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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

- 11/19—Sunday Coffee & Donuts (following 8:00 a.m. Mass)
- 11/19—Sunday Faith Formation Classes (9:15-10:15 a.m.)
- 11/21—RCIA Session (7:00 p.m., Peschel Room)
- 11/22—No FUEL Classes (Thanksgiving Break)
- 11/23—Thanksgiving Day Mass (9:00 a.m.)
- 11/23-24—Parish Office Closed - Happy Thanksgiving!
- 11/26—No Sunday Faith Formation Classes or Coffee & Donuts Today
- 11/27—Kitchen Transition Meeting (7:00 p.m., Church Basement)
- 11/28—RCIA Session (7:00 p.m., Peschel Room)
- 11/29—FUEL Meets (Emergency Food Pantry Night)
- 11/30—No Daily Mass Today (Father celebrates with Trinity School)
- 11/30—Confirmation Parent Meeting (7:00 p.m., Church Basement)
- 12/3—Sunday Coffee & Donuts (following 8:00 a.m. Mass)
- 12/3—Sunday Faith Formation Classes (9:15-10:15 a.m.)
- 12/5—Catholic Man Night at St. Benedict's (6:00-8:00 p.m.)

Mass Intentions

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|-----|-------------|--------------|---------------------------|
| Sat | November 18 | (5:00 p.m.) | † Jerry & † Pat Desotel |
| Sun | November 19 | (8:00 a.m.) | † Randy Dusek |
| | | (10:30 a.m.) | Parishioners |
| Mon | November 20 | (8:30 a.m.) | No Mass Today |
| Tue | November 21 | (8:30 a.m.) | † Susan Richard |
| Wed | November 22 | (8:30 a.m.) | † John Sikorski |
| Thu | November 23 | (9:00 a.m.) | Family of Donald Seigny |
| Fri | November 24 | (8:30 a.m.) | For All Experiencing Loss |
| Sat | November 25 | (5:00 p.m.) | † Leo Cossette |
| Sun | November 26 | (8:00 a.m.) | † Jean Zetocha |
| | | (10:30 a.m.) | Parishioners |

NOVEMBER 2023

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Stewardship

Budgeted Weekly Collection: \$5,961
 November 12, 2023....\$7,058
 Budgeted Collection YTD: \$268,245
 Actual Collection YTD: \$234,795
 November Second Collection: \$717

***Thank you for your generosity
and continued support!***

Special Prayer Intentions for:

Paul Adams, Micah Erickson,
 Irene Feist, Joe Fleck,
 Adrian Flicek, Nicole Jensen,
 Juan & Family, Russ Koenig,
 Matt Kreklow, Kathy Loney,
 Marvin Miller, Kyle Newman Family
 Karen Schmitz, Arielle Stansbury,
 Carol Trotter, Wendy Trotter,
 Alicia Vandrovce, Jim Wanner

Liturgical Ministers for Next Weekend

| | Saturday, Nov 25, 5:00 PM (Mass) | Sunday, Nov 26, 8:00 AM (Mass) | Sunday, Nov 26, 10:30 AM (Mass) |
|---------------------|---|---|--|
| Sacristan | Curt Bjertness | Catie Vetter | Kristie Sauvageau |
| Lector | Joan Bjertness | Denise Stoppleworth | Kara Leopold |
| Usher | Darwin Duval Dale Wyffels | Mike Sikorski NOT FILLED | Perry Piatz Terry Sauvageau |
| Altar Server | Ethan Duval NOT FILLED | Malakye Richard Trayton Stoppleworth Grace Vetter | Ashlyn Leopold Kayla Leopold Lauren Leopold |
| EMHC | Curt Bjertness (Paten) Alex Koenig (Paten-choir) | Kathy Schroeder (Paten) Catie Vetter (Paten-choir) | Kara Hagemester (Paten) Kristie Sauvageau (Paten-choir) |
| Greeter | Russell & Sheri Koenig | Mike & Kristi Sikorski | Patrick & Bree Reinke |
| Gift Bearer | NOT FILLED | NOT FILLED | Patrick & Bree Reinke |
| Hospitality | Service Group Rotation Service Group 4 —November Coffee and Rolls Service Group 5 —December Coffee and Rolls Service Group 6 —January Coffee and Rolls | | |



Thanksgiving Day Mass

9:00 a.m.

