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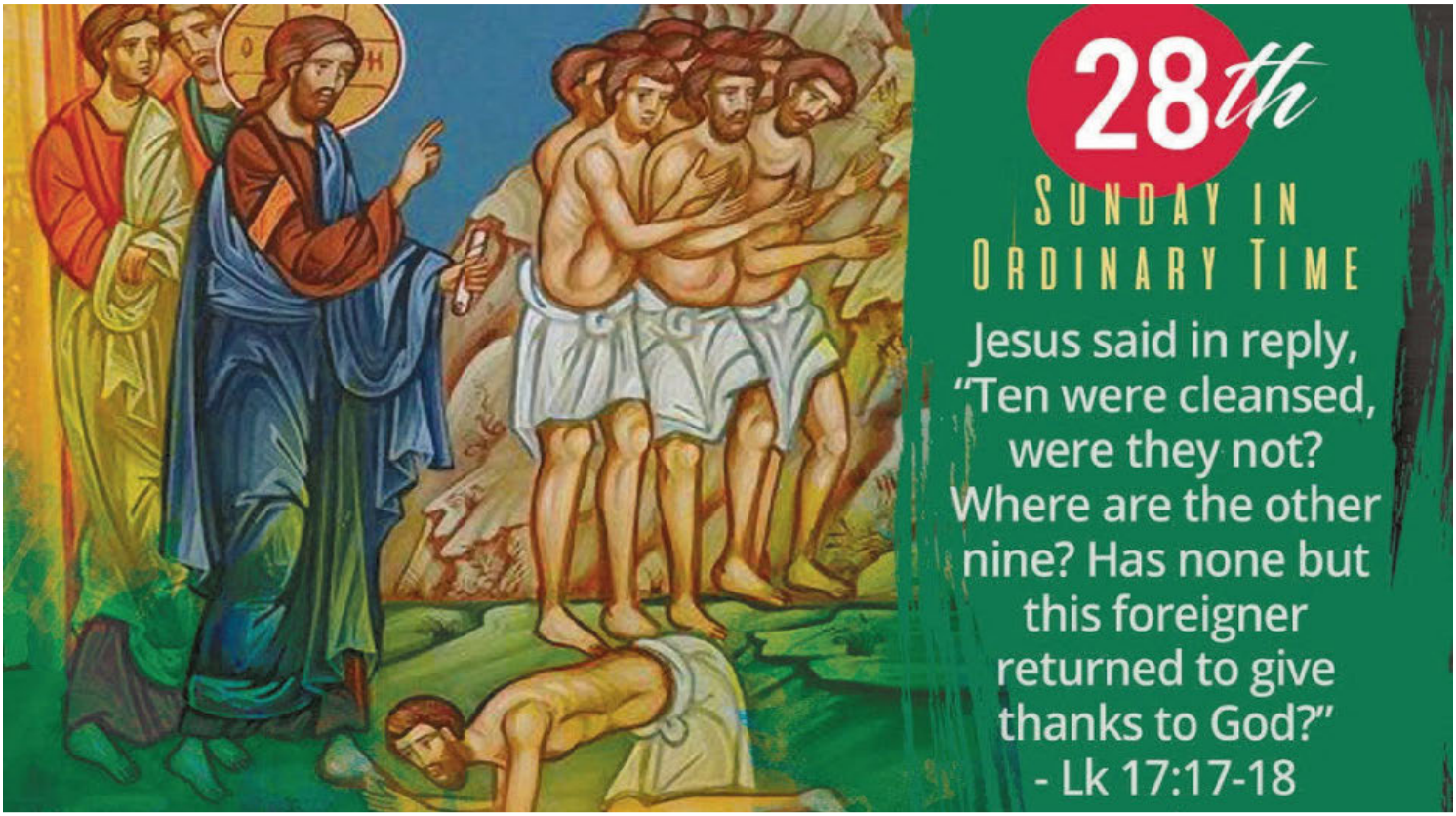

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OFFICE HOURS

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
Tues-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
Rev. Doug Krebs	Priest in Residence
Doyle Schulz	Deacon
John Paul Martin	Deacon
Beth Kathol	Business Mgr.
Beverly Brintnell	Faith Formation
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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. Baptism classes are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm.

WEDDINGS

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

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

To schedule the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, please call the Parish Office at (701) 223-3606. For an after-hours emergency, please call (701) 223-9513 and leave a voicemail.

