

*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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:mmoloney@comcell.net)  
Brooke McLemore: [bamclemore@yahoo.com](mailto:bamclemore@yahoo.com)  
Imelda Hallenbeck: [mel.hallenbeck@gmail.com](mailto: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 9:00 AM

**January 1 – St. Mary's**  
Living & Deceased Members of  
Alphonse & Caroline Zoltz Family  
by Family

#### Tuesday

**January 2 – St. Mary's**  
Intention of Father Michael

#### Wednesday

#### 6:00 PM

**January 3 – St. Mary's**  
Adoration & Confession  
Benediction

#### 6:45 PM

#### 7:00 PM

Living & Deceased Members  
by St. Mary's Christian Mothers' Society

#### Thursday

#### 6:00 PM

**January 4 – Boniface**  
†Yvette Smith  
by Sis Smith

#### Friday

#### 3:00 PM

**January 5 – St. Mary's**  
Intentions of Father Michael

#### Saturday

#### 8:00 AM

**January 6 – St. Mary's**  
Peace & Unity  
by Catholic Daughters of the Americas #296

#### 5:00 PM

†Lois Luig  
by Suzette & Richard Schreiber

#### Sunday

#### 8:00 AM

**January 7 – St. Boniface**  
†Rita Luig  
by Joyce Moer

#### Sunday

#### 10:30 AM

**January 7 – St. Mary's**  
Intentions of Parishioners

**ST. MARY'S MINISTERS****Monday January 1<sup>st</sup> - Sunday January 7<sup>th</sup>****MONDAY January 1 9:00 AM****Servers** – Jaxon West, Carson Anderle, Leah Anderle**Reader** – Deb Schreiber**Eucharistic Ministers:** Craig Anderle, Dawn Vieth,  
Shelley Schlumpf (choir)**Ushers** – Donnie Fleitman, Terry Schroeder, David McCann**WEDNESDAY JANUARY 3<sup>RD</sup> ADORATION 6:00 PM****BENEDICTION 6:45 PM MASS 7:00 PM****Reader** – Judy Koetter**FRIDAY JANUARY 5<sup>TH</sup> 3:00 PM****Reader** – Volunteer**SATURDAY JANUARY 6<sup>TH</sup> 8:00 AM****Reader** – Volunteer**SATURDAY JANUARY 6<sup>TH</sup> 5:00 PM****Servers** – TBA**Reader** – Deb Schreiber**Eucharistic Ministers:** Leo Hoff Jr., Betty Wolf  
Donna Hoff (choir)**Ushers** – Roy Koetter, Robert Baumer,  
Doug Berend, David Green**SUNDAY JANUARY 7<sup>TH</sup> 10:30 AM****Servers** –**Reader** – Mark Veitenheimer**Eucharistic Ministers:** Justin Doyal, Brenda Doyal  
Ted Neeb (choir)**Ushers** – Donnie Fleitman, David McCann, Terry Schroeder**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** – Heather Schroeder, Cheri West**Eucharistic Minister to Homebound: January 7<sup>th</sup>**  
Melinda & Leon Schneider**SUPPORT** – Envelopes \$ Loose \$

Bldg. Fund \$

**COUNTERS WEDNESDAY JANUARY 3<sup>RD</sup> 9:15 AM**

Melinda Schneider, Julie Koetter, Beth Geis

**ST. BONIFACE MINISTERS****Monday January 1<sup>st</sup> - Sunday January 7<sup>th</sup>****THURSDAY JANUARY 4<sup>TH</sup> 6:00 PM****SUNDAY JANUARY 7<sup>TH</sup> 8:00 AM****Servers** – Shae Hoffman, Riley Wolf, Luke Hoffman**Reader** – Patsy Stallcup**Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion-**

