

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2024 – FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**SAINT MARY’S CATHOLIC CHURCH – PASTOR: Father Shane Campbell**

Ashes and rainbows make a strange combination. Ashes are dirty, messy, and ugly. Rainbows, on the other hand, are beautiful and inspiring. But we encounter them both at the beginning of Lent this year. On Wednesday, ashes were smudged on our foreheads as a sign of our mortality and sinfulness. Today we hear that God set a rainbow in the sky as a sign of the covenant with us. As we begin this season of Lent, let us recognize both truths: we are always in need of repentance, but God stands ever waiting to forgive us. As ashes remind us to repent of our sins, may rainbows remind us of God’s eternal forgiveness.

**Mass Etiquette**-Please come to Mass early enough to not disrupt. Leave late enough not to insult.  
Worship reverently enough not to distract. And dress proudly enough not to offend.

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| Monday, February 19    | No Services                                                                                                       |
| Tuesday, February 20   | 5:30 PM at St. Bernard’s – Novena & Mass                                                                          |
| Wednesday, February 21 | 7:00 AM at St. Bernard’s –+Anthony Obrigewitch by Charlotte Hlebechuk and family                                  |
| Thursday, February 22  | 4:30 PM at St. Mary’s – Adoration<br><u>5:30 PM at St. Mary’s</u> -Stations/Mass - +Ray Luptak by Paula Lengowski |
| Friday, February 23    | No Services                                                                                                       |
| Saturday, February 24  | 4:00 PM at St. Bernard’s –+Adolph & +Dorothy Kostelecky by the family                                             |
| Sunday, February 25    | 8:30 AM at St. Bernard’s – Parishes<br>10:30 AM at St. Mary’s –+Anne Privratsky by Leonard/Sandy Meduna           |

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**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** St. Mary’s: Sunday – Before Mass  
St. Bernard’s: Saturday –3:15-3:45 pm- Sunday – Before Mass

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**Ministers for Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup>**

Commentator/Reader  
Bobby Kubas

Servers  
Conner/Jaden Kubas

Ushers  
Gordy Krance / Gene Praus

Rosary Leader  
Leroy Vetter

**If you are not able to be at your appointed Mass, please find a replacement.**

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**If you come to our parish on a regular basis, consider becoming a member.**  
**Call the parish office at 677-5886.**

**Thought for the week** – Faith does not make things easy; it makes them possible.

**Please Remember in Your Prayers the sick,** especially: **Cherie Smith, Tom Metz, Mary Peters, Ken Lefor,** and **Greg Taylor** and for all our parishioners who are homebound, in assisted living or in nursing homes.

*Prayers will remain on the list for four weeks. If you would like to add, request, or update list, please call the parish office at 677-5886.*

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**Food Drive** – We will be having a food drive, during Lent, for the Belfield Food Pantry.

**Easter Lilies** – If you would like to purchase a lily, in memory of a loved one, please put your money in the envelope (that is provided for you) on the table in the entrance of the church, and put it in the collection basket. Thank you! They are \$15.00 apiece.

**Christian Mothers Lenten Soup** – Sunday, **March 3<sup>rd</sup>**, after Mass. Everyone is welcome!

**Faith Formation** – Family night/supper (bring a side or dessert) will be held on Wednesday, **February 28<sup>th</sup>**, from **6:00 – 7:00 pm**, at the St. Bernard’s Parish Center. **The family nights are open to ALL parishioners!**

**Belfield/Daglum/Medora Lutheran Parish Soup Luncheon** – Sunday, **February 25<sup>th</sup>**, from **9:30 am – 1:30 pm**, at the St. Bernard’s Parish Center, in Belfield. Everyone is welcome!

**Card Party** – The New Hradec Knights of Columbus Club is having a Whist/Pinochle card party on Sunday, **February 25<sup>th</sup>**, at **2:00 pm**, at the Catholic Workman Hall. Prizes will be awarded and lunch will follow. Everyone is welcome!

**Cursillo Weekends** – “A Little Lesson in Christian Living”. The Men’s Weekend is **February 29<sup>th</sup> – March 3<sup>rd</sup>**. The Spiritual Director is Fr. John Paul Gardner. The Women’s Weekend is **March 14<sup>th</sup> -March 17<sup>th</sup>**. The Spiritual Director is Fr. Brandon Wolf. Both weekends are held at Trinity High School, in Dickinson. Early Registration is required and available online at <http://bismarckcursillo.com>. A sponsor is required on the application. The sponsor could be someone you know who has previously attended Cursillo or your parish priest. If you have questions or would like more information call Bob Sauter at **701-460-0668** or Rosemarie Kuntz at **701-426-7944**.

**Everyday Holiness** – A Lenten Retreat for Women/Mothers and Daughters. Join Sr. Jean Louise Schafer and Sr. Mary Ruth Huhn of the Franciscan Sisters, of Dillingen, as they explore ways the Catholic Church encourages women of all ages to grow in “everyday holiness”. All women, mothers and their daughters (grade 7 to adult) are invited to attend this intergenerational retreat! Saturday, **March 2<sup>nd</sup>**, from **9:00 am – 3:00 pm**, at the St. Mary Catholic Church Parish Center, in New England. (Lunch will be provided) **RSVP by February 26<sup>th</sup>, by calling St. Mary Parish Office at 701-579-4312.**

**2024 African Mission Appeal** – Bishop Kagan has announced **March 2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>**, as the African Mission Appeal weekend in our diocese. This special appeal gives you the opportunity to join our Mission Team in ministering to our brothers/sisters in Africa by making a generous gift in two weeks. Fr. David Morman, along with Wes/Kathy Pepple, our missionaries, are currently living and working on our behalf in Kisii, Kenya, East Africa.

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Remember your loved ones, at Mass, as we celebrate the anniversary of their death:

**February 20:** Anna Kooren **1989**

**February 25:** Mildred Fisher **1990**, Darlene Zarak **2021**

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**Stewardship Thought** – During this season of almsgiving, we are called to look beyond our own wants and needs to serve those who are less fortunate among us.

**Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>:**

Adults: \$ 602.00

Loose: 397.25

**Total: \$ 999.25**





