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Office Hours: Monday—Friday 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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)

<u>Sacrament of Reconciliation</u>: Saturday at 4:00 p.m. and upon appointment.

<u>Sacrament of Baptism</u>: 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.

<u>Sacrament of Marriage</u>: Please contact Fr. Jasinski at least one year in advance.

<u>Sacrament of the Sick</u>: 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.

<u>Prayer Support</u>: 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.

<u>New Members</u>: 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

- 2/10-11—State of the Parish Address/God's Gift Appeal Kickoff
- 2/11—February HOLY HOUR (3:00-4:00 p.m.) 2/13—RCIA Session (7:00 p.m., Peschel Room)
- 2/14—ASH WEDNESDAY (Mass Times: 8:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.)
- 2/16—Fish Dinner & Stations of the Cross (5:30 p.m. Supper; 7:00 p.m. Stations)
- 2/17-18—God's Gift Appeal Education Weekend
- 2/18—No Sunday Faith Formation Classes Today
- 2/18—Horace Lions/Boy Scouts Breakfast (9:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m., Horace Senior Center)
- 2/20—RCIA Session (7:00 p.m., Peschel Room)
- 2/21—FUEL Meets (Living Stations Practice)
- 2/23—Fish Dinner & Stations of the Cross (5:30 p.m. Supper; 7:00 p.m. Stations)

Mass Intentions						
Sat	February 10	(5:00 p.m.)	† Janeal Knox			
Sun	February 11	(8:00 a.m.)	Parishioners			
		(10:30 a.m.)	† Arnold Weber			
Mon	February 12	(8:30 a.m.)	No Mass Today			
Tue	February 13	(8:30 a.m.)	Fr. Francis Omara			
Wed	February 14	(8:30 a.m.)	† Sr. Joseph Mosser & Poor Clares			
		(7:00 p.m.)	† Russell Koenig			
Thu	February 15	(8:30 a.m.)	Conversion of souls to Jesus			
Fri	February 16	(8:30 a.m.)	Increase in fasting			
Sat	February 17	(5:00 p.m.)	Greg & Nancy Mosser			
Sun	February 18	(8:00 a.m.)	Fr. Jared Kadlec			
		(10:30 a.m.)	Parishioners			

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Stewardship

Budgeted Weekly Collection: \$6,538 February 4, 2024....\$10,126 Budgeted Collection YTD: \$32,690 Actual Collection YTD: \$28,277 February Second Collection: \$678

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, Matt Kreklow, Kathy Loney, Marvin Miller, Karen Schmitz, Arielle Stansbury, Carol Trottier, Wendy Trottier, Alicia Vandrovec

Liturgical Ministers for Next Weekend

	Saturday, Feb 17, 5:00 PM (Mass)	Sunday, Feb 18, 8:00 AM (Mass)	Sunday, Feb 18, 10:30 AM (Mass)		
Sacristan	Jon Long	Sharon Arnold	Kristie Sauvageau		
Lector	Bridgette Startz	Denise Stoppleworth	Kara Leopold		
Usher	Darwin Duval Jon Long	Dean Corcoran Ken Zetocha	Dave Dietz Mark Schiltz		
Altar Server	Ethan Duval NOT FILLED	Malakye Richard Trayton Stoppleworth NOT FILLED	Ashlyn Leopold Kayla Leopold Lauren Leopold		
ЕМНС	Nancy Torgerson (Paten) Margaret Klein (Paten-choir)	Ken Zetocha (Paten) Joe Arnold (Paten-choir)	Kara Hagemeister (Paten) Dave Dietz (Paten-choir)		
Greeter	Linda Long	Kevin & Denise Stoppleworth	Dave & Lori Dietz		
Gift Bearer	Nancy Torgerson	Kevin & Denise Stoppleworth	Dave & Lori Dietz		
Hospitality	Service Group Rotation Service Group 1 – February Coffee and Rolls Service Group 2 – March Coffee and Rolls Service Group 4 – April Coffee and Rolls				



Ash Wednesday Masses

8:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.

