# Contact Information and Mass Times

Phone......701-235-5757
Fax......701-235-0764
Web....www.stsaaj.org
Email....stsaaj@stsaaj.org

#### Mass Schedule:

Monday - Friday: 7 am and 12:10 pm Saturday: 8:30 am and 5 pm (Anticipatory) Sunday: 8:30 am and 10:30 am (incense),

12:30 pm and 7:00 pm

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Monday-Friday: 6:30-6:55 am and 11:40-12:05 p.m.

Tuesday: 6:30-8:00 pm

Saturday: 8:00-8:25 am and 4:00-4:50 pm

By appointment if needed.

See page 2 for additional contact information

# Sts. Anne & Joachim Catholic Church

5202 - 25th St. S, Fargo, ND 58104

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 13, 2023

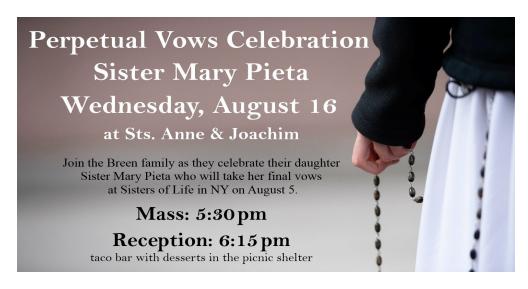


Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

#### **Mass Times**

Monday, August 14 Vigil - 7 pm

Tuesday, August 15 7 am, 12:10 pm & 5:30 pm



#### STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

"He said, 'Come.' Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus." - MATTHEW 14:29

When you hear Jesus calling, do you responded immediately and trust that He knows what He's doing? If so, you are walking on water! When we say "yes" to Jesus, we feel the power of his presence in our lives. We can feel the freedom it gives us! Listen how Jesus is calling you to live the extraordinary life He has intended for you.



- Learn about being a Catechist, classroom assistant or a high school Ydisciple small group leader.
- Register your child age 4-grade 7 for RE and grades 9-12 for Ydisciple small groups.

#### **Pastoral Staff and Parish Leadership**

Fr. Luke Meyer, Pastor

(luke.meyer@fargodiocese.org)

Fr. Robert Foertsch, Parochial Vicar

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(sripplinger@stsaaj.org)
Ted LeMier, Property Manager (tlemier@stsaaj.org)

Parish Leadership

Lay Directors: Wade Sandy and Lisa Backen

Pastoral Council: Brian Keller Finance Council: Wade Sandy Knights of Columbus: Tyson Kuznia (11930gk@gmail.com)
Social Concerns Ministry: Sue Ripplinger (sripplinger@stsaaj.org)

St. John Paul II Schools Advisory Council: Noah McBroom

#### **Sacraments and Parish Nursing**

**Sacrament of Baptism:** Please call the church for scheduling. Attendance at a baptism class should be within the last two months before the birth of the child. You must be a registered member of the parish. Parents are required to attend a class for each child.

**Sacrament of Marriage:** Visit our website to view our wedding policy for details on marriage preparation and wedding details. Our wedding coordinator at the parish office must be contacted at least seven months in advance of a wedding date.

**Communion to Shut-ins:** Please call the office to receive communion or a pastoral visit for the homebound.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Anyone having surgery or wishing to receive this sacrament is asked to call either the office or the rectory. Please notify the pastor upon admission of a family member to the hospital.

**Parish Nurse Ministry:** Our parish nurses give spiritual support, answer medical questions, provide referrals and make home visits to bring communion to the sick and homebound.

Please contact Allison Wolf, parish nurse at awolf@stsaaj.org.

#### **Adoration and Prayer Chain**

**Adoration Hours:** 7:30 am Monday to 7:00 am Friday. Please call the parish office to schedule a time to adore. See page 3 for hours in most need of an adorer.

Prayer Chain: Please email prayer request to prayers@stsaaj.org

#### **Parish Registration**

Welcome to our parish family! Please stop in the parish office for registration information 8 am to 12 pm or 1 to 4 pm, Monday-Friday.

