug Wolf, Donna Hoff, Danny Schroeder

ST. BONIFACE MINISTERS**Monday December 18th - Sunday December 24th****THURSDAY DECEMBER 21st NO MASS****SUNDAY DECEMBER 24TH 8:00 AM****Servers – Maddie Idell, Natalie Anderle, Matthew Anderle****Reader – Cassidy Koetter****Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion-**

Dena Wolf, Lisa McCord

Ushers – Kenneth Veitenheimer, David Winter**SUPPORT – Envelopes \$1255.00 Loose \$218.00****Retired Religious \$355.00****Holyday Envelopes \$140.00 Loose \$23.00****ST. MARY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS****SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN THIS WEEK** +Pauline
Himmels by Ann Veitenheimer & Family**CDA NEWS:** Join us for our Christmas Party and monthly
meeting on Monday, December 18th, in the parish hall meeting
room. Please bring 30 individual wrapped items for the
Christmas Boxes, secret pal gift, and a dish to share. Hall will
be open at 6 pm, eat 6:30 pm, and meeting to follow. Merry
Christmas to All, Regent Whitney Schreiber**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 –Margaret Beaman, John &
Maxine Veitenheimer, Lisa Ebrom & Joel HannemannSt. Mary's Building Fund – Tim & Cyndy Schenk & Larry & Peggy
Berend.St. Mary's would also like to thank Tim & Cyndy Schenk for their
generous donation to St. Mary's Building Fund in memory of
Gladys Wolf & Rita Luig.**ST. MARY'S CHRISTIAN MOTHERS' SOCIETY** will hold the
January meeting on January 22, 2024 after the 6:00 pm Mass
and Novena. Hope to see you there. Note: No CMS meeting on
Jan. 3rd.**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.**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**JUST A REMINDER –** Mark your calendar – Christmas
decorating will begin at 9 am on Thursday, Dec. 21 and again
on Friday, Dec. 22 at 9am. On Thursday, we will need help first
to move trees, containers and stable from storage to Church and
then do the actual decorating and straighten up for
reconciliation services at 6. We will continue on Friday. Thanks
in advance for your help in decorating St. Mary's for Christmas.**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 are now
due. 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 by Monday,
December 18th by noon. Thank you!**Purgatory is a cleansing, purification & healing
process in the Presence of God.**

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 Sprite's 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. BONIFACE ANNOUNCEMENTS

SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN THIS WEEK for the health & welfare of Altar Society members & their families by Altar Society.

7 DAY LIGHTS:

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.

ST. BONIFACE STAINED-GLASS WINDOWS: The St. Boniface beautiful stained-glass windows need a little TLC. A glass expert has looked at the windows and has proposed: removing and cleaning the protective plexiglass, cleaning the 16 stained-glass windows, caulking the windows as needed, and paint the wooden window frames. The cost of the project is \$25,500. If you would like to donate to this St. Boniface project, a separate account has been set up at the Church office. Please note stained-glass windows in the memo area of your check. Thank you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR BOTH PARISHES

BULLETIN NOTICES ARE DUE BY 12 NOON ON WEDNESDAYS. THE BULLETIN IS PRINTED ON THURSDAYS. Bulletin notices will be due by 12 noon on December 18th for December 24th bulletin & December 31st bulletin since the Church office will be closed December 25th through January 2nd.

Both bulletins will be printed December 21st.

THE PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE: will be in the home of Arthur Hemmi Family the week of December 24th. They, as well as all of us are asked to pray for world peace, military, and vocations.

December 31 John & Lillie Wolf

January 7 Bernard & Pat Scheffe

MASS TIMES: PLEASE WATCH THE BULLETIN FOR ANY MASS TIME CHANGES THROUGHOUT THE WEEK:

- Christmas Eve Mass will be at 4 pm at St. Mary's.
- Christmas Day Mass will be at 8:00 am at St. Boniface & St. Mary's at 10:00 am.
- Saturday, Dec. 23rd 8 am Mass (fulfills no obligation)
- Saturday Evening Mass 5 pm (fulfills Sunday Obligation)
- Sunday, Dec. 24th 8 am or 10:30 am Mass (fulfills Sunday Obligation)
- Sunday Evening 4 pm Mass (fulfills ONE Obligation for either day)
- Monday, Dec. 25th Mass on Christmas Day (fulfills Christmas Obligation) 8 am St. Boniface or 10 am St. Mary's
- Two Christmas Eve Masses can fulfill both obligations.

