



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: Yvonne Fettig, 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, 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 Honeymann, +Kasper Heidt, +Caroline Pechtl, +Jacob Frank,+ Frances Fichter, +Marie Krebs, +Maggie Kuhn, +Irene Benz

Stewardship Reflection: *In today's second reading, St. Paul tells the Corinthians (and us) that all of our gifts are from God and that they are given, not for ourselves alone, but for the common good. But the generosity of God knows no limits—the miracle at Cana reminds us that whenever we faithfully do as God asks, He can change our gifts of water into wine!*

St. Mary's		St. Elizabeth's	
Adult	SM Youth	SE Youth	Adult
\$ 1,335.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 570.00
Envelopes			Envelopes
\$ 54.00			\$ 34.44
Loose Plate			Loose Plate
\$ 1,389.00			\$ 604.44
Total			Total
\$ 3,902.25		\$ 13.00	\$ 1,479.44
Month			Month
\$ 16,335.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 54.50	\$ 19,075.83
End of 2015 Donations			To Date
\$ 86,213.61	\$ 55.00		
to Date			
Vigil Lights - \$49.49			

Liturgical Assignments for Next Week—St. Mary's

Lector	Mass Servers	Eucharistic Ministers	Gifts
23 Mike Madler	Katie S./Braden R.	Jim Krebs/ Martina Stagl Mike Madler	Maddie Rayhorn
Rosary Leader: Jim Krebs ~ 4:30 pm		Greeters: Harvey & Vicki Herberholz	
24 Jon Wert	Mathew B./Zach M.	Mary Fitterer/David Hernandez Vivian Hernandez	Kent & Angie Maershbecker
Rosary Leader: Maureen Gardner ~ 10:00 am		Greeters: Vic & Lynn Dvorak	

Ministry to the Homebound Jan. 17 ~ David & Vivian Hernandez Jan. 24 ~ Toni Jung

Liturgical Assignments for Next Week—St. Elizabeth's

Lector	Mass Server	Eucharistic Ministers	Gifts
24 Elvin	Katie & Legend	Arlene & Trish	Kurt & Michelle
Ushers: Norbert Rohr & Curtis Wax		Snow removal ~ week of January 17 ~ Elvie Kaufman	

THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND FEASTS

Mon. Jan 18: 1 Samuel 15:16-23; Mark 2:18-22
 Tues. Jan 19: 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Mark 2:23-28
 Wed. Jan 20: 1 Samuel 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mark 3:1-6 ~ St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr or St. Sebastian, Martyr (Options)
 Thurs. Jan 21: 1 Samuel 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Mark 3:7-12 ~St. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr (Memorial)
 Fri. Jan 22: 1 Samuel 24:3-21; Mark 3:13-19 ~ Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
 Sat. Jan 23: 2 Samuel 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Mark 3:20-21 ~ St Vincent, Deacon & Martyr or St. Marianne Cope, Virgin (Options)
 Sun. Jan 24: Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 (69C); 1 Corinthians 12:12-30; Luke 1:1-4;4:14-21 ~ Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



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The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time January 17, 2016

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

- Mon. (18) 7:30 am Communion Service
- Tues. (19) 7:00 pm Rosary & Devotions
7:30 pm Deceased Parents & Siblings
of Richard Wandler
- Wed. (20) 7:30 am +Jim Fritz ~ by Duane & Louann Dobitz
7:00 pm +Frank Miller ~ by Loretta Miller ~ SE
- Thur. (21) 7:30 am Kathy & Leonard Gartner & Family
~ by your Advent Angel
- Fri. (22) 7:30 am +Jake Frank
~ by Gordon & Susan Schmitt
- Sat. (23) 5:00 pm +Vern Honeymann
~ by Cely & Robert Stagl
- Sun. (24) 8:30 am For All parishioners ~ SE
10:30 am +Kap Heidt ~ by Eileen Lechler ~ SM

St Agnes ~ Patron of young Christian womanhood

In St. Agnes, we have a youthful model of consecrated virginity, whose example inspired early Christians and whose martyrdom became quickly embroiled into legend. Agnes has always had a special charm and she remains one of the loveliest figures of the early Church.

