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PARISH SERVICES

Mass Schedule:

Weekend:

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m. Sunday: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Weekdays:

Monday: No Mass Tuesday-Friday: 8:30 a.m.

Holy Days:

7:00 p.m. (unless otherwise noted)

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday at 4:00 p.m. and upon appointment.

Sacrament of Baptism: A Baptism preparation class must be taken prior to the birth of the child. Please contact the Parish Office for more information and to schedule a baptism.

Sacrament of Marriage: Please contact Fr. Jasinski at least one year in advance.

Sacrament of the Sick: You are encouraged to seek the Sacrament of the Sick if you are suffering from a serious illness or are going to be admitted to the hospital for surgery. Please contact Fr. Jasinski or the parish office if you would like to be anointed.

Becoming Catholic: If you or someone you know are interested in becoming Catholic, please contact the parish office.

Prayer Support: If you need prayers for any intention or wish to become a member of the Prayer Apostolate, please contact Joan Houdek by email or phone at joan.houdek@gmail.com or 701-730-5828.

Faith Formation:

Grades K-5: Sunday, 9:15-10:15 a.m.

Grades 6-8, Middle School FUEL: Wednesday, 6:15-8:15 p.m. Grades 9-12, High School FUEL: Wednesday, 6:15-8:15 p.m.

New Members: If you are new to the area, we would like to welcome you aboard. To register as a new member of the parish, please introduce yourself to Fr. Jasinski after Mass.



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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 11/27—No Sunday Faith Formation Classes or Coffee & Donuts Today
- 11/30—FUEL Service Project Night
- 12/3—Confirmation Retreat (9:00 a.m.— Noon, Church & Social Hall) 12/4—Sunday Faith Formation Classes (9:15-10:15 a.m.)

- 12/4—Cemetery Board Meeting (11:45 a.m., Church Basement)
 12/6—Catholic Man Night at St. Benedict's (6:00—8:00 p.m.)
 12/7—Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass (7:00 p.m.)
 12/8—Immaculate Conception Day Masses (8:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.)
- 12/10-11—Retirement Fund for the Religious Collection
- 12/10-11—Blessing of Baby Jesus at the Masses 12/11—Sunday Faith Formation Classes (9:15-10:15 a.m.)
- 12/11—St. Benedict's Advent Reconciliation Service (4:00 p.m.)
- 12/14—FUEL Christmas Party (6:15- Supper, 6:45-FUEL) 12/15—Core Building Committee Meeting (7:00 p.m., Social Hall)

	Mass Intentions				
Sat	November 26	(5:00 p.m.)	† Bruce Kuehn		
Sun	November 27	(8:00 a.m.)	† Donald Weiland		
		(10:30 a.m.)	Parishioners		
Mon	November 28	(8:30 a.m.)	No Mass Today		
Tue	November 29	(8:30 a.m.)	† Myron Tande		
Wed	November 30	(8:30 a.m.)	† Shirley Scarset		
Thu	December 1	(8:30 a.m.)	† Fr. Michael Parrotta		
Fri	December 2	(8:30 a.m.)	League of St. Anne		
Sat	December 3	(5:00 p.m.)	† Renee Bernier		
Sun	December 4	(8:00 a.m.)	Parishioners		
		(10:30 a.m.)	† Stephen Mahoney		

DECEMBER 2022						
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Stewardship

Budgeted Weekly Collection: \$5,480 November 20, 2022....\$3,235 Budgeted Collection YTD: \$257,560 Actual Collection YTD: \$230,536 November Second Collection: \$1,034 Capital Campaign Funds: \$792,047

Thank you for your generosity and continued support!

