CHURCH OF THE Ascension

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As a people of God, of Ascension Catholic Parish, we are united by Baptism and committed to meeting the needs of our faith community. In union with the whole Church, we will build the Kingdom of God by proclaiming the Good News, worshipping God, creating community, and promoting social justice.

Parish Office

Phone ..... (701) 223-3606
Hours (Mon.-Fri.) ..... 8:30 am-4:00 pm
Education Office 258-5692
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Pastoral Staff

Rev. Msgr. Jim Braaten.....Pastor
Ray Grabar.....Deacon
Tony Finneman.....Deacon
Doyle Schulz.....Deacon
James Foertsch..... Business Manager
Kathy Lewis..... Music & Liturgy
Beth Kathol.....Faith Formation
Jan Sitter.....Bookkeeper
Julie Luger & Rita Ritter..... Secretaries
Bob Urlacher..... Maintenance

Eucharistic Liturgies

Saturday .....5:00 pm
Sunday ..... 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 am
Weekdays (Mon.-Fri.) .....8:00 am
Holy Days ..... 8:00 am & 7:00 pm

Sacraments

Reconciliation
Tuesday-Friday..... Before 8:00 am Mass
Saturday ..... 3:30-4:30 pm

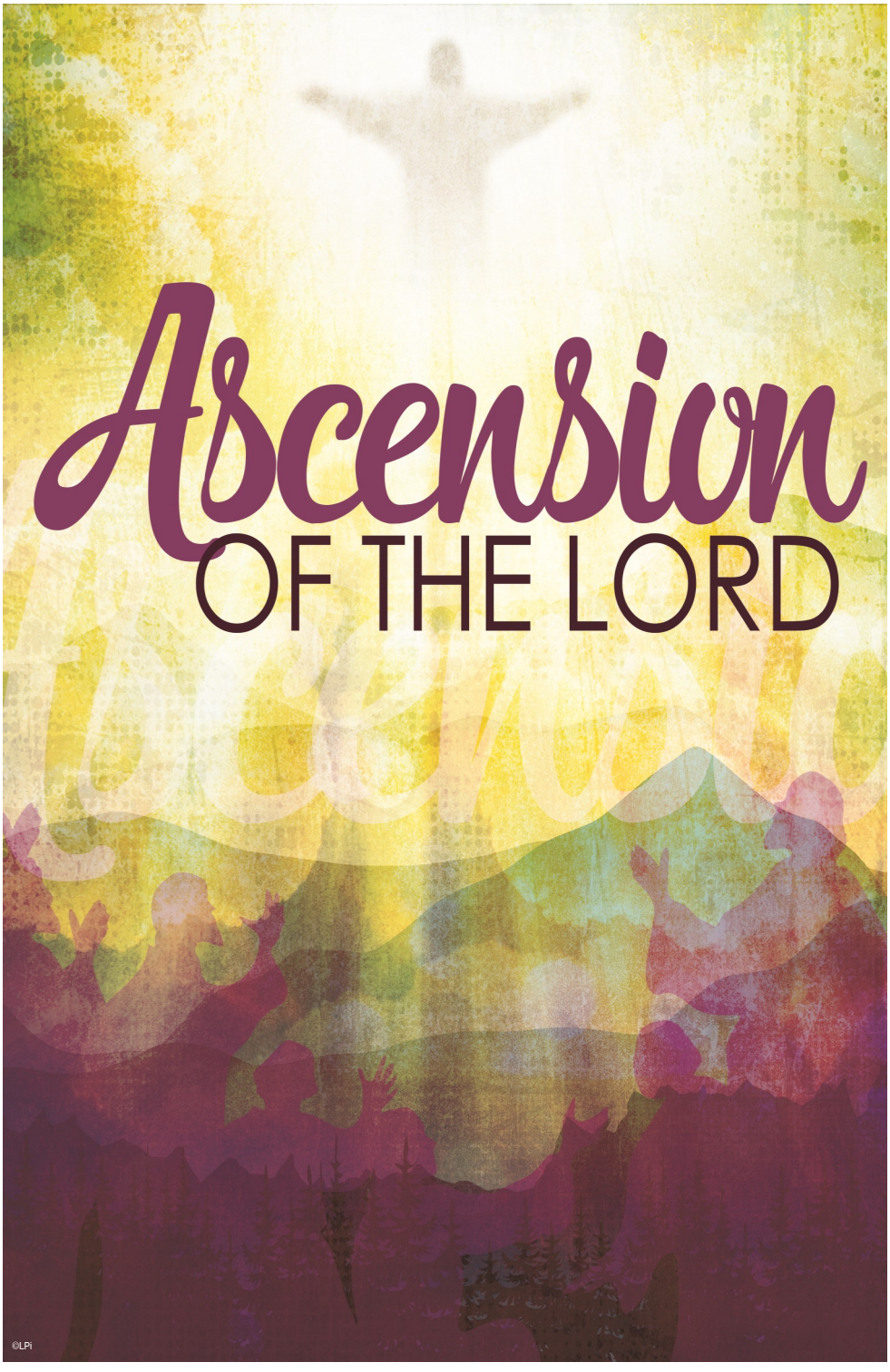
Baptisms
Please call the Parish Office to schedule. If possible, contact the office three months prior to the due date.

