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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

- 1/21-22—Peter's Pence Collection
- 1/22—Sunday Faith Formation Classes (9:15—10:15 a.m.)
- 1/22—January HOLY HOUR (3:00—4:00 p.m.) 1/22—Synod Listening Session (2:00-4:30 p.m.. Holy Cross Church)
- 1/24—Synod Listening Session (6:30-9:00 p.m., Sts. Anne & Joachim)
- 1/25—FUEL Classes (6:15 p.m. Supper, 6:45 p.m. Class)
 1/26—No Daily Mass Today (Fr. Jasinski celebrates at the Trinity School Mass)
- 1/26—Parish Council Meeting (7:00 p.m., Church Basement)
- 1/29-2/4—CELEBRATE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK!
- 1/29—Men's Group Breakfast (9:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m., Social Hall)
- 1/29—Sunday Faith Formation Classes (9:15—10:15 a.m.) 1/29—Trinity Family Fun Fair (Noon-3:00 p.m., Trinity School)
- 2/1—FUEL Classes (6:15 p.m. Supper, 6:45 p.m. Class)
 2/2—No Daily Mass Today (All Schools Mass at 9:30 a.m. , Shanley)
- 2/2—Eucharist Parent Meeting (7:00 p.m., Church Basement)

	Mass Intentions				
Sat	January 21	(5:00 p.m.)	† Myron Tande		
Sun	January 22	(8:00 a.m.)	† Gloria Schmidt		
		(10:30 a.m.)	Parishioners		
Mon	January 23	(8:30 a.m.)	No Mass Today		
Tue	January 24	(8:30 a.m.)	League of St. Anne		
Wed	January 25	(8:30 a.m.)	Vocations		
Thu	January 26	(8:30 a.m.)	No Mass Today		
Fri	January 27	(8:30 a.m.)	† Myron Tande		
Sat	January 28	(5:00 p.m.)	† Jerry & † Pat Desotel		
Sun	January 29	(8:00 a.m.)	Parishioners		
		(10:30 a.m.)	† Danell Dougherty		

JANUARY 2023						
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Stewardship

Budgeted Weekly Collection: \$5,961 January 15, 2023....\$1,945 Budgeted Collection YTD: \$17,883 Actual Collection YTD: \$9,738 January Second Collection: \$810

Thank you for your generosity and continued support!

Special Prayer Intentions for:

Janice Abrahamson, Colleen Beaver, Marlene Daniels, Dorothy Duchschere, Marlene Ensrud, Micah Erickson, Irene Feist, Adrian Flicek, Becky Halland, Laurie Hart, Nicole Jensen, Bob Klein, Russ Koenig, Kathy Loney, Marvin Miller, Peter Petz, Dean Pfifer, Karen Schmitz, Carol Trottier,

Liturgical Ministers for Next Weekend

	Saturday, Jan 28, 5:00 PM (Mass)	Sunday, Jan 29, 8:00 AM (Mass)	Sunday, Jan 29, 10:30 AM (Mass)		
Sacristan	Bev Marsh	Twila Nohrenberg	Joe Fleck		
Lector	Martha Burns	Cora Suda	Jack Stoppleworth		
Usher	Darwin Duval Jon Long	Mike Sikorski NOT FILLED	Joe Fleck Mark Schiltz		
Altar Server	Ethan Duval Logan Mayer	Anthony Morgan Peter Morgan	Trayton Stoppleworth Colin Zens Elliot Zens		
ЕМНС	Margaret Klein (Paten) Sheri Koenig (Paten-choir)	Joe Arnold (Paten) Regan Frank (Paten-choir)	Kara Hagemeister (Paten) Sharri Lacher (Paten-choir)		
Greeter	Russ & Sheri Koenig	Leo & Shirley Richard	Joel & Jessica Haugen		
Gift Bearer	Jim & Marie Laufenberg	Rilie & Josephine Morgan	Kevin & Denise Stoppleworth		
Hospitality	Service Group Rotation Service Group 5-January Coffee and Rolls Service Group 7-February Coffee and Rolls				

Stewardship Moment

"He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed Him." - MATTHEW 4:22

Just as Jesus called the first apostles, He calls each of us to follow Him, too. Not everyone is called to leave his or her business or family behind, but we are expected to put God first in everything. In gratitude to God, we should give our first and best of everything to Him: our time in daily prayer, our talent in participating in one of our parish ministries and our treasure to support the financial needs of our parish mission.

January Holy Hour



Sunday, Jan. 22 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. Intention: For the respect of human life Join us as we adore the Lord present in the Eucharist.



Listening Sessions with Bishop Folda

In June 2022, Bishop Folda announced that the Diocese of Fargo will hold a diocesan Synod in April of 2024.

As part of the preparation, the Diocese of Fargo will hold regional listening sessions in the early part of 2023. Please participate in this process, so that they can understand your needs and respond to your concerns.

Listening sessions in the Fargo area:

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

Each session will begin with Eucharistic Adoration, reflection on scripture and prayer. 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/the diocese?
- What are the top three challenges to address in your parish/the diocese?
- What is one step I might be called to take to respond?

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

Pastor's Notes

Dear Parishioners,

In the late 1800s, there was a movement to pray for the unity of all Christians. For example, in 1894, Pope Leo XIII encouraged the practice of a Prayer Octave for Unity at the time of Pentecost. The first "Church Unity Octave" was observed in January of 1908. It has been celebrated every year since then and has been renamed the "Week of Prayer for Christian Unity." It begins on January 18 and concludes on January 25, the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul. In the document "The Decree on Ecumenism", the bishops of the Second Vatican Council recognized that prayer is a key component to the reconciliation among Christians and encouraged observances like the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

At the Last Supper Jesus prayed: "I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me." It is scandalous for there to be divisions among Christians; it is detrimental to the spread of the Gospel. Please join with Jesus and pray that all Christians may be one in Him and His Church.

