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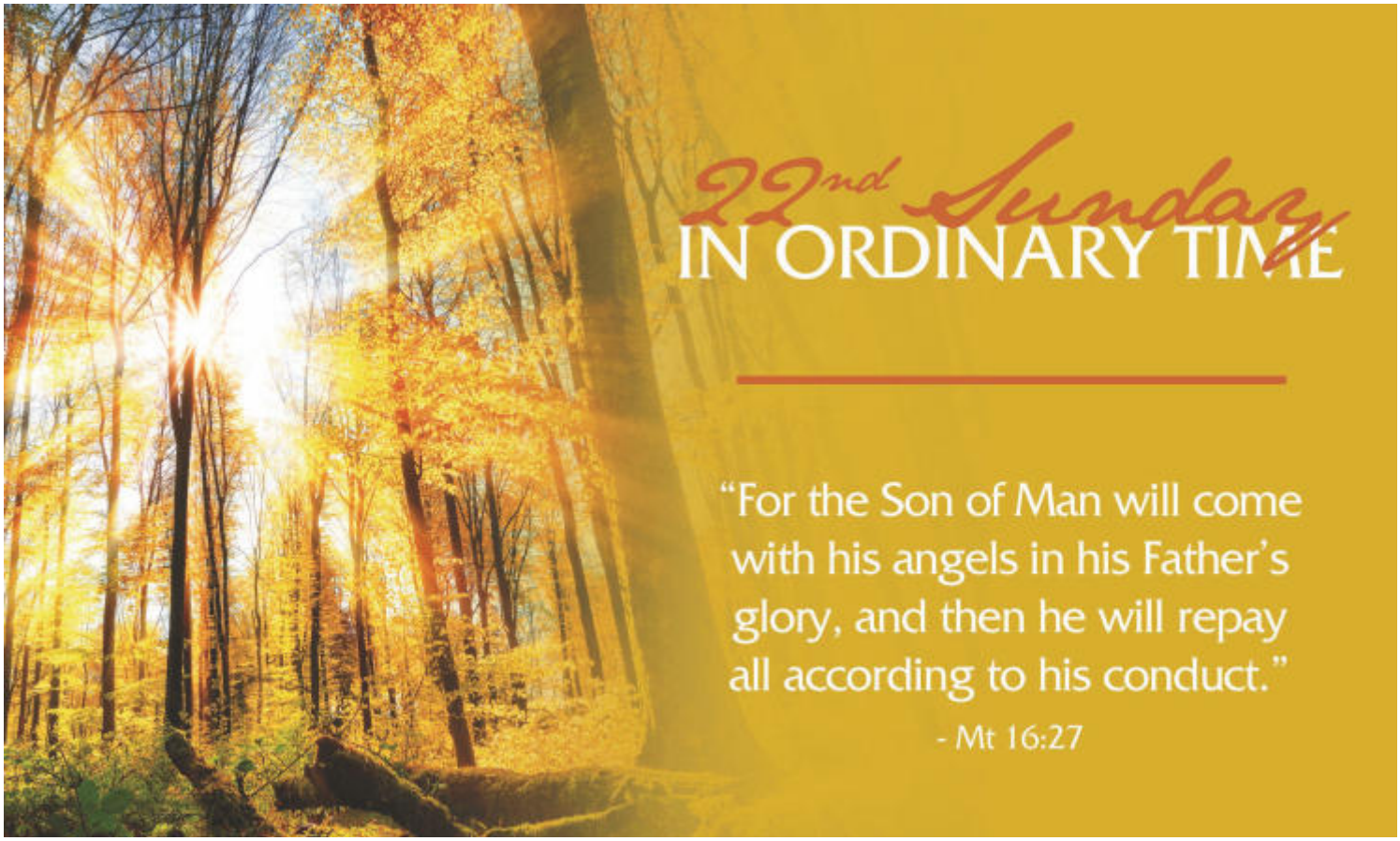

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OFFICE HOURS
Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 8:30 am-4:00 pm
Friday 8:30 am-12:00 Noon

EUCHARISTIC LITURGIES
Saturday	5:00 pm
Sunday	8:00, 9:30, & 11:00 am
Tue.-Fri.	8:00 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Tues.-Fri.	7:30-7:50 am
Saturday	3:30-4:30 pm

PASTORAL STAFF
Rev. Msgr. Jim Braaten	Pastor
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Beth Kathol	Business Mgr.
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Blane Schriock	Faith Formation
Julie Luger	Secretary
Rita Ritter	Secretary
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NEWCOMERS
Contact the Parish Office or go online to register. Welcome to the parish!

OUR MISSION
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.

BAPTISMS
Contact the parish office three months in advance to schedule.

WEDDINGS
Call the Pastor nine months prior to the wedding date to make arrangements.

FAITH FORMATION

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION 2020-2021—SEE OPTIONS BELOW

OPTION 1—IN-CLASS STUDY: Students enrolled in Option 1 will attend the weekly Wednesday evening Faith Formation classes as normal. Social distancing standards have been incorporated into all of our classrooms and will be disinfected after each session. Classes will be dismissed in a staggered manner, so that many kids are not in the halls/stairs at once.

