



**JANUARY 18, 2026**  
*SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*

# NATIVITY CHURCH OF FARGO

**1825 11<sup>th</sup> St S, Fargo, ND 58103** Located at the Corner of University Drive and 18<sup>th</sup> Ave S.

**PARISH OFFICE: 701-232-2414**

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday-Friday: 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

**WEBSITE & FACEBOOK:**

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**EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES:**

**SATURDAY: 8:30 A.M. & 4:00 P.M.**

**SUNDAY: 7:45, 9:15, & 11:00 A.M.**

**MONDAY-FRIDAY: 8:30 A.M.**

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:**

**M-SAT: 7:45-8:15 A.M.**

**SATURDAY: 3:00-3:45 P.M.**

**OR CALL FOR AN APPOINTMENT**

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:**

Infant baptism preparation:

Contact Chris 701-232-2414 (ext. 127) to register for sessions.

For information regarding the adult process, please contact Chris 701-232-2414 (ext. 127)

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION:**

Contact the parish office (701-232-2414) at least 6 months in advance of the wedding date.

**PRAYER AND DEVOTIONS:**

**EUCCHARISTIC COMMUNAL ADORATION:**

**MONDAY: 9:05 A.M. TO 7:00 P.M.**

**DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: M-F 7:50 A.M.**

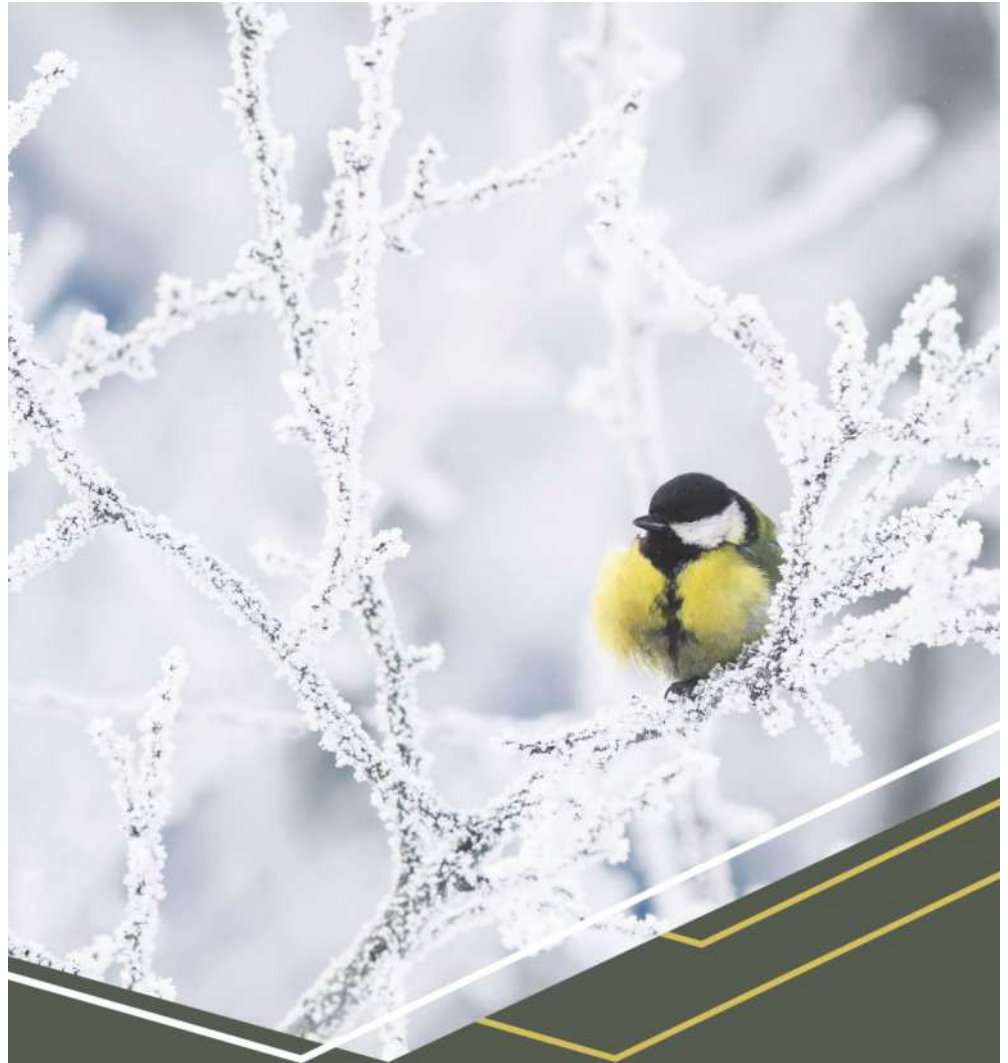
**ROSARY: M-F 8:00 A.M.**

**HOMEBOUND/HOSPITAL:**

Contact the Parish Office at 701-232-2414 if you are requesting a visit or to receive Communion.

**PRAYER CHAIN:**

**CALL THE PARISH OFFICE: 701-232-2414**



## 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*"Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God." - Jn 1:34*

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*"Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will."  
~ cf. Psalm 40:8a & 9a*


### SACRISTANS NEEDED

All are called to an active participation in the liturgy, which involves the heart, voice, and body. Some are needed to fulfill certain important liturgical roles. All Mass times are in need of Sacristans, but a **GREAT** need is for the 7:45 a.m. Mass. The goal is to have at least 2-3 more at the 7:45 a.m. Mass so the weeks could be rotated.

A simple training list is available to follow, and Fr. Jim or Liz will give you a brief training.

