



*Holy Father Pope Frances' Prayer Intentions for January 2016*

*Dear Heavenly Father, During this month of January when we celebrate the Week of Christian Unity, we pray that, with the grace of the Holy Spirit and through fraternal charity and dialogue, all Christians may overcome divisions. We also ask, O Lord, that sincere dialogue among brothers and sisters of different faiths may produce the lasting fruit of peace and justice.*

**Please Keep in Your Prayers:** Rick Schaefer, Michelle Petri, Russ Lefor, Rose Lefor, Lori Lefor, Herbert Emmil, Reggie Gentz, Cindy Martin, Tim Theil, Howard Schiwal, Theresa Decker, Arnie Lefor, Mike Urlacher, Alyssa Binstock, Duane Dobitz, Dale Reindel, Gladys Zastoupil, Kim Kuhn, Don Miller, Carla Rohan, Shari Obritsch, Charlotte Krebs, Marie Wolfe, Eugenia Stagl, Daryl Wandler, Bart Rohan, Katherine Splichal, Bonnie (Krebs) Dick, Dorothy Kohl, Colleen Churchill, Sylvia Koppinger

**Assisted Living and Nursing Home Residents:** Adeline Bogner, Ardelle Kovar, Joan Madler, Cecelia Jung, Donnella Koppinger, Marilyn Jeske, John Herold, Willie Emmil, Frances Heick, Florian Urlacher, Dale Schoeder, Paul Schiwal, Maggie Schoch,

**Our Deceased Loved Ones :** +Vern Honeyman, +Kasper Heidt, +Caroline Pechtl, +Jacob Frank, +Frances Fichter, +Marie Krebs, +Maggie Kuhn, +Irene Benz

**Stewardship Reflection:** *Jesus, whom God Called "my beloved Son," is also the "servant" of whom Isaiah speaks in the first reading. We who are baptized in Christ must follow His example and use our time and resources in the service of God and neighbor.*

St. Mary's		St. Elizabeth's	
Adult	SM Youth	January 1 & 3, 2016	SE Youth
\$ 1,891.00 Envelopes	\$ 0.00		\$ 13.00
\$ 43.25 Loose Plate			\$ 158.00 Envelopes
\$ 579.00 New Years			\$ 145.00 Loose Plate
\$ 2,513.25 Total			\$ 572.00 New Years
\$ 2,513.25 Month	\$ 0.00		\$ 875.00 Total
\$ 68,489.61 to Date	\$ 55.00		\$ 875.00 Month
			\$ 54.50
			\$ 18,471.39 To Date

Vigil Lights ~ \$127.63    Coming Together Sunday ~ \$54.00

*Liturgical Assignments for Next Week—St. Mary's*

Lector	Mass Servers	Eucharistic Ministers	Gifts
16 Connie Jalbert	Zack J./Gordon S.	Yvonne Fettig/ Bonnie Jung Toni Jung	Braden Rayhorn
Rosary Leader: Kathy Gartner ~ 4:30 pm		Greeter: Rose Fitterer	
17 David Hernandez	Kayla E./Leah E.	Betty Heick/Larry Heick Kent Maershbecker	Jim & Pauly Krebs
Rosary Leader: Vi Dobitz ~ 10:00 am		Greeters: Jim & Pauly Krebs	

*Liturgical Assignments for Next Week—St. Elizabeth's*

Lector	Mass Server	Eucharistic Ministers	Gifts
17 Deran	Elizabeth	Fran & Pam	Norbert & Arlene
Greeters:			
Ushers: Norbert Rohr & Curtis Wax			

**THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND FEASTS**

- Mon. Jan 11: 1 Samuel 1:1-8; Mark 1:14-20
- Tues. Jan 12: 1 Samuel 1:19-20; Mark 1:21-26
- Wed. Jan 13: 1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20; Mark 1:29-39 ~ St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church (Optional)
- Thurs. Jan 14: 1 Samuel 4:1-11; Mark 1:40-45
- Fri. Jan 15: 1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mark 2:1-12
- Sat. Jan 16: 1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1; Mark 2:13-27 ~ Our Lady on Saturday (Optional)
- Sun. Jan 17: Isaiah 62:1-5 (66C); 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; John 2:1-11 ~ Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