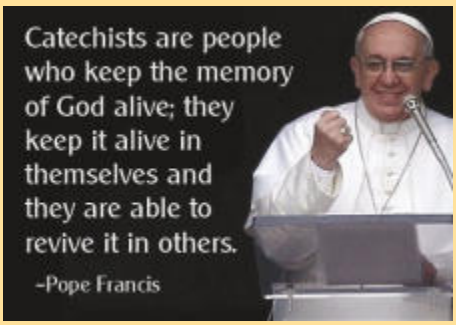
OPTION 2—AT-HOME STUDY: Families not comfortable with sending their child(ren) to classes can opt to teach them from home. Materials and instructions will be provided to parents and weekly support will be given by the Director of Faith Formation. If you choose Option 2, be sure to still register your children so that we know who will need to receive the textbooks and parent manuals needed to complete Faith Formation at home. When registering your children online, select the "Catholic School or Home School Student" session time, so that we know you plan to teach Faith Formation at home. If you are using the blue registration form, mark them down as a Home School student.

Throughout the course of the year, parents can also elect to send their child(ren) to in-class study and vice versa. The decision you make at the start of the year doesn't necessarily "lock" you in for the entire year. We will be as flexible as possible to help our children grow in Faith!

Please be sure to register your child(ren) regardless of which option you choose, so that the necessary preparations can be made. You can register online at www.ascensionbismarck.org.

FAITH FORMATION CATECHISTS UPDATE

While we have seen a generous response to our need for catechists, we still are in need of at least eight more. We also are in need of willing substitutes to fill in when a catechist cannot make it to teach on Wednesday evenings. If the Lord is stirring in your heart the desire, or in your mind the thought about helping out with Faith Formation in any way, such as being a catechist or a substitute catechist, please answer the Call! May the Lord richly bless you for your generosity and love for our young people.



If you have any questions or need more information on either registration or being a catechist (*as well as substitute catechist)*, please contact Blane Schriock, Director of Faith Formation, at bschriock@ascensionbismarck.org or call the Parish Office at 223-3606.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS: SEPTEMBER 5TH & 6TH: TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

	5:00 pm	8:00am	9:30am	11:00am
Hospitality	Al Wangler** Patti Wangler Steve Ritter Rita Ritter	Brian Schumacher** Lori Engleson Al Lick Judy Ness	Gene Jordan** LaRae Nelson Andy Schaffner Shirley Schaffner Troy Walker Dina Walker	Gregg Kathol** Rosie Dingus Eric Miller Elsie Seeberg
Lector	Irene Howard	Phyllis Silbernagel	Denise Jordan	Meghan Salyers
Video/Audio Operator	Leona Kuntz	Lauren Weigel	Mark Malm	Edmund Peliska

ASCENSION CATHOLIC CHURCH

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 are not made public. Names of people listed in the bulletin have given permission to use their name.

Marjorie Bitz Richelle Knudson David Wetzel
Dennis Barnhardt Lorie Hopfauf Viola Bitz

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday,	**August 31**
8:00 am	Communion Service
Tuesday,	**September 1**
8:00 am	†Jim & †Jo Ebentier by Mary Ellen Jesse
Wednesday,	**September 2**
8:00 am	†Cheryl Heck by Don & Marge Heck
Thursday,	**September 3**
8:00 am	†Raymond Haas by Joan Ressler
Friday,	**September 4**
8:00 am	†Jim & †Jo Ebentier by Phil & Pam Moormann
Saturday,	**September 5**
5:00 pm	†Anna Mary Miller by George & Leona Kuntz
Sunday,	**September 6**
8:00 am	†Francis Roll by Archie Roll
9:30 am	†John Vetter by Joe & Berna Vetter
11:00 am	People of the Parish

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

WEEK	COLLECTIONS	BUDGET
August 23, 2020	$12,876.00	$14,343.00
Fiscal Year to Date	$98,587.08	$114,744.00

PARISH NEWS

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

Are you interested in becoming Catholic or in getting back into the Catholic Church or just learning more about the Catholic Faith?

Classes will begin this fall and will be led by Deacon Doyle Schulz. RCIA is open to anyone who wants to learn more about the Catholic Faith. Our goal is to answer your questions about the Catholic Faith. Call Deacon Doyle Schulz at 222-0287 to register or for further information.

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL

Next week, we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Today over 40% of dioceses in the United States are considered mission territories because they are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps ease the struggle of these dioceses. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. Envelopes are available in the church gathering space or to donate online, go to www.bismarckdiocese.com and click on Gifting. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

COMMUNITY NEWS

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA

The Bismarck/Mandan Catholic Daughters will resume their meetings, beginning on Tuesday, September 1st at the Cathedral of Holy Spirit at 7:00 pm. Welcome back everybody; guests are invited. For more information call Marella at 225-0559 or visit the CDA website bismarckcda.org.

