

Catholic Churches of **Sts. Mary & Luke**

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St. Mary, PO Box 110, 505 Park ST E, Park River, ND, 58270
St. Luke at 14207 63 ST NE, Grafton, ND 58237

December 21-29, 2019

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Parish Office

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Hours: After Mass till noon;
Closed on Fridays.

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Team members:

Pastor: Fr. Bert Miller

Faith Formation:

Cheryl Daley, St. Mary

Support Staff:

Anna Mae Daley, St. Mary

Dawn Jarolimek, St. Luke

Weekend liturgies:

Saturdays:

Good Samaritan, 9:30 a.m.

St. Mary, 5 p.m.

Sundays:

St. Luke, 8 a.m.

St. Mary, 10 a.m.

RCIA: No meetings on Mondays, Dec. 23 & 30.



Christmas Vigil & Day

Dec. 24 -- 5 p.m. Vigil of Christmas at St. Luke

Dec. 24 -- 10 p.m. Vigil of Christmas at St. Mary

Dec. 25 -- 10 a.m. Christmas liturgy at St. Mary

Dec. 28-29 -- Feast of the Holy Family

Jan. 1, 2020 -- Feast of Mary, Mother of God

8 a.m. at St. Luke

10 a.m. at St. Mary

Jan. 4-5 -- Epiphany

Jan. 11-12 -- Feast of Baptism of the Lord

Exposition: Friday, Jan. 3, after 7:30 a.m. liturgy until Noon. See the Sign-up sheet next weekend.

First Reconciliations: Saturdays, Jan. 4 & 11, 1 p.m. Grade 2 parents, call Cheryl to reserve a spot.

Liturgies Dec 21-29:

Saturday, Dec. 21 – Peter Canisius

Readings: Songs 2:8-14, Zep 3:14-18

9:30 a.m./Good Sam – + Rev. Leo Kinney

5 p.m./St. Mary – + Shari Thompson

Sunday, Dec. 22 – 3rd Sunday of Advent/A

Isaiah 7:10-14, Romans 1:1-7, Matthew 1:18-24

8 a.m./St. Luke – The Parishioners

10 a.m./St. Mary – + Carl & Alice Hankey

Monday, Dec. 23 – John of Kanty

Readings: James 2:14-17, Luke 6:27-38

NO Liturgy Today!

Tuesday, Dec. 24

5 p.m./St. Luke – + Georgia & Leo Hennessey

10 p.m./St. Mary -- + Bert & Gladys Miller

Wednesday, Dec. 25

10 a.m./St. Mary – The Parishioners

Thursday, Dec. 26 -- Stephen

Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59, Matt 10:17-22

NO Liturgy Today!

Friday, Dec. 27 – John the Evangelist

Readings: 1 John 1:1-4, John 20:1-8

NO Liturgy Today!

Saturday, Dec. 28 – Holy Innocents

Readings: 1 John 1:5—2:2, Matthew 2:13-18

9:30 a.m./Good Sam – + Rev. Larry Haas

5 p.m./St. Mary – The Parishioners

Sunday, Dec. 29 – Holy Family/A

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14, Col 3:12-21, Matt 2:13-23

8 a.m./St. Luke – + Cy & Donnie Houska

10 a.m./St. Mary – + James Hankey

Donations needed at both parishes!

Cash Flow

Dec. 14-15

at St. Mary:

Envs: \$1,941

Plate: \$83

Children: \$2

Total: \$2,026

Year to date

Actual: \$139,951

Budget: \$140,200

Need:

\$2,800 per week

at St. Luke:

Dec. 15:

Envelopes: \$1,125

Plate: \$70

Candles: \$6

Total: \$1,201

Year to date

Actual: \$28,825.44

Budget: \$42,500

Need:

\$850 per week

Tithing Norm:

10% of income

back to God:

Parish: 5-8%

Diocese: 1%

Community: 1-4%

Prayer List:

Breckston Krile, Brenda Rose,
Spike Lothspeich,
Michelle Iverson, Judi Witt,
Keith Berg, Luke Suda,
Danny Houim, Jennifer Aure,
Ronald Kees, Jeremy Steiner,
Veronica Stark,
Jane Zidon, Ken Jarolimek,
Theresa Moen,
Jane Grzadzielewski.

