



CHURCH OF THE *Ascension*

1825 SOUTH 3RD STREET • BISMARCK, ND 58504

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.

August 27, 2017

Parish Office

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Pastoral Staff

Rev. Msgr. Jim Braaten Pastor
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Kathy Lewis Music & Liturgy
Beth Kathol Faith Formation
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.

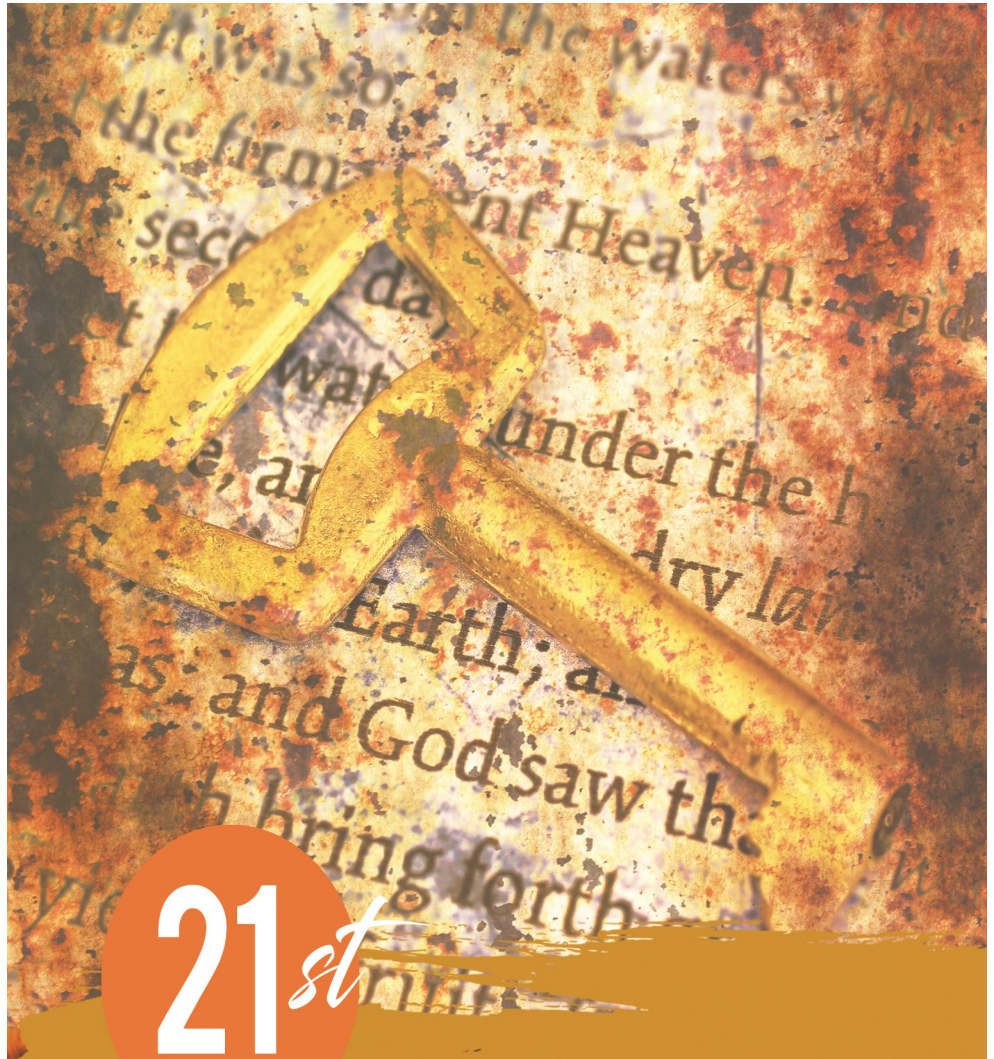
Marriage

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.



SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven.
Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in
heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall
be loosed in heaven." - Mt 16:19

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL

Next week, we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Right now, over 40 percent of dioceses in the US are considered home missions because they are unable to fund essential pastoral work needed in their communities. Your support of this appeal helps ease the struggle of these dioceses. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.



FaithFormationNews

CATECHISTS STILL NEEDED!

We are looking for catechists to teach Faith Formation classes this upcoming school year. This is a great opportunity to share our rich Catholic faith with our youth. Below are the open times/grades we need to fill. Please prayerfully consider serving in this vital ministry! Thank you to those of you who have answered that call! Our catechists are offered a \$7/class stipend or a waived registration fee for their enrolled children (new this year!).

