

ASCENSION

C a t h o l i c C h u r c h

- March 13, 2022 -



2nd

SUNDAY OF LENT

While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. - Lk 9:29

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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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BAPTISMS

Contact the Parish Office three months in advance to schedule. Baptism classes are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm.

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.

NEWCOMERS

Contact the Parish Office or go online to register. Welcome to the parish!

WEDDINGS

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

ASCENSION CATHOLIC CHURCH

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION NEWS

SEARCH FOR CHRISTIAN MATURITY

A weekend retreat experience sponsored by the Diocese of Bismarck. The weekends are for any high school or college age person of at least 15 years old. Search weekends are held five times throughout the year and are held at the Badlands Ministries Camp just south of Medora. The next weekend available is April 8 - 10. The camp is located in a quiet remote setting of the North Dakota Badlands. SEARCH provides an opportunity to think, talk, question and wonder about life and faith. It is an opportunity to experience God and God's family in a personal and real way. The weekend is youth and peer orientated....it is run by youth, to youth and for youth.... and all under the guidance of a team of adult mentors. Cost for the weekend is \$75 all inclusive. There is a scholarship available for those in need to cover this cost. The retreats start on Friday evening and run through Sunday late afternoon. SEARCH website: <https://searchinmedora.wixsite.com/search>.

STEUBENVILLE ST. PAUL

The Diocese of Bismarck is set to host the annual trip to the St. Paul Steubenville Conference this summer. The Steubenville Conferences are hosted by Franciscan University and provide youth the opportunity to encounter Christ in a powerful way through testimonies, talks, fellowship, the sacraments, and adoration. This year's Steubenville Conference will be in St. Paul, MN from July 29-31. If you are interested in attending or serving as a chaperone (21+), registrations open Thursday, March 17th at 9:00 am.

COR CHRISTI INSTITUTE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MARY

Cor Christi ("The Heart of Christ") invites high school students to a living encounter with Jesus and the foundational teachings and practices of the Catholic faith. This initiative is born from the desire of a group of young priests and other dedicated believers to offer a new generation—through an intensive summer experience—the basics of the adventure of faith. Cor Christi is offered to rising high school students (going into 9-12 grade). The dates for Cor Christi this summer are July 11-15 for week 1 and July 18-22 for week 2.

Please contact Beverly Brintnell for more information at bbrintnell@ascensionbismarck.org or call the Parish Office at 258-5692 for any information on these Youth Faith Formation opportunities.



Light of Christ Catholic Schools

**St. Mary's Academy Open House, 1025 N 2nd Street, Bismarck
Wednesday, March 30, 2022
Grades 6-7-8**

New and prospective middle school students and families for the 2022-23 school year are invited to attend an Open House event at St. Mary's Academy on Wednesday, March 30th at 6:30pm. Join us for a short presentation, meet our teachers and staff and take a quick tour around the Academy. This event is open to the public – please include or invite your friends and family to attend with you. Open to all students in grades 6-7-8 next school year. Personal tours are also available during the school day – please contact Shannon at the following: Email: sindovina@lightofchristschools.org or call: 701-354-7067

LITURGICAL MINISTERS: MARCH 19TH & 20TH, THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

	5:00 pm	8:00am	9:30am	11:00am
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion	Linda Charbonneau—N Bonnie Sanders—S**	Renee Jangula—N Ellen Klein—S**	Deb Schon—N Mark Dosch—S**	Meghan Salyers—N Grady Martin—S**
Hospitality	Sandie Holzer** Joletta Kern VOLUNTEER	Greg Power** Lori Engleson Jeff Engleson	Leo Vetter** Bernie Vetter Troy Schon	Pam Bryan** Bill Bryan Elsie Seeberg
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Video/Audio Operator	Ken Jarolimek	Brenda Muscha	Al Wangler	Deb Kuntz

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OUTREACH FEATURE

During these weeks of Lent, we will have a special feature on the six outreach organizations that our Ascension Parish Community supports financially through our monthly "Poor Fund" blue envelope collected the first weekend of each month. Consider giving a little extra during Lent to help out these organizations!

AID, Inc.

Self-Help Center & Thrift Shop

AID, Inc. is a non-profit organization located in Mandan serving Morton and Burleigh counties in North Dakota. Our goal is to provide temporary, emergency assistance to help families and individuals stay in their homes and become self-sufficient.


Established in 1983, AID, Inc., helps with past-due rent and utilities, provides food for hungry families, helps individuals get to a job interview and medical appointments, and helps with many other unmet needs. In the last 2 years, AID, Inc., provided assistance to over 4,300 adults and children in the two counties. 58,000 pounds of food were distributed.

They also operate a Food Pantry. Food is received through the Great Plains Food Bank and the Great Plains Recovery program, as well as through local food drives. They pass along over-abundance of products, produce, bakery, etc. to area churches, soup kitchens, agencies, day cares and our shoppers and clients.

For more information visit <https://www.aidincnd.com> or call 701-663-1274.



Ascension Catholic Church
extends our congratulations to
Millie Ann,
daughter of Kyle and Heather Weisbeck.
on her baptism.



Ascension Catholic Church
extends our prayers and sympathy
to the family of
Evelyn Zook.
May she rest in eternal peace.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Stewardship is God's invitation to a way of life. It helps us to overcome our selfishness and love of things.

