

CHURCH OF CORPUS CHRISTI

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Parish Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday ~ 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Friday ~ 7:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

*For Sacramental Emergencies after office hours,
please call 701-425-1483 and leave a voicemail.
We will return your call in a timely manner.*

WEEKLY LITURGY SCHEDULE

*Holy Days as scheduled and may differ than below.
See the inside of the bulletin for details.*

Saturday (Vigil of Sunday)4:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:30 & 10:45 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.
Monday - Friday.....12:10 p.m.

MISSION STATEMENT

***As disciples of Jesus, we live our faith through
Word, Sacrament, and Service.***

Msgr. Patrick Schumacher, S.T.L., Pastor 255-4600
Rev. John Paul Gardner, Parochial Vicar. 975-9802
Rev. Dinoy Rebera, Parochial Vicar 975-9818
Tracy Kraft, Parish Manager..... 975-9803

PASTORAL MINISTERS

Cindy Anderst, Adult Formation 975-9810
Sarah Bengtson, Pastoral Care 975-9805
Sebastian Haboczki, Music Ministry..... 975-9806
Cole Jones, Youth Ministry..... 975-9804
Melanie Konieczka, Faith Formation 975-9809
Tammy Schafer, Pastoral Care..... 975-9816

DEACONS: Bob Wingenbach, Brian Lardy, Michael Fix,
Lonnie Grabowska, Rex McDowall (Retired)

PARISH SUPPORT STAFF

Jane Bosch, Kitchen Manager..... 255-4600
Niel Heinze, Maintenance Technician 975-9815
Colleen Reinhardt, Food Pantry, Music Assoc.... 975-9807
Beverly Everett, Organist in Residence 255-4600

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BULLETIN DEADLINE: Noon on Tuesdays (typed format
sent to info@corpuschristibismarck.com)



January 18, 2026

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation - Reconciliation is offered, behind a screen, weekdays from 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and from 3:00-3:30 p.m. on Saturdays or by appointment by calling the parish office at 701-975-9803. No Reconciliation prior to Communion Services. Schedule may change on Holy Days or Special Liturgies.

Baptism - The Baptism Preparation Program and Schedule are by arrangement. Please call the office at 701-255-4600 to register or do so online at corpuschristibismarck.com/baptism prior to your delivery date and the program coordinator will return your call. Parents must be registered at Corpus Christi or have permission from their parish.

Marriage - Couples planning to be married should contact the parish office at 701-975-9805 at least **12 months** in advance for completion of Diocesan requirements.

Natural Family Planning Classes are offered by the Bismarck Diocese. The methods offered are Billings Ovulation Method, Creighton Model Fertility Care System, Marquette Model and Sympto-Thermal Methods. If you have questions about NFP please contact the Bismarck Diocese at 701-222-3035 or www.bismarckdiocese.com/nfp.

OCIA Classes - Persons wishing to learn more about the Catholic faith may call Tracy Kraft at 701-975-9803.



CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH REGISTRATION

To become a registered member, stop by the Parish Office or scan this QR Code.



CORPUS CHRISTI APP (MyParish APP):

Download the app for any smart device.
Text the word *App* to 55321.
Or scan the QR Code.

From the Desk of Msgr. Patrick A. Schumacher, S.T.L., Pastor

While the Christmas decorations have just recently come down, it is already time to plan for Lent, if you can believe it. I met with the Liturgy Committee on Wednesday, January 14 to begin our planning. This year Ash Wednesday is on February 18, which means Easter Sunday is April 5. I love an early Easter! Interesting fact - February 4 is the earliest Ash Wednesday can be and March 10 is the latest. So, there you go. Looking ahead - if you are looking for a Valentine's Day activity, the youth group will again have their fine-dining fundraising event at the rectory on Friday, February 13. Mark your calendars and plan to attend!

This weekend, Fr. Rebera will cover the Mass schedule in Linton for Fr. Mark Aune. Fr. John Paul Gardner will attend the Youth Winter Retreat with the Corpus Christi Youth Ministry Program. January is off to a busy start! Next Sunday, January 25, Catholic Schools Week will begin and the St. Mary's Carnival (January 30-February 1), brings this exciting week to a close. More about that next week! In the meantime, as my grandmother always said, "many hands make light work," ~ volunteer opportunities are abundant for the annual Carnival. Please consider helping.