Marriage
Arrangements are to be made with the Pastor at least nine months prior to the wedding.

Newcomers

Welcome to the Parish!
Contact the Parish Office to register.

May 28, 2017



Pastor'sNote

With praise and thanksgiving to God, the Church of the Ascension offers its **Congratulations** and **Best Wishes** to **Deacon Gregory F. Luger**, who will be ordained on May 31st, to the Holy Order of Priesthood, at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit by Most Rev. David Kagan-Bishop of Bismarck. Deacon Luger is the first religious vocation to the Priesthood from the Church of the Ascension in its 43-year history. Special thanks to Mike and Julie Luger, Deacon Greg's parents, for their encouragement and support in fostering Greg's vocation. Let us all pray for future vocations. An open invitation is extended to all parishioners to attend Fr. Luger's first Mass of Thanksgiving, to be offered on Thursday, June 1st at 10:30 am at the Church of the Ascension. A luncheon reception will follow the Mass in the Community Room of the Parish Education Building. **Rev. Monsignor Jim Braaten—Pastor**

FaithFormationNews

ASCENSION FIRST COMMUNION 2017

ASCENSION CONFIRMATION 2017

KEEP THE PROMISE "SPECIAL CAMPAIGN ANNOUNCEMENT"

A generous donor has blessed our campaign with a pledge to match all campaign pledges and donations up to $2.5 million total, now through May 31, 2017. Please consider making a pledge to maximize your gift now. We have already raised $30 million to date and need to reach the goal of $36 million pledged by this summer in order to break ground on the SMCHS campus, make improvements to the Academy campus and build classroom additions at our elementary schools. Give by calling 701-354-7062 or email pledge@keepthepromise.net. Thank you for your continued prayers and support for our Catholic schools.

MEALS ON WHEELS

It's that time of year when we call on the Ascension volunteers to deliver meals to the homebound during the month of June. As in the last few years, Ascension will be responsible for two routes, which will need to be delivered Monday through Friday; the time frame is from 11:55 am until finished, which is typically about 45 minutes to an hour. The meals are picked up at Sanford Medical Center (Rosser Avenue entrance). Volunteers can pick any day during the month, an entire week, or whatever your availability may be. Please show your Ascension volunteer spirit and call Rita at the Parish Office at 223-3606 or email rritter@ascensionbismarck.org to sign up.

CHANGING MISSALETTES

A Missalette changing session has been planned for Thursday, June 8th at 6:30 pm in the church foyer. For this session we are requesting the help of those in Group 3 (last names starting S-Z). If anyone in Group 3 is no longer interested in continuing this work, please notify Kathy at klewis@ascensionbismarck.org or 223-3606 so that the roster can be updated.

Save the date!

Ascension Parish Picnic

Wednesday, July 26th

FORMED.ORG FEATURE OF THE WEEK

***Saint Rita* – MOVIE**

Famous as the patron of hopeless situations, St. Rita of Cascia is immortalized in this wonderful, deeply moving film about this beautiful woman who lived in Italy in the fourteenth century. Starring Vittoria Belvedere and Martin Crewes, this powerful story combines high drama, great love, deep betrayal, senseless tragedy, profound forgiveness, and strong faith as it tells the story of this brave and loyal woman who married her knight, helped him overcome his dark past and convert to faith, happily bore him two children, and later endures immense pain as she loses everything in her life. She finds peace and new hope through the generosity of a nearby convent of sisters, and with their help she develops a deep union with Christ that greatly inspires all near her.