4:00 pm session

1st grade: Linda Charbonneau

2nd grade: Andrea Leftwich

3rd grade:

4th grade:

5th grade: Louise Selkove

7:00 pm session

1st grade: Deb Weigel

2nd grade: Annette Simek/Cole Wilz

3rd grade: Julie Spotts/Ashley Spotts

3rd grade:

4th grade: Heather McCoy

5th grade:

5th grade:

6th grade: Becky Mastel

6th grade:

7th grade: Nellie Keller

7th grade: Sue Mock

7th grade: Mary Bachmeier

5:30 pm session

1st grade: Carissa Pieterick/Janelle Waliser

2nd grade: Monica Hoynes

3rd grade: Jessica Gabriel

4th grade: Nancy Hammerschmidt

5th grade:

8th grade: Deb Schon

8th grade Small Group Leader: Troy Schon

8th grade Small Group Leader:

8th grade Small Group Leader:

8th grade Small Group Leader:

9th grade: Jeff Simek & John Paul Martin

9th grade Small Group Leader: Kaelee Heidt

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FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION 2017-2018 – ONLY A FEW WEEKS LEFT!

Registration forms, along with the 2017-2018 Faith Formation Calendar, have been mailed out. If you did not receive a packet in the mail or are new to the parish, please call or stop by the Parish Office. Our Faith Formation program is on Wednesday evenings for children entering 1st through 12th grades this fall. Class times are as follows:

4:00 Grades 1-5

5:30 Grades 1-5

7:00 Grades 1-12

Class sizes are limited at certain sessions, so please register early if you need a specific time!

We are also very pleased to offer online registration & payment this year! To register and pay online, visit

www.ascensionbismarck.org/children-youth-formation.

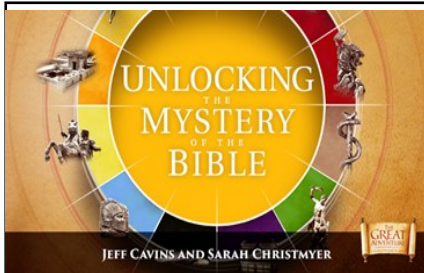
Please contact Beth Kathol, Director of Faith Formation, at bkathol@ascensionbismarck.org or call the Parish Office at 223-3606 if you have any questions about both being a catechist or faith formation registration.



RCIA – THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process used for forming and welcoming adults who wish to be initiated into the Catholic Church or to simply learn more. If you have been thinking about becoming Catholic, have never been baptized, are a Catholic who still needs to receive the sacraments of First Communion and/or Confirmation, or are a practicing Catholic who wants to learn more about their faith...then RCIA is for you! Meetings typically begin in September on Tuesday evenings. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Deacon Doyle Schulz at 223-0287.

Adult Faith Formation



UNLOCKING THE MYSTERY OF THE BIBLE!

8 Week Adult Scripture Class on Wednesday Evenings

If you would like to have a deeper relationship with God and a better understanding of your faith, then join us for *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible*. It is a great way to get the “big picture” of the Bible and see how our Catholic Faith is rooted in Scripture. You’ll see how the Bible reveals God’s loving plan for your life, and you will learn helpful ways to put your faith into practice. Ascension Parish will begin *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible* on Wednesday, September 13 from 6:45-8:00 PM in the Conference Room. For more information or to sign up, contact Beth Kathol, Director of Faith Formation, at bkathol@ascensionbismarck.org or 258-5692. The cost is \$20.

Diocese News

JOB POSTING

The Diocese of Bismarck has an opening for an experienced part-time cook. This position would be responsible for planning, preparation, serving and clean-up of the evening meal (dinner) two days a week (Tuesday and Thursday preferable) and occasional special events. Anticipate 2-6 average attendance at each meal. 10-20 hours per week. If you enjoy planning and preparing meals, this may be the perfect position for you. Five plus years experience is preferred. Application deadline is September 6, 2017. Please send cover letter, resume and three references to Denise Jordan, PO Box 1575, Bismarck, ND 58502, or djordan@bismarckdiocese.com.

On behalf of the St. Mary’s Cemetery committee a heartfelt **THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!** We are well on the road to be able to complete our new expansion project, which will provide an additional 988 burials plots in our cemetery. From last year’s funds we have completed the survey and engineering and from this year’s funds and next we will be able to complete a paved road to the new section. **THANK YOU!**

LIGHT OF CHRIST CATHOLIC SCHOOLS



Please join in the celebration of announcing the Light of Christ landmark capital campaign achievement on Thursday, September 7th from 1:00 to 2:00 pm at St. Mary’s Central High School. All Light of Christ students will attend this event. If you can’t make it in person, we encourage you to watch this exciting announcement LIVE on the Light of Christ Catholic Schools Facebook page.