#### **Natural Family Planning**

Instructors:

Natalie Aughinbaugh, DNP, FNP-C, 701-866-7890 Marissa Duppong, marissaduppong@gmail.com, 701-527-6470 Clarence & Betty Vetter, vetter333@msn.com; 701-212-0733

Next NFP class is at 7 pm on July 10, August 14, and September 11 with Natalie. Please call Natalie to register.

#### **Parish Calendar**

Aug 13 Sunday Night Vespers-6:30 pm, Church

Aug 14 Quilters-1 pm, St. Veronica Room

Vigil for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary-7pm

NFP with Natalie-7 pm, Christ the King Room

Aug 15 Parish Office is Closed

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Masses: 7 am, 12:10 pm and 5:30 pm

Confessions: 6:30 pm

KC Exemplifation-7 pm, St. Michael's Room

Music Presentation-7 pm, Christ the King Room

Aug 16 Mass and Celebration for Sister Mary Pieta-5:30 & 6:15 pm RCIA Track B -7 pm, St. Maria Goretti Room

Aug 17 Parish office is closed for an all day retreat

KC Family Picnic-5 pm, Picnic Shelter

KC Officer's Meeting-7 pm, St. Joseph Room

RCIA 24A -7 pm, St. Maria Goretti Room

**Aug 18 Rosary/Divine Mercy Chaplet-**12:45 pm, Magnificat Chapel **Leanne Jung and John Glennon Wedding** 

Aug 19 Elizabeth Westberg and Travis Wettlaufer Wedding

Aug 20 Rite of Welcoming-10:30 am Mass

Scheduled Baptisms-2 pm and 3 pm, Church Sunday Night Vespers-6:30 pm, Church

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The 10:30 am Mass may use incense.

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#### **Mass Intentions**

#### August 14-20, 2023

Mon: 7:00 am + Edward Daly

12:10 pm Dan and Bernadine Seefeldt

7:00 pm Galen and Karla Schell family

Tue: 7:00 am + Skip Evans

10:30 am Holy Souls in Purgatory (TM)

12:10 pm Alex Seefedlt

5:30 pm Parishioners

Wed: 7:00 am + Luci Schweiss

12:10 pm Winnie Savageau

5:30 pm Sister Mary Pieta

Thu: 7:00 am + Gail Brendle

12:10 pm Taylor Thoreson

Fri: 7:00 am Souls of Philippe Flobinus,

Pascal Louis and David Arens

12:10 pm Ben and Kristen Seefeldt family

at: 8:30 am Matthew Seefeldt

5:00 pm + Clayton Drake

Sun: 8:30 am + Wayne Michels

10:30 am + Elaine Kline

12:30 pm Parishioners

7:00 pm Mary Kay Kempf

Please pray for our ill parishioners...

Linda Beare
Karen Benjamin
Marilyn Birkholz

Frances Bjornstad Rachel Briggs

Steve Bulat

Brenda Byer Brandi DesMarais

Paul Dietz

Al Dukart Dar Floberg

Brenda Gravel

Joe Johnson

Jessica Kerzman

Pat Kinsella

Michael Knight

John Koerselman

Sharon Lange

Chad Mears

Pat Meier

Jeff McKinnon

Brian Nelson Vern Ouellette

Michael Pirmantgen

Susan Richard

Winnie Savageau

Kariann Withrow

Steve Zetocha

If you would like

your name added or removed, please call the parish office.



#### **Liturgical Ministers for August 19-20**

#### LITURGICAL MINISTERS ARE NEEDED FOR ALL THE MASSES FOR THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY ON AUGUST 14 AND 15. PLEASE SIGN UP!

