

# ASCENSION

Catholic Church

- March 7, 2021 -



HE MADE A WHIP  
OUT OF CORDS AND  
DROVE THEM ALL  
OUT OF THE TEMPLE  
AREA. - JN 2:15A

3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

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## OFFICE HOURS

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

## EUCCHARISTIC 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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## 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.

# ASCENSION CATHOLIC CHURCH

## FAITH FORMATION

Last week I gave a brief recap on what we have been blessed with so far this 2020-2021 Faith Formation year, despite the challenges we faced due to COVID-19 regulations. With these regulations being reduced, here is a brief glimpse at what we plan and hope to see happen in both the near and distant future for Faith Formation here at Ascension!

### ***Dining in Faith***

We are excited to announce that our *Dining in Faith* events are coming back to the parish! What is *Dining in Faith*? This event is held on the last Wednesday of Faith Formation classes for each month. Our Knight of Columbus serve meals for our Faith Formation students and their families from 4:45-6:45pm. It is a great way to get to know other families in Faith Formation and spend time lived in vibrant Catholic community! The remaining *Dining in Faith* events for the 2020-2021 Faith Formation year are March 24th, April 28th, and May 12th.

### **Good Friday "Passion of the Christ" Movie Showing**

We will be showing the movie "*The Passion of the Christ*" on Good Friday. This movie is a realistic depiction of the final twelve hours in the life of Jesus of Nazareth, on the day of His crucifixion in Jerusalem. This movie is highly encouraged for middle/high school youth and all those who have never watched the movie; but please note, viewer discretion is advised as the movie is rated R for the portrayal of violence that our Lord endured for us. We will be watching it in the Community Room of the Parish Center at 3:00 pm on Good Friday, April 2nd. Stations of the Cross will follow at 5:30 pm in the church

### **Confirmation Preparation Retreats**

This month, we will be having a Rite of Enrollment & Sponsor/Candidate Retreat for 7th-8th Graders during their Confirmation preparation. These events are a way for our Confirmation candidates to show their dedication in their preparation to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and is a way to help them deepen their faith in that process. Please pray for these young men and women as they grow closer to dedicating themselves more fully to Christ and His Church!

Similarly, we will be hosting our 9th Grade Confirmation Retreat at Badlands Ministries in Medora this coming April! This retreat is meant to be a time for our candidates to really examine their hearts and relationship with the Lord before their Confirmation in May. It has been an absolute privilege for me to work with this Confirmation class; and, I am eager to see what the Lord will be doing with their lives after they leave my class. Please pray for these young men and women also!

### **Sacramental Preparation/Reception**

Our 2nd graders are preparing to receive their First Holy Communion. This beautiful event will take place on Saturday, May 1st! Please pray for our 2nd graders, as they prepare to receive Jesus Christ truly present in the Most Holy Eucharist! Also, our 9th graders will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday, May 7th! In the Sacrament of Confirmation, candidates are sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit and are received fully into the Catholic Church. For both 2nd and 9th graders, these Sacraments ought to propel them deeper into their faith, where their journey has just begun!

### **Middle School & High School Youth Groups**

An earnest hope and prayer of mine is that we can start up both middle school and high school youth groups for the young men and women of our parish. Youth groups are a wonderful way to learn more about the Church and our lives of faith while also growing a vibrant sense of Catholic community with one another. I am currently planning various different youth group events, and I will let you all know as soon as we are able to start hosting these events! If anyone has any thoughts, questions, or suggestions for me regarding Youth Group, please email me, call the office, or stop by to see me during office hours!

What events would you, as fellow parishioners of Ascension Catholic Church, like to see happen for our Faith Formation programs? I would love to hear from you and visit with you! Please feel free to email [bschriock@ascensionbismarck.org](mailto:bschriock@ascensionbismarck.org), call me at 258-5692, or drop by the offices to see me and discuss! *May the love of Jesus Christ fill console and strengthen you as we prepare for Holy Week and Easter!*

Blane Schriock, Director of Faith Formation

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS: MARCH 13TH & 14TH: FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

	5:00 pm	8:00am	9:30am	11:00am
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion	Josh Hager—S** Linda Charbonneau—N	John Bitz—S** Jean Kraft—N	LaRae Nelson—S** Mike Luger—N	Grady Martin—S** Meghan Salyers—N
Hospitality	Al Wangler** Patti Wangler Conni Schafer Sandra Holzer	Larry Slabik** Steve Ritter Judy Ness Brian Schumacher	Troy Walker** Dina Walker Tim Kaiser Joan Kaiser	Elsie Seeberg** Dave Charles Bev Charles Eric Miller
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# ASCENSION CATHOLIC CHURCH

KC COUNCIL #7602

## FISH FRY

Fridays During Lent—5-7 pm

Ascension Education Building

\$10.00 Adults, \$6.00 12 and under, Family Meal of \$32

Fried Alaskan cod, baked potato,  
mac-n-cheese, corn, salad, and dessert

FRIDAYS  
OF  
LENT

STATIONS  
—OF THE—  
CROSS

5:30 PM

## COMMUNITY NEWS

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is offering a Virtual Weekend on March 19-21, 2021. Grow deeper in your marriage from the comfort of your own home! These weekends are private and allow couples to focus just on each other. A communication tool is taught to help spouses get to know themselves and each other better. It will take your marriage to the next level of intimacy! For more information, call Rob & Angie at (701) 347-1998 or apply at [ndwwme.org](http://ndwwme.org).

## CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

The Bismarck Catholic Daughters are hosting a Pinochle card party on Sunday, March 14th at 1:30 pm at Cathedral. This is open to the public; bring a friend. Admission is \$5.00. For more information, call Virginia @ 258-5379.