Debbie &amp; Robert Krahl

**Ushers** – David Winter, Logan Veitenheimer**SUPPORT** –**ST. MARY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS****SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN THIS WEEK** for a Blessed and Happy New Year for All Parishioners & Their Families.**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. 3<sup>rd</sup>.**WINDTHORST SR. CITIZENS** meet every Tuesday at 1 pm at the Berend Family Center for bingo & games. All are welcome.**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.**ST. BONIFACE ANNOUNCEMENTS****SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN THIS WEEK** In Thanksgiving to our Lord for all the blessings bestowed on us by Jerry & Margaret Smith & Pedro & Jessica Cruz**7 DAY LIGHTS:****3RD DEGREE KNIGHT OF COLUBUS #1715:** Meeting is January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7 pm.**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****THANK YOU FROM FATHER MICHAEL: A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR THE LIGHT INTENTIONS, FLOWER INTENTIONS, CARDS & SPECIAL GIFTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. ALL OF THE DELICIOUS FOOD PROVIDED HAS BEEN GREATLY APPRECIATED! GOD BLESS YOU ALL AND I PRAY THAT YOU ALL HAVE A VERY BLESSED, HEALTHY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!!****BULLETIN NOTICES ARE DUE BY 12 NOON ON WEDNESDAYS. THE BULLETIN IS PRINTED ON THURSDAYS.****THE JANUARY 7<sup>TH</sup> BULLETIN WILL BE PRINTED ON JANUARY 3<sup>RD</sup>, THEREFORE NOTICES WILL BE DUE BY NOON ON JANUARY 2<sup>ND</sup>.****CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>.****CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED ON TUESDAYS.****THE PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE:** will be in the home of Bernard & Pat Scheffe the week of January 7<sup>th</sup>. They, as well as all of us are asked to pray for world peace, military, and vocations.

January 14

Lester &amp; Florence Anderle

January 21

Joey &amp; Gail Schroeder Family

**MASS TIMES: PLEASE WATCH THE BULLETIN FOR ANY MASS TIME CHANGES THROUGHOUT THE WEEK.****CONFESSIONS:** Wednesdays 6:00 pm at St. Mary's: Saturdays 3:15 to 4:15 pm at St. Mary's & 1<sup>st</sup> Saturdays at 7:00 am at St. Mary's. Confessions at St. Boniface, last Thursday of the month at 5:30.**1<sup>ST</sup> SATURDAY DEVOTION FOR REPARATION**

For World Peace &amp; the ongoing Conversion of Russia.

7:00 AM Confession

8:00 AM Mass of Reparation

7:30 AM Scripture Rosary 8:30 AM Rosary Meditation (15 min)

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

**ST. MARY'S/ST. BONIFACE FAMILY LIFE & MISSION OUTREACH** will meet on **Wednesday, January 3**, at 5:00 p.m. in the Classroom of St. Mary's Parish Hall to fill boxes for the food distribution on Thursday.

**FOOD DISTRIBUTION** will be on **Thursday, December 4**, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. (or until all boxes are distributed) in the Parish Hall Meeting Room.

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:** Tuesday mornings at 6:00 am in the Convent. There will be no bible study January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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

**\*FAMILY FAITH FORMATION:** Sundays at 9:30 am in the 3<sup>rd</sup> section of St. Mary's Parish Hall. Watch the bulletin for changes. **No Faith Formation on December 31<sup>st</sup>.**

**RCIA/OCIA:** after 10:30 am Mass in the Convent. **St. Mary's Christian Mothers' Society will be providing the meal for RCIA on the first Sunday of each month, The Knights of Columbus & 4<sup>th</sup> Degree on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month & The Catholic Daughters on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month.**

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

**CCD K-5<sup>TH</sup> 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. 22<sup>nd</sup> – Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>)

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

**CCD 6<sup>TH</sup> – 12<sup>TH</sup> 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. 22<sup>nd</sup> – Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>).

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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:

**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:** As we celebrate Holy Family Sunday, let us remember that God's love for us is reflected in the love for each other in our family. Why not celebrate and encourage that love by giving your spouse the gift of a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend is Feb. 2-4, 2024. To apply go to [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org). Questions – email [applications@dfwme.org](mailto:applications@dfwme.org) or call 469-444-0904. Para mas informacion de Encuentro Matrimonial en Espanol, escriba a [mdgallegos06@gmail.com](mailto:mdgallegos06@gmail.com) 214-497-0188.

**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!**

**This Week, Please pray for the following Seminarians:**

Leo Kaiser – St. Joseph Seminary College – St. Benedict, LA  
Peter Nguyen - St. Joseph Seminary College – St. Benedict, LA  
Carson Kitaif - 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

## **THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH**

"...AS THE Lord has forgiven you, so you must forgive."  
Colossians 3:13

Forgiving is one of the hardest things for people to do. We can't give what we don't have. We need to receive God's mercy and forgiveness first before we can give it to others. Go to the sacrament of Reconciliation and receive God's mercy and forgiveness. Then, share the gift of forgiveness with someone -a family member, a friend, or a co-worker. Pick up the phone or text someone right now.

### **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 here, 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](http://faith.direct/TX1143) (St Mary's) or [faith.direct/TX1144](http://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 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 Zolt Jr., Bruce Zolt, Chuck Zolt, Harola Zolt .

