



*St. Joseph's Church - Twin Buttes  
St. Paul's Church - Halliday*



# *St. Joseph's Church - Killdeer*

December 8, 2019



## **From the Pastor: Collect or Opening Prayer at Mass**

By Fr. Joseph Evinger

In continuation of the series on the Mass, today we will look at the Collect, the opening prayer said before the scripture readings.

The prayer is called the Collect because it collects our minds and so prepares us to enter more easily into the Liturgy of the Word. Before the priest begins this prayer he gives the invocation "Let us pray" immediately followed by a moment of silence. The invocation and silence are a little reminder to lift our hearts and minds back to God in prayer, but this time allowing the priest to pray to the Father in heaven on our behalf. The priest prays while everyone listens and assists him in prayer with silence and reverence. The priest opens his hands known as the orans position begging God for faith, for strength, for love, and for perseverance in running the race to heaven. Since the only way to heaven or to God our Father is through Jesus Christ, the prayer is most commonly closed with the words, "Through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever." This closing reminds us of the Trinitarian Sign of the Cross made at the beginning of Mass; all three persons of the Blessed Trinity are mentioned. Then the people respond with their agreement to the prayer, "Amen", followed by their change of posture—everyone sits down as the scripture readings begin. We are collected and ready to hear God's word spoken to us in the sacred scriptures. May this prayer always be a prayer which collects our thoughts towards God our Father.

### **Welcome to all Newcomers**

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### **Clergy and Staff:**

Pastor ..... Fr. Joseph Evinger  
Deacon ..... Dan Tuhy  
Business Manager/Secretary ..... Nancy Tuhy  
Custodians ..... Doreen Pachl, Judy Tuhy  
Music Coordinator ..... Felicia Grim

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE & MASS INTENTIONS

**MONDAY, December 9 – Solemnity of Mary’s Immaculate Conception**

Mass (Killdeer) ..... Deacon Jim Baker by Deacon Dan & Nancy Tuhy ..... 7:00 AM  
 Mass (Twin Buttes) ..... Parishioners of St. Joseph’s Parishes and St. Paul’s .....5:00 PM Central  
 Mass (Halliday) .....+ Pauline Messmer by Linus & Anne Evinger.....6:00 PM

**TUESDAY, December 10**

Eucharistic Exposition ..... 6:00 PM  
 Mass (Killdeer) ..... +Andrew Kramer by Kevin & Cindy Candrian ..... 7:00 PM

**Wednesday, December 11**

Mass(Killdeer) ..... +Arlene Brosky by the Family ..... 7:30 AM

**THURSDAY, December 12 – Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe**

Mass(Killdeer) ..... +Clemens Fettig by Betty Fettig ..... 7:30 AM  
 Mass(Hilltop)..... +Leonard Steckler by Patty Steckler .....10:30 AM

**FRIDAY, December 13**

Latin Low Mass (Killdeer) ..... +Evelyn Storm by George Tuhy ..... 7:30 AM

**SATURDAY, December 14**

Confessions (Killdeer) ..... 4:45 – 5:15 PM  
 Mass (Killdeer)..... +Dorothy M. (Bren) Kostelecky by Nick & Mary Lambert & Family ..... 5:30 PM

**SUNDAY, December 15**

Confessions (Halliday) ..... 7:30 - 7:50 AM  
 Mass (Halliday) ..... Parishioners of St. Joseph’s Parishes and St. Paul’s ..... 8:00 AM  
 Confessions (Killdeer) ..... 10:00 - 10:15 AM  
 Mass (Killdeer) ..... +Lois Wetsch by Wetsch Family ..... 10:30 AM  
 Mass (Twin Buttes) ..... Ava Casper by Ava Casper ..... 2:00 PM Central

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

**Saturday, Dec. 14- Killdeer**

Reader: Erika Bauer  
 EME: Patty & Harold Voigt  
 Altar Servers: Andrew, Matthew, Grace Fritel

**Sunday, Dec. 15  
 Halliday**

Reader: Charlotte Rohde  
 EME: Charlotte Rohde, Charlotte Neurohr

**Killdeer**

Readers: Gary Wilz, Pam Wilz  
 EME: Bob Schettler, Daphne Hecker  
 Altar Servers: Faith Norby, Tate Norby,  
 Hailey Klym

**Twin Buttes**

Reader: Lori Fredericks  
 EME: Lori Fredericks

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Sunday Offering Dec. 1, 2019

<b>St. Joseph’s, Killdeer.....</b>	<b>\$3173.20</b>
<b>St. Paul’s, Halliday.....</b>	<b>\$346.00</b>
<b>St. Joseph’s, Twin Buttes.....</b>	<b>\$300.00</b>

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

**Holy Father’s Intention:** That every country take the measures necessary to prioritize the future of the very young, especially those who are suffering.

**Living:** Richard Jambor, James Miller, Brenda Zastoupil, Matthew Rambur, Jeff Kilzer, Tim Knopik, Carolyn Neurohr, Alicia Benz, Mike Lee, Gladys Spelevoy, Don Dukart, Pat Hawkinson, Sadie Ridl, Darryl Binstock, Roland Gleich, Brenda Kralicek, Josh Sand, Garrett Houghton, JoAnn Schillo, Lila Kalvoda, Dale Ell.

**Warm Hands, Warm Hearts:** There will be handmade mittens for sale following the next two weekend Masses in Killdeer. Suggested donation is \$25.00 per pair and all proceeds go to help with costs for sending our youth to the 2020 March for Life in Washington D.C.

**Advent Giving Tree Project:** An Advent Giving Tree and sign out sheet has been placed in the Killdeer, St. Joseph’s Gathering Space. This program will provide Christmas gifts for needy children in our county. Each angel has a list of requests for gifts for a particular child. The gifts and the angel are to be returned to the church unwrapped by Wednesday, December 11. You may also donate cash instead of purchasing gifts if you wish to participate in that manner. The children involved and all of the donors remain anonymous. If you have any questions, please contact Darci Schettler.

**Youth Group:** Youth Group will meet Wednesday, Dec. 11 at 6:00 p.m. Supper will be served.

**Catholic Classes:** Next class will meet Thursday, December 12 at 6:30 p.m.

**Advent Confessions:** Our Advent Penance Service at St. Joseph’s, Killdeer will be at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, December 18. Priests from Dickinson will be here to assist in the hearing of confessions. Please mark your calendars for this beautiful opportunity of grace.

**2020 Calendars Available:** The Official Catholic Calendars featuring Feasts and Saints have arrived. They are available at the entrance of the church. Please take one home.

**Rejoice: Meditations with Joseph:** Join us each Sunday morning during Advent for this program which help experience the first Advent with Joseph and Mary, as they await the birth of their son, Jesus, the Savior of the world. We will meet at 9:15 a.m. in the St. Joseph, Killdeer Gathering Space for discussion and a short video. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Wheeling or Nancy Tuhy.

**Special Collection - Retirement Fund for Religious:** Envelopes are available at the entrance of the church through December 15<sup>th</sup>. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide prescription medications, nursing care, and more. Please be generous and give to those who have given for a lifetime.

**Christmas Mass Schedule:**

**Vigil Mass - Dec. 24**

Killdeer 4:00 PM  
 Twin Buttes 7:30 PM CT

**Christmas Day - Dec. 25**

Killdeer 12:00 Midnight  
 Halliday 8:30 AM  
 Killdeer 10:30 AM

**Jan. 1 – Mary Holy Mother of God**

(Holy Day of Obligation)

**Vigil Mass – Dec. 31**

Killdeer 5:30 PM

**January 1**

Halliday 8:00 AM  
 Killdeer 10:30 AM  
 Twin Buttes 2:00 PM CT