

# Prayers for the Sick

Please help us keep the list of the sick updated. If you would like to be on the email prayer chain or want to submit a prayer request of any kind please email [joanconlon59@yahoo.com](mailto:joanconlon59@yahoo.com):

Carol Sebastian  
 Cody Jacobsen  
 William Kelley  
 Ernie Schantz  
 Zaylee Schmidt  
 Christine Lawson  
 Blake Kuntz  
 Laurie Hauser  
 Ashley Braem  
 Harper Wetzel  
 Paul Wehri  
 Lee Ann Hoff  
 Kurt Tibor  
 Andi Tuomala  
 Bonnie Kisch  
 Lisa Conlon

**\*The Latin responses are found in the St. Michael Hymnal, #105 is the Kyrie that Father sings. Follow along from #101 on for the rest of the Mass parts.**

## Mass Intentions

Jan 14 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 PM	+ Shelly Person by Jason & Claudia Wehri
Jan 15 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 AM	Special Intention for Carol Sebastian
Jan 17 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 AM	++ Harry & Philippina Nagle by Dorothy Feist
Jan 18 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 PM	+ Jean Raaf by Roxanne Zimmerman
Jan 20 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 AM	+ Bev Thomas by Kirk & Gretchen Peterson
Jan 21 <sup>st</sup>	6:30 PM	Special Intention for Carol Sebastian
Jan 22 <sup>nd</sup>	8:30 AM	+ Sheila Kohler by Harvey & Sandi Tibor

**\*\* Confessions Half an Hour before Mass\*\***

**FIRST, THIRD AND FIFTH WEDNESDAYS THERE WILL BE EUCHARTISTIC ADORATION FROM 5 TO 6 FOLLOWED BY MASS. POST CONFIRMATION CLASSES WILL ALSO BE ON THESE DAYS AT 7:00 PM.**

# Ministers

## January 14<sup>th</sup>- Saturday- 6:30 PM:

Lector: Kirk Peterson  
 Ushers: Kerry & Brenda Richardson  
 Rosary: Chester Brandt  
 Serves: Elena & Brynlee

## January 15<sup>th</sup>- Sunday- 8:30 AM:

Lector: David Wanner  
 Ushers: David & Cheryl Wanner  
 Rosary: David Johnson  
 Servers: Ava & Isla

## January 17<sup>th</sup>- Tuesday- 9:00 AM

**January 18<sup>th</sup>- Wednesday- Adoration 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM; Mass at 6:00 PM**

**January 20<sup>th</sup>- Friday- Mass at 9:00 AM; Adoration 9:30 AM to 5:30 PM**

## January 21<sup>st</sup>- Saturday- 6:30 PM:

Lector: Nicole Vogle  
 Ushers: Clayton & Jan Carter  
 Rosary: Chester Brandt  
 Servers: Jovie & Levi

## January 22<sup>nd</sup>- Sunday- 8:30 AM:

Lector: Kevin Staiger  
 Ushers: Kevin & Toni Staiger  
 Rosary: David Johnson  
 Servers: Claire & Simon

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

**END OF YEAR CONTRIBUTION LETTERS AVAILABLE IN THE GATHERING SPACE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS THIS PAST YEAR! GOD BLESS YOU!**

**The men's and women's  
spiritual formation  
groups will meet in  
the back of Sacred  
Heart Church on  
Sunday evenings  
at 6:30 PM.**

**Mass Schedule – Central Time**

**Masses at St. Ann's**

Saturday 6:30 PM

Sunday 8:30 AM

Tuesday & Friday 9:00 AM

**Masses at Sacred Heart:**

Saturday 9:00 AM & 4:00 PM

Sunday 10:30 AM

Thursday 9:00 AM

**Parish Office Hours are 10 AM TO 1PM  
Tuedays and Fridays**

**Stewardship of Treasure**

Adult: \$1460

Loose: \$118.34

First Offering: \$50

Thank you for your donations!