As of February 01, Fr. Jared Johnson will become the Director of Continuing Education for Clergy for the Bismarck Diocese. I have held this position for the last 13 years, and while I enjoyed the work, it is time to "pass the baton." As the most recent issue of the DCA noted, over the years I've also worked with 44 new priests in their first five years in the Diocese. This position has been a privilege, and I wish them well.

~Have a great week! Msgr. Patrick Schumacher

+ + + **Pray for our Seminarians** + + +

Configuration IV: Deacon Colton Steiner

Configuration III: Joseph Richter

Configuration II: Joseph Schon

Discipleship IV: Aaron Ripplinger & Dominic Schaeffbauer

Discipleship III: Griffin Schaeffer & Alex Wilson

Discipleship II: Brady Hendrickson & Thomas Kraljic

Propaedeutic: Preston Barbie, Nolan Johnson,
Ronan Klindworth, Aidan Schaeffbauer, Joseph Schweitzer,
Tyler Selzler, Taylen Thomas & Paul Vetter



O Dearest Jesus, Son of the Eternal Father and Mary Immaculate, grant to our young people the generosity necessary to follow Your call, and the courage required to overcome all obstacles to their vocations. Give to parents that faith, love and spirit of sacrifice which will inspire them to offer their sons and daughters to God's service and cause them to rejoice exceedingly whenever one of their family is called to the religious life. Let your example and that of Your Blessed Mother and St. Joseph, encourage both young people and parents, and let your grace sustain them. Amen

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE -

Please review the schedule and contact the office to let us know if you are willing to serve as a minister next weekend. If you are not scheduled and would be willing to help, call Tracy Kraft at 701-975-9803

Date: Jan 24-25	January 24, 2026		January 25, 2026		January 25, 2026		January 25, 2026	
	4:00 PM		8:30 AM		10:45 AM		5:30 PM	
Hospitality	1		1		1		1	
	2		2		2		2	
	3		3		3		3	
	4		4		4		4	
	5		5		5		5	
Ushers	1	Bob Clooten	1	Jim Volk	1	Donald Williams	1	Darcy Neigum*
	2	Joyce Hinman	2	Jerome Werlinger	2		2	
	3	Mary Barbere	3	Travis Heick	3		3	
	4		4	Tammy Heick	4		4	
	5		5	Mike Hilbert	5			
	6		6		6			
Lectors	1	Jackie Mracek	1	Dustin Fritel	1	Heather Bullinger	1	Gerri Weisgerber
	2		2	Brennan Quintus	2	Jane Link	2	
Servers	1		1	Fletcher Edinger	1	Christine Cunningham	1	Evan Hinnenkamp
	2		2	Avvy Quintus	2	Kennedy Cunningham	2	
Eucharistic Min		BODY OF CHRIST						
	R-1	Evelyn Spangler	R-1	Gerard Mathern	R-1	Rita Mastel	R-1	Darcy Neigum
	2	Father	2	Father	2	Father	2	Father
	3	Vicki Conner	3	Pam Mathern	3	Rachelle Massemo	3	Margie Schiff
	4	Judy Kopp	4	Carl Jackson	4	Elizabeth Cunningham	4	
	5	Bill Kopp	5	Catherine Williams	5	Craig Schaaf	5	
	6		6	Bess Deutsch	6	Lynde Pesirla	6	
	7	Deacon	7	Deacon	7	Deacon	7	Deacon
	8		8	Tammy Heick	8	Kay Williams	8	
	9		9	Colleen Fyling	9	Cec Reetz	9	
	10		10		10	Justin Reisenauer	10	
	11		11		11	Kathy Erhardt	11	
Mask Room at 4	D12				12	Brilee Erhardt		
	LG		LG	Andrea Jackson	LG		LG	

Livestreaming Schedule:

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday - Friday: 12:10 p.m.

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:30 a.m., 10:45 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

Holy Days & Holidays as Scheduled

Weekly Mass Intentions

Mon., Jan. 19 (12:10 p.m.) - *Martina Luspian*

Tues., Jan. 20 (12:10 p.m.) - *†Tillie Becker*

Wed., Jan. 21 (12:10 p.m.) - *Collective Intention*

†Deb Knudson

†Chad Heilman

†Joe Silbernagel

Thurs., Jan. 22 (12:10) - *†Jo Scott*

Fri., Jan. 23 (12:10 p.m.) - *†Ed Selensky*

Sat., Jan 24 (4:00 p.m.) - *†Patricia Clemons*

Sun., Jan 25 (8:30 a.m.) - *†Bobbie Schauer*

(10:45 a.m.) - *Pro Populo*

(5:30 p.m.) - *†Jeannette Sullivan*

All are welcome in this place!