	Saturday, 5:00 PM	<u>Sunday, 8:30 AM</u>	<u>Sunday, 10:30 AM</u>	<u>Sunday, 12:30 PM</u>	<u>Sunday, 7:00 PM</u>
Proclaimer	Stephen Tiedman (1) Lynnae Tiedman (2)	Daniel Seefeldt (1) Dan Triller (2)	` /	VOLUNTEER (1) VOLUNTEER (2)	VOLUNTEER (1) VOLUNTEER (2)
Usher	Rick Majerus Colin O'Connor	Brad Motschenbacher VOLUNTEER VOLUNTEER VOLUNTEER	Timothy Dancer VOLUNTEER VOLUNTEER VOLUNTEER VOLUNTEER		VOLUNTEER VOLUNTEER
ЕМНС	Jeanette Lemke - Body (2) VOLUNTEER - Body (3) Barbara Olson - Body (4) Steven Spanier - Body (5) VOLUNTEER- Body (6) VOLUNTEER - Body (7) Faye Majerus - Chalice (1)	VOLUNTEER - Body (3) VOLUNTEER - Body (4) VOLUNTEER - Body (5) VOLUNTEER - Body (6) VOLUNTEER - Body (7) Joanne Warner - Chalice (1) Deacon Seitz - Chalice (2)	Donna Schneider - Body (2)		VOLUNTEER - Body (1) VOLUNTEER - Chalice (1) Deacon Dodge - Chalice (2)
Greeter		Tracy Boyle Megan Klair Jill Motschenbacher Brian Visser		VOLUNTEER VOLUNTEER	VOLUNTEER VOLUNTEER
Gift Bearer(s)	John Koerselman	Michael Warner	LeeAnn Staffne	VOLUNTEER	VOLUNTEER
Altar Server	Cade Delaney Nora Lemke Alanna Libbrecht Daniel Libbrecht	Elijah Streitz Grant Streitz		Evelyn Mandera Breanna Opi	VOLUNTEER VOLUNTEER

#### Bible Readings for this Week (August 14-20)

Mon: Dt 10:12-22 Mt 17:22-27 Tue: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab 1 Cor 15:20-27 Lk 1:39-56 Wed: Dt 34:1-12 Mt 18:15-20 Thu: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17 Mt 18: 21-19:1 Fri: Jos 24:1-13 Mt 19:3-12 Sat: Jos 24:14-29 Mt 19:13-15 Sun: Is 56:1, 6-7 Rom11:13-15, 29-32 Mt 15:21-28

#### The Following Received the Sacrament of Baptism



#### August 6, 2023 **Reese Christine Ferguson**

See how much the Father has loved us! His love is so great that we are called God's Children — and so, in fact, we are. - 1 John 3:1



Congratulations to the following couple recently married at Sts. Anne & Joachim Church Elizabeth Bitzan and Ryan Jones

August 5, 2023



#### **Welcome to Our Family of Families**

**Kyler Schwartz** Noella Kritzberger

Jason and Regan Develos — Julia Alexa Chase and Cassandra Freidig — Leo, Louis Charles and Jaime Adams — Sawyer, Easton, Maxwell Thomas Luedke and Darian Kuckelman — Asher Hebert and Stephanie Maguire — Bridget, Ian

If you would like to become a registered member(s) at Sts. Anne & Joachim Catholic Church, please come to the parish office.



### Adorers Needed

Hours in **BOLD** print are in most need of Adorers

Tuesday: 12-1 am, <u>1-2 am</u> and 3-4 am & <u>3-4 pm</u>

Wednesday: 1-2 am and 3-4 pm Thursday: 2-3 am and 3-4 am

Friday: 3-4 am

Please contact the parish office if you are interested in an Adoration Hour



**PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED** TUESDAY, AUGUST 15 FOR THE ASSUMPTION **AND** THURSDAY, AUGUST 17 FOR AN ALL DAY STAFF RETREAT.

# THE FATHER'S HOUSE Retreat

September 8-10

Sts. Anne & Joachim

#### REGISTRATION OPEN



- ■Teenagers may register with a parent ■Childcare is available for a fee \$10/child during the retreat
- can the QR code for more information or to register







#### ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

For Religious Education & YDisciple Small Groups

RE VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR GRADES 1-8 (Catechists & Classroom Assistants) &

YDISCIPLE SMALL GROUP LEADERS FOR GRADES 9-12



For more information contact the parish office or visit with Olivia & Sue the weekend of August 19-20 in the gathering space



#### Come-All Choir

A "Come-All Choir" is a one-time opportunity to sing in a large group for a special feast day Mass/occasion without committing to the choir long term.

