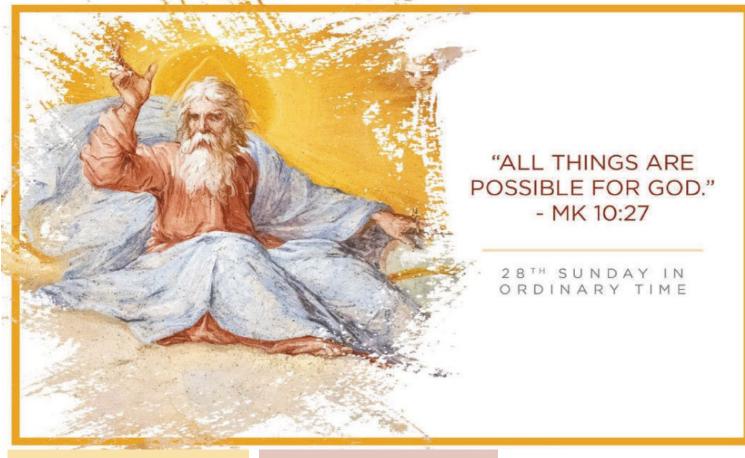


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NEWCOMERS

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 NEWS

BISHOP KAGAN'S PASTORAL LETTER

In the upcoming weeks, the Faith Formation column will provide excerpts from Bishop Kagan's May 23, 2021, **Pastoral Letter "... Live** a Life Worthy of the Calling You Have Received, Part One: To the Catholic Faithful in General

Continued...."What we believe and know to be true is this fact of the life of grace – that our vocation to holiness received in Baptism is the beginning of a life in this world which will be most fulfilling or most unhappy depending on whether we use God's grace to cultivate virtue and holiness or we refuse or neglect God's grace. St. Paul gives us the Church's understanding of Baptism and why it is essential for our lives. "All of you who have been baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Him." (Gal 3: 27)

Because St. Paul explains this in clear terms, it follows that if we have been "clothed with Jesus" we must then come to know, love and serve Him in our lives. This is possible if we dedicate ourselves to knowing our faith and knowing how and why we practice our faith, and always looking to the Church for guidance when we have questions. Again, the Catechism of the Catholic Church is essential reading and study for every Catholic and not just the clergy and religious.

The source of God's grace is His Church and the seven sacraments Jesus instituted and then entrusted to the Church to minister generously to God's people for their salvation and that of the world. We have known this since we began to learn our faith by the example and then teaching of our parents and others. This knowledge was deepened as we were prepared to receive the other sacraments of initiation (Holy Eucharist and Confirmation), the sacraments of healing (Penance and Anointing of the Sick), and the sacraments at the service of communion (Matrimony and Holy Orders). The Catechism of the Catholic Church has a beautiful description of each of the seven sacraments in Part Two, Section Two. I urge you to read this section prayerfully.

When we consider the seven sacraments it is easy enough to grasp how much the Lord loves us since they span our entire earthly lives from conception to natural death. He does not want us to be without His life, His grace at any moment."

The entire letter can be found on the Diocese of Bismarck website: https://bismarckdiocese.com/letter.

UPCOMING FAITH FORMATION EVENT

Living Rosary on October 13th during all three class sessions (4:00 to 5:00 pm, 5:30 to 6:30 pm, 7:00 to 8:15 pm). Everyone is welcome to join our students!

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

"What shall I return to the Lord for all the Lord has given to me?" (Psalm 116:12)

VOCATION MESSAGE

The rich young man desires to live a virtuous life. It requires letting go of what gets in the way of following Jesus wholeheartedly. Are you able to say "yes?" (Mark 10:17-30)

LITURGICAL MINISTERS: OCTOBER 16TH & 17TH: TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

	5:00pm	8:00am	9:30am	11:00am
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion	Alice Ternes—N Josh Hager—S**	Jean Kraft—N** Ellen Klein—S	Mary Neigum—N Mike Neigum—S**	Grady Martin—N Adriel Vetter—S**
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BISMARCK DIOCESE NEWS