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**\*January 15<sup>th</sup> - Free Throw contest** at Glen Ullin Public School at 1:00 PM, Sunday. Doors open at 12:30 PM. Entry forms are available in the Gather Space. Ages 9 to 14, boys and girls are allowed to participate. If you need any more information please contact Don Wanner at 878-4568.

**\*Bible Study-** Wednesday 7pm in the library - Session #5: Matthew Chapter 4. We will see that even the Devil can quote Scripture. How do we know the Truth? Jesus gave us Mother Church to guide us.

**\*January 21<sup>st</sup>-** The Candlelight Vigil to pray for an end to abortion in our country and throughout the world will be held Saturday Jan. 21 following the 6:30pm Mass on Main Street in Hebron. Please wear warm shoes and clothing. We will have Adoration at St Ann's until 8:30pm for those who wish to pray indoors.

**\*Search-** If anyone is interested in Search please get a hold of Sally Vogle!

204 Park St S  
PO Box 12  
Hebron ND 58638  
[www.stannshebron.com](http://www.stannshebron.com)

Parish Office (701) 878-4658  
E-mail: [stanns@westriv.com](mailto:stanns@westriv.com)  
DRE Phone:  
Sally Vogle- (701)-878-4492  
Business Manager/ Secretary:  
Eve Mollman- (701)-690-7200

Fr Gary Benz Contact  
Cell Phone: (701) 509-9504  
E-mail: [frgarybenz@yahoo.com](mailto:frgarybenz@yahoo.com)

**“Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.”** Just a few weeks ago, we celebrated Christmas on December 25<sup>th</sup>, the birth date of Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God. Though hesitant to enter into speculation, I do bring to your attention that some Scripture scholars believe that Jesus may have been born in the *spring*, during the lambing season. We have warm calving and lambing barns in our day, which allow for the birthing of animals in cold wintry weather, but lambs at the time of Jesus were born in the spring, for the warmer weather, sunshine, and green grass were conducive to a successful lambing season. So, this would explain why Joseph and Mary were able to find shelter in a cave near Bethlehem for the birth of Jesus, because these caves (used in the winter by the shepherds) were empty during the lambing season. So, Jesus was born perhaps around the springtime Jewish celebration of Passover, when the lambs destined for sacrifice in Jerusalem were born. How fitting, as Jesus was the Lamb of God, destined to be sacrificed on Mount Calvary for the salvation of the world. As we continue to reap the graces and blessings of our recent Christmas celebration, we thank Jesus for coming into our world to suffer for us. We continue to live with suffering, it is still part of daily life, but now when we suffer, Jesus is with us in the midst of it. The suffering servant of God fills our suffering with His loving presence.

**Saint of the Week, Saint Agnes (291-304)**

**Feast day: January 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Patron: young girls, chastity, and rape survivors**

Saint Agnes of Rome was born in 291 A.D. and was raised in a devout Christian family. She was very beautiful and her family was very wealthy and thus she attracted many suitors who wished for her hand in marriage. However, Agnes made a personal vow of chastity and chose never to marry, for she desired to love one Bridegroom alone: Jesus Christ. In fact, when one suitor after another came to ask for her hand in marriage, Agnes would always tell them, “Jesus Christ is my only Spouse.”

But the young men she turned away resented her rebuffs and their hearts were filled with fury, because they believed that she was merely insulting them. In fact, Procop, the governor’s son, became livid when Agnes refused his marriage proposals on multiple occasions. He tried to win her over with expensive gifts and the allure of being part of the Roman aristocracy. But Agnes told him over and over again, “I am already promised to the Lord of the Universe. He is more splendid than the sun and the stars, and He said that He will never leave me.” In a fit of anger, Procop accused Agnes of being a Christian and brought her to his father, the governor. The governor promised Agnes wonderful gifts if she would only deny Jesus Christ, but she refused. He tried to change her mind by putting her in chains,

but the chains repeatedly fell off of her hands and feet. Next, he placed her in a brothel, but an angel was sent by the Lord to protect her. At last, she was condemned to death. Even the pagans of Rome protested seeing such a young and beautiful girl going to her death. Yet, Agnes was as happy and radiant as a bride on her wedding day. She did not pay attention to those who begged her to save herself and instead proclaimed, “I would offend my spouse if I were to please you. He chose me first and will have me.”

