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

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Pastoral Staff

Rev. Msgr. Jim Braaten.....Pastor
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Kathy Lewis..... Music & Liturgy
Jan Sitter.....Bookkeeper
.....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

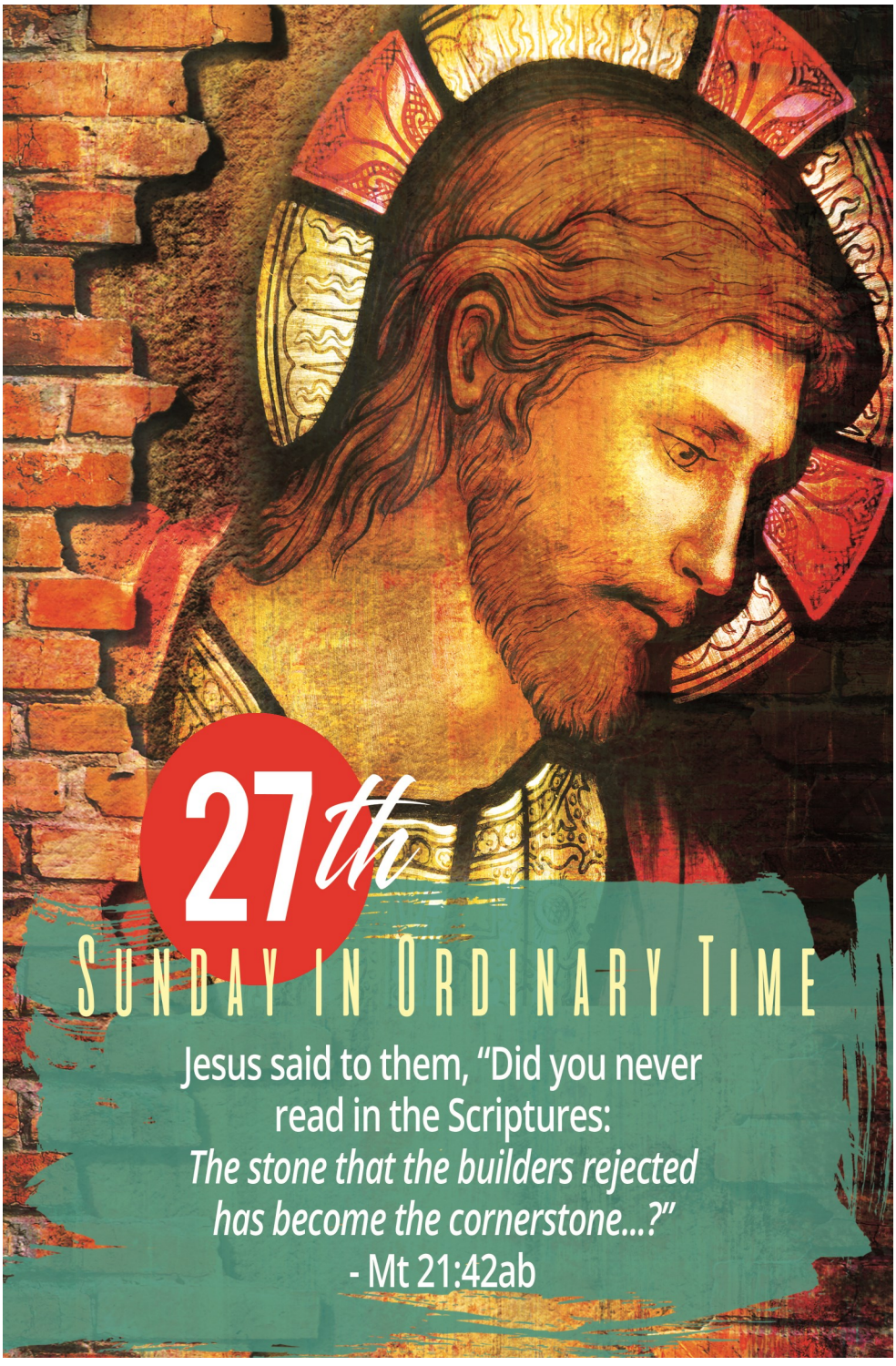
Baptisms
Please call the Parish Office to schedule. If possible, contact the office three months prior to the due date.

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.

October 8, 2017



PastorNews

I am pleased to announce that **BETH KATHOL** has been named as our new PARISH BUSINESS MANAGER here at the Church of the Ascension. Many of you know Beth from her role as our current Director of Faith Formation for the past three years. A search for Beth's replacement as Director of Faith Formation will begin shortly. Please welcome Beth to her new position with your Best Wishes!

