

St. Augustine – Fessenden

St. Boniface – Esmond

St. William – Maddock

October 10, 2021 – 28th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Service Schedule for the next week:

Mon. Oct. 11 - 8:00 a.m. - Fessenden - *No Intention Provided*
Tues. Oct. 12 - 5:15 p.m. - Maddock - *No Intention Provided*
Wed. Oct. 13 - 9:00 a.m. - Esmond - Jeanette Arnold by Helen Arnold family
Thurs. Oct. 14 - 5:30 p.m. - Fessenden - Jeanette Breider by James Volk
Fri. Oct. 15 - 8:00 a.m. - Fessenden - Delores Mitzel by John/Jackie Heidt
Sat. Oct. 16 - 7:00 p.m. - Maddock - Special Intentions by R/R Lynne
Sun. Oct. 17 - 8:30 a.m. - Esmond - John/Katie Wolfe by Shirley(Wolfe)Brown
10:45 a.m. - Fessenden - for Parishioners

Liturgical Ministries

Parish-Date	Lector	EMHC	Servers
Maddock 10/16	Nicole Slater	Not Used Now	Any Available
Esmond 10/17	Cheryl Arnold	Not Used Now	Jonathan Vetsch
Fessenden 10/17	Nona Flick	Not Used Now	Cameron Feakes

Offertory Giving for 2021:

Maddock - 10/2: \$505.00 To date: \$28,082.26
Esmond - 9/25+10/3: \$458.00+\$767.00 To date: \$20,431.95
Fessenden - 10/3: \$315.00 To date: \$24,842.98

October 10th Pot-luck meal after Mass @ St. Augustine: Please come and participate in the Pot-luck meal to be held at St. Augustine after the 10:45 a.m. Mass on Sunday, Oct. 10th.

St. William Table for bids: The old writing-desk table that was in the entry of the Church for many years is no longer needed at St. William's, so we will make it available for bids the next three weekends (Oct. 9, 16, 23.) After Saturday night Mass on Oct. 23rd, bids will be opened and it will go to the highest bidder. If no bids are received it will be given away.

St. Boniface KC's Turkey Bingo Event: Mark your calendars! On the evening of Sunday, Nov. 21st, St. Boniface Church of Esmond will host a Turkey Bingo event along with a pot-luck meal, ham raffles, etc.

St. Augustine Pastoral Council Nominations: This weekend, nominations will be received for two positions on the St. Augustine Pastoral Council. The second terms of Julianne Sellie and Mark Nelson will be concluding on Dec. 31st and we need to elect two new members to 3-year terms on the Council. We ask each parishioner to submit 4 names of persons they would like to see serve on the Council. The four persons with the most nominations will then be placed on a ballot with two being elected at the election held on Oct. 24th.

St. Boniface Antique Wheelbarrow: Bids will be received until this weekend, Sunday, Oct. 10th. Bids will be opened after the morning Mass and the wheelbarrow will go to the highest bidder.

St. Boniface KC's / Ladies Aid Social/Supper/Meetings starting up again: After an extended COVID delay, the KC's and Ladies Aid of St. Boniface – Esmond will hold a joint Social at 5:30 p.m., Supper at 6:00 p.m. and meetings at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday night, Nov. 7th. Please plan to attend!

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Bulletin Deadline=Noon Thurs.

Pastor's Day Off = Monday

Baptism/RCIA/Becoming Cath.

To prepare to have a child baptized or for adults to enter the Church or be confirmed, please call the parish office to make arrangements in advance.

Confession Times:

20-30 minutes before each Mass

Sick / Shut-In

Anyone who is sick or unable to attend Mass, please call the parish office to arrange for a visit, anointing or communion.

Marriage / Convalidations

The Diocese of Fargo requires a minimum of 6 months of marriage preparation time. Please call the office well in advance of any planned weddings. Also, if anyone would like to work on getting their marriage convalidated (blessed in the Church) or want information on annulments, please call the office. The Church will do all it can to help.

