



Saint Maurice Catholic Church

July 28, 2024

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saint Maurice Catholic Church

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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.

Almighty and Eternal GOD, Who destined Your Only Begotten Son to be Redeemer of the world and willed to be appeased by His Precious Blood, grant us the grace of venerating the price of our Redemption and of discovering in It the virtue It contains the defense against the evils of the present life in such a way that we may eternally enjoy Its fruits in Heaven, through the same Christ, Our Lord. Amen

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Mon. July 29	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Tues. July 30	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Wed. July 31	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Thur. Aug 1	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Fri. Aug 2	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Sat. Aug 3	5:00 p.m.	Parishioners
Sun. Aug 4	9:00 a.m.	+ Lee Grabar

Sacrament of Reconciliation Hours:

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.-4:45 p.m.

Please keep the following in your prayers: Francis Walker, Caroline Mastel, Elaine and Curt Vangsness, Polly Roe, and all others suffering from a difficult situation, loss or illness.

Ministry Schedule

August 4th - Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Hospitality: Joe and Bethany Johnson Family

Lector: David Johnson

EOMHC: David Johnson and **Volunteers**

Altar Servers: Zachary, Felix and Tobiah Johnson

Money Counters: Joe Berg and Bethany Johnson

Schedule of Events

July 26 thru August 7th - NO DAILY MASS

July 31 Office hours 9 am to Noon

August 2 Office hours 9 am to Noon

August 13 Library Festival of Tables

Teacher's need for this Fall

We are currently in need of Religious Education teachers for grades 1 and 3 starting in September. In the event that you would prefer to teach second grade, the current second grade teacher is willing to teach third grade. If you feel God calling you to serve in this capacity, please let Jena or Len know.

Congratulations to Blayke Gordon who will be baptized on Sunday July 28th.

Blayke is the daughter of Ben and Mikayla Gordon.

Pope Francis intention for July For the pastoral care of the sick We pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer to those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the USCCB Prayers Lord and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all.

Stewardship

July 21, 2024

Adult Envelopes _____\$ 1,450.00

Cash Plate _____\$ 90.00

Capital Campaign _____\$ 1,000.00

Rectory Loan Balance: \$115, 118.44

FYI—Living Our Faith Campaign payment on the loan June 30 was \$2,244.44

Thank you for your support!!

Father Goodwin will be gone from June 26 through August 7th. Please pray for his mother who has fallen and had a partial hip replacement on Friday. God works in mysterious ways as Father was on his way home when she fell. In the event of an emergency please call St Ben's at 701-588-4288 or the Diocese of during the week at 701-356-7900.

2024 God's Gift Appeal Thank you to the 28 families who have contributed to the 2024 God's Gift Appeal. St. Maurice is at **73.10% or \$14,242.37** towards our goal of \$19,483. To donate go to www.fargodiocese.org/godsgiftappeal by clicking the Donate Now button.

Living Our Faith Building Our Future campaign update 30% of the pledges received will come back to St Maurice and be used to payoff the rectory mortgage.

Parish Goal—\$83, 990. Pledges made toward our goal: **\$66,740 – 79.46%** of our goal. Thank you to the 20 families who have made their pledge. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, you can still give online at www.fargodiocese.org. Click on the **Schedule your pledge/donation: [click here](#)** under the Living Our Faith Building Our Future logo on the first page of the website.

July 29: Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus—Memorial

First Century

Martha—Patron Saint of cooks, butlers, dieticians, homemakers, innkeepers, maids, single laywomen, servers, and travelers. **Mary**—Patron Saint of spiritual studies and lectors

