

# 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

*Feb. 23 – March 3, 2019*

## **Parish Office**

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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.

**Return Palms:** It is time to clean your house! Please return any dried-up old Palms you have. These will be burned for ashes on Ash Wednesday. Thank You!

**Altar Society Donation:** At the end of 2018, the St. Mary's Altar Society donated \$8,146.26 to St. Mary's Catholic Church. Congrats! On a great year of serving the families of the parish! Thank You!

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

**Exposition:** Friday, March 1, after 7:30 a.m. liturgy until Noon. Sign-up sheet is at the Main Entrance/Exit.

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### **Ash Wednesday, March 6**

**5:15 p.m. at St. Luke**

**7 p.m. at St. Mary**

Students & parents expected at liturgy!

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**Mardi Gras Bake Sale:** Bakers are asked to provide delights for March 5 sale!!!

## **Liturgies Feb. 23—March 3:**

**Saturday, Feb. 23 -- Polycarp**

Readings: Rev 2:8-11, John 15:18-21

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

**5 p.m./St. Mary – + Janzen Peterson**

**Sunday, Feb. 24 – Seventh Sunday OT/C**

1 Sam 26:2-23, 1 Cor 11:15:45-49, Luke 6:27-38

**8 a.m./St. Luke – The Parishioners**

**10 a.m./St. Mary – + Dorothy Karas**

**Monday, Feb. 25**

Readings: Sirach 1:1-10, Mark 9:14-19

**9 a.m./St. Mary -- + Rudolph & Lillian Bina**

**Tuesday, Feb. 26**

Readings: Sirach 2:1-11, Mark 9:30-37

**NO Liturgy Today!**

**Wednesday, Feb. 27**

Readings: Sir 4:11-19, Mark 9:38-40

**12:10 p.m./St. Mary -- + Melvin Remillard**

**Thursday, Feb. 28**

Readings: Sir 5:1-8, Mark 9:41-50

**9 a.m./St. Luke – + Michael Peterka**

**Friday, March 1**

Readings: Sir 6:5-17, Mark 10:1-12

**7:30 a.m./St. Mary -- + Charles Wilkes**

**Saturday, March 2**

Readings: Sirach 17:1-15, Mark 10:13-16

**9:30/Good Sam – + Dan Dub**

**5 p.m./St. Mary – The Parishioners**

**Sunday, March 3 – Eighth Sunday OT/C**

Sirach 27:4-7, 1 Cor 15:54-58, Luke 6:39-45

**8 a.m./St. Luke – + Michael Peterka**

**10 a.m./St. Mary – Austen McFarren**

## **Donations needed at both parishes!**

### **Cash Flow Feb. 16-17:**

#### **at St. Mary:**

**Envs: \$1,784**

**Plate: \$84**

**Children: \$1**

**Total: \$1,869**

#### **Year to date**

**Actual: \$18,713**

**Budget: \$19,600**

#### **Need:**

**\$2,800 per week**

#### **at St. Luke:**

#### **Feb. 17:**

**Envs: \$2,412.49**

**Plate: \$47.25**

**Candles: \$3.50**

**Total: \$2,463.24**

#### **Year to date**

**Actual: \$5,515.24**

**Budget: \$5,950**

#### **Need:**

**\$850 per week**

#### **Tithing Norm:**

**10% of income**

**back to God:**

**Parish: 5-8%**

**Diocese: 1%**

**Community: 1-4%**

### **Prayer List:**

Minnie Cole, Judi Witt,  
Selma Clemetson,  
Corrine Morgan, Beth Davis,  
Baby Charolette,  
Pastor Jeffrey Neubauer,  
Roger Mattson,

Andy Sobolik,  
Robert Zidon, Theresa Moen,  
Jane Grzadzielewski.

*Please advise Fr. Bert  
when you have improved  
at [FrBert@polarcomm.com](mailto: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](mailto:FrBert@polarcomm.com)

#### **Reconciliation:**

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

### **\*\*\* FAITH FORMATION \*\*\***

**Feb. 27** ..... Classes at 7 p.m.  
Grade 3 parents meet in Church

**March 6** ..... ASH WEDNESDAY

**March 13** ..... Stations at 7 p.m.  
Classes continue until 8:15 p.m.

**March 20** ..... ReBOOT at St. John's  
*Grades 7-12 students & parents  
expected there by 6:15 p.m.*

**March 27** ..... Stations at 7 p.m.  
Classes continue until 8:15 p.m.

**April 3** ..... **NO CLASSES!!!**  
*Grade 3 students & parents  
at Grafton St. John's at 7 p.m.  
for Confirmation Rehearsal*

**ReBOOT:** Students in Grades 7-12  
and parent, get your tickets now in the  
Parish Office. Event is March 20 at  
Grafton St. John's.