**Prayer of the Faithful:** Lord Jesus, we lift those on our weekly list to you; You are the healer of the sick and we keep praying and hoping for those who are ill. May we continue to pray for all who are sick and hurting and may your peace come to each and every one of us. Amen

**AFTER THE FIRST OF THE YEAR, WE WILL BE REDOING THE PRAYER LIST & MILITARY PRAYER LIST. PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE TO ADD SOMEONE TO THE PRAYER LIST OR TO THE MILITARY PRAYER LIST, THANK YOU.**

**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), 1<sup>st</sup> Class Craig Slaten (Air Force), Staff Sgt. Ricky Smith (Air Force), Judy Solorio (Navy), 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**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."

**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](http://bit.ly/ADAAccountability). Learn more at [AdvancementFoundation.org](http://AdvancementFoundation.org).

# The Holy Family Prayer

JESUS, Son of God and Son of Mary, bless our family. Graciously inspire in us the unity, peace, and mutual love that you found in your own family in the little town of Nazareth.

MARY, Mother of Jesus and Our Mother, nourish our family with your faith and your love. Keep us close to your Son, Jesus, in all our sorrows and joys.

JOSEPH, Foster-father to Jesus, guardian and spouse of Mary, keep our family safe from harm. Help us in all times of discouragement or anxiety.

HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH, make our family one with you. Help us to be instruments of peace. Grant that love, strengthened by grace, may prove mightier than all the weaknesses and trials through which our families sometimes pass. May we always have God at the center of our hearts and homes until we are all one family, happy and at peace in our true home with you. Amen.

**ST. MARY'S 7 DAY LIGHT:** Mother, Aunt Lillie, Aunt Benita & Uncle Don, Aunt Cordella, Aunt Caroline, Benny Lindeman, Fr. Michael, Terry & Carol Sales, Our Children & Grandchildren, Bountiful Rain, Blessings of Good Health in the New Year, Our Special Intentions by Frank & Joyce Wolf; Charles & Glenda Schroeder, Gerald & Deb Schreiber, Debbie Moer, Margaret Beaman, Pete & Wendy Wolf, Dena & Riley Wolf, +Brad Wolf, +Kaybree Coleman, +Gladys Wolf, Lexsey McLemore, Justin & Kelly Coleman, JoAnn Hoff, Marie Veitenheimer, Francie Scheffe, Bobby & Pat Scheffe, Bernard & Pat Scheffe, Terry & Cathy Carlton, Arthur & Shirley Litteken, Our Children & Grandchildren, Good Rain by Russell & Judy Koetter; Special Intention by Bill Hoffman Jr., Ryan Essler by Don & Benita Essler; My Family, My Special Intentions by JoAnn Hoff; 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 Wachsmann; 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 Zolt & 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 Zolt; +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 Wachsmann; Living & Deceased Members of Alphonse & Caroline Zolt

by the Family; For our Family by George & Juanita Martin; My Family by Margaret Beaman; Living & Deceased members of Himmels Family, For my family & +Al Veitenheimer by Ann Veitenheimer; Dad & Mom by Nubbin & Angela; +Floyd & Betty Humpert by the Family; For My Family & In Memory of +Alfred Berend by Cordella; In memory of Duane & for Our Family by Pat & James Zolt; For those battling cancer & heart disease by Joyce & Charlie Vieth; Pauline Hoff & Willie L. Hoff by Wina & Dean Church; Guidance & Protection for our Military Service Men & Women by V.F.W.; +Willie Hoff, Pauline Hoff & Willie L. Hoff by Dean & Wina Church

**YEARLY LIGHTS ARE \$52.00 AND ARE NOW DUE!**

### TAKE THE RISK

**Time for Vocations to the Diocesan Priesthood.**

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



### 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.



**HAPPY NEW YEAR!!**

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Branch #36 of Scotland**



# Women's Vocations Retreat

**HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS'  
DAY WITH THE SISTERS**

**PRAYER  
WORSHIP  
DISCUSSION  
FELLOWSHIP**

**HOSTED BY THE DOMINICAN SISTERS  
OF MARY MOTHER OF THE  
EUCCHARIST**

Saturday, January 13, 2024  
1:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Our Lady of Guadalupe Priory  
Georgetown, TX

**FOR HIGH SCHOOL WOMEN IN THE  
DIOCESE OF FORT WORTH**

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.

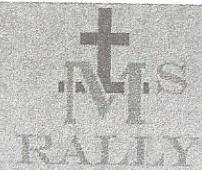
Transportation will be provided.  
Please arrive to the Catholic Center before  
8:00 am for Mass and breakfast  
before departing.



