Masses, Intentions, & Daily Readings The family and friends of the listed intentions are urged to attend Mass and receive Holy Communion on that day; this is a reason the Intentions are published.

The **Rosary** is prayed ½ hour prior to Daily & Weekend Masses.

Sunday February 26
8th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 49:14-15/1 Cor 4:1-5/Mt 6:24-34
8:30 AM *Our Parish Family*
10:30 AM *+Steve Volk*

Monday February 27
Sir 17:20-24/ Mk 10:17-27
8:00 AM *Communion Service*

Tuesday February 28
Sir 35:1-12/ Mk 10:28-31
8:00 AM *++Frank and +Ida Kuntz*
8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration until 6:00 PM

Wednesday March 1
Ash Wednesday
Jl 2: 12-18/ 2 Cor 5:20-6:2/Mt 6:1-6,16-18
7:00 AM *+Anton & + Magdelina Wetsch*
9:00 AM *Our Parish Family*
7:00 PM *+ Deacon Larry Dorrheim*

Thursday March 2
Dt. 30: 15-20/Lk 9:22-25
9:00 AM *+Paul and + Johanna Zachmeier*
10:00 AM Eucharistic Adoration until 1:00 PM

Friday March 3
Is 58: 1-9a/ Mt 9:14-15
8:00 AM *+Leonard Leingang*

Saturday March 4
Is 58: 9b-14/Lk 5:27-32
3:00 PM *Confessions*
4:00 PM *+Richard Stein*

Sunday March 5
1st Sunday of Lent
Gn 2:7--9; 3:1-7/ Rom 5: 12-19/ Mt 4:1-11
8:30 AM *Our Parish Family*
10:30 AM *+Joe & + Tillie Miller*

Please Remember in Prayer

All Military members & their families, Benjamin Wanner & All seminarians. Virginia Fergel, Maria Riehl, George Fried, Lillian Hersch, Paul Leingang, Gene Boehm, Doris Hartman, Valerie Schock, Douglas Krantz, John Fleck, Mark Weigel, Ellen Schafer, Larry Wetsch, Bill Fitterer, Nathan Clark, Martha Beck, MaryAnn Leingang, Lorraine Hilzendeger, Emma Jablonski, Kathy Ternes, Levi Gartner, Jim Miller, Liz Zachmeier, Vernon Miller, Hugh Gustafson, Flint Ternes, Ellis Shipp, Gene Hatzenbehler, Paulette Henke, Lyle S., Ann Doll, Dorothy Cook, Susan Morrison, Elissa Ackermann, Pat & Joe Klein, Aria Schaner, Maggie Schafer, Chuck Zachmeier, Bill Kuntz, Ray Reidinger, Frances Geiger, James Geiger, Veronica Beckler, Albert & Betty Kostelecky, Lane Staiger, Margie Duppong, Lillie Randa, Kaylyn Bauer, DeLores Frohnauer, Robert Geiger, Kurt Wetzel, Dorismae Johnson, Ludmilla Ferderer, Shirley Manifold, Alice Olzweski, Timothy Wuitschick, Mary Masseth, Hilda Bachmeier, Grace Johnson, Della McFall

▲Please Help Keep the Bulletin Sick List Up-To-Date! ▲
If there is a name that needs to be removed, please call the parish office. We would like to keep our list as up-to-date as possible. Thank you!

The Weekly Article from
FATHER SHANE CAMPBELL

This Wednesday we celebrate Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of the Season of Lent. It is a season of penance, reflection, and fasting which prepares us for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday, through which we attain redemption.

Our foreheads are marked with ashes to humble our hearts and reminds us that life passes away on Earth. We remember this when we are told "Remember, you are dust, and unto dust you shall return."

Ashes are a symbol of penance made sacramental by the blessing of the Church, and they help us develop a spirit of humility and sacrifice.