*Please advise Fr. Bert
when you have improved
at FrBert@polarcomm.com*

Things to Know:

Bulletin Deadline:

Tuesday Noon

Note that anything submitted will
be edited, cut and shortened.

Bulletin boards & Reading tables:

Please submit all items to Fr.
Bert for approval and placement.

Baptisms & Marriages:

Please call Fr. Bert before
you make any plans!!!

Hospital Visits, Communion calls, & Anointing of Sick:

Please make contact with
Fr. Bert (numbers on Page 1)
or at FrBert@polarcomm.com

Reconciliation:

Saturdays: 4-4:30 p.m./St. Mary
Thursdays: 8:30 a.m./St. Luke
Anytime by request.

***** FAITH FORMATION *****

Dec. 25 & Jan. 1 NO CLASSES!!!

Jan. 8 Grs. 1-6 at 7 p.m.

Grs. 7-12 have NIGHT OFF!!!

Jan 15 & 22 Grs. 1-12 at 7 p.m.

Christmas Season: Dec. 24 to Jan.
12. Please wear gold-, white- or red-
colored clothing.

Prayer Blankets: Check out the
blanket supply center located near the
Confessional. There is a blue sheet to
accompany the blanket. There is also
a book to sign the person's name into
so the faith community can pray for
the individual and so no more than
one blanket goes to each individual.

Food for Poor House: Need is
\$3,800; Given: \$4,744. Thank you!

Combined Collection:

	PR:	V:
World Missions:	\$1,225.00	\$337.50
Black & Indian:	\$ 480.60	\$ 60.00
Retired Religious:	\$813.40	\$137.50
Peter's Pence:	\$540.60	\$ 82.50
Home Missions:	\$628.40	\$137.50

St. Mary Cemetery Collection: You
gave \$1,330 and a family brought 2
plots for \$300. There is now enough
income to cut the lawn in 2020.

Daily Lectors: Mondays, AM Daley; Tuesdays, L
Alkofer; Wednesdays and First Fridays, Shirley
Sobolik. If you are a lector and wish to lector on
a particular day, contact one these individuals.

End of Year Giving: All giving for calendar year 2019 needs to be in the Parish Office by Noon on Tuesday, Dec. 31. We could use a little extra. Thank You for your generosity!!! – Fr. Bert

Mass Stipends: Being accepted through the end of December. Send name and \$10/name to Fr. Bert at the Parish Office. Limit: \$50 for each name. Thank You!

December 24 & 25, 2019 – Christmas Ministries of Service

Masses	10 p.m. Tuesday	10 a.m. Wednesday
Proclaimers	AM Daley	T Zikmund
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	* Mary Heggen, S Brunsvold, E Kachena, C Lothspeich, Ba Kach...	* J Zikmund, T Zikmund, P Langerud, MA Kostohris, volunteer
Gift Bearers	Kerry Schmitz family	J & C Daley
NO Commentator	-----	-----
Servers	B & M Houser	Simon Zikmund
Ushers	B & S Nelson	J & O Zikmund
Greeters	Kerry Schmitz family	J Daley family
Rosary Leader	-----	-----
Sacristan	C Daley	Volunteer
		*Bread Minister



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Serving the Assembly at St. Luke's:

Lector for December:
Brian Schanilec

New Missalette:
If you can not find your way, see Fr. Bert

Cemetery Worker needed: See Michael Dvorak

Music Leader Needed: See Fr. Bert Miller

December 28-29, 2019 – Holy Family/A Ministries of Service

Masses	5 p.m. Saturday	10 a.m. Sunday
Proclaimers	Pat Kadlec	P Langerud
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	* P Kadlec, D Kram, L Kadlec, MA Kostohris, volunteer	* M Heggen, S Brunsvold, P Langerud, C Lothspeich, volunteer
Gift Bearers	Louis A & C Kadlec	Sacristan's choice
Commentator	Fr. Bert	Fr. Bert
Servers	Volunteers	Volunteers
Ushers	Louis A & C Kadlec	J & M Dobmeier
Greeters	Louis A Kadlec family	T & P Ford
Rosary Leader	S Sobolik	-----
Sacristan	M Novak	C Daley
		*Bread Minister

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Avoiding Christmas Burnout

It's that wonderful time of year... the time of year that stretches your schedule and your patience. You might be tired of hearing the same Christmas songs and overloaded on Christmas commercialism. But, what if we could experience the Advent season with fresh eyes and a renewed heart and truly see it as the most wonderful time of the year?