The day of her martyrdom came and Agnes was to be marched naked through the streets of Rome to the place of her execution. But miraculously, Agnes’ hair grew instantly to cover her entire body and any man who attempted to violate her body was immediately struck blind. Agnes was then tied to a stake to be burned alive, but the flames parted away from her. This prompted a Roman soldier to draw his sword and behead the young girl. Her blood was soaked up with cloths by Christians, who treasured them as precious relics.

Agnes was buried beside the Via Nomentana and her bones are currently preserved beneath the high altar of the Church of Sant’Agnese fuori le mura in Rome, which was built over her tomb. Her skull is preserved in the Church of Sant’Agnese in Rome’s Piazza Navona, which was built upon the site of her martyrdom.

In Christian iconography, Saint Agnes is portrayed with a lamb, the symbol of her virgin innocence, and a palm branch, a symbol of her martyrdom. On her feast day, January 21<sup>st</sup>, it is a pious practice to have two lambs brought to the Church of Sant’Agnese fuori le mura. On Holy Thursday, the lambs’ wool is removed and woven into the pallia the pope gives to the newly consecrated archbishops on the Solemnity of Saints Peter & Paul (June 29<sup>th</sup>), as a symbol of their communion with the Holy Father.

**Thank you for a Great Expression of the True Meaning of Christmas**

Thank you to our young CCD students, their teachers, and our parish musicians for the wonderful Christmas pageants of last weekend. I swore that I had been transported back in time to Bethlehem! May God reward you for helping us celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, the true reason for the season. Thank you to everyone as well who prepared the fellowships afterwards and thank you for sending home the leftovers with the priest. Granted he had to place another notch in his belt, but who is he to hinder the joy of the season.

**Sorry for the Hasty Decision**

I was told that the ParishApp at Saint Ann’s was merely a medium to send out messages to parishioners. So, with e-mails and texting, I concluded it was not worth the almost

\$500 cost/year. But then some of you told me that it had the daily Scripture readings, spiritual reflections, traditional Catholic prayers, and so much more. Please let me know if you used this app and I will consider restoring it if it has wide usage in parish life. I was told that it also offers recipes for the various seasons of the Church year for those who like to bake for the pastor. This alone justifies keeping it going!

### **Why the Veil?**

I was asked why we began veiling the tabernacle at Sacred Heart Church. For the sake of brevity, I'll give some reasons in bullet form: 1) The Church veils sacred items, like chalices, the monstrance in Eucharistic processions, et. al. Thus, the tabernacle, which reserves the presence of our Lord after the celebration of the Holy Mass, is worthy of such a distinction as well; 2) It draws our attention to the presence of the Lord in the tabernacle, thus granting Him our devotion and adoration; 3) The design of our tabernacle is not aesthetically pleasing; it has a distinct 1970's look. The beautiful colors and brocade of the tabernacle veils thus grant greater dignity and honor to our Lord reserved in the tabernacle.

### **Away for a Spell**

After the busyness of the Christmas season, I will be away from our parishes for a short time from January 22<sup>nd</sup>-January 25<sup>th</sup>. Please call me for any pastoral emergency and I will line up a priest to meet your sacramental and spiritual needs.

**A Point to Ponder:** *"Nothing is more beautiful than love. Indeed, faith and hope will end when we die, whereas love, that is charity, will last for eternity; if anything, I think it will be even more alive in the next life!* [Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati]