

Sacred Heart Parish Family

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January 2, 2022- The Epiphany of the Lord

Mass Schedule-Central Time

Saturday 9:00 am & 4:00 pm Mass
Sunday 10:30 am Mass
Thursday Mass at 9:00 am

Masses at St. Ann's-Hebron

Saturday 6:30 pm Mass
Sunday 8:30 am Mass
Tuesday & Friday Mass at 9:00 am

Office Hours

Wednesday & Thursday 9-12

Celebrating Sacraments

Confessions: One half hour before every Mass and by appointment in the Church.

Baptism: Call the Parish Office and schedule the date and time for pre-baptismal instructions.

Marriage: Premarital preparations need a minimum of 9 months before your wedding date. Contact the Priest in advance.

Communion to the Sick: Please contact parish office. Please, inform any actual or impending hospitalization for spiritual care.

Parish Staff:

Pastor: Fr. Gary Benz

Deacon: Mr. Lance Gartner

Secretary: Ms. Kylee Kuhn

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Primary DRE: Ms. Renae Duppong

High School DRE: Mrs. Lisa Staiger

Church Janitor: Mrs. Charlotte Schantz

Parish Hall Janitor: Mrs. Linda Wagner



Jan 3 1 John 3:22 – 4:6
Psalm 2:7-8, 10-12
Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25

Jan 4 1 John 4:7-10
Psalm 72:1-4, 7-8
Mark 6:34-44

Jan 5 1 John 4:11-18
Psalm 72:1-2, 10, 12-13
Mark 6:45-52

Jan 6 1 John 4:19 – 5:4
Psalm 72:1-2, 14-15, 17
Luke 4:14-22a

Jan 7 1 John 5:5-13
Psalm 147:12-15, 19-20
Luke 5:12-16

Jan 8 1 John 5:14-21
Psalm 149:1-6, 9
John 3:22-30

Jan 9 Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or 40:1-5, 9-11
Ps 29:1-4, 9-10 or 104:1-4, 24-25, 27-30
Acts 10:34-38 or Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7
Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

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“And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was.”

Creation responded to the divine presence of Jesus Christ in the world. When He was born, the Star of Bethlehem announced His holy birth; the seas knew Him, because it allowed Him to walk upon it; the earth knew Him, because it trembled when He died; and the sun knew Him, because as Jesus hung on the Cross, it hid its rays of light. If mere created matter responded to the presence of Jesus Christ in the world, then what should our response be, because of all of God's creations, we are the most exalted; our Lord became one of us, sharing in our human nature. The manifestations of Jesus Christ in my life demand a response, like that of the Three Magi. They were overjoyed at seeing the Christ Child and bestowed great gifts upon Him. May we be overjoyed at seeing Jesus present in our lives and thus respond with the best of all gifts . . . love.

Difficult moral issues, “Is it permissible for a woman to have a hysterectomy?”

In a recent bulletin, we discussed the issue of vasectomies for men. Of course, a vasectomy and a hysterectomy are different medical procedures for the different sexes, but the end goal is the same: they are a means to make the marital act infertile. The dire implications for marital unity, love, respect, and later regrets are very much the same for both medical procedures. For these implications, please refer to the prior bulletin installment that addressed it in summary. In this bulletin, we will focus more narrowly on when a hysterectomy is permissible and under what conditions, calling upon the wisdom of Janet Smith and Christopher Kaczor in their excellent book, *Life Issues, Medical Choices*, pages 94-95.

The Church teaches that if a woman's uterus is so unhealthy that it poses a threat to her well-being, it would be moral for her to have her uterus removed, that is, to get a hysterectomy. It is moral to remove body parts that pose a threat to an individual's well-being. For example, if a kidney or a uterus develops cancer and there is no hope that surgery,

chemotherapy, or radiation will eradicate the cancer, these body parts can be removed.

Sometimes, however, the uterus is not a threat to a woman's health when she is not pregnant, but may become a threat were she to become pregnant. For instance, a woman may have scar tissue on her uterus that might cause the uterus to rupture as it expands in pregnancy, thus causing life-threatening hemorrhaging. Many doctors recommend that such women get hysterectomies, in order to make a future pregnancy impossible.

Some doctors recommend not a full hysterectomy, to prevent pregnancy, but what is called a “uterine isolation”. This procedure is identical to a tubal ligation: a woman has her fallopian tubes “tied”, thus isolating the uterus from the fallopian tubes.

The Church, through a declaration by the Congregation for the Doctrine of Faith, has declared that hysterectomies to prevent future pregnancies and “uterine isolations” are not morally permissible. Both procedures involve the direct intent to prevent a pregnancy, and that is a contraceptive or sterilizing intent. The Church teaches that acts that cause sexual acts to be infertile are intrinsically wrong.