Lazarus—Patron Saint of gravediggers

Reflection: “Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus” ([John 11:5](#)). This is how John’s Gospel describes Jesus’ relationship with these siblings whom we honor together today. Of course, Jesus loves all people equally with the perfection of divine charity. So why does John’s Gospel single these three out this way? In the Gospel passage, the word “love” does not only mean the perfect charity in the Heart of Christ for all people. It also implies that Jesus had a special relationship with them, perhaps throughout His life, but at least during the time of His public ministry. This fact is helpful to ponder since it gives us a glimpse into the authentic humanity of Jesus. He formed friendships. He enjoyed spending time with those friends. As both God and man, He ate with them, laughed with them, listened to them, and loved them. Now, from Heaven, Jesus wants to extend that human and divine love He perfectly offers to everyone. In Luke’s Gospel, after Jesus begins His public ministry in Galilee, northern Israel, He travels with His disciples to Jerusalem and continues His ministry. It is on that journey that Martha and Mary are introduced. [Luke 10:38–42](#) tells the familiar story of Jesus entering their home in Bethany, just several miles east of Jerusalem, where He is a guest for dinner. As Jesus reclines, Mary also reclines with Him, at His feet, listening to Him. Martha, busy preparing the meal, rebukes her sister by asking Jesus to tell Mary to help her with the meal preparation. “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving? Tell her to help me.” Jesus responds, “Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her.” This passage provides us with much to prayerfully ponder. First, it’s clear that Jesus is very familiar with Martha and Mary. Martha would not have spoken so bluntly, in an almost critical way toward Jesus, if she did not know Jesus well. Hence, this passage highlights the very real human friendships Jesus enjoyed. Second, Martha’s work of preparing the meal should be seen as a labor of love. Though she is frustrated, that doesn’t change the fact that her service is a service of love and is very important to the fostering of the siblings’ friendship with Jesus. Third, the image of Mary sitting at Jesus’ feet is often used as an image of the contemplative life in which we are all called to sit at His feet in adoration. This “better part” must remind us that nothing is better or more important than prayer. The activity and good works we do will always pale in comparison to the act of adoration of God. Furthermore, only when adoration and worship of God come first do good works follow. Martha, Mary, and Lazarus appear for the first time in John’s Gospel toward the end of Jesus’ public ministry, just prior to the first Holy Week (see [John 11:1–44](#)). The context of the story makes it clear that Jesus and His apostles are all very familiar with these three siblings from Bethany. Lazarus is ill, at the point of death, and Martha and Mary summon Jesus. Jesus waits for two days until Lazarus dies before He journeys to Bethany, converses with Mary and Martha, and then raises Lazarus from the dead. In this passage, Martha emerges as the witness to faith, not Mary. In her conversation with Jesus, Martha proclaims, “I have come to believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world.” This is true faith in the face of the painful situation of the death of her beloved brother. In contrast to Martha who had run out to meet Jesus when He arrived, Mary stayed home, sorrowful, perhaps sulking. When Martha told Mary that Jesus wanted to see her, she went out to see Jesus in apparent despair. The Gospel says that Jesus became “perturbed” at the weeping of Mary and “the Jews who had come with her.” The Greek word literally means “He snorted in spirit,” which seems to be a response to Mary’s lack of hope. After this, Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead. In the next chapter of John’s Gospel, [John 12:1–8](#), Jesus is once again at dinner in Bethany with Martha, Mary, and Lazarus, just six days before Passover, six days before His death. While there, Mary enters the room with a “liter of costly perfumed oil made from genuine aromatic nard” and pours it on Jesus’ feet, drying them with her hair. Though some have associated this act with the sinful woman in [Luke 7:36–39](#) who came crying at Jesus’ feet, the two people might or might not be the same. What is clear, however, is that the anointing of Jesus in Bethany is not the same as the anointing in the home of Simon the Pharisee in Luke 7, which took place in Galilee to the north. Was Mary of Bethany the sinful woman? Did she first anoint Him in Galilee and then later, again, in Bethany? We will never know for certain, but most scholars agree today that she is not the same person as Mary Magdalene. Hence, there might be two or even three women who have traditionally been confused as the same person: Mary Magdalene, Mary of Bethany, and the unnamed sinful woman in Luke 7. All three of today’s saints appeared in the 1749 (updated in 1916) *Roman Martyrology*, the Church’s official list of saints. Of them it says, “At Tarascon, in France, Saint Martha, virgin, the hostess of our Savior, and sister of blessed Mary Magdalene and Saint Lazarus.” However, only Saint Martha appeared on the General Roman Calendar as a memorial until 2021 when Pope Francis added Saint Mary and Saint Lazarus to the July 29 memorial, and clarified that Mary of Bethany was not the same person as Mary Magdalene, although either of them might be the sinful woman. As we honor these sibling saints, ponder the real, personal, and human friendship that the Savior of the World had with them. He loved them as God and as a man, with a pure, perfect, and holy love. In so many ways, this is exactly what Jesus wants with you. He wants you to know Him, spend time with Him, converse with Him, worship Him, and trust Him in good times and bad. Today’s sibling saints are not much different than you. Seek to imitate them, learn from their holy witness, and even from their mistakes. Become a friend of our Lord by inviting Him to dine in the home of your soul. **Prayer:** *Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus, you befriended Jesus as your Lord and God, and as the Son of Man, to Whom you opened your home and lives. Please pray for me, that I will also open the home of my soul so as to befriend Him Who is my God and is the Resurrection and the Life. Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You.* *My catholic.life*