Join the "Come-All Choir" for the Solemnity of the **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary** Practice: August 14 at 5:30 pm Assumption Mass: August 15 at 5:30 pm

## McChoir's Music Corner

#### August 12th & 13th – 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our Communion hymn this weekend was Amazing Grace, one of the most well-known Christian hymns across denominations. John Newton wrote the words to Amazing Grace, and his story for writing it is profound: Newton was a slave trader in the late 18th century, but on one journey down the African coast, he encountered a terrible storm. The story goes that Newton, after losing most of his crew overboard, grabbed hold of the helm and cried out "Lord have mercy on us!" He was then able to successfully navigate through the remainder of the storm to safety. He abandoned his career as a slave trader and eventually became an ordained minister whose preaching led many to fight against slavery in England. He penned the hymn "Amazing Grace" as a reflection of his conversion by way of surviving the terrible storm. This context ties in once more to today's Gospel as we read the story of the disciples frightened at sea, trapped in a storm, in need of saving. We've all been in some kind of 'storm' in one way or another, it's no wonder we can relate to the text of this hymn in our worship as well!

#### Calling all Catholic Men

Is God calling you to something more? Is your faith life not what it could be? Is it finally time to aet serious about your faith life and answer God's call to "go out into the deep"?

The Fishermen is a men's Apostolate at Sts. Anne and Joachim parish. The purpose of the Fishermen to help men grow in faith and virtue; to become the servant leaders within their families, Church and community that God created them to be.



Candidates go through a 8-month formation program that begins in September. Together with others in a small-group atmosphere they attend weekly CORE training sessions that help them to better understand their role as a man, a son, a brother, a husband and as a father in the Catholic Church.

To learn more email Deacon Ben at ben.seitz@fargodiocese.org.

VISITORS AND PARISHIONERS: You can make a contribution with text! If interested in donating to our parish... simply send a text message to 701-809-0144 with the amount you would like to contribute (example: 25). Within a few minutes, you'll be sent a

text with a link to enter your debit or credit card information. Once complete, you will receive a text verification and a receipt of your donation via email. Thank you for supporting the church.

OR



Online giving is a safe and easy way to support our parish and its ministries. Start today by visiting www.stsaaj.org or scan the QR code.

Extra envelope/opportunity to give in August Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

#### 10TH NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS **PILGRIMAGE**



#### July 16-22, 2024 - Indianapolis, IN

The Diocese of Fargo is organizing a pilgrimage to the Congress in Indianapolis, IN next summer. The Congress includes five days of inspiring and informative talks, Holy Mass, Eucharistic processions, adoration and much more.

The pilgrimage begins on July 16, 2024 and includes an overnight stop in Mundelein, IL at Our Lady of the Lake Retreat Center and a visit to the shrine of Maximillian Kolbe. The bus route back to Fargo will include a lunch and supper stop as well as an overnight stay in Mauston, WI. Arrival back in Fargo on Monday, July 22, 2024.

The hotel for the Congress is the Hampton Inn, just a short walking distance to the events. There are only 100 spots available.

Registration: fargodiocese.org/congress-pilgrimage.

Cost: \$1125 if you register by Dec. 31, 2023 (double occupancy).

After Dec. 31, 2023 the cost will increase to \$1225.

For more information contact:

Mary Hanbury 701-356-7909 or Mary.hanbury@fargodiocese.org.



#### Do you know anyone who might be interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith?

Sts. Anne and Joachim Church is offering the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) beginning September 7. Weekly classes will be held on Thursday evenings from 7:00-8:30 pm culminating in a reception of the Sacraments at the Easter Vigil.

