

Saint Maurice Catholic Church

May 8, 2022

Fouth Sunday of Easter

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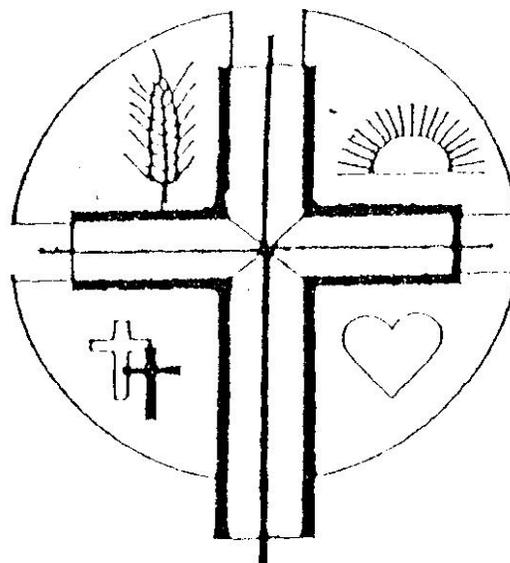
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We, the people of St. Maurice, are the people of God called to continue the work of salvation that Jesus began. Our purpose is to bring a deeper union with God through the announcing of the Gospel in word and action.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Mon. May 9	No Mass	
Tues. May 10	8:00 a.m.	Ryland Splichal
Wed. May 11	8:00 a.m.	† Sadie Hadland
Thur. May 12	8:00 a.m.	Eleanor Bosch
Fri. May 13	8:00 a.m.	† Rochelle Betsch
Sat. May 14	5:00 p.m.	Families of St Maurice
Sun. May 15	9:00 a.m.	Parishioners

Please keep in your prayers: our Government leaders, Ukrainian people, Parish family, friends, those who are traveling, those with unspoken needs.



Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Holy Mary Pray for us.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Saturday: 4:00 p.m.-4:45 p.m.

Ministry Schedule

May 15th : Fifth Sunday of Easter

Ministers: Lisa & David Olson Family
Lector: Amanda Grocott
Eucharistic Minister: Luke Heil
Altar Servers: David, Zach and Felix Johanson
Money Counters: Joe Berg

Schedule of Events

May 15: Kindred Area Ministries Association Baccalaureate at St Maurice 7 p.m. With cake reception
May 16: Parish Council meeting at 7 p.m.
May 29: Senior baccalaureate Mass with cake reception

Finance Council has approved the purchase of a riding lawn mower. In the past two years we have paid over \$5,400 to a landscaping company. The purchase of the new mower will be \$4,650. If you are able to contribute toward the purchase of the mower, envelopes are available in the entry. Collected to date: \$1,675.07



Weekly Stewardship

Adult 1085.00
Plate 142.00
Sale of stove 600.00
Capital Campaign 150.00
Lawn Mower Fund 300.00



Congratulations to our students who received their First Holy Communion and Confirmation

Tobiah Johnson
William Schmitz
Jaxson Grossman



Looking for someone whose talent is calligraphy. If you are willing to share your talent with St Maurice, please contact Len at 701-367-8438

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God's Gift appeal update:

The goal for St Maurice was \$16,698
Pledged as of April 29 was \$11,727
from 29% of our parishioners.



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for May

Faith-Filled Young People

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

A big thank you to our parishioners

who donated the beautiful censer and boat. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



Catholic Corner

FASTING AND PRAYER

When I was a young Protestant and much opposed to any form of [penance](#) (“Hey, Jesus forgave our sins! Why do we need to do penance?”), my Episcopalian aunt pointed my attention to the Sermon on the Mount, where Jesus says: “And when you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by men. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by men but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you” (Matt. 6:16–18; cf. Mark 2:18–20).

My aunt stressed that Jesus said “*when* you fast” not “*if* you fast.” He *expected* his followers to fast, so it is no surprise that we find them doing so: “While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, ‘Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.’ So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off” (Acts 13:2–3; cf. 14:23). The question is not “*Should* Christians fast?” but “[Why should Christians fast](#)—what are we trying to accomplish by it?”

As a Protestant I heard that one should fast so he can spend in prayer the time he otherwise would spend eating. It’s easy to see why a Protestant would choose this explanation (it strips fasting of any penitential connotation), but it doesn’t work.

One can pray *while* eating, or one can eat quickly and spend the rest of the allotted meal time praying. To get still more time for prayer, one could make other cuts in the day’s schedule—cuts that produce less discomfort than does fasting. Either of these options—eating quickly or cutting other parts of one’s schedule—avoid the hunger pains that fasting produces.

If the goal were merely to get more time for prayer, avoiding hunger would be important. The average person does not pray well if he is ravenously hungry. By dinner time, having skipped breakfast and lunch, he will be distracted by hunger. That could cause him to pray *less* effectively than if he had eaten and then devoted himself to prayer.