We welcome you to Corpus Christi! To become a registered member, stop by the parish office, visit the "About" tab at www.corpuschristibismarck.com, or scan this QR Code.



Are you a registered parishioner and recently changed your contact information? Registered members are asked to notify the parish office of contact updates so we can maintain our records. Thank you!

Corpus Christi MyParish App:

Text the word **App** to **55321**.

Stay in touch with Corpus Christi and engaged in your faith!

This week's Food Pantry Needs:

- Pancake Mix
- Pancake Syrup



Thank you for your support of the Food Pantry!



Preplanning Your Funeral:

Preplanning your funeral Mass is a meaningful way to express your faith, ease the burdens on loved ones, and ensure your wishes are honored.

If you would like to begin this thoughtful process and caring act of faith and love, call Tammy Schafer at 975-9816.

CONTRIBUTIONS (General Fund) - (2,470 households)	
Adult Envelopes (251 Envelopes)	\$17,665.00
Youth Envelopes	\$354.10
Total Received (Jan. 11).	\$18,019.10
1 st Sunday Jan. 4	\$14,733.18
Online Giving Week (Dec. 29-Jan. 4).	\$12,165.00
2 nd Sunday Jan. 11	\$18,019.10
Online Giving Week (Jan. 5-11)	\$6,766.00
Electronic Contributions (Jan. 5)	\$12,983.68
3 rd Sunday Jan. 18	\$0.00
Online Giving Week (Jan. 12-18)	\$0.00
4 th Sunday Jan. 25	\$0.00
Online Giving Week (Jan. 19-25)	\$0.00
Electronic Contributions (Jan. 20)	\$0.00



Thank You!

Thank you for supporting the Church of Corpus Christi ~ your generosity and stewardship gifts are appreciated!

Stewardship Thoughts:

- Today's responsorial Psalm is the theme song of the good steward. "Here am I, Lord: I come to do your will." May I, too, stand ready to offer myself and my gifts in the service of God.
- Stewardship involves a change of heart, embodied not just in a single action, nor even a series of actions, but in one's entire life.
- Over 70% of all adults neglect to make out a will; many do not keep it up to date. Think about getting yours done or reviewed. You will be doing your heirs a service. And consider helping Corpus Christi through a bequest. Need a will? The Bismarck Diocese has secured FreeWill, an online service that makes it simple and free to create your own will - see the information below!

Time for an important New Year's Resolution

Do you have a will written?

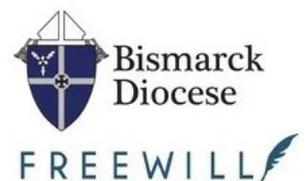
If not, here is an easy and FREE way to get one written.

The Bismarck Diocese has secured **FreeWill**, an online service that makes it simple and free to create your own will.

www.freewill.com/bismarckdiocese

From the convenience of your own home, you select your own username and then start typing in your information. In about 20 minutes, you are done. Once you are finished, you simply print out your will, then have your signature witnessed by a notary public.

- If you have any questions, please contact the Bismarck Diocese:
- Ron Schatz: 701-204-7202
rschatz@bismarckdiocese.com
 - Bryan Winterberg: 701-415-0399
bwinterberg@bismarckdiocese.com





Jesus awaits in the Blessed Sacrament!

We are in need of additional Adorers

- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is every Tuesday, immediately following the 12:10 p.m. Mass until Benediction at 7:00 p.m.
- Sign up for a 30-minute slot. For a "Holy Hour," sign up for two consecutive slots.
- Please call Tracy Kraft at the Parish Office, 975-9803, to commit to an Adoration time.

**Men's Group Breakfast
Wednesday, January 21**

6:30 a.m. - 7:45 a.m.

Breakfast followed by discussion.
All Corpus Christi men are invited!

Corpus Christi Men's Group



Corpus Christi Women's Group

Wednesday, January 28

9:30-11:00 a.m., Parish Hall

"Forgiveness: Seeing with the Eyes of God"

We invite women of all ages and walks of life to join us for a brunch and wonderful morning of friendship with the Corpus Christi Women's Group. No registration required. For more information, contact Cindy Anderst, 255-4600.

