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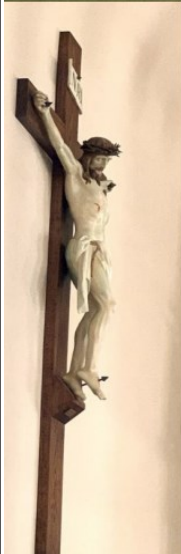


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“HOSANNA TO THE SON OF DAVID;
BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES
IN THE NAME OF THE LORD,
THE KING OF ISRAEL.
HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST.”



Holy Week

at our
CURRENT Site

March 28

**Holy Thursday
Mass of the Lord's Supper
7:00 p.m.**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Midnight

March 29

**Good Friday
Passion of the Lord
3:00 p.m.**



Easter Masses

at our **NEW Site**
(8547 Front St, Horace)

March 30

**Easter Vigil
in the Holy Night
9:00 p.m.**

March 31

**Easter Sunday
8:00 a.m.
10:30 a.m.**

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 3/24—Sunday Faith Formation Classes (9:15—10:15 a.m.)
- 3/24—Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service (4:00 p.m.)
- 3/26—No Daily Mass Today
- 3/26—Chrism Mass (11:00 a.m., Sts. Anne & Joachim)
- 3/28—At Current Site—Holy Thursday Mass (7:00 p.m.)
- 3/29—At Current Site—Good Friday Service (3:00 p.m.)
- 3/29—Nine Day Divine Mercy Novena Begins on Good Friday
- 3/30—At New Site—Easter Vigil Mass (9:00 p.m.)
- 3/31—At New Site—Easter Sunday Masses (8:00 & 10:30 a.m.)
- 3/31—Danielson Baptism
- 3/31—No Sunday Faith Formation Classes Today
- 4/1—Office Closed on Easter Monday
- 4/3—FUEL Meets
- 4/6-7—Monthly Second Collection to benefit Crayons for Kids
- 4/7—April Holy Hour (3:00-4:00 p.m.)
- 4/8—Bishop Folda Celebrates Mass & Blesses the Building (7:00 p.m.)

Mass Intentions

Sat	March 23	(5:00 p.m.)	† Ken Kuehn
Sun	March 24	(8:00 a.m.)	† Jean Zetocha
		(10:30 a.m.)	Parishioners
Mon	March 25	(8:30 a.m.)	Parishioners Experiencing Loss
Tue	March 26	Chrism Mass (11:00 a.m.)	Mass at Sts. Anne & Joachim
Wed	March 27	(8:30 a.m.)	Families to be United in Jesus
Thu	March 28	Holy Thursday (7:00 p.m.)	† Fr. James Jeffery
Fri	March 29	Good Friday (3:00 p.m.)	No Intention Today
Sat	March 30	Easter Vigil (9:00 p.m.)	Msgr. John Anderson
Sun	March 31	Easter Sunday (8:00 a.m.)	Marylou Witteman
		(10:30 a.m.)	Parishioners

MARCH 2024

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Stewardship

Budgeted Weekly Collection: \$6,538

March 17, 2024...\$7,125

Budgeted Collection YTD: \$71,918

Actual Collection YTD: \$62,472

March Second Collection: \$1,171

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

Special Prayer Intentions for:

Paul Adams, Micah Erickson,
Darren Feist, Irene Feist,
Adrian Flicek, Mary Ignaszewski,
Nicole Jensen, Juan & Family,
Matt Kreklow, Kathy Loney,
Marvin Miller, Karen Schmitz,
Arielle Stansbury, Carol Trotter,
Wendy Trotter

HOLY WEEK – Please sign up in church entry for ministries for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday Masses.

Liturgical Ministers for April 6-7

	Saturday, Apr 6, 5:00 PM (Mass)	Sunday, Apr 7, 8:00 AM (Mass)	Sunday, Apr 7, 10:30 AM (Mass)
Sacristan	Bridgette Startz	Catie Vetter	Mary Richard-Johnson
Lector	Cora Suda	Marcus Vetter	Mary Richard-Johnson
Usher	Darwin Duval Dale Wyffels	Mike Sikorski Ken Zetocha	Dave Dietz Mark Schiltz
Altar Server	Ethan Duval Oliver Suda	Grace Vetter Mia Vetter Oliver Vetter	Ila Reinke Malakye Richard
EMHC	Sheri Koenig (Paten) Bev Marsh (Paten-choir)	Julien Richard (Paten) Kathy Schroeder (Paten-choir)	Patrick Reinke (Paten) Barb Rheault (Paten-choir)
Greeter	Joan Houdek PLEASE VOLUNTEER	Leo & Shirley Richard	Dave & Lori Dietz
Gift Bearer	Jim & Marie Laufenberg	Leo & Shirley Richard	Ron & Barb Rheault
Service Group	Service Group Rotation Service Group 4 – April Coffee and Donuts Service Group 5 – May Coffee and Donuts		





Stewardship Moment

"Pilate again said to them, 'Then what shall I do with the man whom you call the King of the Jews?' And they cried out again, 'Crucify him.'" – MARK 15:12-13

Jesus told us "whatever you do for the least of my brothers, you do for me." Every day we are presented with opportunities to help someone. Every day we have the opportunity to see the face of Jesus in others and be the face of Jesus to others. Every day we pass by someone in need. Pray for the strength and courage to be the answer to someone's prayer.