Some people ask me "Why ashes?" The distribution of ashes comes from a ceremony of ages past. Christians who had committed grave faults performed public penance. On Ash Wednesday, the Bishop blessed the hair shirts which they were to wear during the forty days of penance, and sprinkled over them ashes made from the palms from the previous year. Then, while the faithful recited the Seven Penitential Psalms, the penitents were turned out of the church because of their sins -- just as Adam, the first man, was turned out of Paradise because of his disobedience. The penitents did not enter the church again until Holy Thursday after having won reconciliation by penance and sacramental absolution. Later, all Christians, whether public or secret penitents, came to receive ashes out of devotion. In earlier times, the distribution of ashes was followed by a penitential procession.

The ashes are made from the blessed palms used in the Palm Sunday celebration of the previous year. The ashes are christened with Holy Water and are scented by exposure to incense. While the ashes symbolize penance and contrition, they are also a reminder that God is gracious and merciful to those who call on Him with repentant hearts. His Divine mercy is of utmost importance during the season of Lent, and the Church calls on us to seek that mercy during the entire Lenten season with reflection, prayer and penance.

I pray that our Lent will be a time of great spiritual growth and prepare us well for Easter.

Lenten Blessings,
Fr. Campbell

Church of St. Joseph Youth Host Simple Lenten Supper

The Church of St. Joseph Youth Ministry will be hosting a Simple Lenten Supper on March 3, 17, and 31 from 5:30pm-7pm in the St. Joseph School Cafeteria. The Youth Group will accept free-will donations to take youth and their chaperones on a trip to the Steubenville conference in July. We will have something for all ages. We hope you will join us! For more information, please contact Shawna Helbling at 701-663-9562

Diocese of Bismarck African Mission Appeal

"Offering Help, Creating Hope, Changing Lives" is the theme for the 28th Annual African Mission Appeal, which begins next weekend in every parish in the Diocese of Bismarck. Your gift will help support the work of our Mission Team as they minister on our behalf to our brothers and sisters in Kisii, Kenya, East Africa. The African Mission Appeal brochure and envelopes are available for you to take home and read. Please prayerfully consider a generous gift to the appeal. You may return your envelope to the parish next weekend. You are invited to read the exciting articles in our *Kenya Connection* newsletter which is found inside the *Dakota Catholic Action* newspaper. It contains interesting news and pictures of our mission team in action. You are also encouraged to follow our missionaries in action at : https://www.facebook.com/BismarckCatholic Mission. If you are interested in serving as a member of the Diocesan Mission Team or would like more information, please write to:

Chuck and Tip Reichert,
Diocese of Bismarck, PO Box 1137, Bismarck, ND 58502-1137.

Youth Ministry Events Coming Up!

- **March 1:** Ash Wednesday—Go to Mass! (7am, 9am, 7pm) No youth group
- **March 8:** High School Youth Group—5:45PM
- **March 15:** Middle School Youth Group—5:45PM
- **March 22:** Youth Group Bible Study—5:45PM

Beat the Winter Blues St. Joseph School PTO Raffle Winners

February 17: Cal Berry
February 18: Francis Schumacher
February 19: Emily McElvaney
February 20: Marlene Lattimore
February 21: Jay Schauer
February 22: Emily Gustafson
February 23: Kevin & Theresa Grimm

Thank you for your support of the raffle! Congratulations to our winners!

SAVE THE DATE!! MEN'S THIRST CONFERNCE!!

Gentlemen, mark your calendars for the THIRST 2017 Men's Conference sponsored by the Diocese of Bismarck and held at the University of Mary on ***Saturday, Sept. 23, 2017.*** Plan to be present for some engaging presentations, Eucharistic adoration and Confessions, a Vigil Mass with Bishop Kagan, and of course – a time of fraternity and support with other men of faith from throughout the Diocese. Dads, plan to bring your sons of high-school age and older along with you to this special event, which happens only every 3 years. In 2014 over 700 men attended. Let's see if we can top that number! And remember, the Conference is FREE! Stay tuned for more details and registration information in the coming months.

Neighborhood *Happenings*

Mar 11th-12th St. Mary's Grade School PTO Rummage Sale will be **Saturday, March 11th** from 10 AM to 4:30 PM and Sunday, **March 12** from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm in the Grade School Gym/Msgr. Feehan Hall. They will accept donations starting Thursday, March 9th from 5:30 - 8:30 PM and on Friday from 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Only furniture or large items that have been approved may be left. For more information contact Diane 527-3265.

March 11th The Diocese of Fargo is hosting the "REDEEMED" Women's Conference on Saturday, March 11, at the Fargo Holiday Inn. Keynoters include: Colleen Carroll Campbell, author of her spiritual memoir My Sisters the Saints, former presidential speech-writer, and founding anchor for ETWN Nightly News; Sister Mary Elizabeth, SV, Vicar General of the Sisters of Life; as well as Eric Genuis, world-class virtuoso pianist and composer. There will be time for confession, adoration and Mass with Bishop Folda. Early registration fee is $25; after Feb. 19, the fee is $35. Young women ages 14–17 attending with an adult are free. Register early to secure your seat. There is no charge for women religious. Lunch is included. For more information, or to register online at www.fargodiocese.org/redeemedwoman or call Jennie Korsmo at 701-356-7901.

2017-2018 ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL REGISTRATION

SAINT JOSEPH SCHOOL IS CURRENTLY HOLDING REGISTRATION in grades K-5 for the 2017-2018 school year. Please call the school office to register your child where we "Strive For Academic Excellence" and teach the Catholic Faith.

Help the school Library win $1,000!!

Thanks to the generosity of Kupper Chevrolet/Subaru, they are running a contest for an elementary school in Mandan to win $1,000 to put towards their school library! Can you help with your vote?? Go to our Facebook page, and click on the link that is pinned to the top of the page! Everyone only gets one vote, so pass it along!

Spirit of Life Soup Kitchen Lenten Luncheons Begin Thursday, March 2

Spirit of Life Catholic Church will offered a series of Lenten Luncheon talks in conjunction with our Thursday Soup Kitchen. Please join us during Lent over your Thursday lunch hour for soup, sandwiches and an opportunity to deepen your relationship with Christ as we prepare for Easter. Our speakers this year will include: Msgr. Chad Gion on 3/2/17, Paige Rising on 3/9/17, Deacon Gary Mizeur on 3/16/17, Amy Schmidt on 3/23/17, Brett Eckert on 3/30/17 and Fr. Selvaraj Periannan on 4/6/17. Soup served at 11:30 am and our speaker beginning at 12:00. Everyone is welcome to attend. Any questions, please call 663-1660 or email marijo@myspiritoflife.com.

Mar 4 4:00 PM	Ralph Gabrysh, Deborah Meyhoff, Sharon Schmidt, Linda Serrano	Ralph Gabrysh	John & Sharon Schmidt	Team 2	Jaxon Duttenhefer	David	Michele, Colleen, Val	John Palmer(GS)
Mar 5 8:30 AM	Dean Berger, Alvina Madler, Frank and Angie Boehm	Zachary Engelhardt	Tony Vetter Sara Voigt	Team 4	Megan Cruz, Peyton Voigt, Caleb Wanner	Madelline	Dominick, Lyvon, Priscilla, Linda	Sandra Sunga (GS)
Mar 6 10:30 AM	Michele Renner, Lance Kleinjan, Emily Frohlich, Amber Moch, Henry & Cindy Schroeder	Henry Schroeder Ashley Balkowitch (2nd)	Henry & Cindy Schroeder	Team 6	Anna Bendish, Tayla Fischer, Bianca Malaterre	Theresa/ Brianna	Dan, Wendy, Amber, Geri	Sheryl Massey(GS) Tony Wald (GS) James Miller (E)

Contributions — *Thank you for your gift of* **treasure***!*

	Adult	*Children*	*Plate*	*Thursday*	*Automatic Withdrawal*	*Total*
Weekend of February 4 & 5	$ 9,232	$ 18	$ 677	$ 59	$ 2,595	$ 12,581
Weekend of February 11 & 12	$ 8,468	$ 24	$ 635	$ 38	$ N/A	$ 9,165
Weekend of February 18 & 19	$ 8,122	$ 17	$ 608	$ 20	$ 3,396	$ 12,163
Weekend of February 25 & 26	$	$	$	$	$ N/A	$
FEBRUARY TOTALS	**$ 25,822**	**$ 59**	**$ 1,920**	**$ 117**	**$ 5,991**	**$ 33,909**