VOCATION MESSAGE

God continues to open a way for us. How is God doing something new in your life? Perhaps God is inviting you to be a priest or religious. (Isaiah 43:16-21)

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

WEEK	COLLECTIONS	BUDGET
Ash Wednesday	\$2,710.09	-
March 6, 2022	\$19,656.97	\$14,061.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$528,846.99	\$506,196.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 8:00 am	March 14 Communion Service
Tuesday, 8:00 am	March 15 Special Intention
Wednesday, 8:00 am	March 16 †Candace Nagel by Family
Thursday, 8:00 am	March 17 †Ben Sitter, Sr by Ben & Jan Sitter
Friday, 8:00 am	March 18 †Marilyn Bosch by Roy Bosch
Saturday, 5:00 pm	March 19 †Darlene Wolfram by Deacon Bob Nutsch
Sunday, 8:00 am	March 20 †Parents of Chuck & Mary Kay Vetter
9:30 am	†John Hatzenbuehler by Family
11:00 am	People of the Parish

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday, 8:30 am to 7 pm	March 14 Eucharistic Adoration
6:15 pm	Prayer
Wednesday, 12:00 pm	March 16 Finance Council meeting
4, 5:30, 7 pm	Faith Formation Classes
Thursday, 8:45 am	March 17 Adult Class/ <i>Divine Mercy</i>
6:30 pm	Adult Class/ <i>Divine Mercy</i>
Friday, 5:00-7:00 pm	March 18 KC Fish Fry/Community Room
5:30 pm	Stations of the Cross

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.

Conversion of Heart

Lenten Reflections on Mercy and Forgiveness

Week 2

READINGS: *Genesis 15: 5–12, 17–18; Philippians 3:17–4:1; Luke 9:28b–36*

“While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white” (Lk 9:29).



Transfigure toward mercy by accepting it

In this week's reading, three of the apostles experience something they do not quite understand. As Jesus was transfigured before them with Moses and Elijah at his side, Peter thought it right to build tents for each, to contain this moment that he knew to be good.

But the voice of God interrupted him and said, “This is my chosen Son; listen to him” (Lk 9:35). It turned out that Peter's plans weren't God's plans at all.

All of sudden, it was over. Jesus was found alone, and the light that emitted from him was dimmed. The disciples, especially Peter, were left with more questions than answers. They “fell silent and

did not at that time tell anyone what they had seen” (v. 36).

We oftentimes don't understand God's mercy in our lives. We are limited in our understanding, and our perception of our motives and those of others can only go so far. We try to live lives of peace and order, but sometimes our own plans don't work out and we end up hurting others.

As Catholics, our job isn't to understand God's mercy; it is to accept it. When we do this well, we come to a deeper understanding of how God works in our lives. It is only through this acceptance that we can truly see as God sees,

which enables us to do as God does by offering that same mercy to those who are most in need of it, none needier than ourselves.

For Reflection

- Is God's will for your life clear to you right now?
- Have you seen God work through the unplanned events in your life?
- Do you find it easy to accept God's mercy?

“How happy I am to see myself imperfect
and be in need of God’s mercy.”

— ST. THERÈSE OF THE CHILD JESUS



Faith Lesson

Attach yourself to GOD

Detachment has always been a means by which people have come closer to God. We witness Jesus’ constant detachment from worldly things every time he climbs a mountain to pray, preaches about the Kingdom, or heals the poor and outcast. He is the model par excellence of detachment.

When it comes to accepting God’s gift of mercy, our first step is to imitate the saints who followed Christ’s call to detachment. The first reaction of every holy man or woman after they accept this reward reacts the same way — with a sense of unworthiness that is followed by acts of fasting to make up for the sins they committed. In other words, we

disassociate ourselves with our former life and detach from our old ways. We are then a “new creation” (2 Cor 5:17) and thus better equipped to complete our God-given mission.

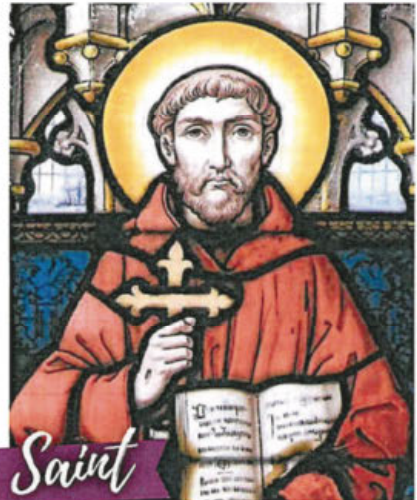
What do you need to detach from so as to *attach* yourself to God more intimately?

Fasting TIPS

Consider making a fast from technology this week. Apart from abstaining from meat on Friday, try going off social media, streaming videos, or other forms of digital entertainment. If you really want to go all out, try fasting from all screens and take that time to pray and reflect.



Lord, I am not worthy to be called your servant, but, nevertheless, I am. Allow me to accept your mercy with humility and purity of heart so that I may teach others to do the same. Strengthen me in my weakness and allow me to overcome my imperfections so that I might better imitate your Son to whom I am forever in debt.



Become an instrument of peace

Francis of Assisi was a man lost in the darkness of sin. He was selfish and determined to gain honor as a soldier and popularity as a frequent partygoer. It wasn’t long before he hit rock bottom as a constant consumer of worldly pleasures. He realized his life was not well-lived, and God told him in a dream to return from war and convert his life. He spent several months attempting to live a good, holy life, oftentimes spending nights in a nearby cave where he would weep for his sins.

It wasn’t until he became completely detached from worldly desires that he found true peace and a reason for being: serving the poor. After years of service and founding many like-minded communities, he would become one of the greatest saints the Church has ever known.

As you continue your Lenten journey, take a page from St. Francis’s book and accept the mercy from God that will transform you into something greater than your own desires. God is the potter, and we are the clay. May he make of you a beautiful instrument of his peace.

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