What's Going on at Corpus Christi this Week

- Sun. 1/18** Faith Formation **Group D**, 9:30-10:45 a.m.
NO SNAC
- Mon. 1/19** NO OCIA
- Tues. 1/20** Caring Hearts Quilters, 9:00 a.m., Community Room
Eucharistic Adoration, 12:45-7:00 p.m., Church
- Wed. 1/21** Men's Breakfast, 6:30-7:45 a.m., Parish Hall
Family Table, 4:45-5:30 p.m., Parish Hall
Faith Formation **Group C**, 5:30-6:45 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m., Choir Room
Middle School Youth Ministry (**Oasis**), 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- Sun. 1/25** Faith Formation **Group A**, 9:30-10:45 a.m.
Children's Liturgy of the Word, 10:45 a.m. Mass
SNAC, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Room 140

High School SNAC (Grades 9-12)

Sun., Jan. 18: No SNAC - Winter Retreat

Sun., Jan. 25: 6:30-8:30 p.m. - Priest, Prophet, King

Middle School (Grades 6-7-8)

Wed., Jan. 21: 6:30-8:30 p.m. - Before Breath

Night on the Holy Spirit



Children's Liturgy of the Word

January 25 - 10:45 a.m. Mass

Lessons are geared for preK - 2nd Grade.

No registration required.



Join the Corpus Christi Music Ministry Team!

Choir rehearsals are held on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. New members are welcome! For information about the Music Ministry program, contact Sebastian Haboczki, 945-9806.

Mardi Gras

Fundraiser

Feb. 13th	4:30 or 6:30	Corpus Christi Rectory
\$50/plate	4 Course Meal	RSVP by Feb. 10

Please RSVP by February 10th, 2026 using the QR code!

All proceeds will benefit students attending the Steubenville Conference and Mission Trip this summer!

Please contact Cole Jones at 975-9804 or Melanie Konieczka at 975-9809 in the parish office.

Our priests/clergy will NEVER email, text, or call to solicit gift cards or gift certificates. ***This is a SCAM!***

It's not too early to start planning for Fish Fridays!



**Lenten Fish Fries
Every Friday during Lent**

5:00 - 7:00 p.m., Parish Hall
Adults: \$14, Children: \$8,
Family: \$50



Credit Cards accepted! Enjoy live music!

Baked & fried fish, fried shrimp, french fries, green beans, noodles, applesauce, coleslaw, beverages and homemade desserts.

Helpers are needed: fish cutters, servers, table setters, table cleaners, dishwashers, and desserts - scan the QR Code or contact Melanie at her direct office number, 701- 975-9809.



Check out the **Prayer Board List** at the West Entrance to see who is in need of prayers for healing and strength. If you or someone you know (*with permission*) needs to be added to the Prayer List, call the Parish Office or visit the *Prayer Ministry* tab at <https://corpuschristibismarck.com/prayer-ministry>.

Join the **Bismarck/Mandan Right to Life** Chapter on Sunday January 18 at 2:00 p.m. for our annual **March for Life**. Meet at the capitol steps. We will host a reception at Zion Lutheran Church (413 E. Ave. D) following the March, use the south door. For more information, call Virginia at 471-0725.

Begin the New Year rooted in faith

Let your New Year soundtrack be Real Presence Radio, connecting you to Christ and your Catholic community. Tune in to 91.7 FM in Bismarck, ND!



Explore your Spiritual Gifts and use them at Corpus Christi!
Spiritual Gifts Inventory - scan the QR Code



KC Rosary for Vocations
Friday, January 30 ~ 11:30 am



UNIVERSITY of MARY | *Cappella*

FOR SERIOUS AND SKILLED MUSICIANS WITH A SPECIAL DEVOTION FOR SACRED MUSIC. FIND OUT MORE ABOUT CAPPELLA, INCLUDING OUR AUDITION REQUIREMENTS, MUSIC, AND MISSION/MINISTRY!



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Gospel PraiSing Fiesta
Nourish your soul & body!

Christian music presented by Colleen Reinhardt, Julie Ternes, and guest musicians.

Mayas Mexican Restaurant ~ 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.



January 25
February 8 & 22
March 8 & 22
April 12

Mayas is located at 1601 W. Century Ave, Bismarck.