Fr. Jim will be waiting for your call or email. He is an easy guy to talk to and will be looking forward to having you help with setting up the Mass.


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### BECOME PART OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

To help serve our parish family in the best possible way, we encourage people to become registered members of Nativity. It is simple and quite painless. If you are new to town and have been here to worship a few times or attend Mass regularly at Nativity, please consider registering. You can pick up a registration form from the Information Center in Mercy Hall or fill it in online and submit it to Bev in the parish office. Go to [www.nativitycatholicchurch.net](http://www.nativitycatholicchurch.net) and then click on *Get Involved*. This information is kept private and is for parish ministry use only.

## Winter Gear Drive

### January 7-25



Collecting NEW adult winter hats, scarves, thermal gloves and mittens, and winter boots for Churches United and Fraser. Bring to Mercy Hall, mark them 'Winter Gear'



**POTLUCK & TRIVIA NIGHT**

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Monday, January 19  
6:00 p.m.

Bring a dish to share  
Pick a table.  
Prayer at 6:00 p.m.  
Meal and Trivia to follow  
Fr. Jim will be your trivia master.

### LITURGY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

The next liturgy ministry schedule will run February 18-May 24. Reminder to please have your dates submitted by January 30. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Bev in the parish office at 701-232-2414 or [bevn@nativitycatholicchurch.net](mailto:bevn@nativitycatholicchurch.net)

You can access the 'Real Time' schedule on our website [www.nativitycatholicchurch.net/liturgy-ministry-schedules/](http://www.nativitycatholicchurch.net/liturgy-ministry-schedules/)

### PARISH BREAKFAST

The Knights of Columbus invite you to come and enjoy the parish breakfast on Sunday, January 25. Breakfast will be served after the 7:45 & 9:15 a.m. Masses. *(Please note this is the 4th Sunday in January)*

Menu: French toast, bacon, breakfast sausage, 2 kinds of scrambled eggs, biscuits and gravy, fruit, milk, coffee, apple, and orange juice.

