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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

- 1/7—Sunday Faith Formation Classes and Coffee & Donuts Resume
- 1/7—2nd Rehearsal-Epiphany Play (3:00 p.m., Church)
- 1/7—Join Us for our Youth Epiphany Play! (4:30 p.m., Potluck Follows)
- 1/9—Eucharist Parent Meeting (7:00 p.m., Church Basement)
- 1/9—RCIA Session (7:00 p.m., Peschel Room)
- 1/10—No FUEL Sessions This Evening
- 1/11—Reconciliation Parent Meeting (7:00 p.m., Church Basement)
- 1/14—No Sunday Faith Formation Classes Today
- 1/14—Horace Lions/Cub Scouts Breakfast (9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.)
- 1/14—Waters and Bachmeier Baptisms
- 1/15—Finance Council Meeting (6:30 p.m., Church Basement)
- 1/16—RCIA Session (7:00 p.m., Peschel Room)
- 1/17—FUEL Meets
- 1/21—January HOLY HOUR (3:00-4:00 p.m.)
- 1/25—Parish Council Meeting (7:00 p.m., Church Basement)

Mass Intentions

Sat	January 6	(5:00 p.m.)	† Marguerite Hammerschmidt
Sun	January 7	(8:00 a.m.)	Parishioners
		(10:30 a.m.)	† Arnold Weber
Mon	January 8	(8:30 a.m.)	No Mass Today
Tue	January 9	(8:30 a.m.)	† Loretta Lovcic
Wed	January 10	(8:30 a.m.)	† Rev. Gerald Myers
Thu	January 11	(8:30 a.m.)	† Kyle Newman
Fri	January 12	(8:30 a.m.)	Vocations
Sat	January 13	(5:00 p.m.)	† Mick Conroy
Sun	January 14	(8:00 a.m.)	† Fr. Al Bitz
		(10:30 a.m.)	Parishioners

JANUARY 2024

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Stewardship

Budgeted Weekly Collection: \$5,961
 December 24-25, 2023....\$3,530
 Budgeted Collection YTD: \$304,011
 Actual Collection YTD: \$273,202
 December Second Collection: \$843

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

Special Prayer Intentions for:

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

Liturgical Ministers for Next Weekend

	Saturday, Jan 13, 5:00 PM (Mass)	Sunday, Jan 14, 8:00 AM (Mass)	Sunday, Jan 14, 10:30 AM (Mass)
Sacristan	Ron Erickson	Catie Vetter	Mary Richard-Johnson
Lector	Barb Witteman	Steve Dusek	Levi Bachmeier
Usher	Darwin Duval Bob Stalcup	Mike Sikorski NOT FILLED	Perry Piatz Mark Schiltz
Altar Server	Ethan Duval NOT FILLED	Anthony Morgan Peter Morgan Malakye Richard	Colin Zens Elliot Zens
EMHC	Margaret Klein (Paten) Connie Erickson (Paten-choir)	Catie Vetter (Paten) Kathy Schroeder (Paten-choir)	Kara Hagemester (Paten) Jodi Buchholz (Paten-choir)
Greeter	Jack & Carol Fjelstad	Rilie & Josephine Morgan	Perry & Sandi Piatz
Gift Bearer	NOT FILLED	Marcus & Oliver Vetter	Perry & Sandi Piatz
Hospitality	Service Group Rotation Service Group 6 —January Coffee and Rolls Service Group 7 —January 7th Parish Potluck/Epiphany Program Service Group 1 —February Coffee and Rolls		



Stewardship Moment

"They fell down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh."
- MATTHEW 2:11

Notice the order of events in the Magi's visit. First, they knelt before Jesus and prayed to Him. Then they presented Him with their gifts. We, too, must take time to pray before we present our gifts to the Lord. We never know what God may be asking us to share!

We extend our heartfelt sympathy and prayers to:

~ Pat and Sandy Conroy and family on the death of Pat's brother, Mick Conroy.