CATHOLIC YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Catholic Youth Advisory Council (CYAC) is made up of youth in Grades 8-12 across the Diocese, who are excited about growing into well-formed Catholic leaders through organizing and participating in Diocesan initiatives, as well as making the most of other opportunities to grow in their prayer life, virtues, friendships, and understanding of the Catholic faith.

Currently, two youth of our parish are members of the Council. If you know a young person interested in joining them on the CYAC or have a child who would be great for CYAC, complete and submit an application at bismarckdiocese.com/cyac. Contact Chris Kraft, Director of Catechesis and Youth, at ckraft@bismarckdiocese.com or 204-7208 with any questions.

SEPTEMBER 2020

Church of the Ascension Calendar of Events & Activities

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2 **6:30 pm** Confirmation Parent/Student Meeting—Grades 7, 8, 9	3	4	5
6	7 **Office Closed** **8:30 am** Eucharistic Adoration	8 **7:00 pm** KC Meeting	9 **8:30 am** Ladies of Ascension Meeting **6:00-8:00 pm** Catechist Workshop/Community Rm	10	11	12
13 	14 **8:30 am** Eucharistic Adoration **6:30 pm** Social Concerns Meeting	15	16 **12:00 pm** Finance Council Meeting **5:30 pm** Opening Faith Formation Mass and Grill out **7:00 pm** Confirmation Rehearsal/Church	17	18 **7:00 pm** Confirmation for 10th graders 	19
20 	21 **8:30 am** Eucharistic Adoration	22	23 **Faith Formation Classes**	24	25	26
27	28 **8:30 am** Eucharistic Adoration	29	30 **Faith Formation Classes** 2nd Grade Parent Meeting during the 4:00 & 5:30 classes			

PRAYER SHEET FOR MEN & WOMEN IN FORMATION

SEPT 2020

YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO PRAY FOR THESE MEN AND WOMEN ON THE DAY ASSIGNED, PLEASE SEE THE BACK SIDE FOR THE NAMES & ADDRESSES OF THOSE IN FORMATION

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 ***Seminarian*** *Charles Reichert* *Rev. Jared Johnson**	*2* ***Seminarian*** *Paul Gardner* *Rev. Casmir Puluck**	*3* ***Seminarian*** *Rev. Mr. Jacob Degele* *Rev. Benedict Fischer, OSB*	*4* ***Seminarian*** *Isaiah Jilek* *Dcn. Joseph Matson*	*5* ***Seminarian*** *Colton Steiner* *Sr. Eleanor Stockert, OSB*
6 ***Seminarian*** *Nick Vetter* *Sr. Anna Rose Ruhland, OSB*	*7* ***Seminarian*** *Rev. Mr. Ben Franchuk* *Rev. John Paul Gardner*	*8* ***Seminarian*** *Benjamin Wanner* *Rev. Stephen Folorunso*	*9* ***Seminarian*** *Logan Obrigewitch* *Bro. George Maufort, SDS*	*10* ***Seminarian*** *Rev. Mr. Greg Hilzendeger* *Sr. Claire Schmitt, OSB*	*11* ***Seminarian*** *Grant Dvorak* *Msgr. Chad Gion**	*12* ***Seminarian*** *Isaiah Fischer* *Rev John Guthrie**
13 ***Seminarian*** *John Windsor* *Bro. Gregory Senger, OSB*	*14* ***Seminarian*** *Konnor Peterson* *Sr. Hildegarde Urlacher, OSB*	*15* ***Seminarian*** *Ryan Martire* *Sr. Delores Heidt, OSB*	*16* ***First Professed*** *Marena Hoogland* *Dcn Stephen Mays*	*17* ***Seminarian*** *Jacob Magnuson* *Rev. Thomas Grafsgaard*	*18* ***First Professed*** *Mary Ruth Kayute* *Dcn Rex McDowall*	*19* ***Seminarian*** *Joe Schon* *Sr. Susan Lardy, OSB*
20 ***Seminarian*** *Joseph Richter* *Sisters Ministering in Fort Yates*	*21* ***Seminarian*** *Steven Vetter* *Dcn Robert Stockert*	*22* ***Seminarian*** *Eric Artz* *Bro. Elias Thienpont, OSB*	*23* ***Seminarian*** *Josh Hill* *Rev. Patrick Ojedeji+*	*24* ***Seminarian*** *Dustin Johns** *Dcn Tony Finneman+* *Dcn Doyle Schulz+*	*25* ***Novice*** *Stephen Johnson* *Rev. Julian Nix, OSB**	*26* ***First Professed*** *Krista Ferrell* *Dcn Joel Melarvie*
27 ***Brother*** *Maximilian Kenney* *Rev. Paul Becker*	*28* ***Monsignor*** *James Braaten* *Rev. Brian Gross*	*29* ***Novice*** *Craig Thorgeirson* *Dcn Mike Mellmer*	*30* ***Novice*** *Sr. Mary Scholastica Zenter* *Bro Benet Tvedten, OSB*		** Indicates Birthday* *+ Ordination Date*	

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