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My dear parishioners:

The New Year is off and running! The holiday season for me is very blessed but very busy. Due to the amount of activity getting ready for Christmas, I put off some things until after the first of the year. Now that the first of the year is here, there still seems to not be enough time to get caught up from the things left undone in 2018 and prepare for all the activities/ministries of 2019. I am confident I am not alone in this, as we are all very busy with many and varied responsibilities and commitments.

A couple years ago a prayer was brought to my attention that I found really helpful and I would like to share it with you. Pope Francis shared it with the Vatican staff right before Christmas in 2015. The prayer was written by Cardinal John Dearden (died 1988), who was the Archbishop of Detroit, Michigan. Cardinal Dearden participated in all sessions of the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965) and it was a prayer that he shared with the Council Fathers. It reads:

Every now and then it helps us to take a step back and to see things from a distance.  
 The Kingdom is not only beyond our efforts, it is also beyond our visions.  
 In our lives, we manage to achieve only a small part of the marvelous plan that is God's work.  
 Nothing we do is complete, which is to say that the Kingdom is greater than ourselves.

No statement says everything that can be said.  
 No prayer completely expresses the faith.  
 No Creed brings perfection.  
 No pastoral visit solves every problem.  
 No program fully accomplishes the mission of the Church.  
 No goal or purpose ever reaches completion.

This is what it is about:

We plant seeds that one day will grow.  
 We water seeds already planted, knowing that others will watch over them.  
 We lay the foundations of something that will develop.  
 We add the yeast which will multiply our possibilities.  
 We cannot do everything, yet it is liberating to begin.  
 This gives us the strength to do something and to do it well.  
 It may remain incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way.  
 It is an opportunity for the grace of God to enter and to do the rest.  
 It may be that we will never see its completion, but that is the difference between the master and the laborer.  
 We are the laborers, not master builders, servants, not the Messiah.  
 We are the prophets of a future that does not belong to us. Amen.

Cardinal Dearden wrote this prayer from the perspective of a bishop at a time when the Catholic Church was struggling to make itself relevant in a world that was being washed in Communism, consumerism and secularism. With some minor word changes this same prayer could be recited by parents and grandparents, educators and business leaders, anyone who has the responsibility for the care, formation or support of others.

No one of us can get everything done that is expected of us or what we expect of ourselves. No one of us will ever see the full impact of our efforts. No one of us can determine the course of our own lives,

**January 5, 2019 - January 13, 2019**  
**Readings and Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, January 5** 4:30pm—Mass  
 6:30pm—Spanish Mass  
 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2a]/Jn 1:43-51  
*Mass Intention for Lynn Garner*  
**Sunday, January 6** 9:00am—Mass  
 Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/  
 Mt 2:1-12  
*Mass Intention for the People of the Parish*  
**Monday, January 7** 4:30pm—Mass  
 1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a [8ab]/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25  
*Mass Intention for Lloyd & Ron Chance*  
**Tuesday, January 8** 11:30am—“First” Tuesday Mass  
 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:34-44  
*Mass Intention for Ladies of the Altar Society*  
**Wednesday, January 9** 4:30pm—Mass  
 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:45-52  
*Mass Intention for Lloyd & Ron Chance*  
**Thursday, January 10** 8:30am—Mass  
 1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 [cf. 11]/Lk 4:14-22a  
**Friday, January 11** 9:30am—Communion Service  
 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Lk 5:12-16  
**Saturday, January 12** 4:30pm—Mass  
 6:30pm—Spanish Mass  
 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 3:22-30  
**Sunday, January 13** 9:00am—Mass  
 Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/  
 Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22  
*Mass Intention for the People of the Parish*

**Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**  
 (Ps 72)

**PRAYER REQUESTS**  
*Please pray for:* Don Watt, Bennie Mahaffey, Bobbie Broussard; Lois Cuccia, Lacy Rhodes, Mike Fleming  
*Rest of the soul:* E.D. George; Dorothy Gilder  
Names will remain on the prayer list for two weeks. You may list names in the Prayer book in the vestibule of the Church and your intention will be offered at daily Mass.