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*The Baptism of the Lord*

*January 10, 2016*

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS**

- Mon. (11) 7:30 am +Adam & +Lyle Krebs  
~ by Gene & Judy Krebs
- Tues. (12) 7:00 pm Rosary & Devotions  
7:30 pm +Kap Heidt ~ by Richard Stagl
- Wed. (13) 7:30 am +Arnold Simon  
~ by Randy & Lori Fitterer ~ SM  
7:00 pm +Caroline Pechtl  
~ by Tom & Arlys Jorda Family ~ SE
- Thur. (14) 7:30 am +Romiro Sanchez Galindo  
~ by Gary & Toni Jung
- Fri. (15) 7:30 am Health & Well-Being of Rick Schaefer  
~ by Reyne Schaefer
- Sat. (16) 5:00 pm Family of Vic & Dianne Binstock
- Sun. (17) 8:30 am +Maggie Kuhn ~ by Deran & Tina Lefor  
10:30 am For All Parishioners

**Saint Angela Merici** ~ Stewardship Saint of the month

Angela Merici was born in Venice around 1470. She was orphaned when she was ten, and moved in with relatives in the city of Brescia, in northern Italy.

When Angela returned to her hometown, she began to devote her life to the education of impoverished young women.

Angela loved working with children, and she believed that education and Christian formation were especially needed for young girls. She devoted her time to teaching girls in her home, which she had converted into a school.

Angela brought together a group of unmarried women who went out into the streets to gather up the girls they saw to teach them and offer religious instruction in their homes. These women were bound together by their dedication to education and commitment to serving Jesus Christ. They embraced a prayerful and simple lifestyle.

Angela's group was so successful that Angela was asked to bring her innovative approach to other cities. In 1535, Angela Merici chose twelve young women and formally started the Company of Saint Ursula; the Ursuline nuns. It was the first group of women religious to work outside of a cloister and the first teaching order of women. St Angela died on January 27, 1540 at seventy years of age. Her feast day is January 27.

**MISSION STATEMENTS**

*The people of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, St. Mary's Parish in New England, ND, brothers and sisters in Christ, accept as our mission: Christ Reigns ~ Our Salvation; Christ Conquers ~ Our Hope; Christ Commands ~ Our guide to build the Kingdom of God. We are all one in Christ Jesus and through Him, strengthen and Inspire the faith of our community.*

**St. Elizabeth's Parish in Lefor, ND**

*Walking in faith, with integrity*

**Rev. Biju Chitteth** Pastor  
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Church of St. Mary & Church of St. Elizabeth

**Rev. Mr. Victor Dvorak** Deacon

**St. Mary's Trustees:** Victor Dvorak, John Ehliis  
**Finance Council Member:** Richard Wandler

**St. Elizabeth's Trustees:** Arlene Rohr, Cindy Martin

**Parish Secretaries:**  
Bonnie Jung—Financial Secretary  
Carol Robinson—Parish Office Manager

**St. Mary's Parish Council:** Ivo Schoch/President, Val Herberholz/V.P., Vivian Hernandez/Secretary, Harvey Herberholz, Rhonda Fitterer, Don Urlacher, Martina Stagl

**St. Elizabeth's Parish Council:** Fran Martin/President, Elvie Kaufman/V. P., Michele Wax /Secretary, Pat Praus, Deran Lefor, Delinda Kaufman, Arlen Lefor

**CONFESSIONS** ~ Before each daily Mass and †Saturday before Vigil Mass at St. Mary's. †Before First Friday and First Saturday Mass. †Before each Sunday Mass at St. Elizabeth's

**MARRIAGE** ~ Please contact the Pastor six months prior to your wedding date.

**BAPTISM** ~ Pre-Baptism classes are required. Call the pastor or the parish office to register



### The Anointing ~ A Reflection by Scott Hahn

The Liturgy last week revealed the mystery of God's plan - that in Jesus all peoples, symbolized by the Magi, have been made "co-heirs" to the blessings promised Israel. This week, we're shown how we claim our inheritance.

Jesus doesn't submit to John's baptism as a sinner in need of purification. He humbles Himself to pass through Jordan's waters in order to lead a new "exodus" - opening up the promised land of heaven so that all peoples can hear the words pronounced over Jesus today, words once reserved only for Israel and its king: that each of us is a beloved son or daughter of God (see Genesis 22:2; Exodus 4:22; Psalm 2:7).