She suffered in the persecution under Diocletian, just before the Peace of Constantine. Her story became one of the great Christian legends, and she is one of the great Christian heroines.

She was only thirteen at the time of her death, a beautiful young Roman girl who very early had consecrated herself to Christ. She was sought in marriage by young men of great Roman families, but she refused all of them.

Like the other Christians of Rome, she was ordered to offer sacrifice to the Roman gods. She refused, and she was condemned to death, some say by being beheaded, others by stabbing in the throat. Her calmness and her courage in the face of death were the marvel of those who watched. The cemetery that she was buried in was later named after her. Her feast is January 21st. She is usually portrayed with a lamb in her arms. Her popularity is shown by the many Catholic women named Agnes and by the great number of churches named in her honor.

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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Rev. Mr. Victor Dvorak Deacon
 Church of St. Mary & Church of St. Elizabeth

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 Prais, 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

A New Look For Our Bulletin

Starting February 8th, St. Mary's & St. Elizabeth will be changing to a new format and bulletin service. Anita, a sales representative from Liturgical Publications Inc (LPI), was here setting up the advertising in our new bulletin during this past week and will continue to take your ads by phone, or email. **call Anita Aguilar:**

Cell: 720-877-1373 Email aaguilar@4lpi.com

Our *weekly bulletin* is one of our most valuable assets. For us, it is more than just a listing of dates and events. Our *bulletin* is the vehicle we rely on to communicate with our parishioners and friends. We use our *bulletin* to educate, to celebrate, to remind, and to put our faith into action both within our membership and outside in our larger community.

We know that businesses have many ways to spend their advertising dollars. We want you to know that the choice to advertise with us makes it possible for us to provide our members with the professional quality *bulletin* we now enjoy, with no cost to the parishes.

So, if you have a business, please consider advertising in the new bulletin. You may also place a donation ad to support a charity of your choice; (Right to life, Retrouvaille, Real Presence Radio...) or an ad supporting community Service organizations like the Lions or battered women's shelter. Donation ads are also possible in Thanksgiving for special blessings or prayers answered, or an ad could be purchased by you that can be used by the Church to advertise events like Fall Festival, and can be changed 4 times a year.

Please give these ideas some thought. We appreciate your help.

Your dollars cover the cost of printing. On behalf of the members of our parishes, **THANK YOU**, for generously supporting our publication.

As a small token of our gratitude, be assured that we will encourage our members to patronize your business. We want your affiliation with us to be as valuable for you as it is for us.

**God bless you for your generosity,
Father Biju**

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 the Parish Family: Resolve to serve your faith community in some way this year such as at liturgy, in the parish's outreach or education and formation effort. Is it time to enhance your generosity to the parish?

Stewardship of money: Resolve to render sacred your annual budget. Reprioritize your financial goals to ensure that the Lord comes first in your spending. Take positive steps to improve your financial health.

Stewardship of Work: Resolve to be faithful to your daily, work-related tasks and offer them up to the Lord. Cultivate your skills. Deepen your knowledge. Be mindful of how you are building the kingdom of God.

Stewardship of Mind: Resolve to keep your mind active. Commit to being more informed on the issues of the day. Read your Bible. In this presidential election year in the US, become even more familiar with Catholic social teachings.

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 Bin-	1/20 Colleen & Ken Churchill

The Year of Mercy

The Holy Year of Mercy ~ Dec. 8, 2015, to Nov. 20, 2016.
The Sixth Corporal Work of Mercy ~ Bury the Dead!

Funerals give us the opportunity to grieve and show others support during difficult times.

- *Send a card to someone who has recently lost a loved one
- *Spend time planning your own funeral Mass.

"Grief is a rolling, painful journey with stops and starts and no discernable end. While no one "gets over" a death, those we love can grow through the grief.

