



Holy Father Pope Frances' Prayer Intentions for February /Lent 2016

Dear Lord Jesus, During this season of Lent, help us take good care of Your creation, the gift you have freely given. May we cultivate and protect it for future generations. We also pray for persecuted Christians throughout the world. May all Christians who, on account of their faith, are discriminated against or are being persecuted, remain strong and faithful to the Gospel, thanks to the unceasing prayer of the Church

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: *Jeremiah declares that the Lord knew him before he was born and dedicated and appointed him to his role as prophet even before he drew breath. We, too, are known and sent by the Lord. What deeds of love and service are mine to perform?*

St. Mary's		St. Elizabeth's	
Adult	SM Youth	SE Youth	Adult
\$ 1,036.00 Envelopes	\$ 0.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 265.00 Envelopes
\$ 25.00 Loose Plate			\$ 0.00 Loose Plate
\$ 1,061.00 Total			\$ 265.00 Total
\$ 6,134.25 Month	\$ 0.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 2,095.44 Month
\$ 88,445.61.61 to Date	\$ 55.00	\$ 59.50	\$ 19,691.83 To Date

Liturgical Assignments for Next Week—St. Mary's

Lector	Mass Servers	Eucharistic Ministers	Gifts
06 Connie Jalbert	Molly R./Maddie R.	Bonnie Jung/Toni Jung Richard Wandler	Richard Wandler
Rosary Leader: Charlotte Krebs ~ 4:30 pm		Greeter: Rose Fitterer	
07 Dan Gardner	Kayla E./Leah E.	Kevin Schaefer/Gordon Schmitt Susan Schmitt	Ivo & Joan Schoch
Rosary Leader: Maureen Gardner ~ 8:00 am		Greeters: Ivo & Joan Schoch	

Ministry to the Homebound ~ Jan. 31 ~ Toni Jung; Feb. 7 ~ Reenie Thorstenson **Collection Counters** ~ Feb. 8 ~ Connie Jalbert
Martina Stagl

Liturgical Assignments for Next Week—St. Elizabeth's

Lector	Mass Server	Eucharistic Ministers	Gifts
07 Dorita	Grace	Arlene & Fran	Trish & Elvie
Ushers: Dennis Wegh & Duane Grundhauser		Snow removal ~ week of Jan. 31 ~ Arlen Lefor	

THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND FEASTS

- Mon. Feb. 01: 2 Samuel 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Mark 5:1-20
- Tues. Feb. 02: Malachi 3:1-4; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40 ~ The presentation of the Lord (Feast)
- Wed. Feb. 03: 2 Samuel 24:2, 9-17; Mark 6:1-6 ~ St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr or St. Ansgar, Bishop (Options)
- Thurs. Feb. 04: 1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12; Mark 6:7-13
- Fri. Feb. 05: Sirach 47:2-11; Mark 6:14-29 ~ St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr (Memorial)
- Sat. Feb. 06: 1 Kings 3:4-13; Mark 6:30-34 ~ St Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs (Memorial)
- Sun. Feb. 07: Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8 (75C); 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11 ~ Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time *January 31, 2016*

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

- Mon. (01) 11:00 am +Funeral Mass Adeline Bogner
- Tues. (02) 6:00 pm Rosary & Devotions
6:30 pm +Eugene Fitterer
~ by Larry & Eileen Lechler
- Wed. (03) 6:00 pm +Frances Fichter
~ by Mike & Reenie Thorstenson
- Thur. (04) 7:30 am +Jake Frank
~ by the Brotherhood of St. Anthony
- Fri. (05) FIRST FRIDAY
7:30 am Intention of SM Altar Guild
7:00 pm Intention of SE Christian Mothers
- Sat. (06) 8:30 am Intention of Fr. Biju
5:00 pm +Jim Fritz ~ by Anton, Em & Art Krebs
- Sun. (07) 8:30 am For All parishioners ~ SM
10:30 am Health & well-being of Cindy Martin
~ by Kim & Brian Herold

St. Blaise ~Feast Feb. 3rd ~ Patron Saint of Throat Ailments
Bishop Blaise was martyred in his episcopal city of Sebastea, Armenia, in 316. The legendary Acts of St. Blaise were written 400 years later. According to them Blaise was a good bishop, working hard to encourage the spiritual and physical health of his people. Although the Edict of Toleration (311), granting freedom of worship in the Roman Empire, was already five years old, persecution still raged in Armenia. Blaise was apparently forced to flee to the back country. There he lived as a hermit in solitude and prayer, but he made friends with the wild animals. One day a group of hunters seeking wild animals for the amphitheater stumbled upon Blaise's cave. They were first surprised and then frightened. The bishop was kneeling in prayer surrounded by patiently waiting wolves, lions and bears.

The legend has it that as the hunters hauled Blaise off to prison, a mother came with her young son who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. At Blaise's command the child was able to cough up the bone. Agricolaus, governor of Cappadocia, tried to persuade Blaise to sacrifice to pagan idols. The first time Blaise refused, he was beaten. The next time he was suspended from a tree and his flesh torn with iron combs or rakes. (English wool combers, who used similar iron combs, took Blaise as their patron. They could easily appreciate the agony the saint underwent.) Finally, he was beheaded.

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 Ehlis
Finance Council Member: Lori Fitterer

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,
Larry Heick, Rhonda Fitterer, Don Urlacher,
Mike Brusich

St. Elizabeth's Parish Council: Daren Lefor/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 aguilar@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*

Lighthouse Catholic Media

Making Peace with Difficult People

Dr. Gregory and Lisa Popcak

Dr. Gregory & Lisa Popcak offer powerful insights to help you work through difficult situations with the people in your life. Their five-part P.E.A.C.E. process will help you resolve problems you have with others, and will also help you reconcile more fully with them. Full of practical guidance, this presentation will show you how to better love and relate to the difficult people in your life.