Jesus is the chosen servant Isaiah prophesies in today's First Reading, anointed with the Spirit to make things right and just on earth. God puts His Spirit upon Jesus to make Him "a covenant of the people," the liberator of the captives, the light to the nations. Jesus, today's Second Reading tells us, is the One long expected in Israel, "anointed...with the Holy Spirit and power."

The word Messiah means "one anointed" with God's Spirit. King David was "the anointed of the God of Jacob" (see 2 Samuel 23:1-17; Psalm 18:51; 132:10,17). The prophets taught Israel to await a royal offshoot of David, upon whom the Spirit would rest (see Isaiah 11:1-2; Daniel 9:25).

That's why the crowds are so anxious at the start of today's Gospel. But it isn't John they're looking for. God confirms with His own voice what the Angel earlier told Mary - Jesus is the Son of the Most High, come to claim the throne of David forever (see Luke 1:32-33).

In the Baptism that He brings, the voice of God will hover over the waters as fiery flame, as we sing in today's Psalm. He has sanctified the waters, made them a passage-way to healing and freedom - a fountain of new birth and everlasting life.

### Stewardship in the New Year:

Stewardship is a commitment of mind and heart to the Lord; a way of life that needs constant renewal and transformation. This time of year has always been one of looking forward to a new year, reflecting on the changes we need to make in our lives and resolving to follow through on those changes. Perhaps those who seek to make resolutions to be better stewards might find inspiration in one or more of the following examples:

**Stewardship of Prayer:** Resolve to strengthen your relationship with the Lord through prayer. Notice how often you pray and what hinders you from praying. If you are a beginner, commit to short, daily prayer times.

**Stewardship of Family:** Resolve to set aside more time to stay connected with your family. Eat dinner together, schedule regular dates with your spouse, plan family outings, and go to Mass together. Practice patience and forgiveness.

**Stewardship of Health:** Resolve to get those medical and dental checkups. Adopt healthier eating habits. Add exercise and other physical activity to your daily routine.

**Stewardship of Possessions:** Resolve to possess a little more "lightly" this year. Consider ways you can reduce the amount of all that stuff you own. Distinguish between those items that are necessary and those that are considered.

## January Birthdays

### St. Mary's

1/01 Victor Dvorak	1/17 Gary Reisenauer
Vivian Kilwein	1/18 Jake Wolf
1/08 Randy Fitterer	1/20 Gordon Schmitt
Maureen Gardner	1/21 Darlene Herberholz
1/09 Ian Fitterer	Mindy Augare
1/10 Francine Koffler	1/23 Austin Fitterer
Marjean Schulz	Rebecca Fischer
1/11 Violet Dobitz	1/24 Aiden Rebel
Emily Madler	1/25 Chris Backhaus
1/12 Jessica Eisenbarth	1/26 Ruth Buzalsky
John Kathrein	1/28 Anna Roller
Aggie Wandler	Jim Schulz
1/14 Dorothy Kohl	1/31 Mike Brusich
1/16 Em Krebs	

### St. Elizabeth's

1/03 Pamela Praus	1/08 Nita Iversen
1/07 Denis Schneider	Jacob Schneider
	1/25 Keith Herold

## Happy Anniversary

1/14 Dianne & Don Urlacher	1/17 Em & Anton Krebs
1/15 Dianne & Victor Binstock	1/20 Colleen & Ken Churchill

## The Year of Mercy

**The Holy Year of Mercy ~ Dec. 8, 2015, to Nov. 20, 2016.**

**The Fifth Corporal Work of Mercy ~ Visit the Prisoners!**

People in prison are still people, made in the image and likeness of God. No matter what someone has done, they deserve the opportunity to hear the Word of God and the Truth of the message of Christ.

- \* See if your parish or a nearby parish, has a prison ministry and if so, get involved.
- \* Volunteer to help out or donate to charities that give Christmas presents to children whose Parents are in prison

### A Stewardship Moment for:

**Feast of the Baptism of the Lord January 9/10, 2016**

In today's reading from the Gospel of Luke we hear the proclamation of the baptism of Jesus with "all the people." Indeed, "heaven was opened," and the Father announced his special favor. Whenever we partake of the body and blood of Christ, heed his call in our daily lives, share his Good News, become instruments of his transforming justice and peace, heaven is opened to us, and through the Holy Spirit, the Lord announces his special favor on us as well. A good stewardship reflection this week might be this: How, or in what ways, have we personally experienced God's special favor in our lives?

