

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.

November 19, 2017

Parish Office

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Pastoral Staff

Rev. Msgr. Jim Braaten Pastor
Ray Grabar Deacon
Tony Finneman Deacon
Doyle Schulz Deacon
Beth Kathol Parish Business Manager
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.

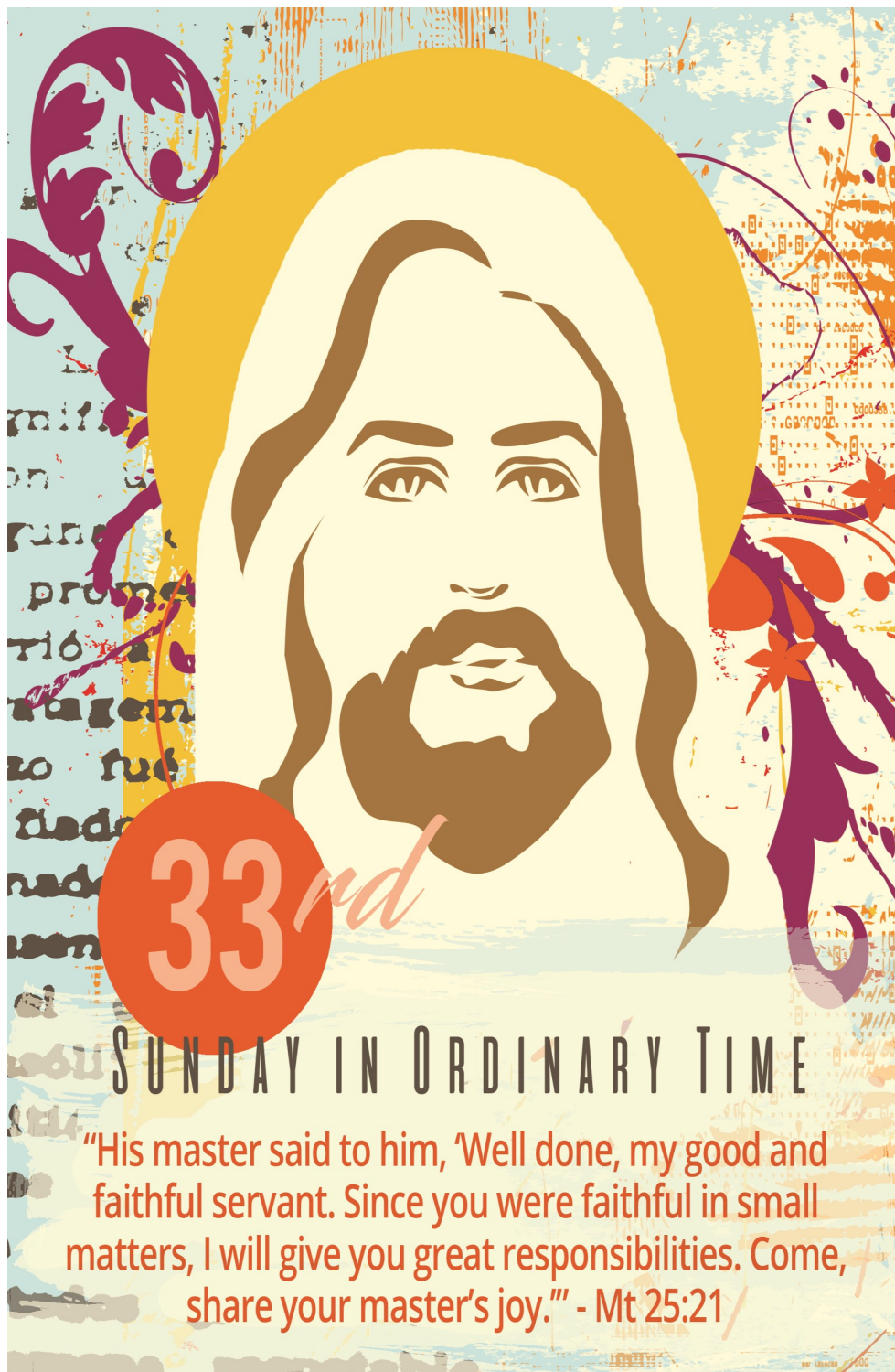
Marriage

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.



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SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.'" - Mt 25:21

ParishNews

DIRECTOR OF FAITH FORMATION JOB OPPORTUNITY



Ascension Parish has a job position open for a Director of Faith Formation. The Director of Faith Formation is responsible for the development, coordination, and promotion of a comprehensive plan for the spiritual growth and faith development of 1st grade through adult parishioners. Must have a passion and creative energy to enable others to live out their baptismal call personally, within the family, parish and greater community.