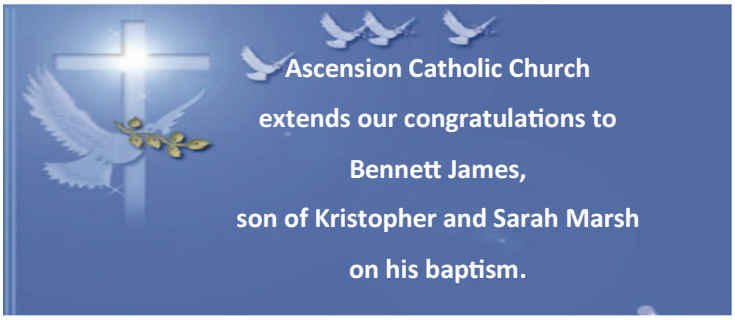
NEWCOMERS

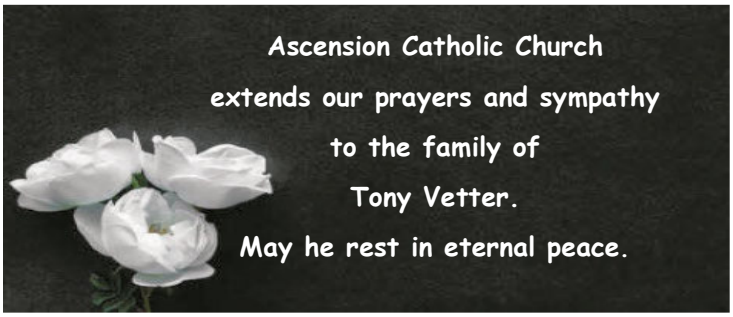
Contact the Parish Office or go online to register. Welcome to the parish!

ASCENSION CATHOLIC CHURCH

FAITH FORMATION CALENDAR

- **October 12th/***2nd grade parent* sacrament meeting during the 4:00 and 5:30 sessions in the Community Rm. *9th graders* will attend The ROCK at St. Mary's Central High School. Students and adults will meet at 6:40 pm in the main courtyard by the statue of Jesus. Students may be picked up at 8:45 pm. Attendance will be taken.
- **October 19th/**No classes





DIOCESE NEWS

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

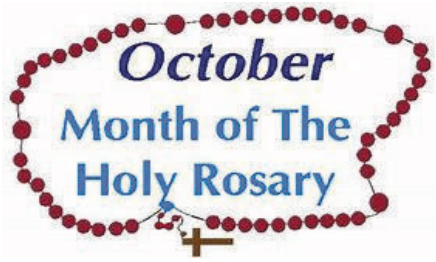
Bismarck Catholic Daughters are hosting a card party **today Sunday, October 9th** at Cathedral. Games of Whist and Pinochle begin at 1:30 pm with prizes. A snack will be served. This is open to the public and the cost is $5. For more info, call Johanna @ 223-4929.

FATIMA ROSARY

Everyone's invited to join the Fatima rosary rally on **Saturday, October 15th** at noon near the grounds of the N.D. State Capitol building on the corner of 9th Street and Boulevard (in front of the water commission building). The rally includes public rosary with intentions, the Angelus, Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Prayer of Total Consecration and the Divine Praises. The event is sponsored by the Bismarck-Mandan Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Daughters.

WHITE MASS

The public is invited to Bismarck Diocese's annual White Mass on **Monday, October 17th** at 5:30 pm at the Cathedral. The special Mass honors physicians and those involved in the medical field.



LITURGICAL MINISTERS: OCTOBER 15TH & 16TH, TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

	5:00 pm	8:00am	9:30am	11:00am
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion	Ken Johnson—N Tammie Johnson—S**	Renee Jangula—N Rose Senger—S**	LaRae Nelson—N Linda Haider—S**	Grady Martin—N Susan Mormann—S**
Hospitality	Joletta Kern** Steve Ritter Josh Hager Layne Volk	Judy Ness Al Lick Greg Power Larry Slabik	Bernie Vetter** Leo Vetter Larry Fleckenstein Troy Schon	Pam Bryan** Bill Bryan Rosie Dingus Sue Mock
Lector	Rita Ritter	Phyllis Silbernagel	Wayne Hatzenbuhler	Al Dolajak
Altar Server	Katrice Kern	Avery Thielges Maggie Thielges	Andrew Wanner Jett Warren	Blaise Kathol Deacon Kathol
Video/Audio Operator	Michael Kern	Lauren Weigel	Brenda Muscha	Doug Mormann

ASCENSION CATHOLIC CHURCH

COMMUNITY NEWS

CHRIST THE KING CHURCH

Christ the King will be having their annual German Dinner, Quilt Auction & Raffle on **October 8th** from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. The menu this year is cheese buttons, kraut nip, country style sausage, German potato salad, coleslaw, kuchen and ice cream. An adult German meal is $15, child German meal is $8, and a hot dog meal is $4. Dinner tickets can be purchased ahead of time at the Parish office or at the dinner. The quilt auction begins at 6:30 pm. We have baby quilts, Christmas quilts, and quilts of all sizes – all handmade! There will also be raffle tickets available for purchase with a grand prize of $2,500 cash and lots of other great prizes. This event will be held in the Christ the King School Gymnasium; all proceeds go to Christ the King Church & Montessori School.

SPIRIT OF LIFE CHURCH

Spirit of Life Catholic Church in Mandan will hold a breakfast **on Sunday, October 16th** from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm. The breakfast is sponsored by the Spirit of Life Knights of Columbus Council #14816 at their church. The menu includes pancakes and ice cream, eggs, sausage, milk, juice and coffee. A free will offering will be taken to benefit the Women's Care Center in Bismarck.

