



Saint Maurice Catholic Church

December 21, 2025

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

*Let the clouds rain down the Just One.
Let the earth bring forth a Savior. With
hearts brimming with expectation for the
Lord's coming, we gather.*

Parish Mission Statement: *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.*

Saint Maurice Catholic Church - 5313 165 Ave SE Kindred ND 58051

Office 701-428-3094 - Emergency Phone Number: 701-640-5638

Mass Times

Monday—No Mass

Tuesday — 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday - 4:00 p.m. Carols before Mass

Thursday - 9:00 a.m.

Friday — 9:00 a.m. Adoration after Mass

Saturday – 5:00 p.m. Reconciliation at 4:00

Sunday — 9:00 a.m.

Pastor: Reverend James Goodwin - james.goodwin@fargodiocese.org

Office Staff: Len Splichal - stmaurice58051@gmail.com

DRE: Jena Bjertness - stmauricedre@gmail.com

Parish Council: Miranda Muscha and Mike Bjertness - Lay Directors

Joe Johnson, Luke Heil, Emily Hahn, Tim Curran - Council Members

Mass Intentions

Mon. December 22		No Mass
Tues. December 23	8:30 a.m.	+ Terry Goodwin
Wed. December 24	4:00 p.m.	Parishioners
Thur. December 25	9:00 a.m.	Mary Ann Splichal
Fri. December 26	9:00 a.m.	Zachary Johnson
Sat. December 27	5:00 p.m.	Parishioners
Sun. December 28	9:00 a.m.	Ernie & Yvonne Wegener Family

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

December 24th - Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord

Mass at 4 p.m.

Hospitality: Len and Jeff Splichal

Lector: Zachary Johnson

EOMHC: Zachary Johnson and Volunteers

Altar Servers: Felix, Tobiah and Isaiah Johnson

December 25th - The Nativity of the Lord

Mass at 9:00 a.m.

Hospitality: Todd and Judy Hively Family

Lector: Judy Hively

EOMHC: Judy Hively, Paul Corcoran & Volunteer

Altar Servers: Volunteers

December 28th - The Holy Family of Jesus Mary and Joseph. Mass at 9:00 a.m.

Hospitality: Joe and Bethany Johnson Family

Lector: Joe Johnson

EOMHC: Zachary Johnson and Volunteers

Altar Servers: Felix, Tobiah and Isaiah Johnson

Money Counters: Bethany Johnson and Len Splichal

Father Goodwin and staff wish you a Blessed Christmas and Joyous New Year.

Prayer Intentions - Please Pray for the following individuals

Anne Curran, Polly Roe, Adam Holm, Elaine Vangsness, George and Patty Pawlik, Ann Schmitz, Yvonne Moore, Boden Meier, Bill Giles. If you or a loved one are hospitalized or homebound or would like to have a family member included in the prayers for the sick, call the parish office at 701-428-3094.

Stewardship

December 7th

Adult Envelopes: \$2,080.00

Cash Plate: \$226.00

December 14th

Adult Envelopes: \$1,115.00

Cash Plate: \$197.00

Capital Campaign: \$390.00

Rectory Loan Balance: \$83,031.24

Thank you for your support!!



Thank you to Elaine Vangsness who commissioned Amanda Hagen to create this beautiful depiction of Jesus with the Lamb. The piece is hanging in the social hall, so stop by to see it. Elaine donated this piece in Memory of her husband Curt Vangsness.

Schedule of Events

December 21 - No Class

December 22 - Office Hours 9:00 a.m. to noon

December 24 - Christmas Vigil 4:00.p.m.
Carols will begin around 3:30 p.m.

December 24 - No Office Hours

December 25 - Christmas Mass 9:00 a.m.

December 26 - Mass at 9:00 a.m. followed by Adoration

December 26 - No Office Hours

December 28 - No Class

Welcome to St. Maurice Catholic Church! We would love to meet you and welcome you into our parish family. Registration forms are available in the church office and on the table under the tv in the vestibule. Those of you who are MEMBERS - Please let us know if you have a change of address, or if you have a new phone number. Help us keep costs down by letting us know when you move. Thank you!

Happy Birthday to all parishioners with a December birthday. Clarence V., Paul C., Mark K., Dominic A., Todd W., Lisa O., Ryan P., Joseph J., Joshua P., Michael H., Sara P., Jeremiah M., Benjamin A., Marina N., Mikayla G., Zachary J., Hayden B., Carter M., Kinley G., Rylie H., Paige G., Lizzy J., Everett H., Liam N., Emersyn K., Walter H., Florence O., Athena H., Ike F., Isaac F.

Pope Leo XIV Intention for the month of December:

For Christians in areas of Conflict. Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.



Saint Nick showed up on December 7th to distribute goodies to the children.



Thank you everyone who helped to make our Christmas program so successful. We are so fortunate to have so many people, both children and adults, who got involved this year. Look at all the children!!!

Would you like to remember a loved one at Christmas by contributing to the Christmas Flower Fund? If yes, you may use your offering envelope (or any envelope) indicating what the contribution is for (Christmas Flower Fund) and who you would like to have the contribution to go to (in memory of and their name or names).

The Fourth Week of Advent: The Virgin Shall Conceive and Bear a Son!

Advent: A Season of Expectant Hope The fourth Sunday of Advent is also known as Rorate Sunday. The name is derived from the Introit or opening chant for the Eucharist that day: Rorate caeli desuper, et nubes pluant justum: aperiatur terra, et germinet Salvatorem. This chant is based on Isaiah 45:8 and freely translates as "Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the just one; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Savior." This fervent prayer emphasizes that we are getting closer to Christmas and our prayer for the arrival of our Savior intensifies. Mary.org

Advent Family Prayer - God of Love, Your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us. He is a sign of your love. Help us walk in that love during the weeks of Advent, As we wait and prepare for his coming. We pray in the name of Jesus, our Savior. Author unknown

Prayer for lighting the fourth candle

All-powerful God, your eternal Word took flesh on our earth when the Virgin Mary placed her life at the service of your plan. Lift our minds in watchful hope to hear the voice which announces his glory and open our minds to receive the Spirit who prepares us for his coming. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen. Author Unknown

Area Events

SEARCH for Christian Maturity is a peer-to-peer retreat ministry for **youth (ages 16–17)** and **young adults (18+)** who desire to grow deeper in their faith and in Christian community. SEARCH offers a powerful opportunity to encounter God, discover more about oneself, and build meaningful relationships within a loving, supportive Christian environment. Our next retreat will be held **January 9–11, 2026** at **Maryvale Retreat Center in Valley City**. For more information and to apply, please visit: www.fargodiocese.org/search4cm Questions? Please contact **Dori Picard** at **952-210-2219**. Applications are due by **Monday, December 22, 2025**.

Hankinson Youth Night

Join Sr. Mary Ruth & other teens for a time of fellowship, discussion, and prayer at St. Francis Convent (Hankinson, ND). We meet on the third Friday of each month from 7 to 9 p.m. Contact Sr. Mary Ruth for more information: (701) 242-7195. smaryruth@scretreats.org.

Come enjoy a night of faith and fellowship at Real Presence Radio's Fundraising Banquets! Join us in Fargo with keynote speaker Dr. David Anders on Monday, February 2, 2026. Reserve your spot today call Sunshine Diem at 701-960-0453 for details!

Employment Opportunities

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

- Little Deacons Substitutes – Holy Spirit Elementary School
- Substitute Teachers