**Weekly Stewardship**  
**December 29 & 30 Weekly Offering \$ 2,876.14**  
**Average Weekly Cost \$ 3,152.00**  
**Excess/Deficit \$ -275.86**  
*Thank you for your generosity.*

let alone the lives of others, or the direction of the world. But each one of us can have a positive impact in the lives of those around us. Each day we have the blessed opportunity to live well; to be an example of faith and love to others. Let us do what we can to leave the world a better place than what we inherited. And let us leave the rest to God.  
 Sincerely in Christ,  
  
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<b>Sun. Jan 6</b> <i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i> 9:00am—Mass	<b>Mon. Jan 7</b> 4:30 pm—Mass	<b>Tues. Jan 8</b> 10:00am—Senior Social 11:30am—1st Tuesday Mass 12:00am—Lunch 1:00pm—Altar Society 6:30pm—RCIA	<b>Wed. Jan 9</b> 10:00am—Stewardship 4:00pm—Rosary 4:30pm—Mass 5:00pm—Choir Practice 6:00pm—CCE 7:00pm—Eucharist Adoration/Confessions	<b>Thurs. Jan 10</b> 8:30am—Mass 9:00am—Divine Mercy Chaplet	<b>Fri. Jan 11</b> 9:30am—Communion Service	<b>Sat. Jan 12</b> 3:45-4:15pm: Confessions 4:30pm—Mass 6:30pm—Spanish Mass
<b>Sun. Jan 13</b> <i>The Baptism of the Lord</i> 9:00am—Mass 10:00am-1:00pm—Blood Drive	<b>Mon. Jan 14</b> 4:30 pm—Mass	<b>Tues. Jan 15</b> 6:30pm—RCIA	<b>Wed. Jan 16</b> 4:00pm—Rosary 4:30pm—Mass 5:00pm—Choir Practice 6:00pm—CCE	<b>Thurs. Jan 17</b> 8:30am—Mass 9:00am—Divine Mercy Chaplet	<b>Fri. Jan 18</b> 9:30am—Communion Service	<b>Sat. Jan 19</b> 3:45-4:15pm: Confessions 4:30pm—Mass 6:30pm—Spanish Mass

**EPIPHANY PARTY**  
**POT LUCK LUNCH**  
**SUNDAY, JANUARY 13, 2019**  
**AFTER 9:00AM MASS**  
 Bring your favorite dish and join in the conclusion of the Christmas Season.  
 Enjoy fellowship with your Church Family.  
**THE CHILDREN WILL PERFORM A CHRISTMAS PLAY.**

**2019 Envelopes**  
 There has been an issue with the printing of the 2019 Donation Envelopes. The envelopes will not be here in time for the first and second weekends of January.  
 So that correct records may be kept, if donating by check, put your envelope number on the memo line. If donating by cash place your donation in a plain envelope with your envelope number on the front.  
 If the donation is for The Maintenance Fund please write Maintenance Fund along with your envelope number.  
 Thank you.  
 We hope the issue will be resolved quickly.

**Blood Drive**  
**SUNDAY, JANUARY 20, 2019**  
**IN THE FAMILY CENTER**  
**10:00AM-1:00PM**

**Hundredfold Workshop**  
**For Parish Vocation Ministries**  
**January 12, 2019, 9am-3pm**  
**St. Jude Thaddeus Parish**  
**6825 Gladys Avenue, Beaumont, TX**  
 The workshop's purpose is to equip Catholic laity to form vibrant Vocation Ministries that promote vocations to marriage, priesthood, and consecrated life in their parishes. **For more information or to register, please visit <https://bit.ly/2pzMsP4>**

**Called, Formed, & Sent Day 2019**  
 This once a year event will help you to become a better evangelizer and more informed about your faith. We will hear from Vanessa White, Gustavo Rodriguez, Jesus Abrego, Bryan Reising, Twyla Satterthwaite, Sr. Misty Garriga, CDP, Paul Thomas, Fr. Kevin Baddeaux, and others. There will be tracks including the RCIA, adult faith formation, the elementary grades, and middle school and high school. It is open to all those working in Evangelization and Catechesis, especially catechists, parish catechetical leaders, parents, youth ministers and their teams, RCIA teams, adult faith formation teams and anyone looking to grow in their faith. Come join us on the mission...  
**Saturday – January 26, 2019**  
**9:00 am to 5:00 pm (including Mass at 4 pm)**  
**Saint Mary, Fannett**  
 Contact Diane Sanderson, 409-489-3394, to register. There is no fee for this event and lunch is provided.

**Upcoming Events**  
 January 12: Hundredfold Workshop, St. Jude, Beaumont, TX  
 January 13: Pot Luck Dinner after Sunday Mass, Family Center  
 January 20: Blood Drive, Family Center  
 January 26: Called Formed and Sent Day, St. Mary, Fannett