

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS, CONT.



The Christmas Flower Memorial Mass will be offered on Sunday, January 4th at 12:00 pm.

Share your artistic flair in our Christmas Coloring Contest!

Hosted by the Knights of Columbus, #782 Fargo. Theme: How can you show your faith to the world? Divisions:

- Intellectual disabilities
- Kindergarten
- 1st-2nd Grade
- 3rd-4th Grade
- 5th-6th Grade

Judging will be done locally. Winning entries will go on to be judged by the ND State Council. Fill out the information on the back of the art sheet and **return to the parish office by January 14, 2026**. Copies can be found in the St. Joseph's entrance.

NEW PARISH WEBSITE—St. Mary's Cathedral has launched a new website! Check it out for updates on Mass, Confession and holyday times, cancellations, announcements, upcoming events, ways to get involved, and much more!

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 -Dec 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

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 90 (Men's Fraternity at St. Mary's Cathedral)—Exodus 90 is a 90-day spiritual program for men seeking deeper prayer, greater freedom, and authentic fraternity through a structured journey of prayer, discipline, and brotherhood. The program runs **January 5 through Easter 2026**, guided by Scripture and reflections from Fr. Boniface Hicks, OSB, and Jamie Baxter. **The first Fraternity Meeting will be: Saturday, January 10, 2026, at ~8:45 am, following 8:00 am Mass (Mass attendance is highly encouraged).** Gather in the Chapel vestibule (after Mass), then proceed to the John Paul II Room (Wanzek Center). Coffee provided. *(Men outside the Cathedral, Catholic or not, are also welcome to join the fraternity.)*

Learn more: exodus90.com
Contact Andrzej: 701-793-8726

Are you interested in becoming Catholic?

Come to any or all Inquiry Classes on Thursday nights, 7:30pm-8:30pm in the Wanzek Center (parish office building). Classes are in the conference room, to the left when you walk in the door. Join us on:
Jan 8 & 22, Feb 12 & 26,
Mar 12 & 26, Apr 23,
May 14 & 28

OUTSIDE THE PARISH

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.

SEARCH Retreat—Looking for the perfect gift for the young adult in your life? SEARCH for Christian Maturity is a peer-to-peer ministry, allowing youth (ages 16 and 17) along with young adults (ages 18

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:
BABY CLOTHES SORTING**

We're looking for helping hands to sort donated baby clothes! Your time will make a big difference for families in need. Join us for a few hours of folding, organizing, and spreading kindness.

DATES

- TUESDAY, JANUARY 27TH
- TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH
- TUESDAY, MARCH 31ST
- TUESDAY, APRIL 28TH

PASTORAL CENTER
5201 BISHOPS BLVD S

8AM - 4:30 PM
COME AND GO WHENEVER IT'S CONVENIENT FOR YOU.

KRIS: 701-561-8412
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and older) to minister to youth and young adults. SEARCH is a way to help you on your journey to discover God, yourself, and a Christian community. This is a time to experience a loving, supportive community of young people who want to learn and experience a closer relationship with God and with others. We have a **retreat coming up January 9-11, 2026** at Maryvale Retreat Center in Valley City. More details and the application are at fargodiocese.org/search4cm or call Dori at 952-210-2219 with questions. **Applications are due no later than Monday, December 22nd.**

St. Monica's Daycare—St. Monica's Montessori is excited to announce our new year-round daycare program for children ages 18 months-3 years. Rooted in our faith-centered worldview, this program provides a nurturing, hands-on environment designed to spark curiosity and support early growth. While distinct from our formal Montessori classrooms, it reflects the same values of respect, exploration, and joyful learning that define our school community. For more information, please contact us at info@stmonicasfargo.com

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



Cathedral of St. Mary

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Office Hours: M-F 9am-3pm, W during RE until 5pm

Contact: 701-235-4289, cathedral@fargodiocese.org

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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Deacon Steven Splonskowski

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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
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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
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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 Lynette@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.

