

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
Sunday, March 5, 2017
CONFESSSIONS 3:15 – 3:50 P.M. on Saturday in Watford City

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MASSES:

Mon.	6	No Mass	
Tues.	7	7:00 P.M.	For + Tanner Garman
Wed.	8	9:00 A.M.	For + Betty Golberg
Thurs.	9	No Mass	
Fri.	10	9:00 A.M.	For + Chance Wilson
		6:30 P.M.	STATIONS OF THE CROSS – Watford City
Sat.	11	4:00 P.M.	For + Don Diederich
			Watford City
			GREETERS: Larry & Vicky Schaff
			READER: Deb Kellogg
Sun.	12	8:30 A.M.	For The Members of Epiphany and Our Lady of Consolation
			Alexander
			READER: Phil Davidson
		10:45 A.M.	For + Wallace Moody
			Watford City
			GREETERS: Rick & Nadine Lyon Family
			READER: Sam Meuchel
			SERVERS: David Campbell, Averi Ray
			EM: Leo Heinen, Marilyn Schroeder
			COUNTERS: Linda Knudtson, Rick Lyon

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

AFRICAN MISSION APPEAL WEEKEND: This weekend is the Diocese of Bismarck 28th Annual African Mission Appeal. Your prayers and financial support provide a unique opportunity to partner with our missionary team, Deacon Brent and Jessica Naslund, as they continue to minister on our behalf. The theme this year is “Offering Help, Creating Hope, Changing Lives!” Envelopes are available and can be placed in the collection basket. Thank you!

WOE: The WOE will meet on Monday, March 6 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall for their monthly meeting. Mother Daughter Brunch is scheduled for Saturday April 1 at Epiphany. More information to follow.

KNIGHT’S: The Knight’s will meet on Tuesday, March 7 following Mass. Reminder - Knight’s will have their Annual Fish Fry on Friday, April 7.

PANCAKE & SAUSAGE BENEFIT: There will be a Pancake & Sausage Benefit for the Slais Family on Sunday, April 12 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Civic Center. There will also be a silent auction. Please plan to attend!

EVENING OF CONFESSIONS: Each parish or cluster of parishes in the Diocese of Bismarck will be offering extended confession times this Lent in order to try and reach as many people as possible with the promise of Christ’s Mercy. Parishes throughout the entire Diocese will have a priest available and ready for the Sacrament of Confession on the evening of Friday, March 24. Our parish will be offering confession from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. following Stations of the Cross that evening. All are welcome and encouraged to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation during this special Evening of Confessions.

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES: Regular Faith Formation classes this week.

CRS RICE BOWLS: CRS Rice Bowl is Catholic Relief Services’ Lenten faith-in-action program for families and faith communities. Through CRS Rice Bowl, we deepen our personal experience of Lent, and hear stories from our brothers and sisters in need worldwide. We devote our Lenten prayers, fasting and gifts to transform the lives of the poor. Catholics do three things to grow closer to God during Lent: pray, fast and give alms to those in need. Prayer, fasting and almsgiving are the three pillars of Lenten spirituality. Your CRS Rice Bowls are located at the back of the Church.

POVERTY MEALS: The Parish will serve a poverty meal following Stations of the Cross on Friday’s during Lent.

YOUTH GROUP: The Youth Group will be having a Rummage Sale on March 24, 25 & 26. Any donations can be brought to the Church for the sale. More information to follow.

MEN’S LENTEN RETREAT: St. Joseph’s in Williston is hosting a Lenten Men’s Retreat on Saturday, April 1 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Guest speaker is Jerome Richter, Vice President of Public Affairs at the U of Mary. He will give three talks on the Passion of Christ, virtue and the basics of prayer. Cost is \$20 which includes breakfast and lunch. Register online at stjparish.com or call the parish office at 701-572-6731.

LADIES RETREAT: Stanley will host a Women’s Retreat on Saturday April 22 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Queen of the Most Holy Rosary in Stanley. Registration forms are available at the back of the Church.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Eucharist Adoration is Friday’s from 9:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Thank you to all scheduled adorers!! Your generosity and commitment makes it possible for others that can’t commit to a specific time to be able to come and adore the Lord when their schedules allow. You are all greatly appreciated! All are welcome to come and pray before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament during this time.

CATHOLIC BOOK CLUB: The next book to read will be The Biblical Walk Through The Mass written by Edward Sri (copyright 2011). Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 14 at 7:00 p.m. The book is available on Amazon (new and used). Questions, please call Nancy Fevold at 770-2469 or Sarah Billing at 421-3358.

CONTRIBUTIONS: Last week contributions in Watford City totaled \$3,101.65. Thank you!

Few burdens are heavy when everyone lifts.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT: There is special happiness in returning to God, through gifts to church and charity, a grateful portion of the time, talents, and treasure God has given to us. Doing so is called stewardship.

UNIVERSITY OF MARY: University of Mary is officially here in Watford City! If you have U of Mary questions, please contact Bob Nelson at 701-609-0103.

EPIPHANY RELIGIOUS ARTICLES: If anyone would like to purchase any religious articles they are located in the display case in the Parish Hall, please contact Carla Sorenson at 842-2359. Some of the items are backpack pulls, medals, key chains, visor clips, guardian angel pictures, rosaries, crucifixes, **special orders are available.**

ANNULMENTS: The Tribunal of the Diocese of Bismarck assists Bishop David D. Kagan D.D., P.A., J.C.L., in his ministry to serve the people of our diocese. As a part of this ministry, the Office of Canonical Services is pleased to announce the implementation of an expanded service to this area. By way of video conferencing our tribunal staff is now available on a weekly basis to assist divorced Catholic and non-Catholic persons who may be seeking clarity and/or an explanation about the annulment process. GoToMeeting is a confidential and secure way to conduct online collaborative, face to face interviews and meetings between a tribunal auditor and anyone interested in the annulment process. An interview is recommended in order to begin the process. The purpose of the meeting would be to get a general overview of the basis for an annulment and to obtain the paperwork necessary to get the process started. Our secure and confidential sites are located at the Church of St. Wenceslaus, Dickinson; Church of Our Lady of Grace, Minot; and Church of St. Joseph, Williston. If you have any questions or wish to schedule an appointment, please call 701-204-7203 or toll free at 1-877-405-7435.

NEW MEMBERS: If you and your family are new to the Parish, please complete the New Member Form located at the back of the church and place in the collection basket. Thank you.

PARISH ROME PILGRIMAGE: This Thursday night, Feb. 14 at 7 p.m. Jerome Richter from the University of Mary will be visiting to give a presentation on the history of the Church in Rome. He is a very gifted teacher and presenter and he will have much information to share with you. After the presentation he will have information and answer any questions on the parish Rome pilgrimage we are doing in coordination with the University of Mary. The leaders of this pilgrimage will be Msgr. James Shea, president of the University of Mary and Jerome Richter, director of Public Affairs for the University. If you plan on attending the Rome pilgrimage it is very important that you attend this meeting. If possible, please bring your deposit and registration form as well. The spots are filling up very fast and a waiting list will start soon.

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