

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

Dec. Jan. 9-17, 2021

Baptism of the Lord/B

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.

Eye Surgery: Fr. Bert is having cataract eye surgery on Tuesday, Jan. 12, and Thursday, Jan. 28. He will be working in the Parish Office, having weekend liturgies and a few daily liturgies depending on the quarantine guidelines.

St. Luke's Finance Council: Monday, Jan. 18, 6 p.m., Parish Hall. We will be reviewing the 2020 Financial Reports and signing paperwork.

St. Mary's Finance Council: Thursday, Jan. 21, 7 p.m., Friendship Room. We will be reviewing the 2020 Financial Reports and signing paperwork.

Knights of Columbus: Tuesday, Jan. 26, 7 p.m., Friendship Room, St. Mary's.

2020 Financial Reports: If you are interested in having a copy of the 2020 St. Mary's Financial Reports, these will be available in the Parish Office after Monday, Jan. 25. Stop by and ask for one.

Liturgies – January 9-17:

Saturday, Jan. 9

Readings: 1 John 5:14-21, John 3:22-30
5 p.m./St. Mary – + Cindy Hankey

Sunday, Jan. 10 – Baptism of the Lord/B

Readings: Isaiah 55:1-11,
1 John 5:1-9, Mark 1:7-11
8 a.m./St. Luke – The Parishioners
10 a.m./St. Mary – + Trudy & Jerry Cicha

Monday, Jan. 11

Readings: Hebrews 1:1-6, Mark 1:14-20
NO Liturgy Today!

Tuesday, Jan. 12

Readings: Hebrews 2:5-12, Mark 1:21-28
NO Liturgy Today!

Wed., Jan. 13

Readings: Hebrews 2:14-18, Mark 1:29-30
NO Liturgy Today!

Thursday, Jan. 14

Readings: Hebrews 3:7-14, Mark 1:40-45
NO Liturgy Today!

Friday, Jan. 15

Readings: Hebrews 4:1-5, 11, Mark 2:1-12
NO Liturgy Today!

Saturday, Jan. 16

Readings: Hebrews 4:12-16, Mark 2:13-17
5 pm/St. Mary – + Norman Kaste

Sunday, Jan. 17 – 2nd Sunday/OTB

1 Sam 3:3-19, 1 Cor 6:13-20, John 1:38-49
8 a.m./St. Luke – + Cy & Donnie Houska
10 a.m./St. Mary – The Parishioners

**Donations
needed at
both parishes!**

Cash Flow

Jan. 1-3

at St. Mary:

Envs: \$2,444

Plate: \$22

Youth: \$5

Total: \$2,471

Year to date

Actual: \$2,471

Budget: \$2,800

Need:

\$2,800 per week

at St. Luke:

Jan. 1-3:

Envs: \$325

Plate: \$0

Candles: \$28

Total: \$353

Year to date

Actual: \$353

Budget: \$700

Need:

\$700 per week

Tithing Norm:

**10% of income
back to God:**

Parish: 5-8%

Diocese: 1%

Community: 1-4%

Prayer List:

Marla Zidon, Mike Waechter,
Milt Olson, Marlowe Simon,
Dell Hankey, Paul Samson,
Jeffrey Daley, Evan Koenig,
Margaret Houser, Brenda Rose,
Bill Alkofer, Joe Peterka,
Jim Sangrait,
Randy Sobolik, Jane Zidon,
Jane Grzadzielewski.
Robbin Zander,

*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 Schedule

Wednesday, Jan. 13 & 20

... K-3, 7 p.m., classrooms
... Grs. 4-6, AT HOME, Chp. 12/13
... Grs. 7-8, 7 p.m., classroom

Confirmation Interviews: Three
Grade 3 students and sponsors or
parents need to schedule a Confir-
mation interview. Call Fr. Bert at 284-
6165 for a date and time.

First Eucharist Meeting: Sunday,
Jan. 31, 4 p.m., Friendship Room.
This is for Grade 3 students and
parents. Please call Cheryl if you are
not able to attend.

St. Mary's 2020 giving: After our last
liturgy of 2020 on Dec. 27 and before
noon on Dec. 31, parishioners mailed
in or dropped by \$5,170 in donations,
making the 2020 total: \$143,819. The
goal was \$145,600. That is a shortfall
of only \$1,781!!!

Our Sympathy to: *Kelly & Kathy
Houser* on the death of Kelly's mother,
Lynda Rae Houser; *Samantha,
Brandon and Madison Houser* on the
death of their grandmother, Lynda Rae
Houser.

Birthdays & Anniversaries: Those
with birthdays ending in a "3" and
those with anniversaries ending in a
"8" will be noted in the Prayers of the
Faithful. Hope you enjoy!

Book Highlight: Nicholas Black Elk

Servant of God, Nicholas Black Elk (1863-1950), is popularly celebrated for his fascinating spiritual life.

How could one man, one deeply spiritual man, serve as both a traditional Oglala Lakota medicine man and a Roman Catholic catechist and mystic? How did these two spiritual and cultural identities enlighten his prayer life? How did his commitment to God, understood through his Lakota and Catholic communities, shape his understanding of how to be in the world?

To fully understand the depth of Black Elk's lifelong spiritual quest requires a deep appreciation of his life story. He witnessed devastation on the battlefields of Little Bighorn and the Massacre at Wounded Knee, but also extravagance while performing for Queen Victoria as a member of "Buffalo Bill" Cody's Wild West Show.

A widower, he remarried and raised eight children with his second wife. Black Elk's spiritual visions granted him wisdom and healing insight beginning in his childhood, but he grew progressively physically blind in his adult years. These stories, and more, offer insight into this extraordinary man whose cause for canonization is now underway at the Vatican.

The author is Jon M Sweeney, an independent scholar and one of religion's most respected writers. Other titles include: *The Pope who Quit*, *The Pope's Cat*.



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Serving
the Assembly
at St. Luke's:

Lectors:

January 2021:

Mike Dvorak

February 2021:

Ryan Sobolik

March 2021:

Andy Sobolik

April 2021:

Craig Jarolimek

May -- Sept:

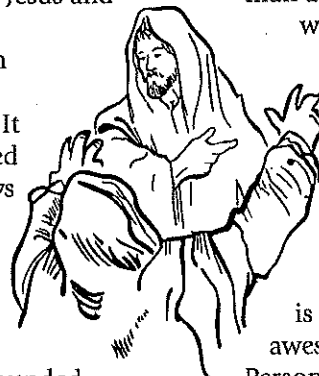
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from **S**cripture

Mark 1:21-28, God's authority is not a formality

In this Gospel passage, Jesus and his apostles entered the synagogue at Capernaum where Jesus taught those gathered at the Sabbath. It was customary for learned teachers to say, "Thus says the Lord..." Instead Jesus said, "I say to you ..." He taught as one who spoke with the authority of God.

His calm authority astounded Jesus' listeners. Just as they began to wonder what it meant, he gave them a sign. He further demonstrated his authority by performing an exorcism. Spirits that bedeviled an unfortunate



man at the synagogue recognized who Jesus was. They were forced to obey Him when he commanded them to depart, despite their reluctance. In fact, God's power and authority isn't just a formality. What God says, happens.

Our kind and gentle Savior is also our powerful and awesome Lord. As the Second Person of the Trinity, Jesus has supreme majesty and we will one day appear before Him to be judged. Yes, he is our divine savior and mediator. But if we say, "Jesus is Lord," then we give Him our loyalty and obedience.