The collection for this Mass will support St. Benedict's charitable concerns.

Stewardship Moment

"Well done, my good and faithful servant.

Since you have been faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities."

- MATTHEW 25:21

God calls us to nurture and develop the gifts He has given us and then generously return a portion with increase. He does not want us to waste or hoard the gifts He has given us. He expects us to grow our gifts, to use them wisely, and to be generous with them. Unfortunately, many of us are not generous in proportion to all that God has given us. God asks us to be generous with all our gifts, especially the one that means the most to you.



Month of Remembrance

Please write the names of your beloved deceased in our **Book of Remembrance** so that we may remember them in prayer throughout the month of November.

Pope Francis' November Prayer Intention

For the Pope: "We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit."



CATHOLIC
MAN NIGHT

SAVE THE DATE!

Tuesday, December 5
Catholic Man Night
at St. Benedict's!

6:00–7:00 p.m.: Adoration & Confession
7:00–8:00 p.m.: Meal & Talk
with Short Discussion

Free will donation for the meal.
Come and bring a friend!

Pastor's Notes

Dear Parishioners,

Sixteen months ago, Bishop Folda blessed the new site of our church and helped break ground on Phase I of our new facility. For over a year, the construction crew has been busy building our new spiritual home. If you drive by the site you may have noticed all the activity. Unfortunately, you have not been able to see all the work that has been happening inside the building. The various rooms and spaces are taking shape, our dream is indeed becoming a reality. For a glimpse of the progress, you can see a few pictures on the "Building" page of our website.

I have been told that major construction should be completed just after the New Year. Once done, office furniture, kitchen appliances, storage shelving and so much more will need to be installed to make the space functional. And so, the conversation is shifting from designing, planning and construction to preparing for our move. It is an exciting time.

Various subcommittees have begun to meet to discuss and plan how to execute this move. We need to inventory and evaluate what from our church, offices, kitchen, social hall and classrooms will be used in the new building.

We have scheduled a meeting for 7:00 p.m. on Monday, November 27, to discuss the kitchen and social hall. Our task will be to note what we have, determine what will be taken over to the new site and what will be sold. For example, since we are getting new appliances and will not need the three stoves, they will be sold. We will schedule a rummage sale for some time in May or June. (Nothing is being sold now!) We are also open to hear your ideas about the new kitchen and social hall. If you want to be part of the discussion, and to help us count plates, glasses, silverware and everything else in the kitchen, join us on November 27. Sometime in early 2024, we will meet again to discuss how to get everything from here to there.

Again, the meeting on November 27 will focus on the kitchen and social hall. As announced earlier, most of the church patrimony will be incorporated into our new building. Liturgical items and church art which will not be used immediately will be put into storage.

Finally, although a firm date has not yet been set, we hope to be in our new building around Easter. Please continue to pray for the spiritual success of this transition. It is hard to say "good bye", but as our ancestors did over 150 years ago, we are planting the seeds of the Catholic faith for countless generations to come.

May Mary, the Mother of God, and St. Benedict, our patron, guide us in this process.

Fr. Andrew Jasinski



Flocknote Messages from the Diocese of Fargo

The Diocese of Fargo has begun to use Flocknote to improve communications with you. You may sign up or opt-out at any time by visiting fargodiocese.flocknote.com. You can choose whether you want to receive e-mails, text messages, or both. Twice a month, Bishop Folda will send out a message to inspire and encourage you on your journey of faith, as well as strengthen your relationship to the local Church. These messages will also provide news, event registration, and connect you to the Catholic resources. If your email or phone number is registered with the Diocese of Fargo, you should receive these messages automatically. To change how you receive these messages, scan the QR code or visit fargodiocese.flocknote.com. As time goes on, there will be specialized Flocknote groups for different ministries, such as youth activities, young adult events, Maryvale retreats, and more.



SEARCH for Christian Maturity

SEARCH for Christian Maturity is a peer-to-peer ministry, allowing youth (ages 16 and 17) along with young adults (ages 18 and older) to minister to youth and young adults. SEARCH is a way to help you on your journey to discover God, yourself, and a Christian community. This is a time to experience a loving, supportive community of young people who want to learn and experience a closer relationship with God and with others. Below are dates for upcoming SEARCH weekends at Maryvale Retreat Center in Valley City.