Couples facing serious medical situations of this type would want to learn a very reliable method of Natural Family Planning with due diligence. More importantly, they must daily place all aspects of their marriage, including their fertility and physical well-being, into the loving hands of our Father in heaven. He has a divine plan for their marriage and they must trust as it beautifully unfolds.

Come to Bethlehem . . . right here in Glen Ullin and Hebron

Please join us this **Sunday, January 2nd**, after the **10:30 Mass** at **Sacred Heart**, for the traditional Christmas pageant performed by our CCD children. You are welcome to join us afterwards in the Parish Center for a potluck meal. We will do the same on **Wednesday, January 5th**, at **Saint Ann's** after a **5:00 p.m. Mass**. There the CCD children will also offer the story of the Nativity of Jesus Christ in a Christmas pageant. Please join us in the parish hall for a potluck supper after the conclusion of the pageant. I was asked to be the Star of Bethlehem at both Christmas pageants, which I found quite peculiar, but an honor nonetheless, until I found out that they just planned on shining a flashlight on my bald head to create a glare! Is it too early to get people on Santa's naughty list for next Christmas?

Adding beauty to our church

Anonymous donors have offered to purchase the new paschal candle for Saint Ann's Church. We are grateful for their role in making our Easter season and funeral Masses more dignified and reverent. May God reward you.

When is Christmas season over?

Every year, I am saddened to see Christmas trees at the curb on December 26th. I want to shout, "But the Christmas season has just begun!" Indeed, the Church gives us until January 9th, the Feast of the Baptism of our Lord, to celebrate the joy of Jesus Christ's holy birth. As Catholics, we have to respect the liturgical calendar and celebrate each day of the Christmas season, because we can never be grateful enough for the hope of eternal life in heaven made possible by Jesus becoming man, the Incarnation.

This said, what can we do to continue celebrating the Christmas season? Consider the following: 1) Set a place at table at each meal for the Christ Child, a powerful way to remind young children of the presence of Jesus in their homes; 2) Sing a Christmas song at the beginning or end of family prayer at the end of the day; 3) Pray daily the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary, which celebrate the Incarnation; 4) On

this Epiphany Sunday, give a small religious gift to your children, to remind them of the gift-giving of the Magi; 5) Let your children place the Three Magi in the family's Nativity scene and pray in Adoration for a time, in imitation of the Magi; 6) On the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, take out the children's Baptismal candle, light them for a short time, and remind your children of the new life they received at their Baptism; 7) As for leftover Christmas cookies, take them to the "recycling bin" at Glen Ullin. The bin has been placed outside of the Catholic rectory. The nice man there will see that the cookies are properly "disposed of" (bring milk too).

On the lighter side

After the Three Wise Men left the Holy Family, the Three Wiser Women came with casseroles for a week, fresh diapers, and formula for the baby.

A point to ponder

Christmas is a necessity. There has to be at least one day of the year to remind us that we are here for something else besides ourselves. [Eric Sevareid]

Prayers for the Sick

We will pray for and publish names of members of the parish and immediate family members who request such prayers. They will remain on the list for 4 weeks. You may call the office if you wish to add the name again.

Helen Geck
 Dave Opp
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 Mesa Sheldon, great granddaughter of Ernie & MaryAnn Fitterer
 Duane Hutzenbueler, brother in law of Chuck Gietzen
 Sebastian Shaw, great nephew of Mike Koller

Mass Intentions

Jan 6	9:00 am	+Shirley Kastner (#6837)
Jan 6	4:00 pm	MM: +Marlyn Braun (#6890)
Jan 8	9:00 am	+Cora Weiland (#6840)
Jan 8	4:00 pm	Polly Schantz (#6880)
Jan 9	10:30 am	Ian Wall & Michael Wall (#7015)

Calendar of Events

Jan 5	5-6 pm	Adoration
Jan 6	9:00 am	Mass at Sacred Heart
Jan 8	9:00am	Mass at Sacred Heart
Jan 8	3:30 pm	Confessions at Sacred Heart
Jan 8	4:00 pm	Mass at Sacred Heart
Jan 8	6:00 pm	Confessions at St. Anns
Jan 8	6:30 pm	Mass at St. Anns
Jan 9	8:00 am	Confessions at St. Anns
Jan 9	8:30 am	Mass at St. Ann's
Jan 9	10:00 am	Confessions at Sacred Heart
Jan 9	10:30 am	Mass at Sacred Heart

REMINDER:

Bulletin Announcements are due by
WEDNESDAY AT NOON!!