Special Prayer Intentions for:

Colleen Beaver, Ivy Bercier, Marlene Daniels, Danell Dougherty, Dorothy Duchschere, Marlene Ensrud, Ron Erickson, Irene Feist, Adrian Flicek, Becky Halland, Laurie Hart, Nicole Jensen, Bob Klein, Russ Koenig, Kathy Loney, Marvin Miller, Peter Petz, Dean Pfifer, Cliff Sauvageau, Karen Schmitz, Carol Trottier, Arnie Weber

Liturgical Ministers for Next Weekend

	Saturday, Dec 3, 5:00 PM (Mass)	Sunday, Dec 4, 8:00 AM (Mass)	Sunday, Dec 4, 10:30 AM (Mass)		
Sacristan	Curt Bjertness	Sharon Arnold	Kristie Sauvageau		
Lector	Joan Bjertness	Cora Suda	Ryan Richard		
Usher	Jon Long Dale Wyffels	Mike Sikorski Ken Zetocha	Perry Piatz Terry Sauvageau		
Altar Server	NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Cassidy Meyer Connor Meyer Katie Sikorski	Brody Richard Cole Richard Evan Richard		
ЕМНС	Margaret Klein (Paten) Curt Bjertness (Paten-choir)	Ken Zetocha (Paten) Joe Arnold (Paten-choir)	Jodi Buchholz (Paten) Sandi Piatz (Paten-choir)		
Greeter	Jack & Carol Fjelstad	Mike & Kristi Sikorski	Perry & Sandi Piatz		
Gift Bearer	NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED	Mitch & Heidi Irmen		
Hospitality	Service Group Rotation Service Group 3-November Coffee and Rolls Service Group 4-December Coffee and Rolls Service Group 5-January Coffee and Rolls				



Solemnity of the Immaculate **Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Holy Day of Obligation

MASS TIMES

Wednesday, December 7 7:00 p.m. Vigil

Thursday, December 8 8:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

FM Area Advent Reconciliation Services (All services are at 7:00 pm



unless otherwise indicated)

Wednesday, Nov. 30—Newman Center Sunday, Dec. 4—Holy Spirit (4:00 pm) Wednesday, Dec. 7—St. Maurice Kindred Sunday, Dec. 11—St. Benedict (4:00 pm) Monday, Dec. 12—St. Anthony's Tuesday, Dec. 13—Sts. Anne & Joachim Thursday, Dec. 15—Blessed Sacrament Thursday, Dec. 15—Nativity

Sunday, Dec. 18—St. Mary's (4:00 pm) Monday, Dec. 19—St. Leo's, Casselton Tuesday, Dec. 20—Holy Cross

We extend our heartfelt sympathy and prayers to:

~ Kate Tande and family on the death of their husband, father and grandfather, Myron Tande.

May he share in the gift and promise of eternal life and may God's comfort and peace be with the family in their time of grief.



We welcome through the Baptism sacramental waters of Baptism:

Graham Douglas Corbett

Son of Conner and Sara Corbett Baptized on November 26, 2022

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for December

Volunteer Not-for-Profit Organizations

"We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human



development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation."

Weekly Prayer of the Faithful

That we do not take each day for granted, and see the little miracles that occur in our lives every day.

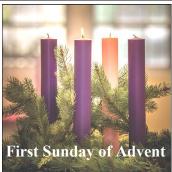
Pastor's Notes

Dear Parishioners,

The Lord Comes

Today we mark the beginning of Advent. The name of the season comes from a Latin word meaning "arrival" or "coming." Two thousand years ago, the Son of God came into the world, when Jesus was born in Bethlehem. The next time he will come in visible form will be at the end of the world. In between these two "arrivals" Jesus comes into our hearts.

On this First Sunday of Advent, the Church continues the reflection on the end of time which



we have been pondering for the past month. The Gospel today is a continuation of the Eschatological ("End of the World") Talk Jesus gave his disciples during Holy Week. Jesus says that his Second Coming will be sudden and unexpected. The same Jesus who was born in great poverty and practically unnoticed on Christmas day will come in glory on the Last Day. In his first coming, he was on a mission of mercy; his final coming will be a day of judgment. While we still have the chance, let us receive his mercy and prepare for the day when we will meet him face to face.