Those who are interested should contact Deacon Ben at 701-235-5757 or at ben.seitz@fargodiocese.org.



Sts. Anne & Joachim is looking for an Art & Environment Coordinator for our Church. Please call Fr. Meyer, if interested.



We are excited to announce that registration is now open for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) for children ages 3-6, which will begin in September. Space is limited, so please register as soon as possible.

The class times are:

Wednesday 9:30-11:15 am Wednesday 3:40-5:30 pm Friday 9:15-11:00 am

Registration can be found on the CGS link on the parish website.

https://stsaaj.org/cgs-registration







#### **New High School Discipleship Program** YDISCIPLE starting this Fall for all youth in grades 9-12.

What is YDisciple? YDisciple is a small group discipleship program where teens gather with adult mentors to discuss topics in the faith, grow in friendship, have fun, and grow as disciples.

Why Small Groups? Small groups provide an environment where teens become more deeply committed followers of Jesus through testimony, discussion and faith sharing.

What will a Small Group look like? Small groups will consist of 4-8 teens of the same grade and gender paired with adult mentors. Small groups will meet weekly on Wednesday evenings and will include the following elements.

- **YDisciple Formation Sessions**
- Large group activities with other YD Groups
- Holy Hour/Reconciliation
- Service Projects
- Small Group Fun Nights

For more information or if you are interested in being adult small group mentor contact Sue Ripplinger in the parish office.

SCAN TO REGISTER



Co-Sponsorship & The Long Welcome Be Part of a Refugee Family's Resettlement Journey

A group of parishioners has formed a team and is working with LIRS of North Dakota to help care for the needs of a refugee family settling in Fargo. The team will help prepare a new home for the family, raise supplemental financial assistance, and walk alongside the family for 6 months as a community guide and neighbor.

A family of three from Sudan arrived in Fargo on Tuesday, August 8. It is a mother, her 18 year old daughter, and 22 year old son.

The Sts. Anne & Joachim Resettlement Team has been chosen to sponsor this family and are in urgent need of items to prepare their home.

The items most needed are...

- Microwave
- Microwave stand
- Coffee Table
- Side Tables

- 3 Nightstands
- **Bicycles**
- **Backpacks**
- Dresser

All items should be new or gently used. Monetary donations are also needed. If you have items to donate you may contact Colleen Whalen at cokie.cw@gmail.com or 612-998-0619. Monetary donations may be dropped off at the parish office.

To learn more about LIRS of Fargo visit:

https://www.lirs.org/refugee-resettlement-partners/

#### Weekly Prayer of the Faithful

That we respond obediently to God's call and have the confidence to walk on water.



Save the Date: The next Guest Who's coming to Dinner will be Saturday, September 23. Guess Who's Coming to Dinner fun way for parishioners to meet, in groups of 6-8 people, in a relaxed, informal atmosphere over dinner and conversation.



Singing in the shower is fun until you get soap in your mouth.

- Then it's a soap opera.

#### National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children Prayer Service



Saturday, September 9 at 11 am Holy Cross Cemetery in North Fargo

To Honor the Gravesites of our Unborn Brothers and Sisters

#### **Outside our Parish**

Notice - For all parents and students who are/will be attending the University of North Dakota. St Thomas Aquinas Newman Center at UND invites all students, parents and families to worship with us at the Newman Center during Move-in and Welcome Weekend. Move-In is August 19 from 8 am to 5 pm. Mass at the Newman Center is Saturday, August 19 at 4:30 pm, Sunday, August 20 at 10 am and 7 pm. There will be coffee and donuts after the 10 am Mass and Root beer floats served following the 7 pm Mass on Sunday. We invite all students to come and register that weekend and become involved at the Newman Center. We look forward to seeing you on campus!

**ATTENTION NDSU STUDENTS AND PARENTS - St. Paul's** Newman Center and bisonCatholic invites all students, parents, and families to celebrate the sacrifice of the Mass with us at the Newman Center on welcome weekend (August 19 and 20). Mass Schedule for the school year is: Saturday (vigil) 4:30 pm. Sunday, August 20 at 9:30 am (followed by coffee and rolls), and 5 pm (followed by Buckluck meal). See our weekly mass schedule and register online at www.bisoncatholic.org, and click register! We look forward to seeing you on campus!