Ministers

All Ministers please report to the sacristy 20 minutes before service begins.

January 5 – Wednesday 6:00 PM:

Lector: Art Hellman

January 6 – Thursday 9:00 AM:

Lector: Linda Duppong

Server: Joseph Gartner

Rosary: JoAnn Opp

January 8 – Saturday 9:00 AM:

Lector: Michael Gartner

Server: John Gartner

Rosary: Anissa Gartner

January 8 – Saturday 4:00 PM:

Ministers of Hospitality: Cameron & Teddy Morman

Servers: Braden Schlatter, Danica Schlatter

Lector: Rita Wallin

Music: Sandy Gerving

Rosary: Mary Sibla

January 9– Sunday 10:30 AM:

Ministers of Hospitality: Travis & Alisha Thomas

Servers: Tahj Thomas, Lizzy Duppong

Lector: Linda Gartner

Music: Vicki Horst

Rosary: Josh Gartner

January 13 – Thursday 9:00 AM:

Lector: Ernie Fitterer

Server: Art Hellman

Rosary: Shelby Schantz

January 15 – Saturday 9:00 AM:

Lector: volunteer

Server: volunteer

Rosary: volunteer

January 15 – Saturday 4:00 PM:

Ministers of Hospitality: Tim & Linda Duppong

Servers: Tyler Kuntz, Kaden Kuntz

Lector: Duane DelaBarre

Music: Lynnette Schirado

Rosary: Betty DelaBarre

January 16 – Sunday 10:30 AM:

Ministers of Hospitality: Chuck & Kerry Gietzen

Servers: Katie Dziuk, Kevin Dziuk

Lector: Valerie Schaaf

Music: Glory & Praise

Rosary: JoAnn Opp

**If you are unable to fulfill your ministry,
 including Altar Servers,
 PLEASE FIND SOMEONE TO FILL IN FOR YOU.**

Parish News

Women of Sacred Heart will be having a meeting in the meeting room on Monday, January 3rd @ 4:30pm.

Knights of Columbus will be having a meeting in the meeting room on Wednesday, January 5th @ 7:00pm.

Office Changes Starting January 5th, 2022 – The office hours will be changing to be Wednesday & Thursday 9:30 – 12:30. Also Linda Wagner will be taking over as office Secretary. As she gets the hang of things, hours could change, but please be patient as she learns the ropes! ☺

Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest will be held on January 9, 2022 at 1:00pm at the Glen Ullin School. Boys and Girls ages 9-14 (age on January 1). The Glen Ullin Council # is 4004. Entry Forms can be found in the back of church. Contact for this event is Don Wanner 701.878.4568.

Stewardship Message: “Everyone must give according to what he has inwardly decided; not sadly, not grudgingly, for God loves a cheerful giver.” (II Corinthians 9:7)

Stewardship of Treasure

Adult Envelopes	3650.00
Plate	229.15
Flower Fund	25.00
Parish Center Loan Reduction.....	2105.00
Children's Collection.....	4.00
St. Joseph's Adult Envelopes	2171.70

If you are interested in purchasing or selling more parish raffle ticket books, there are some in the back of church. The committee asks that you sign your name and how many extra books you took!

Tickets and money can be returned to the office or dropped in the collection basket.

Fr Gary Insert Con't

Time for Christmas Spiritual Growth

There will be a young adults group at the rectory in Glen Ullin on Sunday, January 9th at 2:30pm. We will begin a series on the virtues. Hope to see you there!

Events in the Diocese

ND March for Life You are invited to partake in the second annual North Dakota March for Life, taking place at the North Dakota State Capitol on January 21, 2022. On January 22, 1973, the United States Supreme Court handed down the Roe v. Wade decision that made abortion legal, allowing many to choose to have an abortion without government intervention. Since then, well over 62 million lives have been lost due to abortion. To begin the event on January 21, Bishop Kagan will celebrate Mass at 10:30 AM at Cathedral of the Holy Spirit. Following Mass, groups are welcome to march (or drive) to the Capitol grounds for a program beginning at 12:30 PM to include a keynote speaker and a period of silence for the 62+ million lives who have been silenced by abortion in the United States since 1973. For more information on how you can participate, check for frequent updates at the Diocese of Bismarck website.

Search for Christian Maturity is a weekend retreat experience sponsored by the Catholic Diocese of Bismarck. The weekends are for anyone of high school or college age (at least 15 years old). Search weekends are held at the Badlands Ministries Camp just south of Medora. Upcoming weekends for 2022 are: Jan. 14-16; Feb. 25-27; and April 8-10. More information can be found at www.bismarckdiocese.com/search1.



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