In addition to being in the midst of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we also mark today the "Sunday of the Word of God". Pope Francis instituted this celebration in 2019, asking that it be held every year on the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. At the time, he wrote: "Devoting a specific Sunday of the liturgical year to the word of God can enable the Church to experience anew how the risen Lord opens up for us the treasury of his word and enables us to proclaim its unfathomable riches before the world." He also noted that it has an ecumenical character: "we are encouraged to strengthen our bonds with the Jewish people and to pray for Christian unity. ... [T]he celebration of the Sunday of the Word of God has ecumenical value, since the Scriptures point out, for those who listen, the path to authentic and firm unity."

At St. Benedict's we do not have anything scheduled specifically for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity or the Sunday of the Word of God, but I encourage you to pray for the unity of the Church and to turn frequently to the Word of God for inspiration.

Fr. Andrew Jasinski

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Faith Formation



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

Catechesis Corner

Important Dates for Sacramental Preparation: **Eucharist Parent Meeting:**

Thursday, February 2, at 7:00 p.m.

Reconciliation Parent Meeting:

Thursday, February 9, at 7:00 p.m.

These meetings are mandatory for all parents of students who are preparing to receive these sacraments this school year. If you have any questions, call Linda at 701-588-4288.

Upcoming Events

1/25 SH- The Lord's Prayer 7/8th- Temple of the Holy

Spirit

6th- Living the Covenant

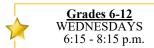
2/1 Adoration (6:00 p.m.)
SH- All That is Seen & Unseen 7/8th- Encountering Christ 6th- Leaders of God's People

2/8 SH- The Gospels 7/8th- Life in Christ 6th- The Wisdom of God

2/22 ASH WEDNESDAY (7:00 p.m. Mass)

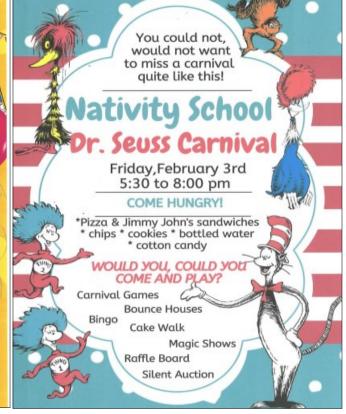
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Upcoming Retreats Maryvale Retreat Center, Valley City

Awaken Women's Retreat: March 24-26 What is this ache in our hearts for connection and relationship, that even the good things of the world can't seem to totally satisfy? This journey begins and ends with the gift and mystery of our creation as male and female and our encounter with God, the world, and other people. All women are invited to come and awaken the wonder and mystery of being human! With Jen Settle, Director of Ongoing Formation at the Theology of the Body Institute and Fr. Sean Mulligan. Cost will vary depending on accommodations (\$300) -\$350). Space is limited, so reserve your spot now at: www.fargodiocese.org/ awaken-retreat or contact Jennie Korsmo at 701-356-7901 for more information.

Lenten Sacred Art Retreat: March 27-31 Come and join this unique opportunity for a Lenten sacred art retreat. Participants will create a depiction of the Temptations of Christ in the style of medieval manuscript illuminations. No art experience necessary. Space is limited to 12 participants, so sign up early. The retreat is open to men and women (18 years old or older). The retreat will be held Monday-Friday and will include Mass and individual prayer time each day. Price: \$585 includes single room/shared bath, meals and all art supplies. For a single room/private bath \$685. For more information visit: www.fargodiocese.org/art-lent-retreat. For questions contact Mary Hanbury 701-356-

Upcoming Events

Real Presence Radio Fargo Banquet

Real Presence Radio will host Dr. Ralph Martin as keynote speaker of our annual fundraising banquet in Fargo. Dr. Ralph Martin is the president of Renewal Ministries and author of "A Church in Crisis: Pathways Forward" and many other books on spirituality and evangelization.



Host a table of 10 or come as a guest! Sponsor the event at the levels of \$300, \$1,000, \$3,000, \$5,000 or \$10,000. Register online at RealPresenceRadio.com, call (877) 795-0122 or email jessica@realpresenceradio.com for more information.

Valen-Dine Supper at the Cathedral

Invite your spouse/favorite someone for an elegant dinner and entertainment hosted by the priests of St. Mary's Cathedral and prepared by head chef Monsignor Goering! Saturday, February 11, beginning with a social/cocktail hour at 6:00 p.m. and dinner to follow. Music provided by Dr. Jay Hershberger.

Proceeds support the Cathedral youth group, particularly their mission trip to Chimbote, Peru this summer. Cost: \$60 per couple/\$30 per person. Located in the Cathedral social hall: 604 N. Broadway in Fargo. Email or call Naomi to RSVP: naomi@cathedralofstmary.com or 701-235-4289.

Pinochle Party

All are invited to play pinochle in the Holy Spirit Social Hall, 1420 7th St N, Fargo, Sunday afternoon, February 12, at 1:30 p.m. Bring a friend! You are welcome to bring a snack to share if you wish. You do not need to bring a card partner. Generally, we meet the second weekend of the month. For more info call the parish office at 232-5900.





February 24-26, 2023

Deadline: February 6, 2023

April 14-16, 2023

Deadline: March 27, 2023

SEARCH for Christian Maturity

Youth and young adults....want to spend time on a retreat that is put on by your peers? Do you want to grow closer to God? Do you need a "retreat" from the world around you? Experience God in a personal and REAL way. SEARCH for Christian Maturity has retreats coming up in February and April at Maryvale Retreat Center in Valley

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