St. Augustine – Fessenden St. Boniface – Esmond
St. William – Maddock

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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.

May 7, 2023 – 5th Sunday of Easter

Service Schedule for the next week:

Mon. May 8 - 9:00 a.m. - Esmond - Souls in Purgatory by the Hager Family
Tues. May 9 - 5:15 p.m. - Maddock - Rusty Abrahamson by Russell Abrahamson
Wed. May 10 - 9:00 a.m. - Esmond - Leo Hoffner by His Family & Friends
Thurs. May 11 - 5:30 p.m. - Fessenden - Amy Arnold by Steve & Annette Hoornaert
Fri. May 12 - 8:00 a.m. - Fessenden - Kathy Kessler by Norm Kessler
Sat. May 13 - 7:00 p.m. - Esmond - Ray Hager by Barrett Hoffarth
Sun. May 14 - 8:30 a.m. - Fessenden - For the Parishioners
10:45 a.m. - Maddock - Becky Brandvold by Gary Stadum

Liturgical Ministries

Parish-Date	Lector	EMHC	Servers
Esmond 5/13	Cheryl Arnold	N/A	Jonathan Vetsch
Fessenden 5/14	Nona Flick	N/A	Bridger Kittelson
Maddock 5/14	Richard Lynne	Kathy Sears	Aidan Rodriguez

Offertory Giving for 2022:

Fessenden -	4/29:	$532.00	To date:	$15,078.50
Maddock -	4/30:	$2136.00	To date:	$16,092.00
Esmond -	4/30:	$419.00	To date:	$10,598.00

Knights of Columbus and Ladies Aid Meeting: The Esmond/Maddock KC Council and the Esmond Ladies Aid will have their monthly meeting on **Sunday, May 7th in the St. Boniface Church basement**. **Social at 5:30 p.m.; Meal at 6:00 p.m.; and meeting at 7:00 p.m.** The meal committee members are Ken Streifel, Bill Arnold, Everett Hoffner, Noah Arnold, Dwight Leier, Garret Becker, Gary Wald, Leon Arnold, Richard Lynne, and Doug Arnston.

New Audio System for St. Augustine: The St. Augustine Parish Council has approved a bid from Pacific Sound for a new audio system in the church for $8,910.63. Of this $4,000 has already been donated by individuals. If you wish to contribute, simply mark on your check or on an envelope "for audio system." Thank you to all who have donated.

Condolences to the Family of Ronald Grossman: Ronald Grossman, 80, passed away Sunday, April 30 in Harvey. His funeral was Saturday, May 6th at St. Boniface Church, Esmond.

Condolences to the Family of Arthur Muscha: Art Muscha, 78, passed away Thursday, May 4 at his home in Grand Forks. The funeral will be at St. Cecilia's in Harvey. Details are pending. Visit the Hertz Funeral Home web page for more information: https://www.hertzfuneralhomes.com/obituary/arthur-muscha

KC Breakfast, Harvey: At St. Cecilia Church Basement, Sunday May 7th. Serving from 9:30 A.M. to Noon. Serving ham, scrambled eggs, biscuits and gravy, and pancakes

Parish Meetings / Events:

1. Knights of Columbus and Ladies Aid: The Esmond/Maddock Knights of Columbus and the Esmond Ladies Aid meeting will be Sunday, May 7th in the St. Boniface Church basement. Social at 5:30 P.M. Meal at 6:00 P.M. Meetings at 7:00 P.M.

2. Parish Council Meeting, St. Boniface, Esmond: Tuesday, May 9th at 7 P.M.

3. Parish Council Meeting, St. William, Maddock: Tuesday, May 23rd at 7 P.M.

God's Gift Appeal 2023 – (9th Week)

Esmond:	$9,025.00 of $7,911.43 Goal (114.08%)	14 of 47 Families pledged (29.79%)	Avg. Gift: $644.64
Fessenden:	$8,820.00 of $11,321.08 Goal (77.91%)	22 of 58 Families pledged (37.93%)	Avg. Gift: $400.91
Maddock:	$8,835.00 of $9,326.90 Goal (94.73%)	15 of 49 Families pledged (30.61%)	Avg. Gift: $589.00
Diocese:	*$2,664,711.46 of $3,627,127.98 (73.47%)*	*6,085 of 23,916 Families (25.42%)*	*Avg. Gift: $437.91*

Pictures from the Confirmation and First Eucharist Mass: Digital pictures taken by a volunteer photographer at the Mass of Confirmation and First Holy Communion are available to the parents of our three Confirmation/First Communion students from St. Augustine. Please talk to Fr. Wirth about how to get your pictures.

Chrism Mass: Each year the priests of the Diocese get together for a Mass with our Bishop to commemorate Jesus' institution of the Priesthood, to renew our priestly promises, and to bless the new holy oils to be used in Baptisms, Confirmations, and Anointings of the Sick. This is usually done during Holy Week (traditionally on Holy Thursday). But like so many things this year, it was snowed out. So, it has been rescheduled for this Tuesday, May 9th at the Cathedral of St. Mary in Fargo. Please pray for the priests of our Diocese on Tuesday.

Baccalaureate Service for Fessenden-Bowden High School Seniors: The Ecumenical Baccalaureate Service for the graduating seniors of Fessenden-Bowden High School will be on **Sunday, May 14th at 7:00 P.M. at First Lutheran** in Fessenden. All are welcome to attend and to congratulate and pray with our senior students.

Local Retreat Opportunities for Men: Here are a retreat opportunities for men in the Fargo Diocese.
"Made for Greatness" retreat at Stiklestad Lodge (near Lisbon), **July 14-16**, directed by Bishop Folda! Go to https://www.fargodiocese.org/mfg-retreat for details.
"The Father and I Are One" retreat series by Fr. Jason Lefor at Maryvale (North of Valley City). **Numerous dates available**. Go to https://maryvalend.org/attend-a-retreat-1 for more details.

FORMED Suggestion: This week consider watching *Saint Damien of Molokai: With Dr. James Prothor and Mary McGeehan* on FORMED. St. Damien was a priest who served on a leper colony on the Hawaiian Island of Molokai. He devoted his life to serving those rejected from society until he contracted leprosy himself and died. His feast day is on Wednesday.
Or if you are a space fantasy nerd (like Fr. Steven is!) check out *A Catholic Take on Star Wars* by Dr. Scott Hefelfinger & Dr. Michael Barber.
This Saturday is the feast of Our Lady of Fatima. Consider typing "Fatima" in the search bar and check out the variety of videos on Fatima including the animated children's movie *The Day the Sun Danced: The True Story of Fatima.*
For children check out the *Brother Francis* episode "He is Risen!" or the 30 minute animated movie *Bernadette Princess of Lourdes*.
To sign up go to https://signup.formed.org/, find our parishes using the Fessenden's zip code (58438) and enter your email.

He is Risen, Alleluia! He is Truly Risen, Alleluia!