JOB POSTINGS

The Diocese of Bismarck has openings for a full-time Fiscal Office Accountant, a full-time Parish Services Accountant, and Administrative Assistant for the Office of Stewardship. Applications can be found on the Diocesan website. Submit a completed application, along with a cover letter, resume, and three references to Denise Jordan, PO Box 1575, Bismarck, ND 58502, or djordan@bismarckdiocese.com.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

ST. JOSEPH'S KC FESTIVAL

St. Joseph's KC Council of Mandan are hosting their 6th Annual KC Festival on Saturday, October 16th, starting at 6:00 pm at the Mandan Moose. The night includes beer and wine tasting, a meal of smoked tri-tip steak and side dishes, a silent auction, music, and tons of fun! Tickets are \$35 in advance and \$40 at the door. Tickets will be available at the Church of St. Joseph parish office or by calling Pete at 701-391-5201 or Pat at 701-202-9103.

A Prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life

Dearest St. Joseph, at the word of an angel, you lovingly took Mary into your home. As God's humble servant, you guided the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem, welcomed Jesus as your own son in the shelter of a manger, and fled far from your homeland for the safety of both Mother and Child. We praise God that as their faithful protector, you never hesitated to sacrifice for those entrusted to you. May your example inspire us also to welcome, cherish, and safeguard God's most precious gift of life. Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life —especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things. Amen.

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

WEEK	COLLECTIONS	BUDGET
October 3, 2021	\$11,027.90	\$14,061.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$179,905.06	\$196,854.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday October 11

8:00 am Communion Service/Adoration

Tuesday, October 12

8:00 am †Phyllis Torske by Robert & Cathy Martin

Wednesday, October 13

Thursday, October 14

8:00 am †Reinold Kellar by Jeanie Kellar

Friday, October 15

8:00 am †Bob Krogen by Dianne Krogen

Saturday, October 16

Sunday, October 17

8:00 am †Leo Gross by Steve and Rita Ritter

9:30 am People of the Parish

11:00 am †Steve Zahn by Paul and Colette Sukut

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Tuesday, October 12
7:00 pm KC Meeting
Wednesday, October 13

10:00-3:30 pm Office Closed for Workshop8:30 am Ladies of Ascension meeting

8:45am/7:00pm Adult Faith Formation Class "The Creed"

4:00, 5:30, 7:00 Faith Formation Classes

Thursday, October 14

7:00 pm Faith Formation Committee meeting



If you or someone you know in our parish community is ill or has a family member or friend who could use our prayers, please call our parish office at 223-3606 or Pauline Mueller at 226-9471. Our Prayer Line is a group of parishioners who pray for requested intentions.

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Foster Care Clothing Drive October 16-17 and October 23-24, 2021 There will be a collection bin in the foyer of the church.

Did you know there is currently a record high number of children in foster care in Burleigh County with more than 60 foster families and greater than 150 children in care?

Have you ever considered being a foster parent, have questions, or would like to start the process?

For more information on fostering, please call

Burleigh County Social Services 222-6670 or PATH 224-9611

The Social Concerns Committee is doing a clothing drive for foster kids. The ages of children are infant to 17 years old. Many times, the children arrive in their foster home with only the clothing they are wearing.

The needs identified are the following:

Diapers of all sizes

2T to adult small pajamas for boys and girls

4T to medium boys underpants

4T to small womens underpants

Toddler to adult boys and girls socks

Blankets

New clothes size 4T to 16/18 boys and girls
Hats and gloves for all ages, boys and girls
New or nearly new backpacks,
gently used luggage (carry on size) or duffle bags.

The Social Concerns Committee thanks you in advance for your kind and generous donation or prayers. We encourage you to make this a family activity. As you consider possibly fostering or purchasing clothes, we ask that you keep the children, their families, and foster families in your prayers. As you can imagine, this is a very difficult time for these kids and their families. We pray they feel the love of Jesus.

Thank you for your dedication to our parish community, The Social Concerns Committee



For questions, please contact Tina Keller 226-1458 or Heather Leier 391-6124

OCTOBERFEST

October 10th, 2021

4:00-6:30 PM

GERMAN FOOD:

Kraut & Knoephla

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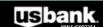
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