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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

- 12/9-10—Retirement Fund for the Religious Collection
- 12/10—Sunday Breakfast hosted by the Men's Group (9 a.m.-12:30)
- 12/10—Sunday Faith Formation Classes (9:15-10:15 a.m.)
- 12/10—December Holy Hour (3:00-4:00 p.m.)
- 12/12—RCIA Session (7:00 p.m., Peschel Room)
- 12/13—FUEL Meets (Special Dinner with Activity)
- 12/16-17—Blessing of Baby Jesus at the Masses
- 12/16-17—FUEL Christmas Pie Sales After Masses
- 12/17—Sunday Faith Formation Classes (9:15-10:15 a.m.)
- 12/17—St. Benedict's Advent Reconciliation Service (4:00 p.m.)
- 12/19—RCIA Session (7:00 p.m., Peschel Room)
- 12/20—FUEL Meets (Charlie Brown Marathon)
- 12/22—Kazy-Garey Baptism
- 12/23-25—Fourth Sunday of Advent & Christmas Masses (See pg. 3)

Mass Intentions

Sat	December 9	(5:00 p.m.)	† Jackie Kovash
Sun	December 10	(8:00 a.m.)	† Edward Zetocha
		(10:30 a.m.)	Parishioners
Mon	December 11	(8:30 a.m.)	No Mass Today
Tue	December 12	(8:30 a.m.)	† Susan Richard
Wed	December 13	(8:30 a.m.)	† Danell Dougherty
Thu	December 14	(8:30 a.m.)	† Marguerite Hammerschmidt
Fri	December 15	(8:30 a.m.)	† Jack Preston
Sat	December 16	(5:00 p.m.)	† Anne Privratsky
Sun	December 17	(8:00 a.m.)	† Kyle Newman
		(10:30 a.m.)	Parishioners

DECEMBER 2023

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Stewardship

Budgeted Weekly Collection: \$5,961
 December 3, 2023....\$3,025
 Budgeted Collection YTD: \$286,128
 Actual Collection YTD: \$245,577
 December Second Collection: \$735

*Thank you for your generosity
and continued support!*

Special Prayer Intentions for:

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

Liturgical Ministers for Next Weekend

	Saturday, Dec 16, 5:00 PM (Mass)	Sunday, Dec 17, 8:00 AM (Mass)	Sunday, Dec 17, 10:30 AM (Mass)
Sacristan	Joan Houdek	Catie Vetter	Jane Feist
Lector	Martha Burns	Marcus Vetter	Dave Dougherty
Usher	Curt Bjertness Dale Wyffels	Ken Zetocha NOT FILLED	Levi Bachmeier Perry Piatz
Altar Server	Ethan Duval NOT FILLED	Trayton Stoppeworth Mia Vetter Oliver Vetter	Logan Mayer NOT FILLED
EMHC	Sheri Koenig (Paten) Margaret Klein (Paten-choir)	Catie Vetter (Paten) Twila Nohrenberg (Paten-choir)	Corey Mayer (Paten) Jan Mayer (Paten-choir)
Greeter	Russell & Sheri Koenig	Kevin & Denise Stoppeworth	NOT FILLED
Gift Bearer	NOT FILLED	Kevin & Denise Stoppeworth	Perry & Sandi Piatz
Hospitality	Service Group Rotation Service Group 5 —December Coffee and Rolls Service Group 6 —January Coffee and Rolls Service Group 7 —January 7th Parish Potluck/Epiphany Program		



Welcome to our
parish family
of St. Benedict's

Tanner and Ashley Flack

Stewardship Moment

"Prepare the way of the Lord..."
- MARK 1:3

We are all called to live a holy life. We are all called to invite others to live holy lives. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, puts us on the path to holiness and is an example for others to be holy, too. We are responsible not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. How are you helping others get to Heaven?



Sunday Holy Hour

Today
3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

*Come adore the
Lord present in the
Blessed Sacrament.*

Blessing of Baby Jesus Next Weekend

We invite families to bring the Baby Jesus from your home Nativity sets to be blessed next weekend. It is a beautiful Advent tradition, one that reminds families about the joyous event of Baby Jesus' arrival in the manger.