The theme of judgment is clearly stated in our First Reading from the prophet Isaiah. In the Second Reading, St. Paul encourages us to "throw off the works of darkness." This theme will be continued next Sunday, when we encounter St. John the Baptist. As he prepared the way when Jesus came the first time, John's words should stir us to receive Jesus anew in our hearts. His cry of "Repent!" should cause us to examine ourselves, see how imperfectly we live as Christians and inspire us to change. In this way, John prepares us for Jesus' Second Coming.

The coming of Jesus two thousand years ago forever changed mankind's relationship with God. In the meantime, we await his Second Coming. As each day of our lives brings us closer to that moment; each day we should accept him into our hearts, so that day will not catch us off guard.

May St. John the Baptist help us to receive Jesus' coming into our lives today.

Fr. Andrew Jasinski

Catholic Man Night at St. Benedict's!





Join us for the next Catholic Man

Night on Tuesday, December 6, here at St. Benedict's (11743 38th St. S, Horace). 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Adoration & Confessions, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Meal and talk with speaker Bishop Folda. All area churches are invited! Come and bring a friend!

Cemetery Bench for Sale

The St. Benedict's Cemetery Board purchased and placed three new benches in our cemetery this summer. Two benches have already sold and we have ONE left for sale. The cost is \$3,300. Custom design and/or lettering can be completed for an extra charge (beginning at \$350 for basic lettering and increasing depending on design chosen). If you are interested in purchasing the bench, please contact Claude Richard at (218) 790-9118 or the parish office.

Stewardship Moment

"Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come." - MATTHEW 24:42

People who have had health issues or near-death experiences generally have a greater appreciation for each day being a gift from God. The rest of us usually take for granted that we will be around tomorrow. However, when you start to look at each day as a gift, you realize all the little miracles that happen daily and you begin to see God's active presence in your life. You grow in gratitude, each day, for all that we have been given.



As you may know, preparations for the Diocese of Fargo Synod in 2024 have begun. This month the Diocese of Fargo has requested direct input from parishioners; and beginning in the New Year, there will be regional Listening Sessions. Please participate in this process, so that we can understand your needs and respond to your concerns.

Parish Self-Reflection Survey: A paper copy of the survey will be distributed at all Masses this weekend for you to complete in the pew. If you prefer to complete it online, use the camera of your smart phone to snap the below QR code, or follow the link at www.fargodiocese.org/synod.

Scan with your phone camera for quick access to the Survey.



Listening Sessions: The second component of preparations for the Synod are the listening sessions. Bishop Folda plans to attend all 16 sessions in person. All listening sessions in the Fargo area will be held in January. Here the schedule of times and locations:

- Holy Spirit, Fargo, Tuesday, January 17, 6:30-9:00 p.m.
- Holy Cross, West Fargo, Sunday, January 22, 2:00-4:30 p.m.
- Sts. Anne and Joachim, Fargo, Tuesday, January 24, 6:30-9:00 p.m.

The complete schedule is available at www.fargodiocese.org/synod or in the November issue of *New Earth*.

Each session will begin with a period of meditating on Sacred Scripture and praying to Jesus. This will be followed by a time of reflecting on and discussing these questions: What are the top three things that are working well at your parish and the diocese? What are the top three challenges to address in your parish and the diocese? What is one step I might be called to take to respond?

Again, these steps are the initial stages for the preparation for the Third Synod of the Diocese of Fargo. As time goes on, we will be engaged in the additional steps. Please pray for the success of the Synod, as well as the impact it will have on us here at St. Benedict.

Faith Formation



Grades K-5 SUNDAYS 9:15-10:15 a.m.

Catechesis Corner

There are no Faith Formation classes this Sunday, November 27!

Confirmation Retreat

The Confirmation Retreat will be held on Saturday, December 3, from 9:00 a.m.—Noon, for our 3rd grade students preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation this year.