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. Confessions at St. Boniface, last Thursday of the month at 5:30.

***ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES:** 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. St. Mary's Christian Mothers' Society will be providing the meal for RCIA on the first Sunday of each month, The Knights of Columbus & 4th Degree on the 2nd & 4th Sunday of each month & The Catholic Daughters on the 3rd Sunday of each month.**

MEN & WOMEN'S ACTS CORE MEETINGS: 2nd Sunday of the month @ 2-4 pm in the Convent.

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.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS: Our women and

men religious offer gratitude. A sister shares, "I thank the Lord for all who give. I don't think we could make it without them." Thank you for giving to the Retirement Fund for Religious last week. Your donation makes a difference in the lives of elderly women and men religious. To learn more about how your gift helps, visit retiredreligious.org.

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: "I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, 'make straight the way of the Lord.'" Whose voice are you listening to, the world or God? Invite God into your marriage by participating in 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.

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.

Third Sunday of Advent

"Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus." 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

This scripture reading sums up Stewardship. "Rejoice always" means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. "Pray constantly" means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. "Give thanks in all circumstances" means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations and shows our dependence on God.

PRAYER FOR RAIN

Thank you, Lord for the rain you sent us the past several days. We ask, Almighty God, for the gift of more rain. Help us in this time of need. Look upon us in your mercy and bless us with the rain we need for fill our tanks & lakes & for ourselves as we place all our trust in You. Amen.

How to get free access to **FORMED**

Registering for FORMED:

1. Go to formed.org/signup
2. Enter the parish's zip code and select parish
3. Register with your name and email address

You will be automatically signed into FORMED, during this Sign Up process.

In the future, you will visit watch.formed.org and click on Sign In (upper, righthand corner), enter your email, then check your email inbox for a link to click on, to complete the Sign In process, and begin using FORMED

***TO FIND A MASS WHEN TRAVELING**

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.

TAKE THE RISK

Time for Vocations to the Diocesan Priesthood.

"You have not chosen Me But I have chosen you!"



WOMEN'S VOCATIONS RETREAT

Attached is the flyer for a 'High School Girls' Day with the Sisters' retreat at Our Lady of Guadalupe Priory in Georgetown, Texas. This one-day event is hosted by the Dominican Sisters of Mary Mother of the Eucharist and is for young women in grades 9-12 in the Diocese of Fort Worth. This event is free and transportation to and from will be provided.

SOMETHING TO CONSIDER – END OF YEAR

DONATIONS: 70 1/2 or older? Support your Parish, School or the Diocese of Fort Worth through a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) Every time you give to the Diocese of Fort Worth, your Parish, a Catholic school or other ministry, you are giving a gift to God. Giving directly from an IRA account to the Advancement Foundation is one of the smartest ways to make a real impact for the Catholic Church.

Donate stocks or other appreciated assets to the Church. Make a bigger impact by donating long-term appreciated securities, including stock, bonds and mutual funds directly to the Advancement Foundations. Compared with donating cash or selling your appreciated securities and contributing the after-tax proceeds, you may be able to automatically increase your gift and your tax deduction.

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 Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a the next monthly Rosary for Peace. This Rosary will be **Sunday, January 14, after 10:30 am Mass.** Please watch the bulletin for the date of our next Rosary. **PLEASE** make this a priority and **JOINING US!**

A Prayer for Peace

Lord Jesus Christ,
You are the true King of peace.
In You alone is found freedom.
Please free our world from conflict.
Bring unity to troubled nations.
Let Your glorious peace reign in every heart.
Dispel all darkness and evil.
Protect the dignity of every human life.
Replace hatred with Your love.
Give wisdom to world leaders.
Free them from selfish ambition.
Eliminate all violence and war.
Glorious Virgin Mary,
Saint Michael the Archangel,
Every angel and saint:
Please pray for peace.
Pray for unity amongst nations.
Pray for unity amongst all people.
Pray for the most vulnerable.
Pray for those suffering.
Pray for the fearful.
Pray for those most in need.
Pray for us all.
Jesus, Son of the Living God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, hear our prayers.
Jesus, I trust in You!

Amen.