Qualifications: Individual must be an active Catholic who is organized, committed, creative and has a degree with classes in theology, education and/or pastoral ministry. Experience teaching within a parish faith formation program is preferred. Possessing good communication skills and an ability to work collaboratively with pastor, parish staff, catechists, parents and students is vital. A complete background check is required by the Diocese of Bismarck. Please submit a cover letter and resume to Beth Kathol, Parish Business Manager, Church of the Ascension, 1905 South 3rd Street, Bismarck, ND 58504 or bkathol@ascensionbismarck.org.

STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL

Have you turned in your Commitment Card? Even if you have no changes to make to your time, talent, or treasure commitments, we would appreciate receiving your response. We now have an online option! Visit www.ascensionbismarck.org to fill out the form online.

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

There will be Mass at 8:00 am on Thanksgiving Day. Liturgical ministers are needed. If you can help, please contact Jan Sitter through Ministry Pro, email at jcsitter@ascensionbismarck.org, or call 223-3606.

FaithFormationNews

NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES—NOVEMBER 22nd

BACEF Memorials

IN MEMORY OF

Paul Fischer
Michael A Smith
Anna Wangler
Aaron Haaland
Ronnie Schumacher
Anonymous
Anonymous
Anonymous
Anonymous
Anonymous
Gregory Beauclair
Paul Leingang
Vince Reinbold
Henry Dosch & Kevin Dosch
Dorothy Wald
Jack Bachmeier
Anonymous
Anonymous
Peggy Stanton
Myron Atkinson
Elsie Volk

DONOR

Rodney & Carilyn Fischer
Marion Smith
Al & Patti Wangler
Al & Patti Wangler
Eugene & Palma Nagel
Tanner Lindell
Mr. & Mrs. Markus Fitterer
Fran Page
Louis & Sonia Ciavarella
Edward Pechtl
Jane Beauclair
Hansen family
Dennis Murphy
Christina Dosch
Christina Dosch
Mary Gluesing
Matthew & Bethany Deeter
Mary Vigen
Todd & Mary Baumgartner
Darlene Schuler
Jerry & Joletta Vetter

BACEF Living Memorial envelopes are included in your parish envelope mailing. Save and use the next time you are considering a memorial. All proceeds are invested in the permanent BACEF education fund. **BACEF (Bismarck Area Catholic Education Foundation)** is the permanent trust fund for the six local parishes, established in 1975 to support all forms of parish religious education, including faith formation, our grade schools, high school, and pre-school programs.

CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

"The History and Significance of Vatican II" will be presented **Friday, December 1st**. The Bismarck Mandan Catholic Young Adults will host Fr. Greg Luger from Cathedral of the Holy Spirit to discuss this topic at a new location—3090 Manchester Street in Bismarck. The group and event have new hosts, Brian Mager and Nora Ulmer. Fellowship will begin at 6:00 pm and Fr. Greg will present at 6:30 pm. The group serves young adults ages 21 and up from all parishes and faith traditions, who desire to live a good and holy Christian/Catholic life. There is no child care provided. Please spread the word about this wonderful opportunity for fellowship and growth. If there are any questions or you'd like updates on future events, please visit Catholic Young Adults on our Facebook page or contact Bri Weisbeck at 426-0456.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS WOMEN'S RETREAT

The Catholic Daughters, Court Saint Cecelia of Mandan, will host a women's retreat, which will be held from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm on **Saturday, December 2nd**. It will be held at St. Joseph's Church in Mandan. We will begin the retreat at 8:00 am with Father John Paul Gardner celebrating the Mass. He will have two sessions on Prayer & Meditation with Adoration and a break in-between. Lunch will be served in the school cafeteria with music by Kim Bauer. From 1:00 to 2:00 pm, a representative from Roberts Floral will come to show us Holiday Flower Arranging. This retreat is open to all women. The registration fee is \$10.00 which includes a copy of the Magnificat Advent Companion. Pre-registration is required. Please consider joining us. Contact Bonnie Quast at **663-5305** or Carla Ressler at **667-2965**. Respond by **November 28th**.

WOMAN IN LOVE RETREAT

The *Woman in Love Retreat*, coordinated in collaboration with the Office of Family Ministry, will be held **December 8-10** at Assumption Abby in Richardton and is open to girls in Grades 7-12 and their mothers. This is a purity retreat, based on the book "Woman in Love" by Katie Hartfiel. It includes video sessions with Katie, along with time for mothers and daughters to participate in discussion, reflection, and fun activities. For further information, please contact Carrie Davis, the Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries at the Bismarck Diocese, by emailing cdavis@bismarckdiocese.com or call 204-7208.

The flowers near the altar have been donated by Lil Krance in memory of her husband, Maury Krance.