Epiphany Play

All youth are invited to participate in our Epiphany play on Sunday, January 8, 2023, at 4:30 p.m. There will reading and non-speaking parts. Please email Linda (dre@stbensnd.org) to sign up your child(ren).

There will be **two rehearsals**: Saturday, January 7, from 9:00-10:30 a.m., **AND** Sunday, January 8, at 3:00 p.m. The presentation will be at 4:30 followed by a parish potluck at 5:00 p.m. Roles will be assigned and costumes determined at the first rehearsal. The second rehearsal is a dress rehearsal. **Parents**, we need your help! Please volunteer to assist with props, costumes, etc. Thank you.

Upcoming Events

11/30 ALL - Service Project Night! 12/7 ALL - Immaculate

Conception Vigil Mass (7:00 p.m.)

12/14 ALL- Christmas Party

12/21 NO FUEL

FUEL News

Faith Used in Everyday Life

FUEL Grades 6-12 WEDNESDAYS 6:15 p.m. (supper) 6:45-8:15 p.m. (session)

Happy Thanksgiving

St. Benedict's Social Justice Corner

November Peanut Butter Donations

The Social Justice Committee is asking for donations of peanut butter throughout the month of November. Jars may be placed in the donation box in the church entry. Thank you for your generosity.



Share the Joy of Giving this Season

This year we will once again host a Women's Care Center giving tree in our church entry. Beginning this weekend, you can select a tag from the tree in the church entry. Please note that the tag should be taped to the <u>unwrapped</u> item and returned by Dec. 18th.

Women's Care Center serves as a beacon of hope in the Fargo-Moorhead area for women and families when faced with an unplanned pregnancy. Because of the support and unconditional love they find with the Women's Care Center, more than 92% of those who receive counseling and an ultrasound choose life for their babies! But it doesn't stop there... their centers also offer education, classes, and counseling – equipping mothers and fathers to become the best parents possible as well as create more nurturing and self-sufficient families. Thank you for your support of this year's giving tree! If you have any questions, please contact Martha at 701-793-3101.

Emergency Food Pantry Volunteers

Please plan ahead! St. Benedict's volunteers are needed at the Emergency Food Pantry to fill carts on the following days/times.

- Tuesday, December 27 (9:30 a.m.- noon and 1:00-4:00 p.m. shifts)
- Wednesday, December 28 (9:30 a.m.– noon only)
- Thursday, December 29 (9:30 a.m. noon and 1:00–4:00 p.m. shifts)
- Friday, December 30 (1:00–4:00 p.m. only)

Just like last year there will be no client contact. A sign up sheet is posted in the back of church. If you have any questions, please contact Kathleen at 701-367-0576.

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame. ~ Psalm 25 (24): 1-3

Holy Land Pilgrimage, Oct. 2-11, 2023 You are invited to an information meeting about our pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Fr Phil Ackerman, pastor of Holy Cross Church, West Fargo, will be the spiritual director for the trip to the Holy Land on October 2-11, 2023. An information meeting will be at Holy Cross on Sunday, December 4th at 4:00 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room. Jane Alatrash, a native of Bethlehem, is our tour guide and will be present for our meeting. You are

invited to join us.

Fifth Annual Family Christmas Ball!
Friday, December 23, 7:00 – 10:00 p.m.,
St. Mary's Cathedral basement. Come
join us for a fun, FREE night of Waltzes,
Foxtrots, Swing, and a few Reels that are
easy to learn! Bring a snack to share.
All ages are welcome. Attire is formal.
Free lessons in the Cathedral basement
will be offered: Sunday, Nov. 20, 11:15
a.m. – Waltz; Sunday, Nov. 27, 11:15 a.m.
– East Coast Swing; Sunday, Dec. 11,
11:15 a.m. – Foxtrot; Sunday, Dec. 18,
11:15 a.m. – Lindy Hop. If you have
any questions, please contact Tiffany
Goering at goeringtiffany@gmail.com or
701-388-6362

Motivated parish missionaries (couples or individuals) are sought to carry out discipleship and evangelization in a parish setting. Missionaries would have the freedom and support to help transform the parish to respond to Jesus' command to go and make disciples of all nations. Salary and benefits are negotiable. Missionaries would be based at Holy Spirit Parish in Fargo, ND. To apply or receive additional information, contact Fr. Ross Laframboise or call at pastor@holvspiritfargo.com 701-404-5411. Previous discipleship experience is desired.