Lunch is available for purchase off the menu and free-will donations accepted for local charities. Presented by Gospel PraiSing (GPS) Ministries. For information, call Julie Ternes, 701-226-0356.

Cursillo Weekends Scheduled:

Men's Cursillo: March 5-8

Theme: "Remain in Him," 1 Jn 3:21-24

Women's Cursillo: March 19-22

Theme "For I Know the Plans I Have For You," Jeremiah 29-11

These weekends are a time of faith, renewal, and Christian community. For more information and to register, visit bismarckcursillo.com, or you can contact Paul Kenney at 701-471-9560 or Melody Haider at 701-400-9941.



Fill the Nursery ~ January 5-31, 2026

Catholic Charities North Dakota

Pregnancy, Parenting, and Adoption Services Program

Collection of baby hygiene essentials: Diapers, wipes, lotion, shampoos, ointments, etc. All items must be unopened, including diapers. Please drop donations at the CCND Bismarck Office: 600 S. 2nd St., Suite 150. Thank you!



St. Mary's Carnival

January 30 - 31 & February 1, 2026

• Corpus Christi Carnival Parish Representatives Needed!

Parish Representatives work with the Midway Chair and other Parish Reps on setup, volunteer direction, and smooth operation of the Carnival from

Wednesday - Sunday. We encourage multiple reps per parish! Splitting the duties significantly reduces the time needed from any single individual, making the total commitment manageable and enjoyable. Thank you for considering this opportunity to represent our parish! *For questions or more details, please contact Tammy Heick: 701.226.7069 or tammyheick@gmail.com.*

• **NEW silent and live auction items or gift cards** can now be donated. *For more details, contact John Herold, 701-751-8719, or email jherold@lightofchristschools.org.*

• **Raffle Tickets have been mailed!** *Please support the annual raffle!*

• Volunteer!

lightofchristschools.org/carnival

- ~ Midway ~ Bingo Room ~ Concessions
- ~ Dining Room/Kitchen ~ Kiddie Carnival Room
- ~ Set up/Tear down ~ Prize Room ~ Silent Auction

There's a variety of ways you can help with the Carnival:

• **Saints Hair & Jewelry Boutique:** New or gently used jewelry or purses may be dropped off at St. Mary's Academy (Door 4) or Ascension Parish Office. Contact: Rita Ritter, 701-226-2882.

• **Auction Items:** Donate NEW merchandise, certificates, gift baskets. Contact: John Herold, 701-226-1236. Live auction items (concert/game tickets, getaways, etc.) are also appreciated. Contact: Kate Bleth, 701-354-1226.

• **Baked Goods:** Breads, pies, muffins, bars, cookies, fudge, caramels, snack mixes can be dropped off in Room 201 beginning Friday, Jan. 30 at noon and throughout the weekend.

• **Cake Walk:** Cakes and cupcakes can be dropped off in the Cake Walk Room (Room 202) starting at noon on Friday, Jan. 30 and throughout the weekend.

• **Used Books:** Beginning Sunday, Jan. 25, there will be a trailer in the St. Mary's Academy lower parking lot for the drop-off of books throughout the week.

Patriotic Rosary

First & Third Thursday of the month

7:00 p.m. - Spirit of Life, Mandan. All are invited!



Did you know? Low Gluten hosts are available. These hosts have a very low gluten content (.01%). Talk to a hospitality minister to learn how to receive low gluten communion.



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Sunday, Jan 18, 2026

Faith is a daily commitment

The Gospel of John tells us that the Spirit came down and remained on Jesus. The wording is no accident. At one point or another, each of us likely has had a powerful spiritual experience, a genuine “moment of connection” with the divine. Without diminishing the beauty and significance of such experiences, a single “peak experience” does not a spiritual life make. It is the day-in, day-out commitment to practice one’s faith that will create a deeply rooted spirituality. The Holy Spirit not only descended on Jesus, it remained with him. The results were evident in Jesus’ life, and can be in ours as well.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6; 1 Corinthians 1:1-3; John 1:29-34 (64). *“On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.”*

Monday, Jan 19, 2026

That all may be one

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity began in 1908. The dates of the week were proposed by Father Paul Wattson, S.A., cofounder of the Graymoor Franciscan Friars. Popes Pius X blessed the concept and Benedict XV encouraged its observance. Protestant leaders in the mid-1920s also proposed an annual octave of prayer for unity. In 1948, with the founding of the World Council of Churches, the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity became increasingly recognized by different churches throughout the world. Take a moment today to pray that while acknowledging our differences, Christians of various backgrounds and traditions may indeed all be one in Christ.