Good Friday Collection

Pope Francis has asked parishes to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Through the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land as a witness of peace, supporting Catholics there in parishes and schools, maintaining Christian shrines and caring for refugees in the Holy Land. You will find a special envelope marked for this collection in your offering box. Please be generous.

2024 God's Gift Appeal

Thank you to all parishioners who have made their gift to the 2024 God's Gift Appeal. St. Benedict's is at 41% towards our goal of \$63,196. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, you can still give online at www.fargodiocese.org/godsgiftappeal by clicking the Donate Now button. Please remember to support our Bishop and the work of the diocese - and help us reach our goal of 100% participation!



Pastor's Notes

Dear Parishioners,

The past few weeks, I have offered reflections on the rich patrimony of St. Benedict Parish. Today, in my last installment, I will reflect on the most unusual memento: the skull of Fr. Bernier.

Fr. Athanase Bernier was the first residential pastor of St. Benedict's. He experienced many dramatic changes during his time serving the parish. He started his first term as pastor in 1881, during the time of the Dakota Territory. He was the priest who moved St. Benedict Parish from its former site, near the Wild Rice River, to its current location.

In 1884, he was transferred to and served in a town in what would later become South Dakota. Fr. Vigeant, his successor, so respected Fr. Bernier, that when he blessed the church bell in 1885, he named it Athanase, "as an expression of gratitude to Father Athanase Bernier, first resident priest."

Fr. Bernier started his second term as pastor in 1886. In 1888, he built the "larger church." In 1889, after the Dakota Territory was divided into the states of South Dakota and North Dakota, the Diocese of Fargo was created. Fr. Bernier continued to serve as pastor at St. Benedict until his death on December 13, 1891. However, this is not the end of the story.

Following an old tradition, Fr. Bernier was buried under the high altar of the church, where his body remained when the current church was built in 1913. His remains were rediscovered when the church basement was dug. His body was interred in the cemetery. However, for a time Fr. Lalande kept his skull on his desk. Eventually, the skull was put on display in the church.

As we prepare for our move, we recall the great impact Fr. Bernier had on our church. We are truly indebted to him and so many others, who were dedicated to the Catholic faith and saw it flourish on the prairie. We look to our future with the same hope that sustained them.

During Holy Week, we ponder the hope of Mary, the Mother of Jesus. As she stood by the cross and mourned the loss of her son, she looked forward to his resurrection. May she stand by us as we bear our crosses. May she be our Mother of Hope.

Fr. Andrew Jasinski

Pray the Divine Mercy Novena and Chaplet: Please take a pamphlet with you as you leave Mass today. The Novena begins on Good Friday and ends the weekend after Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday).

Good Friday Stations of the Cross

Everyone is invited to join Bishop John Folda of the Diocese of Fargo for Stations of the Cross on Good Friday at 10:00 a.m. at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Fargo. The meditations for the stations will be taken from Pope St. John Paul II's encyclical *The Gospel of Life*. Station booklets will be provided for participants. Please join us for these special Stations for Life with our Bishop.



Mass and Blessing of St. Benedict's Social Hall April 8, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Please join us on Monday, April 8, at 7:00 p.m. as Bishop Folda will celebrate the Mass of the Annunciation and bless our newly-constructed social hall. Light reception to follow.

April Second Collection *Crayons for Kids Project*

The Social Justice committee's designated April second collection benefits our parish's Crayons for Kids project. With your generosity, we purchase pencils, pens, crayons, glue sticks and pencil top erasers. These are packaged as a parish service project and then distributed to children in need through the Emergency Food Pantry during the week when St. Benedict parishioners volunteer there. These items replenish school supplies that are depleted by this time.

We also accept donations of the above items at any time, but we only take boxes of 24 crayons. Donations can be placed in the food pantry box in the lobby area of the church.

You can also offer some time to help with packaging and distribution. Bags will be assembled during our fall dinner in September and then distributed the last week in December. At last year's dinner, thanks to parishioners and dinner visitors, nearly 700 bags were packaged! More information about volunteering opportunities will be shared closer to these dates.

Thank you for your support of this project and for helping the children who benefit from this.

Mother Daughter Days

The Franciscan Sisters will again have two sessions of "Mother Daughter Days" at their convent in Hankinson, ND: June 13-15 and July 11-13. Contact Sr. Jean Louise, OSF, for more information at ndfranciscan@yahoo.com.