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**Our Sympathy to:** *Daryl and Nancy  
Larson* on the death of Nancy's  
mother, Grace Midgarden; *Andy and  
Sherry Currie* on the death of Sherry's  
mother, Grace Midgarden; *Greg and  
Marlys Bauer* on the death of Greg's  
mother, Edith Bauer.

**Lectors:** Please DO NOT move the  
ribbons. Please practice the petitions  
and read them slowly at liturgy.

### **\*\*\* OTHER EVENTS \*\*\***

**REDEEMED 2019:** Saturday, March 30,  
Delta Hotel, Fargo. Men's Retreat. Early  
registration discount of \$40 by Sunday,  
March 10. Visit online at:  
[fargodiocese.org/redeemedmen](http://fargodiocese.org/redeemedmen)  
See Bulletin Board for flyer.

**Lent Wednesdays:** There will not be Soup and Bread at 6 p.m. on Wednesdays during Lent. This is due to schedule issues. Three of the five possible nights, there are other student activities going on. Regular Stations will be on March 13 & 27, with Living Stations on April 10.

**Safe Haven Weekend:** The family home is to be a safe haven. But the inappropriate use of technology in the home deprives it of this role, and is the greatest threat to the sanctity of marriages and families today. Pornography and other online threats are often one click away, and parents can feel overwhelmed with not knowing how to best protect their children in our fast-paced digital world. On the weekend of March 2-3, the Fargo Diocese and the parishes of Sts. Mary and Luke will take a bold step to help families by celebrating Safe Haven Sunday. This awareness day will provide access to practical resources that any caring adult can use to protect themselves and our young people from online risks. Please join us with your prayers and presence as we prepare for this unique event.

**Mass Stipends:** Currently, there is an abundance of stipends for both St. Mary's and St. Luke's. Could you hold your donations/requests until after Easter?

**Please Pray** for those on the Prayer List!



**PARK RIVER  
DENTAL CLINIC**

FAMILY DENTAL CARE

**DR. NICHOLAS BENEDA  
DR. BRIAN LARSON**

701-284-6131

**Pregnancy Help Center**



May 17 E  
PO Box 628  
Park River, ND 58270

284-6601

or  
888-260-6303 24 Hr



Park River—284-7676  
Drayton Drug—454-3831

**Serving  
the Assembly  
at St. Luke's  
in March 2019:**

**Lector:**  
Andrew Sobolik

**Cleaners:**  
Barb Sobolik,  
Jessica Sobolik,  
& Bev  
Sangrait

**Window signs:**  
The window  
"Memory" signs  
have appeared at  
St. Luke's in  
Veseleyville. If  
your sign has not  
appeared, please  
call Julie McCann.

## March 2-3, 2019 – 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday OT/C Ministries of Service

Masses	5 p.m. Saturday	10 a.m. Sunday
<b>Proclaimers</b>	L Alkofer	P Langerud
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	* S Vold, D Kram S Dub	* J Zikmund, T Zikmund, M Vondra, C Lothspeich, 1 volunteer
<b>Gift Bearers</b>	Volunteers	T & S Zikmund
<b>Commentator</b>	Fr. Bert	Fr. Bert
<b>Servers</b>	A Koenig	O Beneda, volunteer
<b>Ushers</b>	J O'Shea, volunteer	B Houser, J Ham
<b>Greeters</b>	J Peterson	K Schmitz family
<b>Rosary Leader</b>	P Thompson	-----
<b>Sacristan</b>	M Novak	C Daley
		*Bread Minister

# Upcoming events at Sts. Mary & Luke:

Tuesday, Feb. 26 ..... Knights of Columbus, 7 p.m., Friendship Room

Wednesday, Feb. 27 ..... Faith Formation Classes at 7 p.m./Parish Hall

Friday, March 1 ..... Exposition after 7:30 a.m. liturgy until Noon

Saturday & Sunday, March 2 & 3 ..... SAFE HAVEN at all liturgies

Tuesday, March 5 ..... Mardi Gras Luncheon, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m./St. Mary

Wednesday, March 6 ..... **ASH WEDNESDAY**

Liturgy & Ashes: 5:15 p.m. at St. Luke & 7 p.m. at St. Mary

Monday, March 11 ..... Stations of the Cross, 5 p.m., St. Luke

Wednesday, March 13 ..... Stations of the Cross, 7 p.m., St. Mary

Faith Formation Classes follow until 8:15 p.m.