St. John Paul II Catholic Schools is looking to hire **WANTED** the following positions for Fall 2023.

#### **Teaching Positions:**

- Art Teacher Holy Spirit Elementary School (Part-time)
- School Counselor Nativity and Holy Spirit Elementary School
- Elementary Teacher Nativity Elementary School
- PhyEd Teacher Holy Spirit Elementary School (Part-time) Other Positions
- Assistant Cook Trinity Elementary (Part-time)
- Boys Golf Head Coach Shanley High School

Marketing & Communications Specialist (1.0FTE) Under the guidance of the Director of Advancement, JPII Catholic Schools is looking for a successful candidate to lead, plan, direct, and implement overall strategies for marketing, communications, and brand messaging on behalf of JPII Catholic Schools. The goal of this position is to increase engagement with prospective and current stakeholders. Candidate must have knowledge of the Catholic faith and Catholic education as well an ability to articulate the mission and vision of JPII Catholic Schools. Bachelor's degree in Communication, Marketing or related field. Master's degree a plus. Open until filled.

> To apply visit <a href="https://www.jp2schools.org/careers/">https://www.jp2schools.org/careers/</a> or call 701-893-3231 for more information.

Real Presence Radio is hiring a full-time Business Office Assistant located at the Fargo main office. The Assistant's main duties are Accounts Receivable, data processing, and day to day operations assigned by the Business Manager; including financial, clerical functions and record-keeping. For more information, please call Joyce at 877-795-0122. To apply, send your resume, cover letter and three references to joyce@realpresenceradio.com.

Diocese of Fargo is accepting applications for a part-time receptionist. Hours are M-F from 1 -5 pm. Successful candidate will be professional, friendly with a servant heart, have a commitment to confidentiality, good organizational skills, and fluency with Microsoft Office and various social media platforms. Send cover letter and resume with three references to Barbara.augdahl@fargodiocese.org.

The North Dakota Catholic Conference is looking for a FT **Executive Director.** For more information and to apply https://ndcatholic.org/about/edposition/.

THE HEALING POWER OF GOD: Rachel's Vinevard **Retreat.** If you or someone you love has been suffering from the emotional and spiritual pains of an abortion – no matter how much time has passed - please know that a Rachel's Vineyard retreat weekend will help your soul transform that pain into hope for the future. You are not alone. Join us from October 27-29 for a safe, loving, and confidential weekend to experience the healing power of God's infinite mercy. This retreat is sponsored by the Diocese of Fargo, ND.

"I feel relieved to know that I am not the only soul suffering in such deep sorrow after my abortion. Rachel's Vineyard is a life-changing event! I am so happy I came!"

- Testimony after a Rachel's Vinevard Retreat<sup>TM</sup>

To register or get information, contact: Carol Kling at 605-374-5639 or ckling@sdplains.com

Women's Retreat with Bishop Folda is October 6-8 at the Maryvale Retreat Center, Valley City. Bishop Folda will be presenting a 3-day directed women's retreat on the Eucharist.

#### Catechist Retreats: Friday, August 25 or Saturday August 26. Both Retreats at Maryvale Retreat Center, Valley City.

Fr. Andrew Jasinski will direct a retreat with a series of talks reflecting on the Eucharistic Saints. These retreats are primarily for those involved in catechesis, however, all are welcome. The day will begin at 9 am and end at 4 pm. Cost: \$25 per person. Deadline to register is Friday, August 18. Please register on-line at <u>www.fargodiocese.org/catechistretreat.</u> Any questions, please contact mary.hanbury@fargodiocese.org or at 701-356-7909.