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



This Week, Please pray for the following Seminarians:

Lane Tschirhart – St. Joseph Seminary College –
St.Benedict, LA
Xavier Polisetty - St. Joseph Seminary College –
St.Benedict, LA
Jacob Zimmerer - St. Joseph Seminary College –
St.Benedict, LA

Prayer

O Lord Jesus Christ, great High Priest, lead our seminarians in Your unerring footsteps; so that they may become priests who are models of purity, possessors of wisdom and heroes of sacrifice. Teach them generosity and detachment from worldly goods; but above all, teach them to know You and to love You, the One and Only Eternal Priest. Amen

Prayer for Seminarians by: Fr. Stephen Salocks, Rector

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 Carriera, Jesús Colchado, Sharlotta Connally, Jerry Cooper, John Deeson, Marion D'entremont, 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, **Bobby Scheffe**, 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 Wachsman, 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: For Rain & to End the Drought, Complete Recovery of Royal Hoffman, Complete Recovery of Margaret Beaman, Doug & Betty Wolf, Jay & Cheryl Pope, Cordella Berend & Family, Debbie & Eddie Moer, Deacon Don & Helen Brown, Cooper & Denise, Neil & Barbara Hoff, Larry & Peggy Berend, Jerry & Virgie Horn & Family, Kendall Humpert Family, Jim Morath Family by Ralph & Clara Veitenheimer; Special Intention by Bill Hoffman Jr.; In Thanksgiving for Our Family, Father Michael, Don & Helen Brown, All the Parish Workers by Stella & Ron Hoffman; Ryan Essler by Don & Benita Essler; Debbie Moer by Eddie Moer; My Family, My Special Intention by JoAnn Hoff; Our Children, Our Grandson's, Jolene Prescher & Family, Aunt JoAnn Hoff, Aunt Pauline Hoff, Aunt Marie Veitenheimer, Angel Veitenheimer, Deacon Don & Helen Brown, Debbie Moer, Lexsey McLemore, Margaret Beaman, Ann Veitenheimer, Ralph & Clara Mae Veitenheimer, Frances Hoffman, Aunt Shirley Roewe, Carol Sales, Vocations, World Peace, Better Health for John by John & Maxine Veitenheimer; 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 Sumbera & Family by Frances Hoffman; Living & Deceased Members of Catholic Life Insurance Branch #30; Our Family & For The Safety of Our Military by Ralph & Clara; For +Joe Schreiber & +Joseph Schreiber by Agnes Schreiber; For Mom by Johnnie & Alice; For Students of W.I.S.D. & C.D.A. #296 Members by C.D.A. #296; The Holy Spirit's Daily Guidance in Endeavors for each member of my family by Donor; For +Lawrence & +Helen Berend Family by Terry & Carol Sales; For 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

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), Sgt. Major Nicholas Klein (Army), Stephen Koetter (Army), Adam Lambert (Army), James Devon Lindeman (Army), PVT Miguel Luna Jr., Jess Martinez (Army), Private Thomas McCann (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), 1st Lt. Josh Teel (Army National Guard), 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.



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**HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS'
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**PRAYER
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**HOSTED BY THE DOMINICAN SISTERS
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The one-day retreat is open to young women who are in grades 9-12. For those who are or will be 18 years of age at the time of the event, you will be required to register and complete the Safe Environment training.

Transportation will be provided.
Please arrive to the Catholic Center before
8:00 am for Mass and breakfast
before departing.



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Sunday, Dec 17, 2023

Oh, Antiphons!

At evening prayer tonight, the church begins to invoke seven names for Jesus traditionally called the O Antiphons. These names—Wisdom, Sacred Lord, Flower of Jesse's Stem, Key of David, Radiant Dawn, King of All Nations, Emmanuel—suggest to us how the stories of the Old Testament foreshadow the arrival of God-With-Us. As Mary Winifred observes in *Hasten the Kingdom: Praying the O Antiphons of Advent*: "The Word, which joyfully shouted all the galaxies into being, left All Power and came silently into the womb of a young girl." Seek to encounter Jesus today in wise people, books, and practices.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (O WISDOM)

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28 (8). "[John] came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him."

Monday, Dec 18, 2023

Pray for safe passage

Today's O Antiphon of Advent, the second of seven leading up to Christmas Eve, is "O Sacred Lord and Leader of the House of Israel, giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai: come to rescue us with your mighty power!" Today is also International Migrants Day, which recognizes the contributions of migrants, their challenges, and their human rights. Migrants number in the hundreds of millions the world over—some by choice but many forcibly displaced. Jesus and his family became migrants fleeing for their lives soon after the birth that we are preparing to celebrate. Make safe migration and the humane treatment of migrants everywhere your prayer intention with this O Antiphon.