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.



Sunday Holy Hour

January 21
3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Join us as we adore the Lord, truly present in the Blessed Sacrament.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for January

For the gift of diversity in the Church:
"Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church."

January Second Collection

Your donation to this month's second collection will benefit St. Benedict's Youth for social justice projects. Thank you for your generosity!

Pastor's Notes

Dear Parishioners

In his monthly column for the January 2024 *New Earth*, Bishop Folda invites the faithful of the Diocese of Fargo to prayerfully consider, write and submit Proposals for the Third Synod of the Diocese of Fargo. As a result of the 2,400 self-assessment surveys, the sixteen listening sessions, and other input, Bishop Folda identified the following three focus areas:

I. Encounter: How can we encounter Christ, especially in the Eucharist, and foster communion with him and each other in the Church?

II. Formation: How are we formed in our identity as missionary disciples so that we are prepared to live, witness and hand on the gift of faith?

III. Mission: As individual believers and Catholic communities, how can we fulfill our mission to proclaim Christ to others in all circumstances and to all people throughout the Diocese of Fargo?

For each area, he also provides discussion questions. However, he intends these to be "conversational starters" and does not expect anyone to answer all of them. Please submit Proposals to Fr. Jasinski, the parish office, or directly to Steve Splonskowski, the Synod Facilitator (he must receive them no later than February 15).

The major agenda item at our January 25th Parish Council meeting will be the drafting Synod Propositions.

At the Synod Assembly, April 11-13, the Synod Delegates will discuss and revise Synod Proposals, and ultimately vote on which ones to recommend to Bishop Folda.

To learn how to write and submit Synod Proposals, follow the "Submit a Proposal for the Diocesan Synod" link on the St. Benedict website.

May St. Benedict assist us as we prepare for the Third Synod of the Diocese of Fargo.

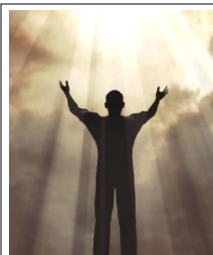
Fr. Andrew Jasinski

Join us as St. Benedict Youth present an Epiphany play

The Nativity Story

Today, January 7, at 4:30 p.m.

Potluck Supper to follow. Please bring a potluck dish to share!



CATHOLIC MAN NIGHT AT BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH Monday, January 22

6:00-7:00 p.m.: Adoration & Confession
7:00-8:00 p.m.: Meal & Talk with Short Discussion
Presenter: Bishop John Folda

Helping men ages 18 and up, to better know Jesus and imitate Him in their daily lives.

Join Us for Breakfast!

Sunday, January 28
9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Free will offering

Hosted by the St. Benedict's Men's Group

Save the Date



Thank You

**A Note from the
Women's Care Center**

Thank you so much to the generous parish of St. Benedict's! Because of you, the moms, babies, and families we love and serve at Women's Care Center will have a little easier time in 2024!

Because of you we now have 1188 more diapers (17 pks), 468 more wipes (4 pks), 37 kids outfits, 18 baby bottles, 8 books, a white noise machine, 2 diaper back packs, 5 bath supplies and \$745 in gifts cared. Wow! We are deeply grateful! God bless each of you! Have a happy 2024!

Lisa Eggert, Development Director

**BASKETBALL FREE THROW
CHAMPIONSHIP CONTEST**

**January 14, 2024
Trinity Elementary School**

All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 (as of January 1, 2024) are invited to participate in the Knights of Columbus Holy Cross Council #9642 Free Throw Championship. This local level competition will be held Sunday, January 14, 2024 at the Trinity Elementary School gym, located at 2811 7th St East, West Fargo, ND. Practice and registration is from **12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.** The competition starts promptly at **1:00 p.m.** and typically is completed in about an hour. Basketballs will be furnished but you may bring your own. There is **no charge** to participate in this event.