MADE FOR MORE with Christopher West and Mike Mangione is coming to Sts. Anne & Joachim Church on Thursday, November 16. If you have heard of the theology of the body or Christopher West, then you know the great potential of this event. It is an excellent opportunity to grow deeper in your faith as well as a unique opportunity to invite and welcome new people in. If you would like more information, please contact Brad Gray 701-356-7903 or via email brad.gray@fargodiocese.org. Tickets are available online now for \$25 at https://M4MFargo.eventbrite.com.

Please join us for a Mass of Thanksgiving and a family picnic! On Saturday, August 19, a Mass of Thanksgiving will mark the beginning of the 20-year anniversary year of Saint Gianna and Pietro Molla Maternity Home. This will begin a year of gratitude, prayer, evangelization and celebration. Mass will be at 11 am at St. Stanislaus Catholic Church in Warsaw, ND, followed by a cookout and a special performance from the Polish National Alliance Dancers at about 1:45 pm. This will be the first of several events during this special anniversary year. Check out our website for more information and details as we get closer to each event: <u>sgpmollahome.com</u>.

Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 1420 7th Street N, Fargo, invites you to attend the 17th Annual Father Darin Didier Memorial Mass on Monday, September 4 (Labor Day) at 5:30 p.m. A meal will be served following Mass in the Social Hall. A freewill offering will be collected to fund the Father Didier Memorial Scholarship Fund at Holy Spirit. For information, call the parish office at 701-232-5900.

Father Didier was ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of Fargo on June 4, 2005, and served as parochial vicar at Holy Spirit Church until his death on September 6, 2005. information on Father Didier, please the website: www.fatherdarin.com

Theology of the Body and Eucharistic Revival Retreat. Tim Mosser, Director of the Fargo Diocese Respect Life Office, will lead a retreat entitled This is My Body on Saturday, September 9 at the St. Francis Retreat Center in Hankinson, ND. The retreat will focus on St. John Paul II's teaching on the human person known as the "Theology of the Body" and its connection to the Eucharist. It will also include sessions on how the Theology of the Body makes clear the Church's teaching on such issues as marriage, abortion, euthanasia, artificial reproduction and gender. Come learn the "why" behind the "what" of all these important issues.

Registration deadline is September 1. For information and to register, go to www.fargodiocese.org/tob-retreat or contact Tim Mosser at tim.mosser@fargodiocese.org



#### **Retrouvaille: Help for Hurting Marriages**

Have you and your spouse grown cold and distant from each other? Do you struggle to communicate or come together on common goals? Have past hurts

built up walls of tension and distrust so big you question if they could ever come down? There is hope. Retrouvaille is an international, peer-run program that has helped hundreds of thousands of hurting married couples turn the tide, find new hope, rediscover the love that initially brought them together. Surveys have shown that 3 out of 4 couples who complete the entire program are still married five years later with stronger, healthier marriages. Retrouvaille will be held locally September 29 - October 1 in Fargo. For information visit HelpOurMarriage.com or contact us at (701) 356-7962 or via email at rrretrouvaille@gmail.com.

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Contact me to learn more.

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#### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Over the past 3 months Sts. Anne and Joachim parish has had an increased evangelization focus. In June
you were provided basic information concerning the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults program and
prayed a nine-day Novena to St. Junipero Serra. In July another bulletin insert provided information on
basic evangelization techniques.

Now is the time to make those follow-up contacts with your family and friends and have them sign up to attend Sts. Anne and Joachim's RCIA *Period of Inquiry* which begins Thursday, September 7, 2023, from 7:00 – 8:30 pm in the St. Maria Goretti Room (upstairs classroom). Subsequent classes will be every Thursday through early-May 2024, excluding breaks during the holidays.

Please complete and return the form below to the parish office by September 1, 2023.

Fr. Luke Meyer

The lay apostolate, however, is a participation in the salvific mission of the Church itself.

Through their baptism and confirmation all are commissioned to that apostolate by the Lord Himself. Now the laity are called in a special way to make the Church present and operative in those places and circumstances where only through them can it become the salt of the earth. (LG33)

\_\_\_\_\_I (We) plan to attend RCIA beginning September 7, 2023

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