More details and the application are at:
www.fargodiocese.org/search4cm
 or contact Dori at 952-210-2219.

Upcoming SEARCH Weekends**January 12-14, 2024**

Application due: December 26

March 1-3, 2024

Application due: February 12

April 26-28, 2024

Application due: April 8

Friendsgiving**Monday, November 27th**

Friendsgiving is an opportunity for young adults (ages 19-39) to gather during the holiday season. The Diocese of Fargo Young Adult Ministry is hosting Friendsgiving on November 27, 2023, at St. Anthony of Padua. The evening starts at 5:15 with Mass (not required to be at the meal), followed by a 6:00 potluck. There will be corn hole, board games, and fellowship. The potluck will be coordinated via Sign-up Genius (check out the QR Code). See you there!

**Trivia Night****Tuesday, December 5th, 2023****7:00 pm****Sts. Anne and Joachim Social Hall**

Desserts and Refreshments
 will be provided

Hosted by Shanley Deacons for Life

Proceeds Benefit Shanley March for Life

Faith Formation**Grades K-5
SUNDAYS****Catechesis Corner****Confirmation Parent Meeting**

Mark Your Calendar: Thursday, November 30, at 7:00 p.m., in the church basement. This mandatory meeting is for **all parents** of students who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this school year.

Confirmation Retreat

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

There will be **NO** Sunday Faith Formation classes on Sunday, November 26 due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

**Upcoming Schedule**

- 11/22** NO FUEL due to Thanksgiving Break
- 11/29** FUEL at Emergency Food Pantry
- 12/6** FUEL - Adoration at end of night
- 12/13** FUEL - Special dinner with activity

**FUEL News****Faith Used in Everyday Life****Grades 6-12
WEDNESDAYS**

Apple Pie Sales: FUEL students will be selling their delicious apple pies again this weekend after the Masses. Please stop by their table in the church entry and purchase your pie(s) for your holidays. Thank you for supporting our youth!

St. Benedict's Social Justice Corner**Season of Hope and Giving**

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.

Advent Giving Tree: This year we will once again host a Women's Care Center Advent giving tree in our church entry. Beginning this weekend, you can select a tag from the tree in the church entry. Gift card and monetary donations can be placed in an envelope and dropped in the collection basket or in the parish office. Please return items by Sunday, December 17. Thank you for your support of this year's giving tree!



Women's Care Center was founded in 1984 with the mission to help pregnant women choose life for their babies, have healthier pregnancies, become better parents, and take first steps to self-sufficiency. They serve 30,000 women annually from 34 centers in 12 states. Nine in 10 of these women choose to parent or adopt.

Emergency Food Pantry Volunteers: Please plan ahead for our volunteer week at the Emergency Food Pantry. St. Benedict's volunteers will be needed to fill carts the last week of December on the following days/times.

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

Just like last year there will be a sign-up sheet posted in the back of church. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office.

St. Nicholas Festival December 3

St. Mary's Cathedral, Fargo

Please join us on Sunday, December 3rd for our St. Nicholas Festival at St. Mary's Cathedral. We will serve a delicious pork loin meal from 11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. We will also have our O Holy Night booth, silent auction items, a cookie walk, Mystic Monk coffee, greeting cards, and a visit from St. Nicholas all beginning at 9am until 2pm. Pork loin feast: \$12 for adults, \$8 for kids ages 5-12, and kids under 5 are free. Family: \$50. A gluten-free menu is available. Located in the basement at 604 N. Broadway. Thank you for your support!

Theology on Tap

Who: Young Adults (ages 21-39)

Where: Crooked Pint Alehouse,
3340 13th Ave S., Fargo, ND 58103

When: Nov. 20 and Dec. 18, 2023

Time: 7:00- 9:00 p.m.

Theology on Tap (ToT) is an opportunity for young adults to receive formation, socialize, and spend time getting to know others in the Fargo Area. Each ToT will have a keynote presentation followed by Q/A with the speaker. This is a free event and open to all young adults.