1 Samuel 15:16-23; Mark 2:18-22 (311). *“New wine is poured into fresh wineskins.”*

Tuesday, Jan 20, 2026

Blissful thinking

“We all want to live happily,” Saint Augustine wrote. “How is it, then, that I seek you, Lord? For the answer, the Catechism of the Catholic Church advises: Look to the Beatitudes—a word that means “ultimate happiness” or “bliss”—in the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus explains how to be comforted, shown mercy, filled, even to inherit the Earth and see God. Happiness doesn’t come from money or power or fame, as tempting as they might be, but from humility, purity of heart, faithfulness—all the virtues Jesus extols. When happiness eludes you, it can be recovered by recalling the words of Saint Thomas Aquinas: “God alone satisfies.”

1 Samuel 16:1-13; Mark 2:23-28 (312). *“The Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath.”*

Wednesday, Jan 21, 2026

Nothing is as simple as black and white

Determining good and evil is rarely a simple affair. Saint Agnes refused to obey a Roman official and marry his son, so she was considered a defiant citizen, tortured and beheaded. Jesus healed on the Sabbath and so was considered a lawbreaker, tortured and hanged. Every age has its citizens and leaders who see things in black and white and stand ready to accuse any who would dare to admit to shades of gray when it comes to right and wrong. Be

careful not to join their ranks. The world is filled with mystery, subtlety, and divine truths that can’t be prepackaged in one-size-fits-all boxes.

MEMORIAL OF AGNES, MARTYR

1 Samuel 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mark 3:1-6 (313). *“They watched Jesus closely to see if he would cure him on the sabbath so that they might accuse him.”*

Thursday, Jan 22, 2026

Cling to Christ

While Christian unity comes to our attention each January, in the daily “culture wars” what divides people (including Christian from Christian) seems always more prominent. In the health-care debate, for example, securing the noble goal of healthcare for all, including the poor and undocumented, sparks controversy and even belligerence. What of the borderless kingship of Christ? Christ’s unconditional compassion is real only insofar as it is acted in *our* flesh. Unity among Christians will elude us as long as any of us clings to anyone or anything other than Christ.

1 Samuel 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Mark 3:7-12 (314). *“Jonathan then spoke well of David to his father Saul, saying to him: ‘Let not your majesty sin against his servant David.’”*

Friday, Jan 23, 2026

On call every day

To what will you be called this day? Will it be to reconciliation and right relationship with a friend or coworker? To lead the way on a project using your gifts and a bit of inspiration from the Spirit? To lay aside your pride to help another person? To make someone smile? You may not see it coming, and you might not even realize it when it is happening, but throughout this day, indeed every day, you are called by God to bring about the gospel of Christ Jesus—to “do small things with great love,” in the words of Mother Teresa. Listen, and be ready!

1 Samuel 24:3-21; Mark 3:13-19 (315). *“Jesus went up the mountain and summoned those whom he wanted.”*

Saturday, Jan 24, 2026

Here’s a crazy idea: Be kind and gentle

Many of Jesus’ relatives thought Jesus was out of his mind because of all the things he was saying and doing. Sixteen centuries later people thought Saints Francis de Sales and Jane Frances de Chantal were nuts for starting a religious order of sick and broken-down women who could not follow the more austere rules of religious life at the time. Yet together, like Mary at the Visitation, these women practiced “gentleness with a valiant spirit.” The Order of the Visitation has as its motto “Live Jesus,” which serves as a reminder to all of us to do the same.

MEMORIAL OF FRANCIS DE SALES, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

2 Samuel 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Mark 3:20-21 (316). *“They set out to seize him, for they said, ‘He is out of his mind.’”*

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time



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Jan. 30, 31 & Feb. 1

SM 75th Anniversary CARNIVAL

Join us for the 75th Annual St. Mary's Carnival in 2026!

Traditional Carnival Location - St. Mary's Academy - 1025 N 2nd Street

PLEASE VOLUNTEER AT THE 2026 CARNIVAL!

lightofchristschools.org/carnival-volunteers



BUY A RAFFLE TICKET!