Daily Mass

Tuesday - Friday 8:30 a.m.

Stations of the Cross

Fridays of Lent 7:00 p.m.

Lenten Fish Dinners & Stations of the Cross

Hosted by St. Benedict's Men's Group Fridays, February 16 & 23 5:30 p.m. Meal |7:00 p.m. Stations

Holy Hour

Sunday, March 10 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays 4:00-4:45 p.m.

St. Benedict's Lenten Reconciliation Service

Sunday, March 24 4:00 p.m.

DIOCESE OF FARGO Blessed

Commitment Weekend is Feb. 24.

Parish Goals: Participation: 100% Amount: \$63,196

May we put into action our love for God, by responding to the needs of others through the God's Gift Appeal.

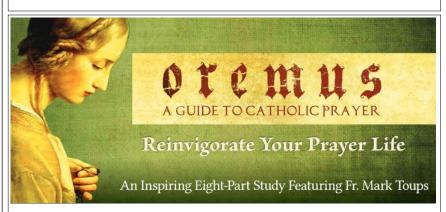
Pastor's Notes

Dear Parishioners,

In his Message for Lent this year, Pope Francis invites us into the desert. He wrote: "Let us welcome Lent as the great season in which he reminds us: 'I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery' (Ex 20:2). Lent is a season of conversion, a time of freedom. Jesus himself, as we recall each year on the first Sunday of Lent, was driven into the desert by the Spirit in order to be tempted in freedom. For forty days, he will stand before us and with us: the incarnate Son. Unlike Pharaoh, God does not want subjects, but sons and daughters. The desert is the place where our freedom can mature in a personal decision not to fall back into slavery".

This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. May it be a time of rediscovering our freedom from sin and death in Jesus.

Fr. Andrew Jasinski



Join Us in Lent and Easter for an Eight-Week Program on Prayer

Weekly sessions begin the First Sunday of Lent (Feb. 17/18). Potluck, half-hour video presentation, followed by discussion.

Sign up in the church entry (or call the parish office by Thursday, Feb. 15) to indicate whether you prefer to meet after the Saturday 5:00 p.m. Mass or Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass.

"God tirelessly calls each person to that mysterious encounter known as prayer. God's initiative of love always comes first; our own first step is always a response."

Topics include discernment in prayer, dealing with distractions, *lectio divina*, and more. *Note:* this is the video series which was started at St. Benedict in 2020, but interrupted by COVID. We will start over from the beginning. Everyone is welcome.

St. Benedict's Men's Group is hosting...

Lenten Fish Dinners

Pike perch fish, baked mac & cheese, coleslaw, dinner roll, dessert, coffee & lemonade

Fridays, February 16 & 23 5:30 –7:00 p.m.

Free will offering

Stations of the Cross to follow at 7:00 p.m.





...is a 40 day season of

prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Thursday.

It is an opportunity to prepare our hearts and minds for the celebration of Easter.

Abstinence: Catholics 14 years of age or older must abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent. It is only on the other Fridays of the year that abstinence may be substituted by another form of penance.

Fasting: Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 (inclusive) are required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. There is a limit of one full meal and no food between meals on those days. Two smaller meals are permitted as needed to maintain one's strength.

Holy Communion: Catholics who have received their First Holy Communion are obliged to make a worthy reception of Holy Communion at least once a year during the Lenten or Easter seasons. In the United States, this reception of Holy Communion may take place from the first Sunday in Lent (Feb. 18) through Trinity Sunday (May 26).

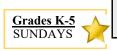
Repentance: Catholics should seek the purification of their minds so that they may more fully live out their calling as adopted sons and daughters of God. The penitential character of the season of Lent should not be neglected so that the faithful may come to detest their own sins, recognize the social consequences of sin, and pray for sinners. The inward movement of repentance should take outward form, especially through the reception of the Sacrament of Penance, intensified prayer, fasting, devotional practices, and works of mercy on behalf of our brothers and sisters.