For more information,
visit fargodiocese.org/youngadults
or email Drew Luhning at
CorChristi@fargodiocese.org

Encounter Night at St. Joseph's

You're Invited! Join us December 6th from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in St. Joseph's Catholic Church. Please come for an Encounter Night of music, prayer, and Adoration. Confession will be available as well! All are welcome! Families with small children, please feel free to stay as long as you would like for your family's needs and schedule. Please enter through the Gathering Space doors. The church's address is 218 10th St S, Moorhead, MN.

Diocese of Fargo has an immediate need for a part-time (10-15 hours a week) **housekeeper at Bishop's Residence**; hours will vary depending on guests and social events. Tasks would include house cleaning and upkeep, changing sheets and bedding, and household laundry. The role does not include cooking. The house is large with many stairs. Successful candidate will have the ability to honor and maintain confidentiality and have attention to details. Please contact Barb Augdahl at 701-356-7932 for more details.

Upcoming Events



44th Annual Thanksgiving Dinner Thursday, November 23

11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

(210 5th Ave W, West Fargo)

Join us and experience a Blessed Sacrament Thanksgiving! Take-out available.

"Holiday Collections" Craft Show, December 2

Holy Cross Catholic Church, 2711 7th St. E, West Fargo

Come to the area's largest church-held craft event on Saturday, December 2, from 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. at Holy Cross Catholic Church of West Fargo. Over 70 local and regional artisans will have their crafts displayed for all your holiday shopping needs. Admission: \$2.00. Lunch available for purchase. Event proceeds will go towards Down Home Project and to our Building Campaign to build our new church. For more information, please call (701) 282-7217.



Married Couple's Retreat Opportunities



Are you looking for chance to get away for the weekend to spend some one-on-one time with your husband/wife? Deacon Ben and Jennine Seitz will be offering married couples retreats that will not only give you the opportunity to spend time with each other, but also grow closer in your relationship with Jesus Christ!

The Virtues: Building Blocks for Great Lives and Joy Filled Marriages

December 1-3, 2023: Mount St. Benedict Center (Crookston, MN)

December 8-10, 2023: Maryvale Retreat Center (Valley City, ND)

Go to www.sixstonejars.org for more information and registration.

The Diocese of Fargo will be offering a youth pilgrimage to the National March for Life in Washington, DC, January 15-20, 2024.

This trip is open to all students in grades 9-12, and the cost will be \$675.00/person. Not included are meals and spending money. To secure a spot, a \$100 non-refundable deposit is due upon registering. To learn more about this pilgrimage, visit, www.fargodiocese.org/marchforlife or call Brady Borslien at 701-356-7900.

Made for Greatness Men's Retreat, January 19-21, 2024

Maryvale Retreat Center, Valley City

The Made for Greatness Men's Retreat will be particularly focused on equipping men to be dynamic, Godly leaders in their homes. Internationally renowned speaker, author, husband, and father, Devin Schadt, will unpack the means for men to lead their families to the fullness of life that God intends for them. In addition to profound insights and transformative sacramental encounters, this retreat will feature lots of meat, adult beverages, times of recreation, and will forge lasting bonds of brotherhood. *This retreat only has a handful of spots left.* Secure your spot today at: www.fargodiocese.org/mfg-winter.

Diocese of Fargo will offer a Pilgrimage to the National Eucharistic Congress:

July 16-22, 2024 in Indianapolis, IN. The Congress will include five days of talks, Mass, Eucharistic procession, Adoration and much more. 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 Maximilian Kolbe. The bus route back to Fargo includes meal stops as well as an overnight stay in Mauston, WI. Arrival back in Fargo on Monday, July 22. Only 100 spots available for the pilgrimage. For more information or to register, visit fargodiocese.org/congress-pilgrimage.

DEVOTED—A Going Deeper Retreat

The Diocese of Fargo Young Adult Ministry is hosting a silent retreat from January 12th – 14th at the Franciscan Retreat Center in Hankinson, ND. This retreat will start Friday evening with check-in and registration at 5:00 pm and will conclude on Sunday by noon. The theme for the retreat is "'Devoted' a going deeper retreat". There will be Mass, prayer, and talks daily. Eric Gallagher is the retreat master. Registration is \$200 (Diocesan scholarships available). To learn more about the retreat, or to register, visit www.fargodiocese.org/youngadults, or by scanning the QR code. If you have any questions, please contact Brady Borslien at 218-280-9102 or by email at brady.borslien@fargodiocese.org.



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1 THESS 5:11

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