Advent Reconciliation Services

(All services are at 7:00 p.m.
unless otherwise indicated)

Sunday, Dec. 10 - Holy Spirit (4:00 p.m.)
Tuesday, Dec. 12 - Sts. Anne & Joachim
Thursday, Dec. 14 - Blessed Sacrament
Thursday, Dec. 14 - Nativity Church

**St. Benedict's
Sunday, December 17
4:00 p.m.**

Monday, Dec. 18 - St. Leo's, Casselton
Tuesday, Dec. 19 - Holy Cross
Monday, Dec. 21 - St. Anthony's

Pastor's Notes

Dear Parishioners,

This Advent I have suggested that we not only ponder how Jesus came into the world 2,000 years ago, but how he wants to come into our lives today.

At all Masses last Sunday, I highlighted St. Thomas Aquinas' "Preparation for Mass" prayer. St. Thomas begins this prayer by not simply acknowledging our need for a savior, but, recognizing that at Mass we come before our savior, he boldly petitions Jesus for the ways he can be our savior in our lives now ... today!

In the readings for the Second Sunday of Advent, we hear St. John the Baptist echo the words of the Prophet Isaiah, "Prepare the way of the Lord!" At that time, people went out to John to be baptized, "confessing their sins." We have the incredible privilege of approaching the Sacrament of Reconciliation frequently. Jesus came into the world to be a savior. May we give him permission to save us!

I encourage people to go to Confession monthly, not simply to turn away from bad habits and build up a life of virtue, but to become more docile to the movements of God in our lives. Turning away from ungodly things, tunes us into his life dwelling within us, allowing the grace of Holy Communion and the other sacraments to become effective.

If you are not already in the habit of regular reception of the Sacrament of Penance, begin this Advent. As listed on the bottom of the page, Catholic Churches throughout the area will hold Reconciliation Services over the course of the next few weeks. Experience Jesus as your savior.

May Mary, conceived without Original Sin, pray for us sinners.

Fr. Andrew Jasinski

P.S. *Please Join Us for Breakfast Today! 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.*
Hosted by the St. Benedict's Men's Group

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SCHEDULE



ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

Celebrate With Us

This year the Fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve fall on the same day. The faithful are obligated to attend a Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Advent, as well as for Christmas (since both are days of obligation, we are obligated to attend two separate Masses).

4th Sunday of Advent Masses:

Saturday, December 23, 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 24: 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.

Christmas Masses:

Sunday, December 24, 4:00 p.m., 11:00 p.m.
Monday, December 25, 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, Mass:

Monday, January 1, 7:00 p.m. (not an obligatory Mass this year)



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



Retirement Fund for the Religious

This weekend, please give to those who have given a lifetime. You will find a special envelope in your offering box to give to the Retirement Fund for Religious. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others. Today, many are frail, elderly, and in need of assistance. Your gift helps to furnish medications and nursing care for them. Thank you for your generosity.



Faith Formation



Grades K-5
SUNDAYS



Catechesis Corner

Youth Epiphany Play

All youth are invited to participate in our Epiphany play to be presented **Sunday, January 7, 2024, at 4:30 p.m.** There will be two rehearsals: Saturday, January 6, from 9:00-10:30 a.m., AND Sunday, January 7, at 3:00 p.m. (dress rehearsal). The play will begin at 4:30 followed by a parish potluck at 5:00 p.m. Parents, please email Linda Skjerseth (dre@stbendsd.org) to sign up your child(ren) and to help assist with rehearsals, props, costumes, etc.



Upcoming Schedule

12/13 FUEL - Special dinner with activity

12/20 FUEL - Charlie Brown Marathon

12/28 No FUEL (Christmas Break)

1/3 FUEL Christmas Party



FUEL News

Faith Used in Everyday Life



Grades 6-12
WEDNESDAYS

Christmas Pies! FUEL students will have Christmas apple pies available for purchase after the Masses next weekend. Please stop by their table in the church entry and pick one up for your holiday gatherings. Thank you for supporting our youth!

St. Benedict's Social Justice Corner

Season of Hope and Giving

Thank you to all who have so generously donated items and gift cards for our Advent giving tree in support of the Women's Care Center. There are only a few tags left! You can use envelopes provided by the tree for gift cards or monetary donations and place in the offertory collection or secured box. Donated items should be returned unwrapped with the tag attached by **Sunday, December 17**. Thank you for making the holidays brighter for moms and babies of our community.



Emergency Food Pantry Volunteers: Thank you to those who have signed up to fill carts at the Emergency Food Pantry! We still have a need for St. Benedict's volunteers to fill carts the last week of December on the following days/times.

- ◆ 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 is a sign-up sheet posted in the back of church. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for December For persons with disabilities



"We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation."