Monday, March 18 ..... Stations of the Cross, 5 p.m., St. Luke

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Wednesday, March 20 ..... **REBOOT Event, 7 p.m., Grafton St. John**

Tickets available for Grades 7-12 students and parent/drivers  
Everyone is encouraged to attend!!! NO CLASSES for Grades 1-6

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Saturday, March 23 ..... First Eucharist Student Retreat, TBA

Monday, March 25 ..... Stations of the Cross, 5 p.m., St. Luke

Wednesday, March 27 ..... Stations of the Cross, 7 p.m., St. Mary

Faith Formation Classes follow until 8:15 p.m.

Monday, April 1 ..... Communal Reconciliation, 7 p.m., St. Mary

Wednesday, April 3 ..... Confirmation Rehearsal, 7 p.m., Grafton St. John

for Grade 3 Parents, Sponsors and Students

**NO Faith Formation Classes for K, 1, 2, 4-12**

Friday, April 5 ..... Exposition after 7:30 a.m. liturgy until Noon

Saturday, April 6 ..... **Liturgy at 4 p.m. (This date only)**

**Confirmation/First Eucharist, 7 p.m., St. John the Evangelist, Grafton**

Monday, April 8 ..... Stations of the Cross, 5 p.m., St. Luke

Wednesday, April 10 ..... **Living Stations of the Cross, 7 p.m., St. Mary**

**Reception to follow/Last Night of Classes!!!**

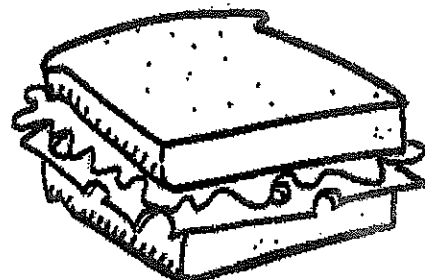
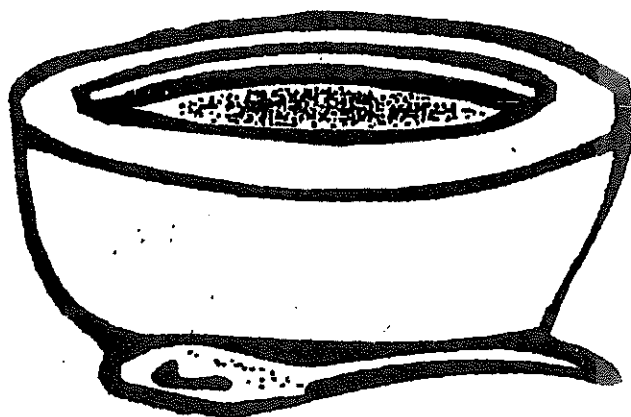
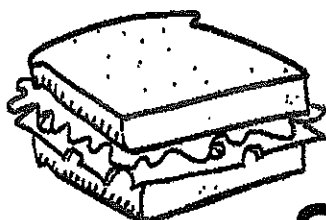
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**Saturday & Sunday, April 13 & 14 ..... Palm/Passion Sunday**

Monday, April 15 ..... Stations of the Cross, 5 p.m., St. Luke

Tuesday, April 16 ..... Chrism Mass, 11 a.m., Cathedral, Fargo

**Mardi Gras at St. Mary's**  
**Tuesday, March 5**  
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.



**Soup & Sandwich  
Luncheon & Bake Sale**

**St. Mary's Catholic Church**  
Highway 17 E, Park River ND

**Adults: \$8; Children: \$4**

**Tasty home-made soups!**

**Egg Salad, Ham Sandwiches!**

Take-out available; request at ticket table.



**Sponsored by St. Mary's Altar Society**  
**Please join us!!!**



## VENEZUELA HUMANITARIAN CRISIS

CRS is responding across Venezuela and Latin America to support Caritas and local partners to assist thousands of Venezuelan families with emergency relief.