## 2021 AFRICAN MISSION APPEAL

"Lifting up our brothers and sisters in need" is the theme for this weekend's 32nd Annual African Mission Appeal. As Catholics, we all have a shared responsibility to support our church's work. This can be done through your prayers and generous support of our African Mission Team. Please be as generous as you can in supporting the important work of Fr David Morman, as he ministers on our behalf to our brothers and sisters in Kisii, Kenya, East Africa. You are also encouraged to follow our missionary in action at [www.facebook.com/BismarckCatholicMission](https://www.facebook.com/BismarckCatholicMission).

If you are interested in serving as a member of the Diocesan Mission Team or would like more information, please write to Chuck Reichert, Diocese of Bismarck, PO Box 1137, Bismarck ND 58502.

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Monday,</b> 8:00 am	<b>March 8</b> Communion Service
<b>Tuesday,</b> 8:00 am	<b>March 9</b> †Jim Hoynes by Jan Feeney
<b>Wednesday,</b> 8:00 am	<b>March 10</b> †Ladies of Ascension
<b>Thursday,</b> 8:00 am	<b>March 11</b> †Marilyn Bosch by Roy Bosch
<b>Friday,</b> 8:00 am	<b>March 12</b> †John & †Mary Vetter by Leo & Bernie Vetter
<b>Saturday,</b> 5:00 pm	<b>March 13</b> †Allan Dvorak by Irene Howard
<b>Sunday,</b> 8:00 am 9:30 am 11:00 am	<b>March 14</b> †Bradley Fischer by LeRoy & Colleen Feist †Dave Wetzel by Family People of the Parish

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<b>Sunday,</b> 2:30 pm 3:30 pm	<b>March 7</b> Divine Mercy Holy Hour Lenten Parish Mission
<b>Monday,</b> 8:30 —6:00 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	<b>March 8</b> Eucharistic Adoration Evening Prayer Parish Mission
<b>Tuesday,</b> 6:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	<b>March 9</b> Evening Prayer Parish Mission KC Meeting
<b>Wednesday,</b> 8:30 am 4, 5:30, 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	<b>March 10</b> Ladies of Ascension meeting Faith Formation Sessions Adult Class/No Greater Love
<b>Thursday,</b> 8:45 am & 7 pm	<b>March 11</b> Adult Class/Lectio Divina
<b>Friday,</b> 5:00-7:00 pm 5:30 pm	<b>March 12</b> KC Fish Fry/Dine In or Carry Out Stations of the Cross

WEEK	COLLECTIONS	BUDGET
<b>February 28, 2021</b>	<b>\$9,078.12</b>	<b>\$14,343.00</b>
<b>Fiscal Year to Date</b>	<b>\$473,405.77</b>	<b>\$502,005.00</b>

### REPAIR & MAINTENANCE FUND

**February 2021 Collections \$3,079.00**

### POOR FUND DONATIONS

**February 2021 Collections \$4,027.00**





## Social Concerns Lenten Project

Women's Care Center (formerly First Choice Clinic)

When: February 27/28, March 6/7, and March 13/14

What: Drive for items listed below

Women's Choice Center is a clinic which provides free pregnancy counseling, pregnancy testing and initial ultrasound to women experiencing an unexpected pregnancy. They also provide parenting classes and support to parents.

### Immediate needs:

#### For Moms:

- ☐ Maternity clothes and pajamas (XL are most appreciated, but all sizes are needed)
- ☐ Cozy socks
- ☐ Backpack style diaper bags
- ☐ Drying rack for bottles
- ☐ Bottle brushes
- ☐ Thermometer
- ☐ Nursing pillows
- ☐ Gift cards

#### For Babies:

- ☐ Newborn OUTFITS (not sleepers) and clothing
- ☐ Crib sheets
- ☐ Burp Clothes
- ☐ Diapers: newborn, size 4 and 5
- ☐ Pullups (for potty training)
- ☐ Changing Pads
- ☐ Gentle Baby Wash and Lotions
- ☐ Diaper Cream
- ☐ Tall bottles (8 Oz and larger)

\*no need for wipes or blankets at this time.



As you contemplate the above and consider your gift, we ask that you pray for these women, children, and families as they go through this difficult time in their lives. We pray that they feel the love and support of our parish community. Every child is loved by God, no matter the circumstances of their birth. Thank you for your dedication to our parish and to making a difference in the lives of others.

God Bless you this Lenten Season,  
Your Social Concerns Committee

# Lenten Parish Mission

## STRENGTHENING OUR FAITH WHEN IT'S STORMY

*Presented by:*

**Dr. Chris Burgwald**

Director of Adult Discipleship & Evangelization  
Catholic Diocese of Sioux Falls

Throughout the centuries the Church has experienced corruption, turmoil, and chaos and yet we cling to our faith because Jesus promised us that the 'gates of hell will not prevail' against His Church. In these talks Dr. Chris Burgwald explains how we can strengthen our faith in times of turmoil, and the reasons why we can confidently proclaim "I am proud to be Catholic".

**March 7, 2021—3:30pm Talk Divine Mercy Holy Hour 2:30pm**

*Complimentary Meatball Supper to follow talk.*

**March 8, 2021—7:00pm Talk Adoration/prayer at 6:00pm**

**March 9, 2021—7:00pm Talk Adoration/prayer at 6:00pm**

Join us all three days for an opportunity to have Jesus "calm the storms" in your life. These talks are highly encouraged for adults and teens.

*No registration required. Free-will offering.*



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