Court St. Ann #261 of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas will meet Tuesday, December 12, at St. Anthony's beginning with the Mass at 5:15 p.m., meal to follow, and meeting at 6:30 p.m. Members are invited to bring non-perishable food items and/or auction basket. If interested in CDA, please join us at our meeting. For questions, please email to regentctstann@gmail.com.

Theology on Tap, Dec. 18

The Diocese of Fargo Young Adult Ministry is hosting Theology on Tap on Monday, December 18, from 7:00-9:00 p.m., at the Crooked Pint Alehouse (3340 13th Ave S, Fargo). Theology on Tap is open to anyone ages 21-39 who wants to relax, grab a beer and talk God! For more information, visit fargodiocese.org/youngadults.

Cathedral Solemn Vespers

All are welcome to pray and sing vespers each evening from December 17-23 at 7:00 p.m. in **Our Lady of Guadalupe Adoration Chapel at the Cathedral** at 615 7th Street North in Fargo. The Church eagerly awaits the coming of the Messiah and sings the "O Antiphons" which recall various prophetic titles of the Christ: O Wisdom, O Lord, O Root of Jesse, O Key of David, O Radiant Dawn, O King of the Nations, O Emmanuel.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter will be offering marriage retreats at: Mandan (February 9-11), and Valley City (March 22-24). These weekends are private and allow couples to focus just on each other. A communication tool is taught to help spouses get to know themselves better and to grow deeper in their married relationships. Live your best life in love! For more information, call Rob & Angie at (701) 347-1998 or apply at wwme.org.



Holy Spirit Catholic Church, Fargo, ND, is looking to hire an **Administrative Assistant / Communications team member**. This position would help engage parishioners through effective communication and lived hospitality. This part-time or full-time role would include managing communication and marketing, answering phones and greeting guests, clerical work, and providing general office assistance. Candidates must have a love for their Catholic faith, computer skills, and a positive personality to make Holy Spirit parish an even better place. Please send a cover letter and resume to: pastor@holyspiritfargo.com.

Minot Air Force Base in Minot ND is seeking a **part-time Catholic Religious Education Coordinator**, 15 hours per week. Primary duties include providing a quality religious education program nursery through grade 12, prepare annual budget, plan and order curriculum and ensure teachers and substitutes are properly trained. Must have broad knowledge of the Catholic teachings and basic computer skills. Send your resume to info@sawyerglobal.com

Upcoming Events

Cookie & Candy Walk, Dec. 16

Come and fill a box with a great variety of Christmas cookies and candies on Saturday, December 16, beginning at 10:00 a.m. The sweets are lovingly made by the Catholic Daughters of America. Premade trays are also available. Location: St. Joseph's Gathering Place (parking lot across from Hornbachers), 1005 2nd Ave S, Moorhead, MN.



6th Annual Family Christmas Ball

The 6th Annual Family Christmas Ball is Friday, December 29, from 6:30 - 10:00 p.m., at St. Mary's Cathedral Basement. Come join us for a fun, FREE night of Waltzes, Foxtrots, Swing and a few Ballroom Line Dances that are easy to learn! Bring a snack to share. All ages are welcome, attire is formal. If you want a few lessons to brush up on your skills, free lessons in the Cathedral basement will be offered: Sun. Dec. 10th at 11:15 a.m. – East Coast Swing; Sunday, Dec. 17th at 11:15 a.m. – Ballroom Line Dances. If you have any questions, please contact Tiffany Goering: goeringtiffany@gmail.com, 701-388-6362.

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, Jan. 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.

DEVOTED—A Going Deeper Retreat

The Diocese of Fargo Young Adult Ministry is hosting a silent retreat from January 12-14 at the Franciscan Retreat Center in Hankinson, ND. This retreat will start Friday evening with check-in and registration at 5:00 p.m. 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 scan the QR code.



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.

Holy Spirit Catholic Church, Fargo, ND, is currently looking for a **Business Manager**. This person will be familiar with Catholic teaching, structure and procedures with the ability to manage multiple projects and priorities. This position is responsible for the effective organization and operation of Holy Spirit parish's financial, building and office affairs. This is a full-time salaried position offering a competitive salary and benefits. Previous accounting experience is preferred, advancement experience would be a bonus. To apply, please send a cover letter and resume to Fr. Ross Laframboise at pastor@holyspiritfargo.com

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and build each other up."
1 THESS 5:11

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