**Baptism of the Lord  
January 10th, 2016**



## ST. ELIZABETH'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Wednesday, Jan. 13th ~ Mass is at 7:00 pm**

**Thank You to the Christian Mothers** for donations to the Convent project and St. Mary's Little Saints Day Care.

*Thank You for the cards, gifts, prayers and special greetings that I have received this Christmas Season. May God bless you for your love and generosity. And may His love light your way through a new year that shines with His special gifts of peace and joy.*

*Fr. Biju*

**Carol Robinson has made the decision to move back to Madison, WI.** She has resigned her position as our Parish Office Manager, and will be working for Blessed Sacrament parish in Madison. Her last day here will Tuesday, Jan. 26th.

**A "farewell" Open House for Carol will be held on Sunday, January 24th from 2-4, in the "Brides" room at St. Mary's. Everyone from our parishes and the community is invited to come and visit with Carol to offer good wishes for her new life, close to her daughters and granddaughter.**

*For parishioners who cannot come to the Open House, Carol will be at the back of church to visit with you after the Masses on Saturday, Jan 23rd and Sunday Jan. 24th.*

### Rally for Life at Capitol on Jan. 17

To commemorate and pray on the anniversary of the Roe v. Wade ruling that took place on Jan. 22, 1973 that has resulted in the deaths of over 66,000 North Dakotans and 58 million Americans, we invite you to attend the annual Rally for Life on the North Dakota State Capitol steps in Bismarck on Sunday, Jan. 17 (Sanctity of Life Sunday) from 2-3 p.m. Refreshments will follow at Days Inn at 1300 E Capitol Ave. For details contact (701) 258-3811 or office@ndrl.org.

**Thank You!** The staff of St. Mary's Little Saints Day Care would like to thank those who have donated and continue to donate supplies to the daycare. The staff works really hard to create engaging activities for the kids. We appreciate your generosity, which allows us to do so.

### Looking Ahead

Jan. 18 ~ KC Meeting ~ 7:00 pm

Jan. 20 ~ **SM Altar Guild Meeting ~ 7:00 pm**

**SE parish Council Meeting ~ after Mass**

Jan. 24 ~ Farewell Gathering for Carol ~ 2-5 pm

Feb. 7 ~ Super Bowl Breakfast

Feb. 10 ~ Ash Wednesday

Feb. 13 ~ Valentine Dinner

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

John said: **One mightier than I is coming: He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.**



## ST. MARY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Wed., Jan. 20th ~ Altar Guild Meeting ~ 7:00 pm ~ we will have election of officers. Ladies Please be there!**

**The 2015- End of the year Collection Report** will be available the weekend of January 16 & 17.

**Thank you to Harvey Herberholz and Martina Stagl** as they complete their term in the Parish Council. Your work and service to parish is greatly appreciated.

**Officers elected for 2016** are: President - Ivo Schoch, V-P - Val Herberholz; Secretary - Vivian Hernandez  
**Cemetery Sexton - Mike Brusich** Thank you to all!

### A New Look For Our Bulletin

**Be the first to advertise your business in our bulletin.**

Starting February 8th, St. Mary's & St. Elizabeth will be changing to a new format and bulletin service. In the upcoming weeks a sales representative from Liturgical Publications Inc (LPI) will be working on setting up the advertising in our new bulletin. Please consider advertising in the new bulletin since the revenue from the ads is what will make our bulletin possible and at no cost to the parish.

Advertisements can be purchased for a business, family or a sponsor ad can be purchased supporting community service organizations like the Lions or the battered women's shelter. Please give these ideas some thought. We appreciate your help.

If you are interested or want more information, please contact our Sponsor Ad Representative **Rob Witte of LPI** at **800-678-4574. You may also call the parish office at 701-579-4312 when Rob** comes to sell the Ads, and he will be more than happy to help you.

**Thank you** for your continued support! *Fr. Biju*

### The New England Lions Family Bingo

Sunday, January 10th and 31st.  
1:00 pm ~ At the Memorial Hall