As we celebrate our Lenten penitential practices, may we experience this conversion of heart and be strengthened in our faith in God's mercy. May our discipline, through God's grace, lead us to full participation in the eternal Easter.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention For the terminally ill: "We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

Faith Formation





Catechesis Corner

There are **NO** Faith Formation classes on Sunday, February 18, due to Presidents' Day holiday.

Important Upcoming Dates:

March 23: Reconciliation Retreat (9:00—11:30 a.m., Church) for our 2nd grade students preparing for this sacrament.

March 24: Sacrament of Reconciliation (4:00 p.m.)

April 20: Eucharist Retreat (9:00 a.m.-Noon, Church) for our 3rd grade students preparing for this sacrament.

April 26: Meal and Rehearsal for the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist (6:00 p.m., St. Leo's, Casselton)

April 27: Celebration of Confirmation and Eucharist (1:30 p.m., St. Leo's, Casselton)

April 28: Solemn Communion (Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Benedict's)

Upcoming Schedule

2/14



FUEL News Faith Used in Everyday Life

2/21 FUEL meets (Living Stations Practice)

Ash Wednesday (7:00 p.m.

FUEL meets (Living Stations Practice #2) WEDNESDAYS 2/28

Grades 6-12

Upcoming Events

High School Seniors! Cappella is a new choir at the University of Mary made up of skilled student musicians who have a special devotion to sacred music. The students are scholarshipped like college athletes to come and sing sacred music at the University of Mary. The university is currently accepting auditions from students (as a singer or an organist) until February 19. More information can be found at www.cappellaumary.com. Get a 4 year scholarship and become part of the vibrant Catholic community at the University of Mary!

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.

We have a retreat coming up March 1-3 at Maryvale Retreat We have a retreat coming up March 1-3 at Maryvale Retreat Center in Valley City. More details and the application are at www.fargodiocese.org/search4cm or call Dori at 952-210-2210 with questions. Applications 2219 with questions. Applications are due no later than Monday, February 12th.

Introduction to the Theology of the Body

Come discover God's Master Plan for your life through the Theology of the Body! This life-changing teaching of St. John Paul II will be on **Mondays**, from February 5 – March 25 at 7:00 p.m. at Sts. Anne and Joachim Catholic Church. This overview of TOB will include, handouts, video clips and music as well as a book by Christopher West. The sessions will be taught by Tim Mosser. Registration is requested but not required. For more information, please email either Tim Mosser at timmosser@gmail.com or Marissa Duppong at MarissaDuppong@gmail.com.

Court St. Ann #261 of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas will meet Tuesday, February 20th (one week later) 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. If interested in CDA, please join us at our meeting. Any questions, please send an email to regentctstann@gmail.com.

Theology on Tap

The Diocese of Fargo Young Adult Ministry is hosting Theology on Tap on Monday, February 19, from 7:00-9:00 p.m., at the Crooked Pint Alehouse (3340 13th Ave S, Fargo, ND 58103). 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.

Real Presence Radio Fargo Banquet

Real Presence Radio invites you to attend the annual fundraising banquet in Fargo, on Monday, February 26th, at the Delta Hotels by Marriott. This year's keynote speaker is Cy Kellett from "Catholic Answers".

Cy formerly hosted "The Bright Side with Cy Kellett" on the Immaculate Heart Radio network. For more than a decade Kellett was editor of San Diego's diocesan newspaper, *The Southern Cross*. Before that, he taught at Xaverian Brothers High School outside of Boston and spent several years living in Boston's Catholic Worker

several years living in Boston's Catholic Worker house working with individuals experiencing homelessness and poor mental health. Kellett and his wife, Missy, have three children.



For more information or to register, visit our website RealPresenceRadio.com or scan the QR code.