For more information, please contact the Vocations Office at 817-945-9321 or email [Vocations@fwdioc.org](mailto:Vocations@fwdioc.org)



CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF FORT WORTH  
MIDDLE SCHOOL RALLY

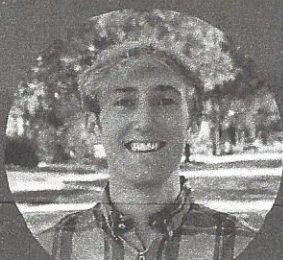


# TO THE HEIGHTS

BE PERFECT AS  
YOUR HEAVENLY  
FATHER IS PERFECT  
MATTHEW 5:48

JANUARY 27, 2024  
10AM - 5PM  
NOLAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

FEATURING



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Invest time each week to  
expand your vocabulary and  
deepen your faith.

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## WORD OF THE WEEK

### Vocation *ˈvō-ˈkā-shən*

A summons or strong drive to a particular course of action, career, or occupation; a divine call to consecrated life or diocesan holy orders.

**Pronunciation:** <https://tinyurl.com/Take5-vocation>

### CONTEXT

Many people mistake our work for our **vocation**. Our **vocation** is the love of Jesus.

—Mother Teresa

No **vocation** is born of itself or lives for itself. A **vocation** flows from the heart of God and blossoms in the good soil of faithful people.

—Pope Francis

Everybody, no matter what **vocation** they're looking at, should add music as an essential to their curriculum. Music can be a very important part of your soul and your growth as a human being. It's so powerful.

—Quincy Jones

### WHY IT MATTERS

Each of us, through our Baptism, is called by God to follow the path of love. Our unique and particular response is our **vocation**. The church generally refers to four types of **vocations**: marriage, single life, holy orders, and religious life. It is up to each of us to discern the **vocation** that will give us the greatest sense of fulfillment and joy and lead us to holiness.

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church: The Beatitudes express the **vocation** of the faithful and shed light on the actions and attitudes characteristic of the Christian life (1717).

From *Vita Consecrata*: In the unity of the Christian life, the various **vocations** are like so many rays of the one light of Christ, whose radiance brightens the countenance of the Church.

### RELATED WORDS

Discipleship | Charism | Consecrated Life

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

### Vocation: Does everyone have one?

*Vocation* is one of those words that tends to elicit a host of questions. What does it mean that God "calls" us? Does God plan our lives? Is free will a polite fiction, when God has our destiny all worked out in advance? The short answers are: Our freedom is real, human history has no blueprint, and God is prepared to greet any choice we might make with a constellation of grace and possibility. So feel—really and seriously—free.

Yet we say God calls us. To what, if not to particular things? God calls us to fullness of life. God wants you to be everything you can be, to the height and breadth and depth of your being. God wants you to be fully alive, which means loving, giving, expressing, and radiant—just as God is. We're made in the image and likeness of God. So answer that call, and you have stepped into your vocation for sure.

—Alice Camille, from *Questions Catholics Ask* <https://tinyurl.com/QCA-vocation>

## REFLECTION OF THE WEEK

SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD (JANUARY 1)

### Bring Christ to bear

We begin the new year in the glow of the Christmas season of new life. Our focus today, however, is not so much on the child Jesus in the manger but on his mother, Mary. We bring to mind and heart the woman who said yes: Yes to being the Mother of God. Yes to becoming a vehicle for God to become incarnate in the world. It is fitting to honor Mary and walk with her as we enter resolutely into the new year.

READINGS: Numbers 6:22-27; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21 (18 <https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/010124.cfm>). "*The Lord let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you!*"

### FAITH IN ACTION

How does God call us to be bearers of Christ? We can start with offering Christ and all others the fullness of our love.