An alternative justification for fasting is that it purifies one physically. While fasting may have beneficial physical effects, such as removing toxins from the body, this cannot be the underlying explanation for the Christian practice. To get significant physical effects from fasting, one would have to do precisely the right amount of it. A one-day fast does little for one’s body, and a prolonged fast will harm it, and the Bible gives no regulations about *how long* one should fast. More fundamentally, Jesus does not ask us to fast so that we can benefit *physically*. He is not recommending it as a diet or health-improvement technique. He intends it to do something *spiritual*.

Fasting (and embracing the hunger that it produces) improves us spiritually in several ways: We express our recognition that spiritual things are more important than physical things. We learn to deny ourselves pleasures, even in spite of pain—an important spiritual lesson. We declare that we recognize the need to reform and to get closer to God. We willingly embrace the hunger fasting produces as a sign of being willing to shoulder the burdens of others (cf. Col. 1:24). Finally, we express humility before God by adopting a humble posture, recognizing our dependence on him and affirming our submissiveness to his will.

This posture of humility is linked with fasting in Scripture. The scribe Ezra tells us, “Then I proclaimed a fast . . . that we might humble ourselves before our God, to seek from him a straight way for ourselves, our children, and all our goods” (Ezra 8:21). These spiritual effects—and the consequently more effective prayer life that greater spirituality brings (Jas. 5:16b)—are the reason Jesus not only approves of fasting, but expects his followers to fast.

Fasting *does* relate to prayer and is used in the Bible as a way of petitioning God. But the humility one expresses in fasting must be real and not affected. God castigates those who fast but do not truly repent: “[O]n the day of your fasting, you do as you please and exploit all your workers. Your fasting ends in quarreling and strife, and in striking each other with wicked fists. You cannot fast as you do today and expect your voice to be heard on high” (Is. 58:3b-4).

Memorial Day Mass at Holy Cross Cemetery Memorial Day Mass will be at Holy Cross Cemetery North on May 30, 2022, at 9 a.m. Please bring a lawn chair. In case of rain, Mass will be offered at the Cathedral of St. Mary. Daily Mass will be also be offered at Holy Spirit at 5:30pm. Please remember the courageous men and women who gave their lives in faithful service to our country.

Teaching Positions

St. John Paul II Catholic Schools is looking to hire the following positions for the Fall of 2022:

- Art Teacher – Holy Spirit Elementary
- English Teacher – Shanley High School
- Library Media Specialist – Nativity Elementary/Trinity Elementary
- Music Teacher – Holy Spirit Elementary
- PhyEd Teacher – Holy Spirit Elementary
- Religion Teacher – Shanley High School
- Resource/PhyEd Teacher – Sacred Heart Middle School
- Smart Lab Teacher – Nativity Elementary
- Social Studies Teacher – Shanley High School
- Spanish Teacher – Shanley High School/Sacred Heart Middle School
- Little Deacons Teacher – Holy Spirit Elementary
- Dean of Students/Middle School Activities Coordinator – Shanley High School/Sacred Heart Middle School

To apply visit <https://www.jp2schools.org/careers/> or call 701-893-3231 for more information.

Real Presence Radio has a full-time Advancement Position open in the Fargo-Moorhead area. The right candidate will have a love for the Catholic Faith and the call to serve God in spreading the love and gospel of Jesus Christ to Eastern ND and Northern Minnesota through Real Presence Radio. Fund-raising responsibilities would include annual Live Drive duties & special events. This person will also assist in Live Show programming one day per week. An Associate of Arts degree or higher is preferred but not required. A qualified candidate should demonstrate excellent self-management and time management skills. If you sense a call to serve God in this capacity, please send a cover letter, resume and references to joyce@realpresenceradio.com. Or if you would like

FT Coordinator of both Music/Liturgy and Religious Education

St. Leo's Catholic Church in Casselton, North Dakota, is seeking a full-time person for the **dual position** of Music & Liturgy Coordinator and Religious Education Coordinator for their K-12 Religious Education program of 175 students. Casselton is a growing community 20 miles west of Fargo with a parish population of 260 households. A candidate must be a practicing Catholic with a heart for service and a willingness to work closely with the pastor and parish staff in making parish life a priority by meeting and engaging parishioners. Along with the ability to play the piano competently for two weekend parish liturgies, organize liturgical ministers, and lead parish Christmas and Easter choirs, a candidate must have good communication skills, computer proficiency, able to honor and maintain confidentiality, work with committees, form teachers, and liturgical ministers. A degree in Education, Sacred Music, or Music Education is preferred. This position would include flexible scheduling to accommodate weekend and some evening and holy day hours of work. Interested parties can contact Fr. James Ermer at (701) 347-4609 or email james.ermer@fargodiocese.org