



*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 Honeyman, +Kasper Heidt, +Caroline Pechtl, +Jacob Frank, +Frances Fichter, +Marie Krebs, +Maggie Kuhn, +Irene Benz

**Stewardship Reflection:** *The U.S. Bishop's pastoral on stewardship reinforces today's reading from 1 Corinthians: "Because its individual members do collectively make up the Body of Christ, that body's health and well-being are the responsibility of the members—the personal responsibility of each one of us. We all are stewards of the Church."*

St. Mary's		St. Elizabeth's	
Adult	SM Youth	SE Youth	Adult
\$ 1,126.00 Envelopes	\$ 0.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 295.00 Envelopes
\$ 45.00 Loose Plate			\$ 56.00 Loose Plate
\$ 1,171.00 Total			\$ 351.00 Total
\$ 5,073.25 Month	\$ 0.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 1,830.44 Month
\$ 87,384.61 to Date	\$ 55.00	\$ 57.50	\$ 19,426.83 To Date
Vigil Lights - \$102.75			

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

Lector	Mass Servers	Eucharistic Ministers	Gifts
30 Richard Wandler	Katie S./Will S.	Mary Fitterer/ Martina Stagl Leonard Gartner	Ken & Martina Stagl
Rosary Leader: Mary Fitterer ~ 4:30 pm			
31 Jon Wert	John W./Molly W.	Betty Heick/Larry Heick Dianne Binstock	Vi Dobitz
Rosary Leader: Vi Dobitz ~ 10:00 am		Greeters: Jake Wolf	

**Ministry to the Homebound** Jan. 31 ~ Toni Jung Feb. 7 ~ Reenie Thorstenson

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

Lector	Mass Server	Eucharistic Ministers	Gifts
31 Arlene	Shaylyn	Pat & Dorita	Duane H. & Arlen L.
Ushers: Norbert Rohr & Curtis Wax		Snow removal ~ week of January 24 ~ Arlen Lefor	

**THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND FEASTS**

- Mon. Jan 25: Acts of the Apostles 22:3-166; Mark 16:15-18 ~ Conversion of St Paul the Apostle (Feast)
- Tues. Jan 26: 2 Timothy 1:1-8; Mark 3:31-35 ~ Sts. Timothy & Titus, Bishops (Memorial)
- Wed. Jan 27: 2 Samuel 7:4-17; Mark 4:1-20 ~ St. Angela Merici, Virgin (Optional)
- Thurs. Jan 28: 2 Samuel 7:18-19, 24-29; Mark 4:21-25 ~ ST Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church (Memorial)
- Fri. Jan 29: 2 Samuel 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17;
- Sat. Jan 30: 2 Samuel 12:1-7a, 10-17; Mark 4:35-41
- Sun. Jan 31: Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19 (72C); 1 Corinthians 12:31— 13:13; Luke 4:21-30 ~ Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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*The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time January 24, 2016*

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS**

- Mon. (25) 7:30 am Communion Service
- Tues. (26) 7:00 pm Rosary & Devotions  
7:30 pm +Robert Fitterer  
~ by Randy & Lori Fitterer
- Wed. (27) 7:30 am Health & Well-being of Vicki Mattson  
~ by Ruth Fitterer  
7:00 pm +Caroline Pechtl  
by Darlene & Joel Haugen ~ SE
- Thur. (28) 7:30 am Living Members  
of Dean & Mary Fitterer
- Fri. (29) 7:30 am Health & Well-being of Carol Robinson  
~ by Dan & Maureen Gardner
- Sat. (30) 5:00 pm +Kyle Binstock  
~ by Erv & Diane Binstock
- Sun. (31) 8:30 am +George Morel ~ by Mrs. Illich ~ SE  
10:30 am For All Parishioners ~ SM

**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  
email:frbiju2001@yahoo.com  
Church of St. Mary & Church of St. Elizabeth

**Rev. Mr. Victor Dvorak** Deacon

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

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

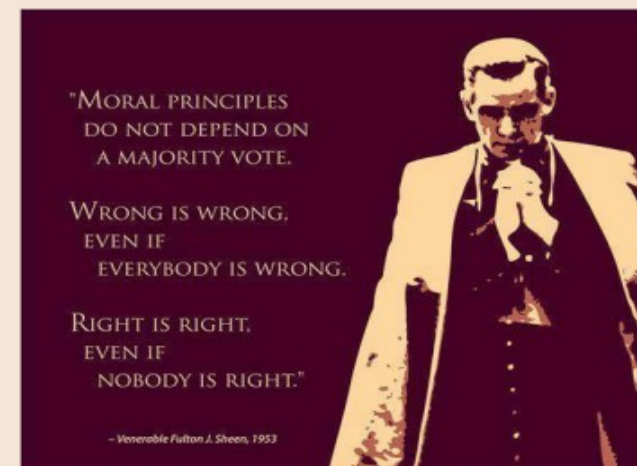
**Parish Secretaries:**  
Bonnie Jung—Financial Secretary  
Carol Robinson—Parish Office Manager

