

RECURRING EVENTS



LUX VERBI

We are currently reading *Philosophy 101 by Socrates (Peter Kreeft)*.

Join us as we explore the big questions of truth and the “examined life” through Plato’s *Apology* with Peter Kreeft’s engaging commentary. Meetings are Mondays, 7–9 pm in St. John Paul II Room, Wanzek Center. No prior reading required—just bring your curiosity! Contact Andrzej: 701-793-8726 for details & building access. Everyone welcome!

The Cathedral Choir meets every Wednesday evening at 5:30pm in the choir loft. All adults interested in singing are welcome to come! Dr. Jay Hershberger, director: jay@cathedralofstmary.com

The Young Women’s Choir—All ladies ages 16-39 are welcome to join! Rehearsals are every other Thursday, and include a potluck meal. Rachel Bakken, director: rachelbakken2000@gmail.com

The Angel Choir is open to youth, and meets for practice before RE classes, at 5:30pm, Wanzek 3rd floor. Sarah Wiegrefe, director: 701-866-5726

Knights of Columbus (KC) Meetings are on the 2nd Monday of the month on the 3rd floor in the Wanzek Center. Rosary beforehand, in the main church at 6:30pm. Open to all men of the parish.

St. Mary’s Altar Society The next meeting is Tuesday, February 3 at 6:30 in the Social Hall. All ladies of the parish are welcome.

Confraternity of Christian Mothers (CCM) The next meeting is on Tuesday, January 6 at 6:00pm. Meetings begin with adoration and confession in the Cathedral, followed by a meeting and fellowship in the Social Hall. All women age 16 and up are invited to attend! Contact McKenzie with questions: fargoccm@gmail.com

OUTSIDE THE PARISH

Holiday Bake Sale - Court St. Ann #261—Come and stock up on your holiday baking at the Holiday Bake Sale on



OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE ADORATION CHAPEL AT ST. MARY’S CATHEDRAL

Please consider giving an hour of your time in adoration. Call Cindy Petrich (701-552-1675) or Jacinta Splonskowski (701-388-3948) for more information. **247adore.com**. *Starred times are the most important shifts to fill.*

OPEN HOURS:

Sunday—*5-6am, 6-7am

Monday—

Tuesday—8-9am

Wednesday—

Thursday—

Friday—*3-4am, *4-5am, 9am-10am, *1-2pm

Saturday—10-11am, *3-4pm, *11-12noon

2ND ADORER:

Sunday—*12mid-1am, *5-6am, 10-11am, 1-2pm, *5-6pm, *10-11pm

Monday—12-1am, 1-2am, *3-4am, 4-5am, 6-7am, 7-8am, *4-5pm, 8-9pm, 11-12mid.

Tuesday—4-5am, 8-9am

Wednesday—*2-3am, 3-4am, 8-9am, *11am-12noon, 1-2pm

Thursday—3-4am, 5-6am, 6-7am

Friday—3-4am, 9-10am, 11am-12noon, *1-2pm, *2-3pm, *4-5pm, 10-11pm, *11pm-12mid

Saturday—3-4am, 10-11am, 12-1pm, *2-3pm, 3-4pm, 6-7pm, 7-8pm

December 13 & 14, after each Mass at Nativity Church of Fargo – Sat 4:00pm and Sunday 7:45, 9:15, and 11:00am. Free will offering. Donations will go to our local charities that we support. Thank you and Merry Christmas!

Cookie and Candy Walk, Saturday, December 13—The Catholic Daughters of the Americas invite you to fill a box with a great variety of homemade cookies, candy and more at our annual Cookie and Candy Walk. Premade trays will also be available. It will start at 10am on 12/13, at St. Joseph’s Gathering Place, 1005 2nd Ave S, Moorhead.

Advent Day of Reflection

Take time away to nourish your spiritual life and prepare your heart for Christmas! We invite you to join us on Saturday, December 20th for a Day of Reflection (in person or online). This month’s theme, as we continue our Franciscan Spiritual Pilgrimage, will be on Advent. The event lasts from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Register online

at <https://forms.office.com/r/qvVtezHnt9> or contact Sr. Mary Ruth with questions: smaryruth@sfcetreats.org or 701-242-7195

Join Bishop Folda on a pilgrimage to Greece and Turkey as we walk in the footsteps of St. Paul. We will visit the holy sites of Corinth, Philippi, Thessaloniki, Ephesus, Meteora, Athens and Istanbul - places forever marked by the Apostle’s mission and witness.