Our parish offers this online subscription to all of our parishioners as a free gift. Go to www.formed.org and register with our parish code: **Z79KWG.** There are movies, books, audio presentations and programs for the whole family!

Serving the Assembly June 3rd and 4th: Pentecost

	5:00 PM	8:00 AM	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
Count Offering			Team #3	
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion	Ellen Holt–Plate Linda Charbonneau–Plate Carol Preskey–Plate Cathie Volk–Plate Mary Schwede–Cup** Marlene Zimmerman–Cup** Meredith Holt–Cup	Michelle Schmidt–Plate** Mark Weigel–Plate **VOLUNTEER**–Plate Phyllis Silbernagel–Cup** Pete Baumgartner–Cup	Danita Deichert–Plate Catherine Erickson–Plate Jean Kraft–Plate LaRae Nelson–Plate Mark Malm–Cup** Sharon Malm–Cup** Deb Schon–Cup	John Paul Martin–Plate Grady Martin–Plate Shawn Meier–Plate **VOLUNTEER**–Plate **VOLUNTEER**–Cup Rosie Dingus–Cup** Jay Uhlman–Cup**
Hospitality	Ken Preskey Al Wangler Patti Wangler	Judy Ness Dorothy Kosse Kelvin Kosse	Tanya Hopfauf Tim Kaiser Joan Kaiser	John Bryan Pam Bryan Elsie Seeberg
Lector	Irene Howard	Phyllis Silbernagel	Kaye Andersen	John Paul Martin
Altar Server	Jenny Celley Morgan Celley	Michael Simek Milla Weigel	Madison Hopfauf Cooper Weidner	Avery Prokop Mya Tena
Video/Audio Operator	Brandon Holt	Nancy Hoselton	Dan Hopfauf	Deb Kuntz

John W. Bitz, Mildred Schall, Marjorie Bitz, Jerry Feist, Larry Sackman, Don Hopfauf, Erna Jacobchick, Michelle Niska, Viola Bitz, Bill Feist, Jolene Klein, Dennis Conklin, Richelle Knudson

Prayer Line
Call the Parish Office at 223-3606 or Pauline Mueller at 226-9471. The Prayer Line is a group of parishioners who pray for requested intentions. The names of those requests and/or the intentions are not made public. Names of people listed in the bulletin have given permission to use their name.

TimeTalent&Treasure

Our first reading is from the Book of Acts. In fact, it is the beginning of that Book. Acts was written by St. Luke. It is a continuation of his Gospel in many ways. We do not learn that much about Luke from the New Testament. Most historians agree that he was a doctor; he was a Gentile; and he was a companion of St. Paul. Acts is basically the continuation of Jesus' work as described in the Gospels. In effect it describes how the Good News traveled from Jerusalem to Rome. Our readings today are filled with reminders that Jesus' work is not completed. He commissioned His followers to continue it after His Ascension into Heaven. Among those commissioned so to speak is each of us. The Lord's work continues from that day to today. However, for it to continue and for the love He shared and displayed to be the factor it needs to be in our parish and in the Church and in the world it is reliant upon us. It was St. Teresa of Avila who wrote, "Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which He looks compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which He walks to do good. Yours are the hands through which He blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are His Body. Christ has no body now on earth but yours."

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

WEEK	COLLECTIONS	BUDGET
May 21, 2017	$13,990.69	$12,230.00
Fiscal Year to Date	$594,956.30	$574,810.00

ParishCalendar

Monday,	**May 29**
8:00 am	Communion Service
Tuesday,	**May 30**
8:00 am	†Joe Masseth by Family
Wednesday,	**May 31**
8:00 am	†Marilyn Bosch by Roy Bosch
Thursday,	**June 1**
8:00 am	†Nick and Catherine Reinert by John & Patty Reinert
Friday,	**June 2**
8:00 am	†Gayle Goetz by Dick Goetz & family
Saturday,	**June 3**
5:00 pm	†Don & Jeanine Heck by Shirley Heck
Sunday,	**June 4**
8:00 am	†Joseph Kuntz by George & Leona Kuntz
9:30 am	†Tony Sperle by Leo & Bernie Vetter
11:00 am	People of the Parish