*George Timothy Larson
 December 21, 2025*

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: *Lovell 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 22, 2025

7:00am Mary C Schoener
 12:10pm †Stanelly/Donna Kennelly fam

Tuesday, December 23, 2025

7:00am Thksg for St Gianna & Pietro Molla
 12:10pm Nancy Emmel

Wednesday, December 24, 2025

7:00am †Ione Dickhaus
 5:00pm Gary & Pat Artz
 Midnight †Irene & †Gene Schanilec

Thursday, December 25, 2025

8:00am Family of †Harry Wadnizak
 10:00am St. Mary's Parishioners
 12:00pm Missy Yaggie & family
 12pm Latin †Dan Hartl

Friday, December 26, 2025

7:00am In Thanksgiving
 12:10pm †Susan Richard

Saturday, December 27, 2025

8:00am Jimmy & Julia Becker & family
 5:00pm Janelle Schanilec

Sunday, December 28, 2025

8:00am Meneliva Nahimana
 10:00am St. Mary's Parishioners
 12:00pm †James & †Ruth Flaherty
 12pm Latin †Darwin Monson

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—DEC 21-27

S: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rm 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24
M: 1 Sam 1:24-28; 1 Sam 2:1, 4-8; Lk 1:45-56
T: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66
W: 2 Sam 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79
T: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18;
F: Act 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Ps 31:3-4, 6, 8, 17-17; Ps 118:26-27; Mt 10:17-22
S: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1, 2-8

LAY MINISTRY—DEC 27 & 28

Lector/Servers	Sacristan	Ushers
<u>Saturday 5pm</u> Jane G.	Ethan R.	Terry P. Cindy P. Joshua S. Sub needed
<u>Sunday 8am</u> Nathan E.	Marsha S.	Randy H. Wanda H. Dorothy M. Kevin K.
Marcus L. Sub needed		
<u>Sunday 10am</u> Karen T.	Therese S.	Judy J. Rose S. Ethan S. Leo, II, S.
Aaron S. Lane E. Morgan S. Jesse S. Chester S.		
<u>Sunday 12pm</u> Jim F.	Jim F.	The Grimstad family
Derek B. Moses Z. Stephen S.		

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, 10-11am
Monday—
Tuesday—8-9am
Wednesday—
Thursday—
Friday—*1-2am, *2-3am, *3-4am, *4-5am, 9am-10am, 1-2pm, 11-12mid
Saturday—10-11am, *11-12noon
2ND ADORER:
Sunday- *12mid-1am, *5-6am, 6-7am, 10-11am, 1-2pm, *5-6pm, *10-11pm
Monday—12-1am, 1-2am, *3-4am, 4-5am, 6-7am, 7-8am, *4-5pm, 11-12mid.
Tuesday— 4-5am
Wednesday— *2-3am, 3-4am, 8-9am, *11am-12noon
Thursday— 3-4am, 5-6am, 6-7am
Friday— 3-4am, *4-5am, 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

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!

Cathedral Choir-Meetings 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

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

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 with questions: fargoccm@gmail.com

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THE CATHEDRAL PENANCE SERVICE will be this afternoon, December 21 at 4:00 pm.

The parish office will be closed from December 24-26 and resume regular hours on Monday, December 29.

HOLYDAY SCHEDULE CHRISTMAS

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

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD, JAN. 1 (Holyday of obligation) UPDATED

- * 5:00pm Vigil Mass (New Year's Eve)
- * 6:30-6:50am, 11-12pm Confessions
- * Mass at 7:00am, 12:10pm (with Bishop Folda to close Jubilee Year of Hope), 7:00pm

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

Cathedral Solemn Vespers—Dec 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.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING

Monday, Dec 22, 1 pm—We need help fluffing all the greenery and bows.

Tuesday, Dec 23, 5 pm —We need help to set out the poinsettias, put up the Christmas trees, lights, garland and more.

Many hands make light work!



Have a Merry Christmas!

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!