Dates: October 5-17, 2026

Price per person sharing a room: \$5,990

Please see the Fargo Diocese website for more information and a link to registration: fargodiocese.org/pilgrimages-Greece.

Invitation to Cursillo—Cursillo is a three-day learning, sharing, inspirational experience of living in a Christian community. Groups of men or women meet from Thurs. evening until Sun. afternoon with a team of Spiritual Directors and lay people. The “retreat” portion of the weekend is from opening night until after Mass the following morning, during which silence is observed. Thereafter, there are short talks to help one live life in union with God. There is also time for informal talk, discussion, singing, joking and laughing, and spontaneous informal prayer.

Just as Jesus invited the two disciples on the road to Emmaus to “come and see!” He invites each of us to “come and see” what He wants for us. Two Cursillos will be hosted in 2026 in the Fargo Diocese for all those interested:

Women’s Cursillo—February 5-8, 2026 at Maryvale. Contact Rosalie Axtman: 701-341-1962.

Men’s Cursillo—March 5-8, 2026 at Hankinson. Contact Tim Kilgore: 218-791-3937.

JOB POSTINGS

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



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BISHOP OF FARGO DIOCESE

Most Reverend John T. Folda

CATHEDRAL CLERGY

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Rev. Edwin Arul, Parochial Vicar

Rev. Charles Fischer, In Residence

Rev. Msgr. Robert Laliberte, In Residence

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OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE ADORATION CHAPEL

Perpetual adoration of Our Lord in the Eucharist. Access the chapel from 7th St. N. Call 701-552-1675 or 701-388-3948 to commit to a holy hour. 247adore.com

PARISH GROUPS

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Josh | grandknight@stmarysknights.org

ALTAR SOCIETY: Tiffany | altarsocietystmarys@gmail.com

CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS: McKenzie | fargoccm@gmail.com

LUX VERBI/EXODUS 90: Andrzej | 701-793-8726

PARISH PRAYER CHAIN: If you’re in need of prayers | 701-219-5620

MARY MARTHAS GIRLS’ GROUP: Tamara | 701-866-5195

KNIGHTS OF THE ALTAR: Tom | dobrzynski12@gmail.com

CATHEDRAL CHOIR: Jay | jay@cathedralofstmary.com

YOUNG WOMEN’S CHOIR: Rachel | rachelbakken2000@gmail.com

ANGEL CHOIR: Sarah | 701-866-5726

MCMERTY FOOD PANTRY—2nd, 4th, 5th Saturdays 12-4pm. Greg | 701-630-0840

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS: April Cottrell, Charles Bakken, Regina Reineke,

Dorian Walker, Loren Loh

FINANCE COUNCIL: Lay Directors—Brad Starry and Brad Bisek; Members—

John Herlick and Joseph Szmerekovsky



MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday: 7:00am & 12:10pm

Saturday: 8am (chapel) & 5pm

(Anticipatory)

Sunday: 8am (incense free), 10am, 12pm

RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday: 6:30am-6:50am, 11am-12pm

Saturday: 3pm-4:45pm

TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS

12:00pm Sundays at the Shanley chapel, 5600 25th St. S, Fargo

DEVOTIONS

Tuesday 12:40pm—Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena

Bulletin announcements due by 9am on Wednesday to emmaline@cathedralofstmary.com

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

BAPTISM | Please contact the parish office at 701-235-4289 to meet with a priest.

RECONCILIATION, HOLY COMMUNION, & CONFIRMATION | In our Diocese, First Reconciliation is received in 2nd grade and First Holy Communion and Confirmation are received in 3rd grade. Contact the parish office for more information.

MATRIMONY | The Cathedral must be contacted 6 months prior to the wedding. Please email Lynette.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS | If you are interested in joining the Catholic Church, please contact Mary Hanbury at 701-356-7909.

HOLY ORDERS | Contact the diocesan vocations director at vocations@fargodiocese.org

OFFERTORY GIFTS

Offering:	\$ 3,298.67
Plate:	\$ 1,883.97
Online:	\$ 2,741.88
Diocesan Subsidy:	\$ 2,885.00
Music Subsidy:	\$ 480.77
Total:	\$11,290.29
Expenses:	\$15,595.00

Give online to the Cathedral:



CHARITY FUND - Each month, \$800 of charity fund donations support Churches United for the Homeless, the Emergency Food Pantry, the Salvation Army's hot lunch program, and the New Life Center, and \$500 supports Catholic Charities of North Dakota. The charity fund also supports our food pantry. **November outgoing charity donations: \$1,633.68.**

Our McMerty Food Pantry is open the 2nd, 4th & 5th Saturdays from 12noon-4pm. Donations of food or cash can be brought to the parish office. Thank you!

RITEs

BAPTISM~ We welcome those newly baptized. Please pray for them as they continue to grow in Christ.

MARRIAGES & BANNS~ Please join us in praying for all newly married couples & those preparing for the sacrament of Matrimony.

DEATHS~ Please remember in your prayers the deceased of our parish: *Lowell Siebels—Jan 24, Charlotte Baumgardner—Feb 7, Joan Rheault—Feb 16, Dorothy Huck—Feb 21, James Rene—Mar 23, Fr. Duaine Cote—Jun 9, Franklin "Treacy" Gibbens—Aug 17, Petronella Shirk—Aug 21, Fr. William Callery, Jr.—Nov 6, Lois Riedman—Oct 19, Raphael "Ray" Riedman—Nov 12.*

PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS~ Please join us in praying for all our ill parishioners, including: *Michael Pandan, Jennifer Anderson, John Bower, and Pat Artz.* (To request a name to be put in the bulletin, contact the parish office.)

PRAY FOR PRIESTS~ Join us the 3rd Thursday for an hour of prayer for our priests at 12:45pm, after noon Mass.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 15, 2025
 7:00am Dolores O'Conner
 12:10pm Lvg & dcd Fetsch Family

Tuesday, December 16, 2025
 7:00am Mary Pat Jahner family
 12:10pm †Dan Danielson

Wednesday, December 17, 2025
 7:00am Mariam Conlin & Family
 12:10pm †Jerome Elledge

Thursday, December 18, 2025
 7:00am Brittany Yaggie family
 12:10pm †Marie Haugen

Friday, December 19, 2025
 7:00am Mike & Marry Yaggie
 12:10pm For unity within the Church

Saturday, December 20, 2025
 8:00am †Anne Evinger
 5:00pm †James & †Ruth Flaherty

Sunday, December 21, 2025
 8:00am †Dr. Gerald Peterson
 10:00am St. Mary's Parishioners
 12:00pm Julian Conlin & Evan Miller
 12pm Latin †Joe & †Joan Hartl

To schedule a Mass intention, contact the parish office. Please be brief, and do not use multiple names. Otherwise, you may request a private Mass. Thank you!

PARISH PRAYER CHAIN~ If you or someone you know is in need of prayers, please call 701-219-5620.

NEW MEMBER REGISTRATION

If you are interested in becoming a registered member of the Cathedral, **please see a priest after a Sunday Mass.**

READINGS FOR 12/14-20/25

S: Is 35:1-6, 10; Ps 146:6-10; Jm 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11
M: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17; Ps 25:4-9; Mt 21:23-27
T: Zph 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23; Mt 21: 28-32
W: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
T: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72: 1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
F: Jdg 13:2-7, 24-25; Ps 71:3-6, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
S: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 1:26-38

LAY MINISTRY Dec. 20-21, 2025

Lector/Servers	Sacristan	Ushers
Saturday 5pm Karen T.	Brady G.	Cindy P. Terry P. Joshua S.
Sunday 8am Dan G.	Pam M.	Jackie H. Wanda H. Dorothy M. Kevin K.
Sunday 10am Jennifer A.	Rachelle S.	Judy J. Annie G. Galen E. Ethan S.
Sunday 12pm Devin W.	Devin W.	The Grimestad family

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

Local Advent Penance Services:

Holy Spirit – Dec 7, 4 pm
 Sts. Anne and Joachim – Dec 9, 6:30 pm
 Blessed Sacrament – Dec 11, 7 pm
 St. Benedict's—Dec 14, 4 pm
 St. Anthony's—Dec 15, 7 pm
 Holy Cross—Dec 16, 7 pm
 Nativity—Dec 18, 7 pm
 St. Leo's—Dec 19, 7 pm
 Cathedral—Dec 21, 4 pm

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Wednesday, December 24:

- * 11am-1pm Confessions
- * 5:00pm Vigil Mass with Children's Choir
- * 11:00pm Office of Readings and carols

Thursday, December 25:

- * Mass at midnight, 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm ad-orientem
- * 10:00am Tridentine Latin Mass at Shanley

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD, JAN. 1

(Holyday of obligation)

- * 5:00pm Vigil Mass (New Year's Eve)
- * Mass at 10:00am and 7:00pm (Jan 1)

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS CONT.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who helped and took part in this year's St. Nicholas Festival. It was a joy to celebrate together again! We are grateful to all who organized, decorated, cooked, baked, donated, served, and joined us for the day. Your generosity and joyful spirit made the festival a true blessing for our parish community!