### Breakfast Workers

7:15 to 9:45 a.m.: \*\*Jered Wambach, Eric Pegors, Steve Fritz, Rod Rawlings, Mike Langseth, Jason Schwengler, Ed Schwind, Gary Kroetsch, Anthony Schumacher

9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.: \*\*Tony Tasa, Jeff Bartholomay, Steve Conrad, John Bolgrean, Pat McMullen, Ryan Younggren, Jeff Krabbenhoft, Jens Andersen, Steve Motschenbacher, Steve Noack, Adam Frolek

### BULLETIN DEADLINE

Articles are due to Bev in the parish office Tuesdays by Noon for the following Sunday. Drop them off in the office or email: [bevn@nativitycatholicchurch.net](mailto:bevn@nativitycatholicchurch.net)

## PADRES CORNER

Greetings in Ordinary Time,

Today's readings teach us not only that we were born to serve and to shine, but that we were created for that purpose. If we embrace that calling, our Lord will exceed all our expectations, because his plans not only encompass our noble ones but also go way beyond them. We see that in the case of St. John the Baptist, and we also see it in the calling of every believer.

Isaiah in today's first reading speaks of Israel's calling: to serve God for his glory as well as for their own.

Israel is called to be the Lord's servant and to show God's glory. We were created to serve the Lord, and he promises we'll be glorious in his sight and strengthened by him. That service, at times demanding and thankless, is meant to make the Lord's glory shine far beyond ourselves.

Isaiah today reminds us we're called to be "a light to the nations," and through that light salvation will reach to the ends of the earth. We're called to serve and to shine out of no one's vanity, but to help the Lord's salvation extend to the ends of the earth.

Paul, in today's second reading, seconds this lofty calling to serve and to shine. We serve and shine by seeking to do what the Lord asks of us and through striving to live a holy life: In his initial greeting to the Corinthians, Paul identifies himself as called to be an apostle of Jesus Christ because it is God's will that he be one. We serve the Lord by doing his will. He reminds the Corinthians that they are "called to be holy." Through a life of holiness, we become that light to the nations and help our Lord bring that good work to completion in each person. The good work is not meant to just remain and be nourished in each one of us: it's a gift God wants us to give to others as well.

Whatever our walk of life, God calls us to be holy, as the dogmatic constitution on the Church, *Lumen Gentium*, teaches us: "The classes and duties of life are many, but holiness is one—that sanctity which is cultivated by all who are moved by the Spirit of God, and who obey the voice of the Father and worship God the Father in spirit and in truth. These people follow the poor Christ, the humble and cross-bearing Christ, in order to be worthy of being sharers in His glory. Every person must walk unhesitatingly according to his own personal gifts and duties in the path of living faith, which arouses hope and works through charity" (LG 42).

John the Baptist in today's Gospel served the Lord as his prophet and knew part of his calling was to put the spotlight on Our Lord and his mission, not on himself: "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." If John the Baptist shines in the fulfillment of his mission, he shines in order to light the way to Christ, the reason for his mission. John is not just called to serve but to shine. He does not just recognize in our Lord the signs that the Spirit had promised him; he testifies to them so that others would also get the message.

A source of illumination draws our attention, but it also illuminates something else. Our Lord himself, later in John's Gospel, would describe John as a burning and

shining lamp but say that John was meant to shine on the path to Christ. John himself in today's Gospel admits that the Lord outranks him because he existed before John was even created. The light of his mission pales in comparison to the true light that was coming to enlighten every man: Christ.

Peace in Christ, Fr. Jim



## Nativity Knights of Columbus 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Pajama Drive

### Items Needed

*\*New\** two-piece pajamas for sizes 2-18 years of age.

*\*New\** one-piece pajamas for infant - 24 months.

*Please leave tags attached. Thank You.*

### Dates

A collection box will be in Mercy Hall from  
*January 17<sup>th</sup> through February 15<sup>th</sup>.*

## P R O J E C T IGNITE★LIGHT

**Project Ignite Light** is an organization, based out of North Dakota, through which children are provided important items needed when they are examined by their Local Advocacy Center or Hospital for Abuse or Neglect.

In 2008, over 4000 children were seen around the state of North Dakota for Abuse or Neglect. It is the goal of Project Ignite Light to equip each child seen for these reasons with a "Bag of Hope."

Often, children in these situations are left feeling insecure and unsure of themselves and the people around them. Through Project Ignite Light, they are given a small piece of security and a bit of hope.



