

From the Pastor: The Final Blessing

by Fr. Joseph Evinger

This week I will speak about the closing blessing at Mass. In the next article I will speak about the commandment at the end of Mass to “Go....”

There are two options for the closing blessing at Mass: the common blessing by the priest, and the blessing given with the Blessed Sacrament known as Benediction.

The common blessing with which we are familiar begins with recognizable phrases said by the priest and people: “The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.” These phrases or rather prayers may be followed by special blessings in correspondence with the feast or occasion, but it always closes with the request that the Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless those present.

The other option is what is known as Benediction which we do in the context of Eucharistic Exposition on the first Sunday of the month in Killdeer and the second Sunday of the month in Halliday. If Benediction takes place, immediately following the closing prayer after Communion the priest then places the Holy Eucharist, Jesus himself on the altar in what is called a monstrance. There is usually a song to the Blessed Sacrament at this time, incense may be used, and then there is some moments of silence. Finally, the priest blesses the people with the Holy Eucharist. Subsequently a prayer may be said and a closing song may be sung.

This latter option, Benediction, was once common in churches across the country before the Second Vatican Council in the 1960s. However following the council, the loss of reverence for the Blessed Sacrament or the lack of a mature belief in Jesus’ Real Presence became common. Benediction thus fell to the wayside. Nevertheless, with greater understanding of Holy Communion and belief in Jesus’ Real Presence, this rite is returning again in parishes across the world.



*St. Joseph’s Church – Twin Buttes
St. Paul’s Church – Halliday*



St. Joseph’s Church – Killdeer

November 15, 2020



Welcome to all Newcomers

If you would like to know more about any of our parishes feel free to check us out at stjosephkilldeer.com to obtain additional information. We are glad you are here!

Clergy and Staff:

Pastor Fr. Joseph Evinger
Deacon Dan Tuhy
Business Manager/Secretary Nancy Tuhy
Custodians Doreen Pacht, Judy Tuhy

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE & MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, November 16

No Mass

TUESDAY, November 17

Mass (Killdeer) +Trude Tuhy by George Tuhy 7:30 AM

WEDNESDAY, November 18

Mass (Killdeer) Special Intention by Tracey Eide 7:30 AM

THURSDAY, November 19

Mass (Killdeer) +Edna Morris by Deacon Dan & Nancy Tuhy 7:30 AM

Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration (Killdeer) 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM

FRIDAY, November 20

Mass (Killdeer)+Alfred Schwalbe by Agnes Schwalbe & Family 7:30 AM

SATURDAY, November 21

Confessions (Killdeer) 4:30 – 5:15 PM

Mass (Killdeer)...+Dorothy (Bren) Kostelecky by Bob & Jane Duerr, Josh & Shawn Duerr & Family.....5:30 PM

SUNDAY, November 22 Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe

Confessions (Halliday) 7:30 - 7:50 AM

Mass (Halliday) +Bishop Zipfel by Anthony & Colene Evinger..... 8:00 AM

Confessions (Killdeer) 10:00 - 10:15 AM

Mass (Killdeer) Parishioners of St. Joseph's Parishes and St. Paul's 10:30 AM

Mass (Twin Buttes)..... +Fr. Henry Schneider 2:00 PM Central

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Week of November 2 – November 8, 2020

St. Joseph's, Killdeer.....	\$2245.00
St. Paul's, Halliday	\$420.00
St. Joseph's, Twin Buttes	\$ 58.00

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St. Joseph's - Killdeer :	\$50,915.00
St. Paul's – Halliday:	\$9,130.00
St. Joseph's – Twin Buttes:	\$480.00

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

Holy Father's Intention: We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.

Living: Carolyn Klopp, Marvin Schmidt, Taylin Gessele, Rodney Krogh, Martha Dvorak

Deceased: Dona Lowman, Harold Benz, Jeff Kilzer, Mary Ann Antone

Soup for Seminarians: KC members will be selling soup after this weekend's masses in Killdeer. Proceeds will go to seminarians in the Bismarck Diocese.

Cathedral of the Holy Spirit 40 Hours

Devotion: As part of the celebration of the its 75th anniversary, the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit in Bismarck will have a 40 Hours Devotion on November 20, 21, and 22, a special 40-hour period of continuous prayer made before the Blessed Sacrament in solemn exposition. Of course, the focus of this devotion is on the Holy Eucharist. It gives us time to deepen our appreciation of the importance of the mystery of the Eucharist in our lives. The event includes Eucharistic Adoration in the main church, Masses, confessions, and Fr. Brian Gross will lead a parish mission with a series of homilies on the Eucharist. All are welcome to attend as much of the 40 Hours as their schedule permits. Adoration during this event is open to everyone in the Diocese of Bismarck.

BEST ADVENT EVER: LET YOUR SOUL SHINE.

Every day during Advent, you'll receive an email with a short video from Matthew Kelly and the Dynamic Catholic team. It's completely free and easy to sign up. All you have to do is go to BestAdventEver.com and enter your name and email address. I encourage you to invite your family and friends once you sign up. Again, that's BestAdventEver.com.

Holy Land Artifacts: Representatives from Catholic Bethlehem Christian Families will be with us at Killdeer and Halliday on the weekend of Dec. 5 & 6, 2020, to ask for your help and blessing for the native people of the Holy Land in Bethlehem. These families, sixty years ago, made up 18% of the population. Due to recent events in the Middle East, it has caused these families to face devastating economical strain, and caused the population to decrease to less than 2% in the Holy Land. These families have relied on the income from their religious hand carved olive wood artifacts. Catholic Bethlehem Christian Families have come to the USA to try to help support these families by bringing their artifacts here to sell in the USA. Proceeds from sales will be sent back to the families of the Holy Land so that they may be able to keep their homes and provide for their families. The last few years were very tough for the Christian families, and this is the only source of income for them. The beautiful hand carved items make wonderful Christmas gifts. PLEASE BROWSE THEIR ITEMS AND HAVE SOMETHING FROM THE Holy Land.

Reminder to all three parishes:

Please follow safety guidelines for Covid-19 by refraining from gathering indoors for visiting before or after Mass. Thank you.