Have a blessed Advent!

Text or E-mail Scam Alert: Msgr.

Goering and other Cathedral clergy or staff will NEVER text or e-mail you asking for special help obtaining gift cards (or anything like it.) The scammers are very clever gathering names and addresses, and the requests can look quite authentic. Say a prayer for the scammer's repentance and/or divine thwarting of their evil deeds, but don't respond to them!

Exodus Advent for Men—Men of the parish, join us this Advent for Exodus Advent, a short spiritual journey of prayer, discipline, and fraternity to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ.

We will gather in the chapel entrance at 8:45am after 8:00 Mass on Saturdays, Dec 6, 13, & 20. Meetings will be in the Wanzek Center.

Learn more at exodus90.com/advent. Interested or want to join? Contact Andrzej at 701-793-8726 for question or building access.

Let's make this Advent a time of focus, freedom, and renewal.

Olive Wood Sale—This weekend, December 13 and 14 in the Social Hall after each Mass. Shop for beautiful, hand-crafted gifts made in the Holy Land. Choose from a wide variety of unique pieces that were made in Bethlehem and Jerusalem. Your purchase supports the Catholic Families who crafted them and who protect the holy churches for all of us.

Cathedral Solemn Vespers

December 17-23 at 7pm—All are welcome to pray and sing vespers each evening from Dec 17 to 23 at 7pm in Our Lady of Guadalupe Adoration Chapel at the Cathedral. The Church eagerly awaits the coming of the Messiah and sings the "O Antiphons" which recall various prophetic titles of the Christ: O Wisdom, O Lord, O Root of Jesse, O Key of David, O Radiant Dawn, O King of the Nations, O Emmanuel.

8th Annual Family Christmas Ball

Friday, December 19, 6pm-10pm, St. Mary's Cathedral Social Hall.

Come join us for a fun, FREE night of Waltzes, Foxtrots, and Swing! Bring a snack to share. All ages are welcome. Attire is formal. If you want a few lessons to brush up on your skills, **our last free dance lesson will be offered in the Cathedral Social Hall: Dec. 14, 11:15am** – Lindy Hop/Swing. For questions, contact Tiffany: goeringtiffany@gmail.com, 701-388-6362.



Christmas Caroling in Cathedral Neighborhood—Saturday, Dec 20, 6:00-8:00pm.

Join us as we bring the light of Christ to our neighbors. We will gather at 6:00pm in the Wanzek Center and leave for caroling at 6:15pm. Dress warm! Traditional caroling attire is encouraged, though not necessary. Join us after caroling for food and fellowship in the Wanzek Center until 9:00pm. For details, contact Lynette: 701-405-6490.

Christmas Caroling in the Nursing Home—Sunday, December 21.

All parishioners and youth are invite to share the joy of Christmas with residents through caroling at: **St. Catherine's North at 2:00pm** (1351 Broadway N, Fargo) and **Bethany Retirement Living at 3:00pm** (201 S University Dr, Fargo).

Please meet in the lobby 15 minutes prior to the start time. Join us at one or

both locations. For questions, contact Jacinta: 701-388-3948.



Help Decorate the Cathedral for Christmas—Decorating will begin at 5:00pm on Tuesday, December 23.

We need volunteers to set out the poinsettias, and put up Christmas trees, lights, and more in the Social Hall for our Christmas season. Many hands make light work! Please RSVP to the parish office if you think you'll be able to help.

New Year's Eve Trivia Night—Do you have New Year's Eve plans yet? If not,

join your Cathedral family on **12/31** for trivia, drinks, and apps, **6-8pm** that evening in the social hall! Childcare will be available.

End of Jubilee Year - December 31st—The Jubilee Year Indulgence may be gained by making a pilgrimage, or doing a work of mercy or penance.

To learn more about the norms for gaining the Jubilee Indulgence, the other five sites in the Diocese, and find additional resources, visit the Jubilee page of the Diocese of Fargo: fargodiocese.org/jubilee

Year-End Giving

If you would like a charitable donation to be recorded for the tax year 2025, we need to receive it by December 31st.

Contributions can be made to Finishing the Race campaign, the Cathedral Endowment, or any other aspect of the Cathedral life you desire. God bless you and thank you for your generosity!