Because so many of the hurting children feel used, only new items are placed in the bags.

Thank you for your willingness to contribute to  
*Bags of Hope* for children in need!

## FAITH FORMATION/YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

**Youth Mission Trip:** Fr. Jim announced this past month that he is leading a Youth Mission Trip to Denver, Colorado, June 8-13, 2026. This trip is open to youth in grades 8-12. NOTE \*\*\* we have made the change to include current 8<sup>th</sup> graders who will be in high school this coming fall. Contact Melissa Hund-Cerna at [melissahc@nativitycatholicchurch.net](mailto:melissahc@nativitycatholicchurch.net) if you are interested in joining. The deadline to register for the mission trip is Wednesday, January 21.

**The Confirmation Retreat** for all 3<sup>rd</sup> graders is Saturday, January 25, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. All youth planning to receive their Confirmation on Friday, May 8, need to attend with at least one parent. This is going to be a fun, uplifting day filled with special activities centered around Confirmation.

**Pro-Life Dodgeball Tournament:** Wednesday, January 28, from 6 to 8 p.m., open to youth grades 6-12. Come with a team or join one when you get here. The cost to attend is a box of diapers or wipes, which will be donated to the Women's Care Center in Fargo. This will be a fun night. We encourage you to bring your friends. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

**Our next Middle School Lock-In is set for Saturday, January 31,** from 3 p.m. to midnight at Holy Spirit. All middle school youth in grades 6-8 are encouraged to come. We encourage you to bring your friends from school.

The theme for the next lock-in is for the youth to use the example of Elijah in the cave to learn about listening to the voice of God wherever they can find it and then following God's will. We encourage you to sign up early and invite your friends. Register for the next lock-in at <https://www.nativitycatholicchurch.net/faith-formation/>

### Camp Summit || Middle School Camp

"Be still and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, exalted on the earth."

In a world that never seems to slow down, this verse is a gentle reminder that peace isn't found in constant motion—it's found in God's presence. Take a moment today to pause, breathe, and trust that He is in control. When life feels overwhelming, remember that stillness isn't weakness; it's strength rooted in faith. Let go of the noise, and let God's voice guide your heart.

Join us for an unforgettable Catholic Youth Camp where we step away from the noise of everyday life and draw closer to God. This is your time to pause, reflect, and experience His presence in nature, prayer, and fellowship. Come and discover the peace that only He can give, as we grow together in faith and friendship. Don't miss this opportunity to be still and let God speak to your heart!

All Nativity Middle School youth are encouraged to attend Camp Summit, put on by the Fargo Diocese at Red Willow Bible Camp in Binford, ND, July 12-16, 2026. The cost is \$350 per camper with the Early Bird Special before February 27. Registration will open Monday, January 19. You can find more information online at <https://www.fargodiocese.org/campsummit>

This camp is for youth entering grades 7-9 in the fall of 2026. For questions, contact Melissa at [melissahc@nativitycatholicchurch.net](mailto:melissahc@nativitycatholicchurch.net)

## MELISSA'S SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER

We mourn the loss of life in Minneapolis and join in prayer for all those affected this past week by the deadly ICE-related shooting in that city.

"When a foreigner resides among you in your land, do not mistreat them." Leviticus 19:33 (NAB-RE)

In February, of 2025, the Minnesota Bishops issued a statement on Immigration Law and the Common Good. In this document, the Bishops stated "To the extent that the new Administration's actions focus on detaining and deporting those with criminal records who pose a danger to society, we offer our whole-hearted support. We oppose, however, any campaign of indiscriminate immigration enforcement that threatens to unnecessarily or unjustly separate the families of those we have come to know as our brothers and sisters in Christ. We repeat our plea to Congress for comprehensive immigration reform to fix our broken system, and we appeal to the Administration for a revised order that would establish that, absent exigent circumstances, no immigration enforcement action may take place on Catholic church or school property without a properly executed warrant."