Msgr. Jim Braaten - Pastor

Welcome to Ascension Parish Family

NEW PARISHIONERS

Mitch & Kayla Tooke and Lydia
Todd & Lindsey Tescher and Brea, Chase, & Lauren
Mischelle Schirado

BAPTISM

Ryker Blaise Jacobson
son of Zach and Emily
Taycia Rose Harris
daughter of Darryl and Melissa
Kendel Edwin Mittleider
son of Kandas
Alexander August and Andrew Anton Eberle
Sons of Luke and Krystal

TODAY IS COMMITMENT SUNDAY

Today all parish families are asked to bring their Commitment Card to Mass. During Mass, as a parish community, we offer God our gifts of time, talent, and treasure. Our goal is to be a stewardship parish—a community who is noticeably committed to prayer, parish ministry, and generous financial support. All three are equally important. May God bless you as you make your commitments.

LADIES OF ASCENSION

This Wednesday, October 11th, at 8:30 am, the Ladies of Ascension will meet in the Community Room. Our guest speaker will be Don Lucas, a parishioner at St. Anne's, who is a member of the Rosary Making Club. His presentation will be followed by a brief meeting, where we will discuss any projects that the Ladies could undertake. New ideas are welcome!

FaithFormationNews

NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES—OCTOBER 18th

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH RALLY—*ENCOUNTER*

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19 AT UNIVERSITY OF MARY

The Diocese of Bismarck and the University of Mary have again partnered to offer a High School Youth Rally on Thursday, October 19th from 1:00-10:00 PM at the University of Mary. The cost is $25/student and chaperones are free. Register online at www.umary.edu/youthrally. Teens must be affiliated with a parish. The theme this year is "Encounter" with special guest band *Sonar*. Don't miss out on this event!

- St. Mary's in Bismarck, October 8th, from 4:00 to 6:00 pm
- St. Katherine in Braddock, October 8th, from 4:30 to 6:30 pm
- St. Pius V in New Salem, October 8th, from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm
- Christ the King in Mandan, October 14th, from 5:00 to 7:00 pm
- St. Nicholas in Garrison, October 15th, from 4:30 to 7:00 pm
- St. Theresa in Carson, October 15th, from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm, MT

DioceseNews

The Diocese of Bismarck has a full time Administrative Assistant position open for a friendly, energetic and outgoing individual. The position reports to the Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia of the Diocese. Primary work duties include receptionist for the Center for Pastoral Ministry office facility; answer central telephone panel, greet callers, visitors and guests, ascertain their needs and direct them to the appropriate ministries. Perform administrative assistant tasks for selected ministries such as event coordination, dissemination of information to the ministries' social media presence, manage databases, and process correspondence. Desired education and skills include two years' of college or business school with emphasis in administrative education. Proficient in Microsoft Office Suite software including Word, Outlook, Access, Excel and PowerPoint. Must possess excellent communication skills. Confidentiality is an essential requirement of the position. If you are organized, possess the ability to multitask, and enjoy working in a team environment, this is the position for you. Please submit cover letter, resume and three references to Denise Jordan, PO Box 1575, Bismarck, ND 58502, or djordan@bismarckdiocese.com.

Did You Know?

The far west room on the south side of the foyer is available for nursing mothers to use during Mass. We are in need of a comfortable rocker or glider rocker to be used for this purpose. If you have one you would like to donate, please contact the parish office.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA

The date of October 14th has been set aside to commemorate the 100th Anniversary (1917-2017) of the appearance of Our Lady of Fatima in Portugal by holding a Public Square Rosary Crusade across our country. In Bismarck the Rosary Crusade will be held at the lower portion of the North Dakota Capitol Mall, in front of the Pioneer Statue. We will be meeting from 11:00 am until 2:00 pm. Come and join fellow Catholics/Christians in coming together publicly to give honor to this visitation of our Blessed Mother, who came with miraculous signs and wonders witnessed by thousands and a message of intercession and warnings for our world to three shepherd children who have or are in the process of attaining sainthood. Invite your friends and let us fill this Mall space in honor of Our Lady of Fatima by giving public communal witness in saying the Rosary.