**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:** Deran Lefor/President, Elvie Kaufman/V. P., Michele Wax /Secretary, Pat Praus, Greg Krance, Delinda Kaufman, Arlen Lefor

**"Prayer is the best weapon we have; it is the key to God's heart. You must speak to Jesus not only with your lips, but with your heart. In fact, on certain occasions, you should only speak to Him with your heart."**

St. Pio of Pietrelcina



**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](mailto: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*

### The Year of Mercy

**The Holy Year of Mercy ~ Dec. 8, 2015, to Nov. 20, 2016.  
Seventh Corporal Work of Mercy ~ Give Alms to the Poor!**

Donate money to organizations that have the ability to provide support and services for those in need. Do research and find organizations that put people in need first, rather than profit.

- \* Skip the morning latte and put that money in the collection basket at church.
- \* Find a charity that is meaningful to you and volunteer your time or donate.
- \* This Lent, give up eating out at restaurants. Pack your meals and donate extra money to charities.
- \* Participate in Operation Rice Bowl...

### Prayers for Unborn Children

Heavenly Father, we the living request Your help for the unborn.

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Holy mary, pray for us sinners, save our unborn from abortion.

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Lord, we pray for all mankind to have the grace to understand that each and every life has the right-to-life.

## 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

### A Prayer for Return

*Gracious God,  
You are full of compassion  
and mercy for your people.  
Give us a heart of welcome  
for those who feel alienated  
and cut off from Your love. Amen.*

*Jesus, loving Shepherd,  
You search out and gather those who are lost  
and carry them home.*

*Give us the courage and faith  
to reach out and invite home Catholics  
who have lost touch with  
Christ and the Christian community. Amen.*

*Holy Spirit, source of unity,  
You drive out all fear and prejudice  
through the light of your presence.  
Give us an attentive and gracious spirit  
that will encourage returning Catholics  
to rejoin the worshipping community and  
to grow in their faith. Amen.*

Thank you to the [Catholics Returning Home Program](#) for this prayer.

### Looking Ahead

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

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
January 24th, 2016

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Let the words of my mouth  
and the thought of my heart  
find favor before You, O Lord,  
my rock and my redeemer.*



### ST. ELIZABETH'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Wednesday, Jan. 27th ~ Mass is at 7:00 pm

We will only take donations for the Food Pantry on the 3rd Sunday of the month.

*Thank you to Fran Martin for extremely successful six years of service to our Parish Community*

*Congratulations to our new  
Parish Council Office Bearers:  
Deran Lefor-President; Elvie Kaufman-Vice President;  
Michelle Wax-Secretary*

*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.*

*We have new entrées this year. You will have a choice of Smoked Prime Rib or Raspberry Chipotle Glazed Pork Loin*

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

University of Mary *Prayer Day* ~Friday, Feb. 5th  
McDowell Activity Center

**\$10 admission, includes breakfast**

Keynote Address by Curtis Martin, Founder of FOCUS, is at 10:00 am followed by Mass at noon.

**Register at: [www.umary.edu/Prayerday](http://www.umary.edu/Prayerday)**

For more information call (701) 355-8102 or 1-800-408-6279, ext 8102

Postcards are available at the entrances to the Church.

### Cursillo Weekends in March

You're invited to participate in the 2016 Bismarck Diocesan Cursillo weekends to be held at Trinity High School in Dickinson. The Men's Cursillo is March 3-6 and the Women's Cursillo is March 17-20. Applications are available at your parish or at [bismarckdiocese.com](http://bismarckdiocese.com). Early registration is recommended. If you have any questions, please contact: Willy Polensky 701-260-0420 or Lanel Buechler 701-590-0040.



### ST. MARY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you have not picked up your contribution report for 2015, they are available in the Parish Office. They will not be mailed out.

This year, 2016, First Communion & Confirmation will be on the same day April 17th.

The Funeral for June Stockert, wife of Alex Stockert, is Tuesday, Jan 26th at 9:30 am at Queen of Peace.

\* 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*. 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.*

**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.

### First Annual Father Daughter Ball

The Office of Family Ministry is hosting its 1st Annual Father Daughter Ball. The celebration will take place at the Municipal Country Club in Bismarck on Saturday, May 7th. The evening begins with a social at 5 p.m., dinner served at 5:30, followed by a grand march and dance. This event is for fathers and their daughters ages 4-18. Registration is required and the fee is \$50/father-daughter couple and \$10/each additional daughter. Please register for the event online at [bismarckdiocese.com/ball](http://bismarckdiocese.com/ball). If you have questions, please contact Tara Brooke at 204-7209.

**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. 7th & 21st  
1:00 pm ~ At the Memorial Hall