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops issued a "Special Message" in November of 2025 on Immigration stating, "As pastors, we the bishops of the United States are bound to our people by ties of communion and compassion in Our Lord Jesus Christ. We are disturbed when we see among our people a climate of fear and anxiety around questions of profiling and immigration enforcement. We are saddened by the state of contemporary debate and the vilification of immigrants. We are concerned about the conditions in detention centers and the lack of access to pastoral care. We lament that some immigrants in the United States have arbitrarily lost their legal status. We are troubled by threats against the sanctity of houses of worship and the special nature of hospitals and schools. We are grieved when we meet parents who fear being detained when taking their children to school and when we try to console family members who have already been separated from their loved ones. Catholic teaching exhorts nations to recognize the fundamental dignity of all persons, including immigrants. We bishops advocate for a meaningful reform of our nation's immigration laws and procedures. Human dignity and national security are not in conflict. Both are possible if people of good will work together.

We recognize that nations have a responsibility to regulate their borders and establish a just and orderly immigration system for the sake of the common good. Without such processes, immigrants face the risk of trafficking and other forms of exploitation. Safe and legal pathways serve as an antidote to such risks.

The Church's teaching rests on the foundational concern for the human person, as created in the image and likeness of God (Genesis 1:27). As pastors, we look to Sacred Scripture and the example of the Lord Himself, where we find the wisdom of God's compassion. The priority of the Lord, as the Prophets remind us, is for those who are most vulnerable: the widow, the orphan, the poor, and the stranger (Zechariah 7:10). In the Lord Jesus, we see the One who became poor for our sake (2 Corinthians 8:9), we see the Good Samaritan who lifts us from the dust (Luke 10:30-37), and we see the One who is found in the least of these (Matthew 25). The Church's concern for neighbor and our concern here for immigrants is a response to the Lord's command to love as He has loved us (John 13:34).

To our immigrant brothers and sisters, we stand with you in your suffering, since, when one member suffers, all suffer (cf. 1 Corinthians 12:26). You are not alone!"



**PRAY FOR THE SICK...**

Shari Stoa  
 Dave Barnick  
 Daniel Schlicht  
 Jean Kelso  
 Peggy Welle  
 Betty Barnacle  
 Pam Schneider  
 Deborah Samek  
 Dennis Jensen  
 Darryl Rosson  
 Lillian Meyer  
 Vicki Richard  
 Robert Wold  
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 Maurice Godon  
 Christina Gross  
 Arlene Jensen  
 Dian Nicklay  
 Cathy Duffy

Pat Meier  
 Carri Brandvik  
 Sally Voeller  
 Don Such  
 Alice Such  
 Richard Halvorson  
 Donna Clark  
 Boden Meier  
 Donna Enstad  
 Gene Lucy  
 Brooklyn Hansen  
 Sandra Schofield  
 Joe Swiontek  
 Rena Wilm  
 Mary Ann Schulz  
 Fidelis Sivertson  
 Naomi West  
 Rhonda Ness

*If you or a loved one are hospitalized or homebound or would like to have a family member included in the prayers for the sick, call the parish office at 701-232-2414.*

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/  
 Mk 2:18-22  
 Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/  
 Mk 2:23-28  
 Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/  
 Mk 3:1-6  
 Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11,  
 12-13/Mk 3:7-12  
 Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19  
 Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/  
 Mk 3:20-21  
 Sunday: Is 8:23-9:3/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/  
 Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday, January 19**  
 8:30 AM - Ann Lucy †  
**Tuesday, January 20**  
 8:30 AM - Betty Bossart †  
**Wednesday, January 21**  
 8:30 AM - Stephanie Kautzman  
 St. Catherine South (Residents) - Jeff Chin  
**Thursday, January 22**  
 9:15 AM - Mick Flanagan †  
**Friday, January 23**  
 8:30 AM - Deacon Bruce Dahl & Family  
**Saturday, January 24**  
 8:30 AM - Gretchen Noah †  
 4:00 PM - Alice Miranowski †  
**Sunday, January 25**  
 7:45 AM - Intention of Parish  
 9:15 AM - Ann Lucy †  
 11:00 AM - Frank Kuntz †