ADVENT WEEKDAY (O SACRED LORD AND LEADER OF THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL)

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 23:5-8; Matthew 1:18-25 (194). "When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home."

Tuesday, Dec 19, 2023

Grafted onto Jesus' family tree

Near Bethlehem stands an olive tree scientists say is 5,000 years old. It's not uncommon for olive trees to reach the ripe old age of 900+ years in Mediterranean countries. Once they grow so old that they stop bearing fruit, olive trees are cut down to mere stumps. But that stump? Leave it alone for a couple of years, then suddenly new shoots spring forth. A shoot or root in this context does not symbolize fragility but rather hardiness and promise. Such are the descendants of the House of David, a spiritual family tree that includes Jesus and us. If you don't mark Advent with a Jesse tree, review the tradition—and pray the Jesse Tree Litany, a version of the Litany of the Saints.

ADVENT WEEKDAY (O FLOWER OF JESSE'S STEM)

TODAY'S READINGS: Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a; Luke 1:5-25 (195).

"Though you are barren and have had no children, yet you will conceive and bear a son."

Wednesday, Dec 20, 2023

Stand together

On this International Human Solidarity Day, enacted by the U.N. in 2005, we remember Blessed Michael Piaszczyński, who in the early 1900s taught at the diocesan seminary of Łomża, Poland. Modest and compassionate, Father Piaszczyński had a deep respect for Judaism and even invited rabbis to speak at his school.

During World War II he was imprisoned by the Nazis and often shared his bread with elderly Jewish inmates. Piaszczyński died in the camp in 1940. He was beatified by his compatriot, Pope John Paul II, in 1999. What are small ways you can show solidarity with your fellow humans, especially those who seem different from you?

ADVENT WEEKDAY (O KEY OF DAVID)

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 7:10-14; Luke 1:26-38 (196). "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God."

Thursday, Dec 21, 2023

Radiant reminders

Monks, nuns, and others who take part in evening prayer are now chanting the O Antiphons, a rich series of references to the coming Christ recited from December 17-23. Today's antiphon proclaims: "O Radiant Dawn, splendor of eternal light, sun of justice: come and shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death." Look around you today and seek out the many lights associated with Christmas: Advent candles, strings of light, Posadas candles, fires for holiday gatherings. Let each one remind you of the light of Christ coming into the world.

ADVENT WEEKDAY (O RADIANT DAWN)

TODAY'S READINGS: Song of Songs 2:8-14 or Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Luke 1:39-45 (197). "Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."

Friday, Dec 22, 2023

The "O Hail No" antiphon

Few have direct experience of royalty, and so the words "queen" and "king" might do little other than remind us of some TV or streaming series. For some though, the terms hit hard because within their culture, people experienced oppression and violence from ruling classes. Singing the O Antiphon, "O King of All Nations," then, might not evoke a hopeful experience of God. How might we tap into the deeper meaning of the antiphon? What words and images can help us experience the longing for God who brings peace and right relationship, who removes barriers that divide, and who breathes life into our tired bodies?

ADVENT WEEKDAY (O KING OF ALL NATIONS)

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Samuel 1:24-28; Luke 1:46-56 (198). "My spirit rejoices in God my savior."

Saturday, Dec 23, 2023

We stand corrected

John Kanty (1390-1473) was a Polish priest, philosopher, physicist, and theologian. He helped develop early scientific theories of inertia that Newton would later use to formulate his laws of motion. Kanty's theories also helped Galileo figure out the orbital motions of the planets around the sun. During Kanty's time, the Catholic Church taught the geocentric model that the planets and the sun orbited around the Earth. In 1632 Galileo's work was condemned by Pope Urban VIII, and he was placed under house arrest for the rest of his life. Kanty was canonized in 1767, around the same time Rome finally capitulated to Galileo's heliocentric model of the solar system. Give thanks for the church that corrects its faults.

MEMORIAL OF JOHN OF KANTY, PRIEST (O EMMANUEL)

TODAY'S READINGS: Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24; Luke 1:57-66 (199). "Then fear came upon all their neighbors, and all these matters were discussed."

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



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