GRAND PRIZE:
2026 GMC Terrain AWD Elevation
Plus \$8,500 in Cash Prizes!
 Raffle Drawing - Sunday, Feb. 1 at 2pm



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MIDWAY

Friday: 5:30pm - 9pm
 Kiddie Carnival Games: 5:30pm - 8pm
 Shuttle Service: 4pm - 10pm

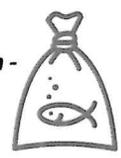
Saturday: Noon - 9pm
 2-for-1 Tickets on select games*: Noon - 2:30pm
 *Ages 10 & Under
 Kiddie Carnival Games: Noon - 8pm
 Shuttle Service: Noon - 10pm

Sunday: 9am - 2pm
 Kiddie Carnival Games: 9am - 2pm
 Shuttle Service: 9am - 2pm

BINGO (Friday & Saturday)
 Sponsored by: Essentia Health

- Pull-Tabs
- Cake Walk
- Silent Auction
- Book Room
- Concessions
- Hair & Jewelry
- Boutique

Try to win a goldfish - it is a Carnival tradition!



MEALS

To-go meals also available

Friday - Classic Carnival Dinner
 Pork Roast, Mashed Potatoes, Coleslaw, Corn
 4:30pm - 7pm
 Sponsored by:

Saturday - Hamburger Bar
 Hamburger Bar, Mac & Cheese, Coleslaw, Chips, Cool
 4:30pm - 7pm
 Sponsored by: Alliance Center for Hearing Kitchen Refresh

Sunday - Brunch
 Pancakes, Eggs, Sausage
 9am - 1pm
 Sponsored by: DK ORTHODONTICS

SATURDAY NIGHT EVENTS:

SOCIAL AT 6PM Live music by Tumbleweed Nectar	LIVE AUCTION AT 7:30PM Bid on amazing items and experiences!	HIGH-STAKES BINGO AFTER AUCTION NEW event this year! \$20 per card to play 5 games - with a \$500 prize per game!
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High-Stakes Bingo Spon: Stillwater Commune Real Estate Scott Ritter

SM CARNIVAL

Saturday Night - January 31
SOCIAL - LIVE AUCTION - BINGO!
 Social at 6-7:30pm - Live auction at 7:30pm
HIGH-STAKES BINGO AFTER THE AUCTION!

BID ON THESE LIVE AUCTION ITEMS!



BLACK HILLS GETAWAY
 Donated by Chad Kuntz & Casey Jacobson
 Enjoy a 3-night retreat at 7th Heaven Lodge in Lead, SD. This 5-bedroom, 3-bath cabin is perfect for a memorable escape. Surrounded by the stunning Black Hills, you'll find the ideal setting for both relaxation and adventure. With cleaning fees covered, simply pack your bags and prepare for your perfect getaway!



LAKE OAHE DAY
 Donated by **SCHEELS**
 This package includes fun water items from Scheels – perfect for ND summers – plus an unforgettable day on Lake Oahe hosted by Gerald Vetter, President of Light of Christ Catholic Schools. Your day includes time on the water and beach, meaningful conversation and a shared meal in a beautiful setting within an hour of Bismarck.



Dinner & Tequila Tasting for 8
 Prepared by Fr. Kregg Hochhalter

Walleye Dinner for 6
 prepared by Fr. Russ Kovash & Fr. Dustin Johns



REEL MEMORIES WITH MR. LOOMIS
 Donated by John Loomis & Landers Shell
 Enjoy a fishing day-trip for 2 with avid fisherman, Mr. John Loomis. Whether you're a seasoned angler or just love a peaceful day casting lines, this promises great stories and great company! The package also includes a brand-new fishing rod and tackle.



ULTIMATE ND PHEASANT HUNT
 Donated by: Noel & Mary Fletcher

Experience a 1-night/2-day pheasant hunt in prime pheasant country (near Burt, ND), an area known for exceptional hunting. This all-inclusive experience features: guided pheasant hunting with trained dogs, lunch & gourmet dinner (Schweitzer Gourmet Meats) and beverages for supper on day 1, with breakfast & lunch on day 2.



SAINTS EDITION CHEVROLET CHILD'S SUV
 Donated by: **puklich** Custom Strips & Signworx, Wild and Bleth Families



FULL ORTHODONTIC TREATMENT
 HOLLEVOET & WELK ORTHODONTICS

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