Marvvale in Valley City is hiring for a casual cook to provide our retreatants and Sisters with home cooked meals such as soups, salads, and entrees under the direction of the Dietary Supervisor. Dependent on retreat schedule, hours and shifts may vary - with mostly weekend help needed. Experience preferred - but willing to train. Will do other kitchen and hospitality duties as needed. Flexible scheduling with competitive salary. For more details, please call Amanda at 701-845-2864 or email Amanda.Kunze@MaryvaleND.org

Upcoming Events

13th Annual "Holiday Collections" Craft/Vendor Show

Holy Cross Catholic Church of West Fargo will host a Craft/Vendor Show on Saturday, December 3, from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at 2711 7th St. East in West Fargo (just south of Costco). Over 75 artisans will be available for all your holiday shopping needs. This is the largest church-held craft/vendor show in



the region. Lunch will be available for purchase. Admission: \$2.00. For more information, please call (701) 282-7217.



You are invited to a **St. Nicholas Festival** on Sunday, December 4th at the **Cathedral of St. Mary**. We will serve a cider pork tenderloin dinner with a variety of holiday desserts from 11:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Adults are \$12, kids ages 6-12 years are \$8, kids 5 & under are free; family price \$50. There will be silent auction baskets, an O Holy Night religious goods booth, a photography booth, Mystic Monk coffees and teas, and a visit from St. Nicholas! Enjoy our Cookie Walk and pick out your own Christmas cookies to take home! Located in the Cathedral social hall at 604 N. Broadway. *Thank you for your support!*

Catholic Married Couples Retreat Weekends Virtues - Building Blocks for Great Lives & Joy Filled Marriages

Get away for a weekend together to encounter Jesus Christ in Word and Sacrament. Deacon Ben and Jennine Seitz will lead you to a deeper understanding and appreciation of the virtues. Learn how embracing virtues more deliberately every day leads to greater joy and fulfillment in marriage and in life.



Where: Franciscan Sisters of Dilligen Retreat Center - Hankinson, ND When: January 20-22, 2023 | February 17-19, 2023 | March 3-5, 2023 | For more information and to register: www.sixstonejars.org

JPII Catholic Schools Open Positions

Accounts Receivable/Payroll Specialist: JPII Catholic Schools is seeking a qualified individual to oversee the areas of accounts receivable and payroll. Responsibilities include but are not limited to processing and collection of tuition and fees, assist with grant and aid, prepare and post daily deposits, verify payroll entries, process payroll and prepare and file required payroll reports. To apply visit https://www.jp2schools.org/careers/ or call 701-893-3231 for more information.

Teaching Positions: St. John Paul II Catholic Schools is looking to hire the following teaching positions for January 2023:

- Art Teacher Holy Spirit Elementary
- Library Media Specialist Nativity Elementary/Trinity Elementary
- Middle School Counselor Sacred Heart Middle School
- PhyEd Teacher Holy Spirit Elementary
- Resource Teacher Sacred Heart Middle School
- Resource Teacher (Long-term Sub)- Nativity Elementary School

To apply visit https://www.jp2schools.org/careers/ or call 701-893-3231 for more information.

Support Positions: St. John Paul II Catholic Schools is looking to hire the following positions:

- Dishwasher Shanley High School/Sacred Heart Middle School
- Evening Custodian Shanley High School/Sacred Heart Middle School
- Little Deacons Childcare Worker Holy Spirit Elementary
- Substitute Teachers Multiple Locations
- Head Boys Tennis Coach Shanley High School
- Boys Basketball Coach Multiple levels

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