Avoiding Burnout and Experiencing the Real Reason for the Celebration Starts With:

Keeping a Quiet Heart. While everyone is hustling and bustling around you, buying gifts, and short on patience, determine to be different. Don't get caught up in the busy of the season and forget *who* Christmas is ultimately about. Try making your gift to Jesus this year a calm, quiet heart—one so immersed in the realization of what this season of giving is all really about.

Focus on Doing, Rather Than Buying. Make a list of what you can do for others, not what you can buy. Do you have a neighbor who lost a spouse this year? Make a freezable meal and take it to them the week of Christmas. Is there a family member you haven't seen in a while? They may appreciate a visit or a call more than a gift or a card in the mail. Ask God to show you tangible ways that you can show your love to others this year by serving them.



See Christmas Through the Eyes of a Child. Look around and observe the joy and wonder in children this holiday season. Revel in their excitement as they make Christmas lists for Santa and participate in Christmas programs and sing their hearts out.

Focus on the Gift. Don't forget your gift... the One who was laid in a manger and became our Savior. The wondrous love, wrapped up in the gift of Jesus. So, as we focus on giving, rather than getting don't forget the wondrous, priceless gift that was sent for you.

Upcoming events at Sts. Mary & Luke:

Saturday & Sunday, Dec. 28 & 29 Feast of the Holy Family
Monday, Dec. 30 NO RCIA

Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2020 Mother of God, 8 a.m., St. Luke's
10 a.m., St. Mary's

Friday, Jan. 3 Exposition after 7:30 a.m. liturgy until Noon
Saturday, Jan. 4 First Reconciliation, 1 p.m., St. Mary's

Saturday & Sunday, Jan. 4 & 5 Feast of Epiphany

Monday, Jan. 6 RCIA, 6:30 p.m., Rectory Living Room

Wednesday, Jan. 8 Grs 1-6, 7 p.m., classrooms

NOTE: Grs. 7-12 have NIGHT OFF!!!

Saturday, Jan. 11 First Reconciliation, 1 p.m., St. Mary's

Monday, Jan. 13 RCIA/6:30 p.m., Rectory Living Room

Wednesday, Jan. 15 Grs. 1-12, 7 p.m., classrooms

Monday, Jan. 20 Martin Luther King Jr. Day/Parish Office Closed/NO RCIA

Wednesday, Jan. 22 Grs. 1-12, 7 p.m., classrooms

Thursday, Jan. 23 Baptism Preparation, 7 p.m., Baptistry area, St. Mary's

Sunday, Jan. 26 First Eucharist Parent/Student Mtg, 4 p.m., St. Mary's

Monday, Jan. 27 RCIA, 6:30 p.m., Rectory Living Room

Tuesday, Jan. 28 Finance Council, 6 p.m., Parish Hall, St. Luke's

Tuesday, Jan. 28 Knights of Columbus, 7 p.m., Friendship Room, St. Mary's

Wednesday, Jan. 29 Grs. 1-12, 7 p.m., classrooms

Thursday, Jan. 30 Finance Council, 7 p.m., Friendship Room, St. Mary's

Saturday & Sunday, Feb. 1 & 2 Presentation of the Lord in the Temple

Monday, Feb. 3 RCIA, 6:30 p.m., Rectory Living Room

Tuesday, Feb. 4 Hunger Fund, 7 p.m., Friendship Room, St. Mary's

Wednesday, Feb. 5 Grs. 1-12, 7 p.m., classrooms

Friday, Feb. 7 Exposition after 7:30 a.m. liturgy until Noon

Saturday & Sunday, Feb. 8 & 9 God's Gift Kickoff, all liturgies

Monday, Feb. 10 RCIA, 6:30 p.m., Rectory Living Room

Tuesday, Feb. 11 Deanery IV, 10:30 a.m., Rectory Living Room

Tuesday, Feb. 11 Altar Society, 7 p.m., Friendship Room, St. Mary's

Wednesday, Feb. 12 Grs. 1-12, 7 p.m., classrooms

Monday, Feb. 17 Presidents' Day, Parish Office Closed, NO RCIA