Weekly Schedule

Monday,	**May 29**
8:30 am	Eucharistic Adoration
Thursday,	**June 1**
10:30 am	Father Greg Luger's First Mass

Readings for the Week of May 28:

Sunday:	Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47, 2-3, 6-7, 8-9/Eph 1:17-23/ Matthew 28:19a, 20b
Monday:	Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/ Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday:	Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21/Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday:	Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 1:39-56
Thursday:	Acts 22:30, 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11/ Jn 17:20-26
Friday:	Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/ Jn 21:20-25
Saturday:	Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4-5, 7/Jn 21:20-25
Sunday:	Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34/ 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Adult: Jesus promises to be with us always. How do you experience his presence most?

Youth: What good news about Jesus could you share with someone?

Check out our website at www.ascensionbismarck.org

ST. MARY'S CEMETERY FUND DRIVE

The annual collection to help fund the only Catholic Cemetery in Bismarck Mandan will take place the week of May 29th. You will receive, in your mail, some updated information and an envelope to make your contribution to the Cemetery. Due to your generosity last year, we were able to begin our new section project, which will provide an additional 988 burial lots. Our annual service at the Cemetery will take place on **May 24th** at 7:00 pm. Meet near the cross and the flagpole on the hill. St. Mary's Cemetery will allow placement of flowers and wreaths until June 10th. After that date, Memorial Day flowers will be removed by cemetery staff.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

The Bismarck Catholic Daughters will meet on **Tuesday, June 6th** at 7:00 pm at Cathedral. This will be our last meeting until September 5th. Guests are welcome. Check out our website at www.bismarckcda.org. Call Delores at 221-2818 for additional information.

RIGHT TO LIFE

The Bismarck/Mandan Right to Life thanks you for the successful flower sales on Mother's Day. Thanks also to the coordinators and all those who helped them. We could not do this big project without you. This was our 21st year. It enables us to continue educating, support and work the booth at the Minot State Fair, host and attend educational conferences and other projects as needed.

3rd ANNUAL GOLF SEMINARIAN GOLF TOURNAMENT

This golf tournament, hosted by the Catholic Foundation to benefit our diocesan seminarians, will be held **Monday, July 17th** at Prairie West Golf Course in Mandan. This is an 18-hole, scramble style tournament. Each team will consist of four players. The cost is $125 per player with opportunities for higher sponsorship levels. Get together a parish team and compete with other parishes for a traveling trophy! Registration and a boxed lunch starts at noon, with a shotgun start at 1:00 pm. There will be 50/50 raffles, hole prizes, and competitions. The base cost includes golf with shared cart, boxed lunch, drink tickets, two Mulligans, awards dinner, and great fellowship. Go to www.catholicfoundationdob.com/golf to register online or print a registration form. For more information, contact Eve at 224-7229 or emercer@bismarckdiocese.com.

THIRST MEN'S CONFERENCE

Gentlemen, mark your calendars for the THIRST 2017 Men's Conference at the University of Mary on **Saturday, September 23rd**. Speakers will be Fr Robert Shea and Fr. Nick Schneider, along with keynote speakers Msgr. Tom Richter and Tim Staples from Catholic Answers. Plan to be present for 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. Remember, the conference is FREE! Go to www.bismarckdiocese.com/thirst 2017 for a schedule and online registration.

CODE OF PASTORAL CONDUCT

The Catholic Church must be exemplary: clergy, staff, whether diocesan or parish, and volunteers are held accountable for their behavior. To enable the highest level of accountability, there must be a clear and unambiguous definition of appropriate behavior. To this end, this Code of Pastoral Conduct is defined for the Diocese of Bismarck and it provides a foundation for implementing effective and enforceable standards for all personnel. View the Code of Pastoral Conduct at www.bismarckdiocese.com.

PROTECTING OUR CHILDREN

The Diocese of Bismarck is firmly committed to the health and protection of our children, young people and vulnerable adults. With the hope of healing the pain and suffering from sexual abuse in the Catholic Church, we encourage anyone who has suffered from this abuse to please come forward. To report allegations of sexual abuse, please contact Dale Eberle, Chancellor, Diocese of Bismarck, PO Box 1575, Bismarck ND 58502. Dale's phone number is 223-1347 or 1-877-405-7435. The complaint form and policies can be found on the diocesan website at http://www.bismarckdiocese.com.