It is in the weeks and months after the funeral when our support can mean the most. A daily phone call or email just to let the grieving person know we care can be a boost in a painful day. We can include a grieving person in lunch, dinner or other plans. At the end of the meal, we can make plans to meet a friend for coffee, giving him/her something to look forward to.

Stewardship of Neighbor: Resolve to be a person of hospitality and mercy. Make time and space for others who enter your life. Be more aware of those times when a neighbor, co-worker, fellow parishioner or stranger, needs a moment of kindness, a little attention or an affirming gesture on your part.

Stewardship of the Poor: Resolve to live with more compassion and in solidarity with those less fortunate. Remember the poor in prayer, and commit to helping relieve in some way the plight of those who are impoverished or marginalized.

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 17th, 2016

ANNOUNCEMENTS

God has called us through the Gospel to possess the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.



ST. ELIZABETH'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Wednesday, Jan. 20th ~ Mass is at 7:00 pm, followed by the Parish Council Meeting.

Join us for Movie Night ~ this Sun., Jan. 17th ~ 7:00 pm

"90 Minutes in Heaven" ~ Based on an incredible true story. ~ A man involved in a horrific car crash is pronounced dead, and came back to life, claiming to have seen Heaven.

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 be 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.

Mark your calendar for the 11th Annual Valentine Dinner & Dance, which will take place on Sunday, February 14th.

Experience a relaxing evening of memories with your sweetheart, and enjoy a delicious dinner and easy listening and dancing music.

We promise everything will be as special for you as it has been for the couples who have joined us during the past 10 years. Reservations are necessary. The cost is \$75/couple and includes a champagne Social, Dinner with all our special trimmings, wine and dessert.

Singles are also welcome! Cost \$35/person.

For reservations, Call the Parish Office (579-4312) by February 5th, so we can get a count to order food.

St. Benedict's Health Center and Benedict Court invite you to attend our quarterly Memorial Service held in St. Benedict's Chapel.

We will prayerfully remember in a special way the residents who have died within the months of October, November and December. Our next Memorial Service will be Wednesday, January 27, 2016, at 2:00 pm, followed by refreshments.

Come and pray with us! For more information, Call St. Benedict's Health Center.

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

Jan 27 ~ Symbolon Part II begins, Wednesdays ~ 6:30 pm

Feb. 7 ~ Super Bowl Breakfast

Feb. 10 ~ Ash Wednesday



ST. MARY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday, Jan 18th ~ KC Meeting ~ 7:00 pm

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 are available at the back of Church

*** Symbolon Part II ~ Living the Faith ~ Wednesdays beginning Jan 27th ~ 6:30 pm in the Library.**

In the ten episodes of Part II of *Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained*, we continue our walk through the story of salvation and the teachings of the Church, this time exploring the key to fully *living the Faith*. As we unpack the ways that we encounter God in our lives, we discover the transforming power of God's grace in the seven sacraments and consider some of the critical moral issues of our day. Ultimately, these ten episodes show us how to live a life worthy of the Gospel.

The topics of Symbolon Part II are different than Part I. It is not a prerequisite to have taken the Part I Sessions.

The Diocese Office of Family Ministry will host the Mother-Daughter Breakfast Celebration

At the Ramkota Hotel, Bismarck from 9:30 to 11:30 CT
On Saturday, February 13th.

This event is open to women of all ages. **Kelli Schneider**, a local inspiring speaker, will be the guest speaker.

Cost is \$15 per person ~ seating is limited so you must pre-register. Call Bev. At 701-204-7185 or (877-405-7435) Register at www.bismarckdiocese.com by Feb. 8th.

During the Jubilee Year of Mercy consider joining Father Todd Kreitingner and Deacon Ron Keller on a pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi ~ May 25 - June 1, 2016. Total cost is \$2999. It includes air fare from Bismarck. If interested, contact **Deacon Ron at 701-483-6636.**

The New England Lions Family Bingo

Sunday, Jan. 31st. & Feb. 21st
1:00 pm ~ At the Memorial Hall