December 30—January 26, 2023

SATURDAY		SUNDAY		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>SATURDAY DEC. 30</b> St. Mary's 8:00am Mass Baptism 11:00am  St. Mary's Confessions 3:15-4:15pm  St. Mary's Mass 5:00PM Annual Diocesan Appeal Please send in commitment card		<b>SUNDAY DEC. 31</b> St. Boniface Mass 8:00AM St. Mary's Mass 10:30AM Consecration to the Holy Family Both Masses will be live-streamed Annual Diocesan Appeal Please send in commitment card RCIA/OCIA after Mass in convent		<b>MON JAN. 1</b> NO SCHOOL  St. Mary's Mass 9:00AM  CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	<b>TUES JAN. 2</b> NO SCHOOL  Sr. Citizens 1 PM  CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	<b>WED JAN. 3</b> NO SCHOOL Family Life & Mission Outreach 5pm (classroom) St. Mary's Adoration 6pm Confessions 6:00pm Benediction 6:45pm Mass 7:00pm 3 <sup>rd</sup> Degree K of C meeting #1715 7pm	<b>THURS. JAN. 4</b> NO SCHOOL  Food Distribution (Parish Hall) 9am – 11am  St. Boniface Mary 6:00 PM	<b>FRI JAN. 5 1<sup>st</sup> FRIDAY</b> NO SCHOOL  Men's Bible Study 6am St. Mary's Mass 3:00pm
<b>SATURDAY JAN. 6</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> SATURDAY</b> St. Mary's 7:00am Confessions 7:30am Rosary St. Mary's 8:00am Mass 8:30am Rosary Meditation (15 min) St. Mary's Confessions 3:15-4:15pm St. Mary's Mass 5:00PM Annual Diocesan Appeal		<b>SUNDAY JAN. 7</b> <b>THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</b> St. Boniface Mass 8:00AM  Family Faith Formation 9:30 am St. Mary's Mass 10:30AM  Both Masses will be live-streamed Annual Diocesan Appeal Please send in commitment card RCIA/OCIA after Mass in Convent		<b>MON JAN. 8</b> NO SCHOOL St. Mary's NO Mass VFW/VFW Aux. 6pm Berend Family Center Father Michael On Retreat	<b>TUES JAN. 9</b> Women's Bible Study 6am  CCD K-5 @ 7:25am Sr. Citizens 1 PM  CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	<b>WED JAN. 10</b> CCD K-5 @ 7:25am  CCD 6 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> @ 5:30pm Novena 6:00 pm 3 <sup>rd</sup> K of C #1824 meeting after Novena Gone on Retreat	<b>THURS JAN. 11</b> CCD K-5 @ 7:25am St. Boniface NO Mass	<b>FRI JAN. 12</b> Men's Bible Study 6am Word Service 7:25 am  St. Mary's Mass 3:00pm
<b>SATURDAY JAN. 13</b> St. Mary's 8:00am Mass St. Boniface Fatima Prayer Hour 10:00am  St. Mary's Confessions 3:15-4:15pm  St. Mary's Mass 5:00PM Annual Diocesan Appeal Please send in commitment card 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection: Priest Care Fund		<b>SUNDAY JAN. 14</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> St. Boniface Mass 8:00AM  Family Faith Formation 9:30 am St. Mary's Mass 10:30AM  Both Masses will be live-streamed Annual Diocesan Appeal Please send in commitment card RCIA/OCIA after Mass in Convent 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection: Priest Care Fund		<b>MON JAN. 15</b> CCD K-5 @ 7:25am St. Mary's Mass 12 noon	<b>TUES JAN. 16</b> Women's Bible Study 6am  CCD K-5 @ 7:25am Sr. Citizens 1 PM  CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	<b>WED JAN. 17</b> CCD 6 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> @ 5:30pm St. Mary's Adoration 6pm Confessions 6:00pm Benediction 6:45pm Mass 7:00pm  CDA #296 meeting after Mass	<b>THURS JAN. 18</b> CCD K-5 @ 7:25am St. Boniface Mass 6:00 pm	<b>FRI JAN. 19</b> Men's Bible Study 6am Word Service 7:25 am  St. Mary's Mass 3:00pm
<b>SATURDAY JAN. 20</b> St. Mary's 8:00am Mass St. Mary's Confessions 3:15-4:15pm  St. Mary's Mass 5:00PM Annual Diocesan Appeal Please send in commitment card		<b>SUNDAY JAN. 21</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> St. Boniface Mass 8:00AM  Family Faith Formation 9:30 am St. Mary's Mass 10:30AM  Both Masses will be live-streamed Annual Diocesan Appeal Please send in commitment card RCIA/OCIA after Mass in Convent Baptism Prep Class 6:00pm in Convent		<b>MON JAN. 22</b> CCD K-5 @ 7:25am St. Mary's Mass 6:00pm 4 <sup>th</sup> Degree K of C meeting after Mass	<b>TUES JAN. 23</b> Women's Bible Study 6am  CCD K-5 @ 7:25am Sr. Citizens 1 PM  CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	<b>WED JAN. 24</b> CCD 6 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> @ 5:30pm St. Mary's Adoration 6pm Confessions 6:00pm Benediction 6:45pm Mass 7:00pm	<b>THURS JAN. 25</b> CCD K-5 @ 7:25am St. Boniface Mass 6:00 pm  St. Boniface Confessions 5:30pm	<b>FRI JAN. 26</b> Men's Bible Study 6am Word Service 7:25 am  St. Mary's Mass 3:00pm