Boys and girls ages 9 to 11 may shoot 12 feet from the basket or from the 15-foot regulation foul line. Boys and girls ages 12 through 14 must shoot from the regulation foul line 15 feet from the basket. Boys ages 12 through 14 must use a men's regulation-size basketball, all others may use a women's regulation-size basketball. Each contestant will receive 3 warm-up tosses followed by 15 consecutive free throw attempts. Ties are settled with a second round of 5 free throws with no warm-up tosses. Normal rules of basketball apply. Awards will be given to all first place winners and certificates of participation and patches will be given to all participants. Winners will advance to the District competition with the chance to move on to the Regional, State and International levels. All participants are asked to bring a parent or guardian to sign the registration form and verify proof of age. Questions can be e-mailed to Chad Engels at chad.engels@mooreengineeringinc.com.

Faith Formation



**Grades K-5
SUNDAYS**



Catechesis Corner

**SAVE
THE DATES!**

Important Dates for Sacramental Preparation

Eucharist Parent Meetings:

Tuesdays, January 9 & February 6, at 7:00 p.m.

Reconciliation Parent Meetings:

Thursday, January 11 & Thursday, February 8, 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 Schedule

- 1/10 No FUEL Sessions Today
- 1/17 FUEL meets
- 1/24 FUEL meets
- 1/31 FUEL meets



FUEL News

Faith Used in Everyday Life



**Grades 6-12
WEDNESDAYS**

DEVOTED

A GOING DEEPER silent retreat for young adults



"True devotion does us no harm whatsoever, but instead perfects all things"
-Saint Francis De Sales

January 12-14, 2024



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To learn more and to sign up visit www.fargodiocese.org/youngadults

Pinochle Party

All are invited to play pinochle in the Holy Spirit Social Hall, 1420 7th St N, Fargo, Sunday afternoon on January 14, at 1:30 p.m. Bring a friend! You are welcome to bring a snack to share if you wish and you do not need to bring a card partner. Pinochle is played at Holy Spirit most every second Sunday of the month. Call Mary Jo Zacher at 309-253-5173 for more information.

There is also a KC Breakfast that day following all Masses, so come to the 11:00 a.m. Mass, eat a wonderful breakfast and then stay for pinochle.

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.

St. Mary's Cathedral in Fargo, ND is currently accepting applications for a **part-time and/or full-time administrative assistant/reception/parish secretary** position(s). This position could be responsible for reception and administrative tasks such as scheduling, event coordination, bulletin preparation, bookkeeping, sacramental recording, communications, etc. An integrated life of faith, a spirit of hospitality, the ability to engage other staff and volunteers as a team, and good computer skills are desired. Some evening and weekend work will be required. Interested applicants should send: a cover letter (no longer than 1 page), a resume (no longer than 2 pages), and contact information for two references. All materials should be sent to Msgr. Joseph Goering, the rector at joseph.goering@fargodiocese.org.

Upcoming Events**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!

"I Am" - God's Plan for Life and Love from the Gospel of St. John

January 19-21 — Franciscan Retreat Center, Hankinson, ND

February 2-4 — Crookston Retreat Center, Crookston, MN

February 9-11 — Maryvale Retreat Center, Valley City, ND

April 5-7 — Franciscan Retreat Center, Hankinson, ND

Visit www.sixstonejars.org for more information and registration.

Join us for fellowship and "soup"er good food on January 21, 2024, from 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at Holy Cross Church, West Fargo. We are serving a wide variety of soups with bread and dessert. Unlimited sampling! Hosted by the Catholic Daughters and Knights of Columbus. Costs: Adults: \$10, Children: \$5, and under 5 Free.



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.

An Ecclesia Domestica Retreat for Women

Handmaid of the Lord:

My Heart for My Son

February 2-4, 2024

Franciscan Retreat Center, Hankinson, ND

Register at www.EcclesiaDomestica.net/Registration or St. Boniface Parish, Lidgerwood at (701) 538-4604

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1 THESS 5:11

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