

From the Pastor: When Christmas is Over

by Fr. Joseph Evinger

Growing up in a Catholic family Christmas Day consisted of first getting up to go to Holy Mass, then was a day of visiting the grandparents and relatives. There were lots of good food, kids running around, and then after 6 hours of visiting, eating, telling stories we drove the 50-minute drive back home in the dark. The day after the first day of Christmas also carried excitement, being able to play with any new toys, tools, or enjoying all for myself the Christmas goodies that sometimes came from the grandparents. As I got older though the one thing that saddened me on December 26th was that no radio station played Christmas music anymore. It was like Christmas was over. It's like the world said Christmas was done.

There is a song we are all familiar with: "The 12 Days of Christmas." This song speaks about the 12 days of Christmas and figuratively makes a theological point on each day. The first day of course is December 25th. It is a bit strange that the secular world would stop playing this song when the first day arrives. Certainly it's because the symbolism behind the words have been lost. Look up the meaning sometime.

January as we all know is often considered the most difficult month of the year for us in the northern hemisphere. It's usually cold and dark. There is nothing big in the secular calendar even in the news, unless we are getting a new president. For Catholics, especially in Catholic cultures, the darkness of January is always lit by the celebration of Christmas. For the first day of Christmas and the 11 days that followed people have their celebrations. Moreover, this continues till February 2 when Jesus was presented in the temple. Instead, what causes January to be more difficult for Christians in the U.S. is that the light that is able to lighten up this month, namely celebrating Christmas, has already occurred before Christmas even began.

Yet part of me is glad Christmas is over for the secular world. For them Christmas isn't about Christmas anyway. It's about many other things. For Christians Christmas is realizing that God quietly and humbly came into our world as baby Jesus to redeem us, to enter the homes of those who want Him. At first this is scary for some because it means we must let go of our ways, our stuff. But for those who love Him, ChristMass is the place we most truly encounter God. Christ is born in a manger, your manger, into you as you walk down that church aisle and receive Him. For Christians Christmas is never over.

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



St. Joseph's Church – Twin Buttes

St. Paul's Church – Halliday

St. Joseph's Church – Killdeer

December 26, 2021



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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE & MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, December 27

No Mass

TUESDAY, December 28

7:30 AM - Mass (Killdeer) +Philomina Hovden by Family

WEDNESDAY, December 29

7:30 AM - Mass (Killdeer) +Marvin Schmidt by Tom & Jeanie Redmond

THURSDAY, December 30

7:30 AM - Mass (Killdeer) +Jim Adam by Mary & Bob Wheeling
Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration (Killdeer) 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM

FRIDAY, December 31 New Year's Eve Vigil - Mary, Holy Mother of God

4:00 PM Central Time - Mass (Twin Buttes) Fr. Jacob Degele by Joseph & Mary Minwegan

SATURDAY, January 1 New Year's Day Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

8:00 AM - Mass (Halliday) Parishioners of St. Joseph's Parishes and St. Paul's
10:30 AM - Mass (Killdeer) +Leonard Steckler by Patti Steckler
5:30 PM - **Sunday Vigil Mass** (Killdeer) +Martha Dvorak by Ann & Kim Knutson

SUNDAY, January 2 The Epiphany of the Lord

7:30 - 7:50 AM - Confessions (Halliday)
8:00 AM - Mass (Halliday) +Wilbert & Elise Ulmer by Eugene Duttonhefer
10:00 - 10:15 AM - Confessions (Killdeer)
10:30 AM - Mass (Killdeer) Parishioners of St. Joseph's Parishes and St. Paul's
2:00 PM Central Time - Mass (Twin Buttes) +Evelyn Fettig by Family

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COLLECTIONS (Includes Online Donations)

Week of Dec. 13 -19, 2021

St. Joseph's, Killdeer	\$10,236.00
St. Paul's, Halliday	\$784.00
St. Joseph's, Twin Buttes	\$215.50

Did You Know?

Life in the Womb before birth:
Week 33 - 36: The lungs are close to full development and they continue to grow and mature. Their reflexes are coordinated so they can blink and grasp. Baby is 17-19 inches long.

Badlands Right to Life

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

Holy Father's Intention: Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Living: All those in Nursing Home, and Taylin Gessele, Heidi Hernandez, Philip Dukart, Kay Duttonhefner, Pam Pavlicek, Pat Klee, Adrian Neurohr, Mike Schumacher.

Deceased: Marcus Gress, Mavis Medicine Stone, Mindy Duttonhefer, John Suter, George Gleich

Sunday, Dec. 26 Mass Schedule

(No Vigil Mass Saturday Evening)

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

Jan. 1 - Mary, Holy Mother of God

(Holy Day of Obligation)
Vigil Mass - Friday, Dec. 31
Twin Buttes 4:00 PM CT

Saturday, January 1

Halliday	8:00 AM
Killdeer	10:30 AM
Killdeer	5:30 PM

Adorers Needed: There are two time slots open for Thursday Eucharistic Adoration at St. Joseph's, Killdeer: 2 - 3 PM and 5 - 6 PM. Please contact Fr. Joseph or Dcn. Dan if you are able to fill one of these slots. All are welcome to stop at any time during the day between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. and stay as long as you like to spend time with Jesus.

2022 March for Life: An informational letter to church leaders from Bishop Kagan regarding both the national and ND state marches is available at the church entrances. All are encouraged to participate in this effort to join the cause to protect all human life.



Christmas Party: St. Joseph's Parish, Twin Buttes will be having a Christmas party for all parishioners after the December 26th 2:00 Mass. It will be a pot luck meal.

End of Year Giving: With the tax year coming to a close, some of you may be interested in giving to your parish or one of the others. At St. Joseph's in Killdeer we are working towards the future parish life center and new rectory. (The rectory is projected to begin construction spring of 2022). If you would like to give, simply write in the memo on the check "Building Fund".

At St. Paul's in Halliday we are working toward building an addition which will include bathroom accessibility on both the main floor and basement, a steeple, small gathering area, as well as an interior ramp which won't be icy and slippery in the winter. Simply write "Building Fund" in the memo if you wish to give to this cause.

At St. Joseph's in Twin Buttes we are coming to the completion of the new church building. There are a number of items, statues, murals, candlesticks, kitchen items, etc. that will need to be purchased. If you are interested talk to Fr. Joseph about what needs to be bought yet. Each parish also has an endowment fund. Informational flyers are available at the church entrance. Thank you for your generosity.

NEW HRADEC NEW YEARS EVE PARTY at the Catholic Workman Hall Dec 31st. Tom and Jerry's 5-6:30 Cash Bar. 6:30 Dinner with Roast Beef, Deep fried Turkey, & all the Trimmings. 8:00 Dance / DJ \$35.00 Adults /Jr. Guest \$10.00 Contact Ray at 260-7560