*The flowers near the altar
have been donated by
Susan Erbele,
in memory of
her son,
Mervin Bauer*



Serving the Assembly September 2nd and 3rd, 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

	5:00 PM	8:00 AM	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
Count Offering			Team #4	
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion	Ellen Holt–Plate Meredith Holt–Plate Ken Johnson–Plate Tammie Johnson–Plate Michelle Fitterer–Cup** Ken Jarolimek–Cup** Cathie Volk–Cup	John Bitz–Plate Rose Senger–Plate Mark Weigel–Plate** Pete Baumgartner–Cup**	Jean Kraft–Plate Mark Malm–Plate Sharon Malm–Plate Pam Moormann–Plate Freddie Frank–Cup Cathy Hruby–Cup** LaRae Nelson–Cup**	Catherine Erickson–Plate John Paul Martin–Plate Shawn Meier–Plate Shirley Schafer–Plate Lynn Burgard–Cup Howell Flowers–Cup** Sue Mock–Cup**
Hospitality	Bob Bitz Jean Bitz Josh Hager	Jan Daffinrud Terry Daffinrud Al Lick	Elvera Frank Kathi Kindelspire Leo Kindelspire	Vern Mock Melanie Schwab Bill Wolff
Lector	Hannah Cahoon	Rita Ritter	Brent Freese	John Paul Martin
Altar Server	Jenny Celley Morgan Celley	Milla Weigel	Matthew Volk Cooper Weidner	Avery Prokop Katarina Severt
Video/Audio Operator	Brandon Holt	Nancy Hoselton	Mike Luger	Kiaya Schwab
Music Ministry	Joan Backes Pat Anderson Sally Dassinger	Kathy Lewis Keylee Hertz Barnett	Steve and Susan Harmon	Mike Langer Keylee Hertz Barnett



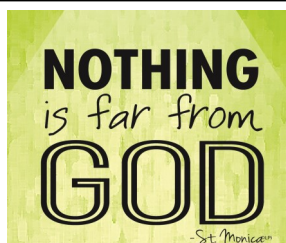
John W. Bitz, Mildred Schall, Marjorie Bitz,
Jerry Feist, Larry Sackman, Don Hopfauf,
Erna Jacobchick, Michelle Niska, Viola Bitz,
Bill Feist, Jolene Klein, Dennis Conklin,
Richelle Knudson, Dennis Barnhardt

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

In last week's Gospel, we heard the story of the Canaanite woman (a Gentile) who appealed to Jesus for help, and her prayer and plea were answered. Part of the message of that is that the Kingdom of God is open to and offered to all peoples. This week we hear Jesus say to St. Peter in the Gospel from Matthew, "I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven." An important part of the Vatican flag is two keys. Those keys, of course, represent the keys to the kingdom to which Jesus makes reference. Were you aware that one key is gold and the other silver. Interpretation is that the gold key represents spiritual power and the silver key represents worldly power. We are also fond of images and more showing Saint Peter at the gates of Heaven deciding who is admitted and who is not. Nevertheless, the keys are reinforced in the Acts of the Apostles, and it is perhaps not that Peter opens the gates of Heaven, but Peter (and Paul as well) through his ministry and explanations make it clear that heaven (the kingdom) is available to all, Jews and Gentiles. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (#1023) states, "Those who die in God's grace and friendship and are perfectly purified live forever with Christ. They are like God forever, for they 'see him as he is,' face to face." Pope Francis has spoken on this more than once. Recently, he stated, "The Lord has redeemed all of us, all of us with the Blood of Christ. However, we must meet one another doing good." Our call is clear.



FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

WEEK	COLLECTIONS	BUDGET
August 20, 2017	\$12,803.48	\$13,002.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$95,383.88	\$104,016.00

ParishCalendar



Monday, 8:00 am	August 28 Communion Service
Tuesday, 8:00 am	August 29 Communion Service
Wednesday, 8:00 am	August 30 Communion Service
Thursday, 8:00 am	August 31 Communion Service
Friday, 8:00 am	September 1 †John M. Filibeck by Dennis & Jane Schiele
Saturday, 5:00 pm	September 2 †Marlys Platz by Irene Howard
Sunday, 8:00 am 9:30 am 11:00 am	September 3 †Charles Skalsky by Betty Ziegler Bishop David Kagan and his Intentions by Keven & Kristi Wanner People of the Parish

Weekly Schedule

Monday, 8:30 am	August 28 Eucharistic Adoration
Wednesday, 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	August 30 7th & 8th grade Parent/Student Meeting 9th grade Parent/Student Meeting
Friday, 8:30 am	September 1 First Friday Fellowship in Community Room

Readings for the Week of August 27:

Sunday:	Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8/Rom 11:33-36/ Mt 16:13-20
Monday:	1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b/ Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday:	1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-6/Mk 6:17-29
Wednesday:	1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-12ab/Mt 23:27-32
Thursday:	1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-14, 17/ Mt 24:42-51
Friday:	1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12/ Mt 25:1-13
Saturday:	1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-9/Mt 25:14-30
Sunday:	Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2-6, 8-9/Rom 12:1-2/ Mt 16:21-27

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Adult: If you were asked, how would you explain Jesus to a person who had not heard of him?

Youth: Who do you tell people Jesus is?

Check out our website at
www.ascensionbismarck.org

Community News & Events

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

Bismarck Catholic Daughters will meet on Tuesday, September 5th at 7:00 pm at Cathedral. Our speaker will be Father John Paul Gardner from St. Bernard Indian Mission at Ft. Yates. Guests are always welcome. For more info, call Delores at 221-2818.

ST. HILDEGARD FALL DINNER

The Church of St. Hildegard in Menoken will be hosting their 70th annual fall dinner on Sunday, September 10th from 10:30 am to 3:00 pm. The homemade dinner will feature their traditional sausage, roast beef, pies, buns and all the trimmings! There will be fun for all ages including games, bingo, music and sale of home baked goods, fresh garden produce, and religious crafts. The cost of the meal will be \$12 for adults, \$5 for children (4-10 years), and free for children, who are 3 years and under.

FRIENDS OF THE POOR WALK-RUN

Save the date for the 3rd annual St. Vincent de Paul 5K Walk-Run on Sunday, October 1st, at Sertoma Park! Register online at www.svdpbismarck.org or at the event. The Cathedral Society of St. Vincent de Paul would like to thank all sponsors for their support, especially Gold Sponsors (\$500+): Dakota Eye Institute, Goebel Pediatric Dentistry, and Atlantis Industries, Inc.

REAL PRESENCE RADIO



What is keeping you from becoming Catholic? This is the theme of a call-in show hosted by Dr. David Anders, catechist, speaker, writer, and former Protestant historian who now embraces the riches of the Catholic Church. "Called to Communion" answers questions about the Catholic faith and is very informative for non-Catholics as well as Catholics who want to learn more about what the Church believes and reaches. Tune in Monday to Friday at 1:00 pm CT on 91.7/91.3 (Bismarck/Mandan).

ROSARY FOR THE UNBORN

The rosary for the unborn will be prayed every Monday at Spirit of Life in Mandan from 5:00 to 6:20 pm.
All 15 decades are prayed; you may stay for as much of it as you are able to be present.



ST. MARY'S YOUTH GROUP

St. Mary's Youth Group Rummage Sale will be Saturday, October 21st from 10 am to 4:00 pm and Sunday, October 22nd from 10 am to 1:00 pm in the Grade School Gym/Msgr. Feehan Hall. Donations will be accepted starting Thursday, October 19th from 5:30 to 8:30 pm and on Friday, October 20th from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. Only furniture or large items that have been approved to be donated may be left. For more information contact Austin 223-5562.

THIRST MEN'S CONFERENCE

Gentlemen, don't forget to register for the THIRST 2017 Men's Conference on Saturday, Sept. 23. This FREE event will be hosted at the new Lumen Vitae University Center at the University of Mary. Get ready to hear impactful presentations by Tim Staples from Catholic Answers and our own Msgr. Tom Richter from Cathedral of the Holy Spirit. Come and enjoy a day to spiritually "recharge" – with time for confessions, Eucharistic adoration, a Vigil Mass with Bishop Kagan, and holy conversation with other men. Dads, plan to bring your sons of high-school age and older along with you, as this event happens only every three years. Register and see the event schedule online now at www.bismarckdiocese.com/thirst2017. Sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information, please contact Keven Wanner at 701-204-7187 or thirst@bismarckdiocese.com. Spread the word!