**OUR GIVING OF THANKSGIVING  
 SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 2026**

Adult Envelopes (109 envelopes)..... \$6,631.00  
 Holy Day ..... \$380.00  
 Children ..... \$1.00  
 Plate ..... \$837.10  
 Auto Deposit (Weekly Average)..... \$5,647.50  
**Total..... \$13,496.60**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 2026**

Adult Envelopes (120 envelopes)..... \$9,457.00  
 Holy Day ..... \$54.00  
 Plate ..... \$947.16  
 Auto Deposit (Weekly Average)..... \$5,647.50  
**Total..... \$16,105.66**

**SERVING THE ASSEMBLY JANUARY 24/25, 2026**

	<b>4:00 PM</b>	<b>7:45 AM</b>	<b>9:15 AM</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>
<b>Altar Server</b>	Elyn Gust Graham Gust Jude Gust	Martin Andersen	Charlie Beiswanger Charles Bergeson Amelia Knoll, Henry Teigen	Abigail Pratt Amelia Pratt CJ Zimmer
<b>Greeter</b>	Barb Grabar & Hadlie Mike & Jayne Gust	Judy McDonald Gina Schumacher	John & Nicole Knoll	Ben & Debra Ruona Kim Zimmer
<b>Usher</b>	Kathy Godon Maurice Godon Gerald Lauer Karen Lauer	Michael Steiner Teresa Steiner Jacinta Holo <b>Usher Needed</b>	Jeff Bartholomay Larry Boulger Bonnie Faller Michael Langseth	Edward Fritel Emma Fritel <b>Usher Needed</b> <b>Usher Needed</b>
<b>EMHC</b>	Lynn Motteberg—Cib 1 <b>EMHC Needed</b> —Cib 3 <b>EMHC Needed</b> —Cib 4 Tim Mathern—C1 <b>EMHC Needed</b> —C2 <b>EMHC Needed</b> —C3 Lorene Mathern—C4	Margaret Zeren—Cib 1 <b>EMHC Needed</b> —Cib 3 <b>EMHC Needed</b> —C1 <b>EMHC Needed</b> —C2 <b>EMHC Needed</b> —C3 Cathy Hanson—C4	Jenn Schwind—Cib 1 Jan Kaeding—Cib 3 <b>EMHC Needed</b> —Cib 4 Jenny Wambach—C1 Vi Schwind—C2 Matt Beiswanger—C3 Mike Flaherty—C4	Lori Fritel— 1 <b>EMHC Needed</b> —Cib 3 <b>EMHC Needed</b> —Cib 4 Jason Schwengler—C1 Patricia Greenshields—C2 <b>EMHC Needed</b> —C3 <b>EMHC Needed</b> —C4
<b>Proclaimer</b>	Judith Von Bank Lynn Motteberg	Arlen Truitt Mark Seeba	Molly Flaherty Melissa Flaherty	Clarence Zimmer Patricia Greenshields
<b>Sacristan</b>	Cheryl Hager Margy Hines	Shannon Mehlich	Michelle Powers	
<b>Musicians</b>	Contemporary Choir Chenise Tandsater	Pat Keogh LaVonne Rustad	Nativity Choir Nate Amundson	Kendall Kueneman Isaak Montemayor
<b>Coffee &amp; Rolls</b>	No Coffee and Rolls on Sunday, January 25. Come to the Cafeteria and enjoy a wonderful Knights of Columbus parish breakfast.			



**FM AREA CATHOLIC CHURCHES**  
**SKI TRIP**  
 FOR GRADES 6-12  
**Monday, February 16**  
**7:10 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.**  
 Bus leaves and returns from Nativity Church in Fargo  
 Contact Melissa at the parish office for more information

**JANUARY PRESENTATION PRAYER CENTER PROGRAMS**

Taize Evening Prayer: Tuesday, January 20, 6:30 p.m.  
 Chapel at Riverview Place, Fargo  
 Centering Prayer: Weekly on Thursday, 12:15-12:45  
 First Presbyterian Church, Fargo

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: BABY CLOTHES SORTING**

We're looking for helping hands to sort donated baby clothes! Your time will make a big difference for families in need. Join us for a few hours of folding, organizing, and spreading kindness.