40 Hours Devotion at St. Anthony's

Join us February 27-29, 2024 and grow in a deeper devotion to our Lord! The 40 Hours Devotion will be a time of continuous prayer before the Blessed Sacrament and will include periods for Confession, intercessory prayer, praise and worship music, as well as talks given by clergy. A complete schedule for the 40 hours is available at **stanthonyfargo.org** We are also looking for people to sign up for specific hours of the devotion time so we can ensure constant presence with our Lord. We hope you can be a part of this holy time!

Lenten Pro-Life Mission

All are welcome to attend a parish mission March 10-12th held at St. Stanislaus Catholic Church in Warsaw, ND. Each evening the mission will begin at 5:15 pm with a simple meal (free will offering), confessions at 6:00 p.m., and a talk at 6:30 p.m. Fr. Greg Haman will speak on Sunday, Fr. Joseph Christensen, FMI, on Monday, concluding with Fr. Jeff Eppler on Tuesday.

The next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** in the region is March 22 - 24 in Valley City. These weekends are private and allow couples to focus just on each other. For more information, visit ndwwme.org or contact Rob and Angie at 701-347-1998.

Upcoming Events

SOUPER SUPPER

The Catholic Daughters of Court St. Ann #261 will be cooking up some yummy homemade soups, breads, and desserts on Saturday, February 24, at the Cathedral of St. Mary (basement) to give you the night off from cooking for you and your family! Time: 4:00–7:00 p.m. Cost: Free will offering. Join us!





Join us for a Fish Fry at Blessed Sacrament, on Friday, March 8, from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Fr. Gary Luiten will once again be the Executive Chef. The meal includes pan fried fish, mac & cheese, coleslaw, fries, rolls, and dessert. Free will offering. Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, 210 5th Ave W, West Fargo ND.

Married Couple's Retreat Opportunity

Are you looking for a chance to get away for the weekend to spend some one-onone time with your husband/wife? Deacon Ben and Jennine Seitz will be offering a Married Couples Retreat 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
April 5-7 — Franciscan Retreat Center, Hankinson, ND
Visit www.sixstonejars.org for more information and registration.

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 Maximillian 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.

St. James Basilica in Jamestown, ND is seeking a full-time qualified and experienced individual to serve as the Director of Advancement for the parish and sponsored school, St. John's Academy. The Director of Advancement should be an enthusiastic and motivated individual who is passionate about the Catholic faith and committed to the mission of the parish and school. This individual should excel in the ability to organize, engage, and inspire individuals, businesses, and foundations to support the mission. The Director of Advancement will be responsible for the development and execution of a strategic fundraising plan to meet annual and long-range fundraising goals for the parish and school that includes but is not limited to: staff wages, educational resources, youth and adult faith formation programs and capital projects. Applicants please send a letter on interest and resume to jeff.trumbauer@k12.nd.us

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

- ► Accounts Payable Clerk JPII Business Office
- ♦ Elementary Teacher Nativity Elementary School
- ♦ Physical Education Teacher (Part-time) Holy Spirit Elementary School
- ♦ Physical Education Teacher (Part-time) Sacred Heart Middle School
- ♦ Pre-Kindergarten Teacher Trinity Elementary School
- ◆ Trap Coach (Spring 2023) Shanley High School
- ♦ Head Girls Volleyball Coach (Fall 2024) Shanley High School
- ♦ After School Program Worker Multiple locations
- ♦ Substitute Bus Drivers

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

St. John's School in Wahpeton, ND is looking for a dynamic **elementary teacher** to join our team. Candidates must have knowledge of curriculum development and be able to effectively communicate with students, staff, and parents. We are looking for someone with a passion for Catholic education and strengths in literacy and math instruction. Candidates must hold or be able to obtain a current ND Educator's Professional License. Expected Start Date: August 2024. Deadline for applying: Open Until Filled. To apply submit a cover letter, resume, three (3) letters of recommendation, and copies of college transcripts to Kaja Kaste, Principal at Kaja.Kaste@k12.nd.us

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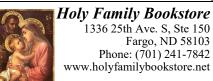




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