Did You Know?

If you are attending Mass and unable to come forward to receive the Eucharist, please inform a Hospitality Minister. One of our Eucharistic Ministers will bring Holy Communion to you in your pew.

Serving the Assembly November 25th and 26th: Feast of the Christ the King

	5:00 PM	8:00 AM	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
Count Offering			Team #4	
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion	Sharon Finneman—Plate Ken Jarolimek—Plate Heather McCoy—Plate Cathie Volk—Plate Carol Preskey—Cup Bonnie Sanders—Cup** Jan Sitter—Cup**	John Bitz—Plate** Michelle Schmidt—Plate** Mark Weigel—Plate Pete Baumgartner—Cup	Scott LeBlanc—Plate LaRae Nelson—Plate Deb Salwei—Plate Deb Schon—Plate Alice Ternes—Cup Rod Wald—Cup** Deb Wald—Cup**	Paulette Heringer—Plate Lynn Burgard—Plate Shirley Schafer—Plate Kiaya Schwab—Plate Rosie Dingus—Cup** John Knox—Cup Sue Mock—Cup**
Hospitality	Patti Wangler Al Wangler Marlene Zimmerman	Jan Daffinrud Terry Daffinrud Larry Slabik	Shirley Schaffner Andy Schaffner Troy Schon	Bob Heringer Vern Mock Melanie Schwab
Lector	Robert Rebel	Wanda Rose	Cathy Hruby	John Knox
Altar Server	Jenny Celley Morgan Celley	Karston Kellar	Maya Haider Grace Haider	Margaret Kathol Blaise Kathol
Video/Audio Operator	Brenda Muscha	Patrick Kellar	Mike Luger	Kiaya Schwab
Music Ministry	Joan Backes Keylee Hertz Barnett	Kathy Lewis Renee Loh	<i>Cheneniah</i>	Steve & Susan Harmon



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

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

We may long to hear the Lord say to us, "Well done, good and faithful servant," as He does with the first two servants mentioned in the Parable of the Talents in today's Gospel from Matthew. However, although the third servant did not squander or waste the gifts (talents) he had received, the Master's reaction was not the same. As we have often stated, stewardship is an active way of life. There is nothing passive about it. The Lord expects us to do things, to take the gifts we receive and to share them and multiply them, as was the case in the first two servants cited in the parable. If we really wish to hear the Lord say, "Well done, good and faithful servant" to us when we are finally judged, we need to do something to earn that praise. The key word in that sentence is "do." There is nothing spiritual or abstract about being ready for Jesus' return and judgment of us. God has gifted us in a multitude of ways. We need to recognize those gifts; acknowledge those gifts; be grateful for those gifts; and most of all use those gifts to benefit the Church and others. What have we done with our time, our money, and our abilities? In our Church we recognize and point to sins of omission — that is, things we did not do, but should have. Like the first two servants in the parable, it is not just a case of preserving what God has given us, it is a case of using it, increasing it, and returning it to the Lord.



FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

WEEK	COLLECTIONS	BUDGET
November 12, 2017	\$18,188.16	\$13,002.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$261,214.51	\$260,040.00

ParishCalendar



Monday, 8:00 am	November 20 Communion Service
Tuesday, 8:00 am	November 21 †Terry Croteau by Jim & Ottilia Croteau
Wednesday, 8:00 am	November 22 †Charles Mann by Light of Christ Academy Staff
Thursday, 8:00 am	November 23 †David Vaughn by Diane Vaughn
Friday, 8:00 am	November 24 †Philip G and Anna Miller by George & Leona Kuntz
Saturday, 5:00 pm	November 25 †Clarence and Pauline Schmitz by Family
Sunday, 8:00 am 9:30 am 11:00 am	November 26 People of the Parish †Bernard and Katie Weigel by Joe & Berna Vetter †Leo Keller by Bert Keller & family

Weekly Schedule

Monday, 8:30 am	November 20 Eucharistic Adoration
Wednesday,	November 22 <u>NO</u> Faith Formation Classes
Thurs/Fri	November 23 & 24 Office Closed

Readings for the Week of Nov. 19th:

Sunday:	Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-5/ 1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30, 19-21
Monday:	1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/ Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158/Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday:	2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-7/Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday:	2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b, 15/ Lk 19:11-28
Thursday:	1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Lk 19:41-44
Friday:	1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chr 29:10bcd-12/ Lk 19:45-48
Saturday:	1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19/Lk 20:27-40
Sunday:	Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-3, 5-6/ 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Adult: What gift have you not developed as you had hoped? What could you still do?

Youth: What gift has God given you? What do you want to do with it?

Check out our website at
www.ascensionbismarck.org