7TH ANNUAL KC FESTIVAL

The Knights of Columbus Council #2760 of the Church of St. Joseph in Mandan will be hosting their 7th Annual KC Festival on **Saturday, October 22nd** starting at 6:00 pm at the Mandan Moose. The night includes beer and wine tasting, a meal of pulled pork, coleslaw, potato salad, beans and dessert, 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.

SEMINARIAN JOE SCHON

Please remember to keep Joe in your prayers, as he pursues his third year in seminarian education. Joe would enjoy hearing from you. His address is the following:

JOSEPH SCHON
CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA
145 TAYLOR ST NE
WASHINGTON DC 20017

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

WEEK	COLLECTIONS	BUDGET
October 2, 2022	$11,622.09	$14,587.50
Fiscal Year to Date	$193,311.64	$204,225.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	**October 10**
8:00 am	Communion Service
Tuesday,	**October 11**
8:00 am	†Mary Vetter by Joe Vetter
Wednesday,	**October 12**
8:00 am	Ladies of Ascension
Thursday,	**October 13**
8:00 am	†James Zander by Richard Zander family
Friday,	**October 14**
8:00 am	†Floyd & †Viola Bitz by Family
Saturday,	**October 15**
5:00 pm	†Joseph & †Dorothy Kurtz by Irene Howard
Sunday,	**October 16**
8:00 am	People of the Parish
9:30 am	†Bernhard, †Katie Weigel & †Bernice Wolf by Joe & Berna Vetter
11:00 am	†WJ & †Ann Schwartz by Friends and Family

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday,	**October 10**
8:30 am	Eucharistic Adoration
Tuesday,	**October 11**
7:00 pm	KC meeting
Wednesday,	**October 12**
8:30 am	Ladies of Ascension meeting
4, 5:30, 7 pm	Faith Formation Classes
Thursday,	**October 13**
7:00 pm	Faith Formation Committee meeting

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Stewardship is an important concept for our spiritual growth as Catholics. It is a way of thanking God for all of the Lord's blessings by returning to God a portion of the time, talent, and treasure we have received.

VOCATION MESSAGE

Gratitude leads to praise. For what are you thankful? How do you share your gratitude? (Luke 17: 11-19)

PRAYER REQUESTS

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.

The Truth About **Abortion** & **Women's Health**

Abortion does not save women's lives.

Abortion is the **direct** and **intentional** killing of a child in the womb.

Abortion is never medically necessary. It does not treat or solve any pregnancy-related complication.

Outlawing abortion will not affect treatment for miscarriage.

Treatment for miscarriage and abortion is not the same thing.

There is a complete moral and legal difference between losing a child through miscarriage and intentionally taking the life of a child.

In the tragic case of miscarriage, surgery may be necessary—and is an ethical treatment—to remove the remains of an unborn child who has *already died*.

While the same surgery is done to perform an abortion, abortions impose this procedure on a ***living child*** with the **intention** of ending his or her life.

Women can get the lifesaving treatments they need—without abortion.

In rare cases, and in the absence of better alternatives, life-threatening maternal health conditions may require interventions that **indirectly** and **unintentionally** lead to the death of an unborn child. **Abortion restrictions will not prevent women from receiving these treatments.**

When the lives of mother and child are in immediate danger, the goal is to fight to save both patients. **Effective treatments exist that seek to save the life of the mother and *never* to intentionally harm her unborn child.**

When a woman's life is at risk in pregnancy, preterm delivery may be used as a lifesaving medical intervention to preserve the life of both mother and child.[1]

Ectopic pregnancies result when an embryo implants outside the uterus—often in the fallopian tube. Sadly, such embryos cannot survive and this condition can pose serious risks to the mother. While ectopic pregnancies sometimes resolve naturally, interventions are often necessary.

When done ethically, treatment for an ectopic pregnancy is not abortion. Ethical interventions include the removal of the damaged fallopian tube containing the embryo or, if embryo death has already occurred, medication can be used to resolve the ectopic pregnancy.

Bottom line: **Abortion restrictions never prevent women from receiving life-saving treatment.**[2]

*If you or someone you know is struggling after involvement in an abortion, the Church offers confidential, compassionate help through Project Rachel Ministry. Visit **www.hopeafterabortion.org** for more information.*

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1 Buskmiller, C. 2018. "The ethics of interstitial and cesarean scar ectopic pregnancies: four case studies and a review of the literature". The Linacre Quarterly 85(3): 252-269.
2 For further information on these topics, reference: [1] National Catholic Bioethics Center, "Medical Interventions During Pregnancy in Light of Dobbs," https://www.ncbcenter.org/ncbc-news/bioethics-public-policy-report-august-12-2022-ezgx2. [2] American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists, "Myth vs. Fact: Correcting Misinformation on Maternal Medical Care," https://aaplog.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/AAPLOG-Myth-v-Fact_v5.pdf.

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