So Help me God ~ the promise and power of the Sacraments.

Dr. Scott Hahn

In this dynamic talk, Dr. Scott Hahn explains the importance of Oaths, which invoke God's name and implore His assistance. He shows that oaths are the means of transforming our personal relationship with Christ into a covenant relationship. Dr. Hahn then connects oaths to the seven sacraments, unveiling their mystery and importance. He reveals how the Sacraments don't make holiness easy, but they do make it possible.

January Birthdays

St. Mary's

2/01 Pam Baymler	2/18 Adele Fitterer
2/02 Randy Mellmer	Maggie Kathrein
Leah Madler	2/20 Drew Madler
Amy Rayhorn	Howard Schiwal
2/03 Yvonne Fetting	2/23 Scott Schmidt
2/04 Bunny Held	Molly Rayhorn
Lester Albaugh	2/24 Maggie Schoch
2/12 Tina Gullickson	Martina Stagl
Eugene Roller	Leah Ehliis
2/13 Lou Ann Mellmer	Kayla Ehliis
2/14 Dianne Binstock	2/25 Rose Krebs
2/15 Harley Dubisar	Jon Wert
Leslie Wandler	2/27 James Gardner
2/17 Anthony Dorner	

St. Elizabeth's

2/2 Paul Schiwal	2/10 Shaylyn Lefor
2/3 Craig Kappel	2/21 Leona Schiwal
2/5 Curtis Wax	2/25 Bailey Urlacher
2/7 Haylee Wax	2/27 Dale Reindel
	Norbert Rohr

Happy Anniversary

2/14 Maureen & Dan Gardner 2/20 Pam & Pat Praus

Profit to The Nations ~ A Reflection by Scott Hahn

God's words in today's First Reading point us beyond Jeremiah to Jesus. Like Jeremiah, Jesus was consecrated in the womb and sent as a "prophet to the nations" (see Luke 1:31-33).

Like the prophets before Him, Jesus too faces hostility. In today's Gospel, the crowd in His hometown synagogue quickly turns on Him, apparently demanding a sign, some proof of divine origins - that He's more than just "the son of Joseph."

The sign He gives them is that of the prophets Elijah and Elisha. From their colorful careers Jesus draws two stories. In each, the prophets bypass "many...in Israel" to bestow God's blessings on non-Israelites who had faith that the prophets were men of God.

"None...not one" in Israel was found deserving, Jesus emphasizes.

His point isn't lost on His audience. They know He's likening them to the "many...in Israel" in the days of the prophets. That's why they try to shove Him off the cliff. As He promised to protect Jeremiah, the Lord delivers Jesus from those who would crush Him.

And as were Elijah and Elisha, Jesus is sent to proclaim God's gift of salvation - not exclusively to one nation or people, but to all who realize in faith that from the womb God alone is their hope, their rescuer, their "rock of refuge," as we sing in today's Psalm.

Prophecies, Paul tells us in today's Epistle, are partial and pass away "when the perfect comes." In Jesus, the word of the prophets has been brought to perfection, fulfilled in those who have ears to hear, as He declares in today's Gospel.

Greater than the gifts of faith and hope, Jesus shows us how to love as He loved, to love God as our Father, as One Who formed us in the womb and destined us to hear His saving Word.

This is the salvation, the "mighty works of the Lord," that we, as the Psalmist, are thankful to proclaim daily in the Eucharist.

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 31st, 2016

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*In the sight of the angels I will sing
your praises, Lord.*



ST. ELIZABETH'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

First Friday, Feb. 5th ~ Mass is at 7:00 pm. There will be Eucharistic adoration beginning at 6:00 pm.

Next Sunday, Feb. 7th is the First Sunday of the Month.
Mass is at **10:30 am**

*** Symbolon Part II ~ Living the Faith ~ Wed., Feb. 3**
Session 2 ~ 6:30 pm in the Library after Mass at 6. PM

The Badlands Right to Life monthly meeting will be held on Monday, February 1, at 7:00 pm at Our Saviour's Lutheran church. Contact Diane Brost at 701-225-9451 or go to badlandsrighttolife.org for more information.

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

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. Early registration is recommended. If you have any questions, please contact: Willy Polensky 701-260-0420 or Lanel Buechler 701-590-0040.

Parish Council Reports

The parish council reports are posted in the entrance to the church. All the parish members are welcome to attend parish council. The dates will be published in the bulletin and announced in the weekend masses.

The New England Lions Family Bingo
Sunday, Jan. 31st. & Feb. 7th & 21st

Looking Ahead

Feb. 7 ~ Super Bowl Breakfast
Feb. 10 ~ Ash Wednesday Feb. 10 ~ Ash Wednesday
Feb. 14 ~ Velemtime Dinner & Dance



ST. MARY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Sunday, Feb. 7th, is "Coming Together Sunday".
Mass is at **8:30 am.**

The Super bowl Breakfast is next Sunday, Feb. 7th.
They will be serving from 8:00 am—12:30 pm.

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

Parish council meeting is on 2nd February at 7. Pm on Tuesday after Mass .

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, prepared by Brad Rustan, and easy listening and dancing music by Julie Opdahl & Mark Koller..

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.

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. 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. If you have questions, please contact Tara Brooke at 204-7209.

Funeral of Adeline Bogner : We extend our sympathy to Bogner family for the lose of their mother. Her funeral is on Monday at 11. Am.. Visitation is Sunday 3.30—5.00 Am. At St Mary's and Rosary at 4.Pm

During the Jubilee Year of Mercy consider joining Father Todd Kreitinger 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.**