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Serving the Assembly October 14th and 15th, 28th 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	Sahlenia Braun–Plate Andrew LaBonte–Plate Cheryl LaBonte–Plate Bill Blotsky–Plate Ken Johnson–Cup** Tammie Johnson–Cup** Carol Preskey–Cup	John Bitz–Plate Michelle Schmidt–Plate** Mark Weigel–Plate **VOLUNTEER**–Cup**	Danita Deichert–Plate Josh Hager–Plate Deb Salwei–Plate Berna Vetter–Plate Linda Haider–Cup** Paulette Heringer–Cup** Sharon Malm–Cup	Mark Dosch–Plate Howell Flowers–Plate Shirley Schafer–Plate **VOLUNTEER**–Plate John Paul Martin–Cup** Grady Martin–Cup** **VOLUNTEER**–Cup
Hospitality	Joletts Kern Michael Kern Kendall Preskey	Kelvin Kosse Dorothy Kosse Greg Power	Joan Kaiser Tim Kaiser Eric Miller	Levi Bitz Lina Gaab Elsie Seeberg
Lector	Robert Rebel	Phyllis Silbernagel	Denise Jordan	Beverly Charles
Altar Server	Katrice Kern Matthew Volk	Milla Weigel	Jami Bachmeier Mya Tena	Austin Martin Noelle Martin
Video/Audio Operator	Brenda Muscha	Lauren Weigel	Dan Hopfauf	David Charles
Music Ministry	Julie Ternes	Kathy Lewis Renee Loh	*Raising Praise*	Michelle Friedt 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, Tim Heidt, 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

One of St. Paul's favorite topics was prayer, and today's reading from his letter to the Philippians is no exception to that. He says, "Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God." For Paul all topics are appropriate for prayer because we need to share and consult with the Lord about everything. God knows what is on our minds already, of course, but He also desires that we make a conscious effort to communicate with Him on these subjects. In addition, Paul points out that our prayers need to be infused with thanksgiving. We should not just petition the Lord and make requests. It is equally important that we think about, identify, and acknowledge our blessings. We have often pointed out that stewardship is a life of gratitude, a way of living which encourages us to focus on gifts, not on problems and challenges all the time. If we strive to have grateful hearts, our prayers come much more easily, and we tend to be much happier and more upbeat in our lives. The noted author, philosopher, journalist, and theologian G. K. Chesterton is well known in Catholic circles because he converted to Catholicism during his life, and was an excellent conveyor of the faith. In terms of living grateful lives he said, "I would maintain that thanks are the highest form of thought; and that gratitude is happiness doubled by wonder." That includes thanks to God.

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

WEEK	COLLECTIONS	BUDGET
October 1, 2017	$12,457.01	$13,002.00
Fiscal Year to Date	$170,446.92	$182,028.00

ParishCalendar

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday,	**October 9**
8:00 am	Communion Service
Tuesday,	**October 10**
8:00 am	†Martha Lips by Ben & Jan Sitter
Wednesday,	**October 11**
8:00 am	Ladies of Ascension by LOA
Thursday,	**October 12**
8:00 am	†Joe Masseth by Family
Friday,	**October 13**
8:00 am	†Tony Klein by Ray Grabar
Saturday,	**October 14**
5:00 pm	†Reinhold Kellar by Jeanie Kellar
Sunday,	**October 15**
8:00 am	People of the Parish
9:30 am	†Irene Ternes by Elden & Rosie Klein
11:00 am	†Shelly Schlosser by Louie & Janice Schlosser

Weekly Schedule

Monday,	**October 9**
8:30 am	Eucharistic Adoration
Tuesday,	**October 10**
7:00 pm	KC Meeting
Wednesday,	**October 11**
8:30 am	Ladies of Ascension Meeting
12:00 pm	Finance Council Meeting
4:00, 5:30, 7:00	Faith Formation Classes
6:45 pm	Adult Class
Thursday,	**October 12**
7:00 pm	Faith Formation Committee Meeting

Readings for the Week of October 8th:

Sunday:	Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20/Phil 4:6-9/ Mt 21:33-43
Monday:	Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jon 2:3-5, 8/Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday:	Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1b-4ab, 7-8/Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday:	Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-6, 9-10/Lk 11:1-4
Thursday:	Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 11:5-13
Friday:	J1 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6, 8-9, 16/ Lk 11:15-26
Saturday:	J1 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Lk 11:27-28
Sunday:	Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-6/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/ Mt 22:1-14

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Adult: How have you used your talents and abilities well for the Reign of God?

Youth: What can you do in your week to help the love of God grow in the world?

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