Other News

Full-time Administrative Assistant

St. Benedict Church in Horace, ND is looking to fill the position of Administrative Assistant. This full-time hourly position is responsible for the day-to-day running of the parish office, by providing administrative support to the parish staff, managing volunteers, producing the weekly bulletin, and completing other duties as requested by the pastor or the Director of Administration. The position is open until August 2, 2024. For more information and a full job description, please email Kurt at admin@stbensnd.org.

St Benedict's in Horace is looking to fill the position of Director of Religious Education. This part-time hourly position provides for the religious formation of students in kindergarten through 5th grade, and coordinates sacramental preparation. The DRE: manages teachers and students; obtains needed books, resources and materials; organizes sacramental preparation for the sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, Confirmation, Eucharist; and coordinates the RCIA program and Marriage preparation. The deadline for application is July 19th, 2024. For more information and a full job description, please email Kurt at admin@stbensnd.org

Fatima Day of Reflection, Saturday October 12th 9:30am - 5pm: Please join us in Lidgerwood at St.

Boniface Catholic Church for a Fatima Day of Reflection! The day will include Fatima Reflections offered by Barb Ernster- National Coordinator, Blue Army and Rev. Peter Anderl, Fargo-Spiritual Director; The Rosary; Brown Scapular Enrollment; Eucharistic Adoration; Confessions; The Divine Mercy Chaplet; A Eucharistic/Marian Procession; Closing Mass at 4pm with Bishop Folda. **Hot Lunch provided (please RSVP by Oct. 1st**

Religious Education & Parish Life Coordinator

St. Mary's Cathedral in Fargo, ND is currently accepting applications for a full-time Religious Education & Parish Life Coordinator. This position will be responsible for coordinating the religious education program and youth activities for Pre-K through High School age children in our parish and coordinating parish events and volunteers in other areas of parish life. Some evenings and weekends will be required. Position is available immediately. Interested applicants should send: A cover letter (no longer than 1 page), a resume (no longer than 2 pages), and contact information for two references. All materials should be emailed to the attention of Msgr. Joseph P. Goering at cathedral@fargodiocese.org.

Parish Receptionist(s)

St. Mary's Cathedral in Fargo, ND is currently accepting applications for one or more part time positions as parish receptionist. Duties would include normal reception (phone, door, and front desk attendance) as well as light administrative tasks. Great hospitality and confidentiality skills are required. Computer skills are highly desirable. Depending on the candidates desires and the parish needs, positions could range from 4 to 20 hours per week or even availability for intermittent daytime office hours. Position(s) is available immediately. Interested applicants should send: A cover letter (no longer than 1 page), a resume (no longer than 2 pages), and contact information for two references. All materials should be emailed to the attention of Msgr. Joseph P. Goering at cathedral@fargodiocese.org.

Nativity Church of Fargo is seeking a professional leader in the areas of Liturgy and Young Adult/ High School Ministry. The individual will be responsible for coordinating liturgical and music ministries, encouraging the ministry of parishioners, and assuring that all ministries work together to celebrate good liturgy and prayer. The individual will develop close communication with and mutual support from families of youth and collaborate with other community and parish youth organizations. Please submit a resume and three references to Margaret Zeren by email: margaretz@nativitycatholicchurch.net