*Caritas Venezuela social services center for families in need. Photo courtesy of Caritas Venezuela*

### OVERVIEW

Venezuela's political crisis appears to be reaching a boiling point. On January 23, 2019, Juan Guaidó declared himself interim president in an effort by the opposition to unseat President Nicolás Maduro. Guaidó's declaration received support from neighboring countries and the United States. Since 2015, Venezuela has been reeling in an economic and social crisis. A drastic fall in the price of oil, the country's main export, led to a progressive decline in the capacity to produce locally, which resulted in food shortages, hyperinflation, the collapse of the health system and social unrest. Food shortages have had a devastating impact. Venezuelans have lost an average of 24 pounds per person since 2017. And, of 15,000 children under age 5 being monitored by Caritas Venezuela during the last year, 76 percent showed signs of a nutritional deficit, and another 13 percent are living with acute malnutrition.



The Venezuelan government has devalued its currency by 96 percent. This has extinguished the middle class, pushing 87 percent of the population below the poverty line, and had a significant impact on small and medium-sized businesses—which cannot afford to pay salaries. Nearly 40 percent of all Venezuelan stores are closing.

In this context of scarcity, millions of Venezuelans have felt no choice but to flee elsewhere to provide for their families. As of January 2019, at least 3.6 million Venezuelans have migrated to other Latin American countries, mainly Colombia and Peru. Among the more than 1 million Venezuelan migrants in Colombia alone, 55 percent have children. The number of people leaving Venezuela is projected to double in the coming year according to the Brookings Institution.

## CRS SUPPORT OF CARITAS AND PARTNERS

### Venezuela

Across 14 dioceses in 10 states, and in the capital of Caracas, Caritas Venezuela is supporting health and nutrition. As of early 2019, the following has been achieved:

- 20,625 children under age 5 and 1,192 pregnant women were screened.
- 12,120 malnourished children under age 5 and 369 pregnant women are receiving food and medicine.
- Specialized food supplements for the treatment of malnutrition in children have been imported.
- 382 clinics were organized, attended by 17,153 patients.
- 14 dioceses have a basic stock of medication.
- 1,379 community soup kitchens are operating and have served close to 131,078 meals.

Through an in-kind donation from Edesia Nutrition to CRS, Caritas Venezuela received nutritious food shipments to treat 1,800 children. Many volunteer doctors and nurses are donating their time to provide primary care. Other volunteers have scoured neighborhoods in search of children who need assistance, training community members to make low-cost water filters for drinking and inviting people to serve bowls of soup each week.



*Caritas Venezuela staff conduct nutrition screenings for children.  
Photo courtesy of Caritas Venezuela*

**Colombia:** CRS provides technical support and training to Caritas Colombia as it assists 9,000 Venezuelan migrants. With CRS capacity support, Caritas Colombia was awarded a U.S. State Department Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration grant for these activities.

**Brazil:** Caritas Brazil has distributed prepaid cash cards to 600 Venezuelan families (2,500 people) to buy food, hygiene items and critical supplies. At Caritas Brazil's Center of Assistance, 100 Venezuelans receive legal aid and psychosocial support per day. A U.S. Department of State-supported project of Caritas Brazil will complement the government's relocation of Venezuelans, with reception support at Caritas sites across Brazil to support them with rental assistance, legal and psychosocial protection and job opportunities.

**Trinidad and Tobago:** CRS partner Living Water Community (LWC) in Trinidad attends to 960 Venezuelan migrants with food and cash assistance for diverse needs, including housing, medical or living expenses. CRS is supporting LWC with shelter support, specifically the upgrade of rentals and other host family arrangements to improve the housing conditions for refugees in the country.

**Peru:** CRS is supporting Caritas Peru to provide shelters, legal protection, hot meals, and cash assistance for living supplies across 4 dioceses, benefiting 14,140 Venezuelans.

**Ecuador:** CRS is supporting Caritas Ecuador to provide food and nutrition, shelter for migrants, cash assistance and livelihood support for 1,909 Venezuelans.

## HOW TO HELP

To support the relief effort in Venezuela:

- Give online: <https://www.crs.org/venezuela-crisis>
- Give by phone: 1-877-HELP-CRS
- Give by check: Catholic Relief Services  
P.O. Box 17526 Baltimore, Maryland 21298-8180