Parish Meetings / Events:

1. **St. Augustine Pot-Luck Meal:** Sunday, Oct. 10th after 10:45 a.m. Mass.
2. **St. Boniface KC's/Ladies Aid Meetings:** Sunday, Nov. 7th; Social=5:30, Supper=6:00, Meetings=7:00 p.m.
3. **St. Boniface KC's Turkey Bingo:** Evening of Sunday, Nov. 21st, with Pot-Luck supper preceding.

Word Among Us: In previous years we participated in a promotion for free copies of a publication "The Word Among Us" during the seasons of Lent and Advent. Those offers were for one-time use. Some parishioners expressed interest in the publication, because individual subscriptions are almost \$40 per year. The parishes will have a yearly subscription for 10 of these at \$19.95 each. If you plan on using the publication, and want to re-imburse you can just contribute it to the plate – no payment is expected for use.

Fighting Back against the tyrannical oppression of COVID vaccine mandates: If you or someone you know is looking to acquire a Religious/Conscience exemption from their employers to avoid the draconian firings for not getting the COVID vaccine, there is a template form of a religious/conscience exemption request letter available, produced by the National Catholic Bioethics Center. Please visit:

<https://www.ncbcenter.org/ncbc-news/vaccineletter> to find out more about the template letter. The Catholic Church officially teaches that the mandating of vaccines against the judgment of an individual's conscience is evil and unethical and should not be done by governments or employers. Evil must be opposed.

St. Augustine Landscaping: Thank you to the Landscaping crew of Mark and Julie Sellie, Steve Hoornaert, Mark Schmitz & Mark Nelson for putting the black dirt slope against the Church building and seeding it with grass. We will now be purchasing a few concrete pavers for West door exits and have plans for watering in the spring to make sure that the new grass will "take". Thanks so much!

St. Augustine Dual-Fuel: We have now received two different proposals (propane or electric brick-heat-storage units) to help our Church qualify for the Dual-Fuel electric rates. The Council will review the proposals soon and come to a decision. If we are able to work this out, it will mean our heating costs will drop from one half to one third of what we presently pay. More details to come – we hope to accomplish this yet in the 2021-2022 heating season.

Mass Times Survey: There has been some discussion about possibly doing a survey on our present rotation of Mass Times. Given that Fr. Bachmeier may be moved next summer and that a new priest might change the Mass times again, it was felt that it is best to wait until 2023 before any change in Mass-times is considered.

October Mass Counts: During the month of October, every parish in the world takes a census of Mass attendance. Fr. Bachmeier will plan on doing the counts from the Presider's chair at each parish unless some generous volunteer will be at all the Masses at their parish and wants to do the counting there!?

Middle School Youth Rally: Each year, youth from across the diocese come together for a day of fun, fellowship, and spiritual growth. The theme for this year's rally is called "**Re-Lit!**" and will take place on Friday, Oct. 22, 2021 at Red Willow Bible Camp in Binford, ND. The rally will go from 9:30 am – 6:30 pm and will cost \$50.00/person. NEW to the 2021 Youth Rally: 1) Praise and Worship Band, 2) Recharge social break with inflatable games, obstacle courses, and other activities, 3) high ropes course, and 4) door prizes (grand prize: Apple Air pods). For more info, visit, <https://fargodiocese.net/middle-school-youth-rally>.

Retrouvaille program for Hurting Marriages: On Oct. 22-24 the Diocese of Fargo will once again host the Red River Retrouvaille program in Fargo. This continues to be a very effective way for couples to find a new start in their marriage relationship whether they have had major marital breakdown or simply struggle to get on the same page. While Retrouvaille has helped couples who have already separated or divorced to rediscover their love for one another, it is not only for marriages in crisis but is for any couple that wants more in their marriage. Find out more or register for the program by visiting www.HelpOurMarriage.org.

REDEEMED – Trusted Sisters – Women's Conference: Mark your calendars now for the upcoming Women's Conference to be held Fri.-Sat., March 4-5, 2022 in Fargo. More info. will be provided as we approach the event.

AREA PARISH FALL MEALS / EVENTS

1. **St. Peter & Paul parish, McHenry Fall Supper:** On Sunday, Oct. 10th from 4:30-7:00 p.m. Soup and Sandwich with Pies and a Raffle Drawing. Adults-\$8, Children (6-12 years)-\$5, Pre-School-FREE.