**DATES**  
 TUESDAY, JANUARY 27TH  
 TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH  
 TUESDAY, MARCH 31ST  
 TUESDAY, APRIL 28TH

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**HOLY SPIRIT ANNUAL WINE & DINE**

Holy Spirit invites you to attend the 16<sup>th</sup> annual Valentine's Wine & Dine on February 7, from 5-8 p.m. at Holy Spirit Catholic Church. Join us for a delicious catered dinner, free wine & drinks, games, & a live and silent auction. Tickets are \$75 each and can be purchased at [holyspiritfargo.com/wine-dine](http://holyspiritfargo.com/wine-dine) or by calling the parish office to reserve a spot no later than February 1. All proceeds benefit Holy Spirit's Youth Discipleship program. Any questions can be directed to Rachel O'Donnell at 701-232-5900 or [rachel@holyspiritfargo.com](mailto:rachel@holyspiritfargo.com)

**UPCOMING RETREATS FROM THE DIOCESAN OFFICES**

**Made for Greatness Winter Men's Retreat: Rise Up to Greatness**

January 23-25, 2026, Maryvale Retreat Center, Valley City



While every man is called to, and if fact inherently desires, greatness, the challenge is not only finding out what that looks like for them, it is also that the goal post keeps moving. What manly greatness looks like as a young single man is different than what it is as a married man, a husband, or even an empty nester.

Former Protestant pastor Keith Nester will assist men to identify what greatness God is uniquely calling them to at their own stage of life. In addition to practical real-life insights, there also will be times to meet the Lord God in prayer and the sacraments, as well opportunities for rejuvenation through real brotherhood, great food, and even some friendly competition. Check it out at [www.fargodiocese.org/mfg-winter](http://www.fargodiocese.org/mfg-winter)

**Life-Giving Wounds Retreat for Adult Children of Divorce and Separation**

February 27-March 1, 2026, Hankinson Retreat Center



No matter the circumstances, divorce always represents broken dreams and broken hearts. While much of the attention goes to the men and women trying to navigate the tidal wave of loss and hurt, often left in the wake are the children whose sense of security and identity have also been shattered. This can be true even for those who were already adults when their parents' relationship ended. Life-Giving Wounds is a new ministry to help adults who have experienced the breakdown of their parents' relationship, no matter at what age it happened and to allow Christ to bring new life through those very wounds. Find out more information or register for the retreat by visiting [www.fargodiocese.org/lgw](http://www.fargodiocese.org/lgw)

**Retrouvaille: Help for Hurting Marriages**

March 13-15, 2026, Fargo



Do you and your spouse have any level of disconnection in your relationship? You don't need to wait until you're in crisis to take time to reconnect and rediscover one another as you deepen your love and unity. Instead, you can work to build the kind of joyful, connected marriage you envisioned when you walked down the aisle.

Retrouvaille is an international, peer-run program that has helped hundreds of thousands of married couples turn the tide, find new hope, and reclaim the love that initially brought them together. Surveys have shown that more than 3 out of 4 couples who complete the entire program have healthier marriages than ever before. For more information visit [HelpOurMarriage.com](http://HelpOurMarriage.com) or contact us at 701-356-7962 or via email at [rrretrouvaille@gmail.com](mailto:rrretrouvaille@gmail.com).



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## Faith Formation Team

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## Administration Team

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**Parish Secretary:** Bev Nesler (ext. 129)  
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## Nativity School Team

701-232-7461  
**Principal:** Jill Koch

**Administrative Assistant:** Sharon Finneman

## Parish Finance/Council

Jim Schaeffbauer, Tom Hanson, Brian Bjoralt, Travis Koch, Deb Boyer, and Patty Greenshields,

## Emergencies

In the case of an after hours emergency, you may contact a priest by calling the parish office, and pressing one (1) when the answering machine picks up.

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