Camp Summit Middle School Camp July 14-18, 2024

Red Willow Bible Camp, Binford, ND
Camp Summit is for all youth entering grades 7, 8, & 9 who have a desire to deepen their relationship with the Lord. Throughout camp, campers will dive deeper into prayer, spend time in small group discussion, enjoy social and recreational breaks, and encounter the Lord through the Sacraments. This five-day experience is designed to encourage and equip the youth for discipleship to their family, friends, and communities. Early Bird registration is \$325.00/camper if they are signed up before March 22, and \$375.00/camper after March 22. Family rates and diocesan scholarships are available.

To learn more visit:
www.fargodiocese.org/campsummit
or contact Brady Borslien at
brady.borslien@fargodiocese.org.

Faith Formation



**Grades K-5
SUNDAYS**



Catechesis Corner

Important Upcoming Dates:

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

- 3/27 NO FUEL Today
- 4/3 FUEL Meets
- 4/10 FUEL Etiquette Dinner
- 4/17 FUEL Meets
- 4/24 FUEL Senior Farewell



FUEL News
Faith Used in Everyday Life



**Grades 6-12
WEDNESDAYS**

Upcoming Events

Upcoming Retreats at Maryvale

April 4-7, 2024: Ignatian Silent Women's Retreat

April 19-21, 2024: Life Giving Wounds Retreat

April 25-28, 2024: SEARCH Youth/Young Adult Retreat

May 2-4, 2024: "Beloved Sister" Women's Retreat led by Fr. Lefor

May 9-11, 2024: Theology of the Body & Culture of Life led by Tim Mosser

June 13-15, 2024: "Come Away With Me" Women's Retreat led by Stella Marie Jeffrey

June 20-22, 2024: Men's Silent Retreat led by Monsignor Goering

July 1-21, 2024: "Come To Me" Retreat led by Sr. Anne Germaine Picard, SMP

August 8-10, 2024: "Beloved Spouse" Women's Retreat led by Fr. Lefor

October 3-5, 2024: "Beloved Mother" Women's Retreat led by Fr. Lefor

For more information or to register,
visit Maryvalend.org/attend-a-retreat or call (701) 845-2864



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Saturday April 13th

9 AM - 3 PM

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St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church
207 Main St N, Dilworth, MN
Original Spaghetti Dinner
Sunday, April 28, 2024
11:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m.

Please join us for our spring authentic Italian spaghetti dinner! Costs: adults- \$18; children (6-12)-\$10; preschool FREE. Take out meals available for \$18. We have ground floor entrance and elevator accessibility. Raffle drawing for two 1/2 hogs and cash prizes. If you have any questions, please call 287-2705.

Men's Retreat, April 19-21
Saint Joseph: Man of No Return
Sisters of St. Francis Retreat & Conference Center, Hankinson, ND

Following his example of strength, devotion, courage, and chastity, we can become men of no return. By cultivating a deeply personal relationship with Jesus Christ, dying to self, and offering our lives for our families we can discover what true manhood looks like. Come grow in your faith and learn what it means to be a good father, husband, and man of God. There will be Rosary, engaging large group talks, small group discussions, Mass, Confession, Eucharistic Adoration, private priest/ deacon spiritual direction, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Liturgy of the Hours, and more. Room and all meals provided. Cost: \$300 (students \$200). Register at www.ecclesiadomestica.net/registration or call St. Boniface Parish, Lidgerwood, ND at 701-538-4604.

Join Bishop Folda on a Pilgrimage to the shrines in Fatima, Spain and Lourdes, October 21-31, 2024.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, I would like to personally invite you to join me on a pilgrimage where we will visit the holy sites of Fatima and Lourdes where Our Lady appeared to young people with her messages of conversion, peace, and healing. We will visit the birthplace of St. Anthony in Portugal and see the burial place of St. Teresa of Avila along with many other saints and martyrs. There will also be a special stop to visit a church with a Eucharistic miracle. To visit and worship in these holy places can bring a renewal in our spiritual lives and a greater understanding of the universal Church. I am grateful to offer this opportunity to you, and I hope you will join me. Price \$4,900 based on double with flights out of Fargo. For more information and registration, www.fargodiocese.org/pilgrimages or contact Mary Hanbury at 356-7909, mary.hanbury@fargodiocese.org

Upcoming Events

St. Gianna & Pietro Molla Maternity Home—Canticle of Praise Banquet

Join us for an unforgettable evening of gratitude and joyful celebration at the Canticle of Praise Banquet and Mass with His Eminence Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke and Dr. Gianna Emanuela Molla on Tuesday April 16th, in Grand Forks. For more information and to purchase tickets check out our website : sgpmollahome.com/20th-anniversary. *This is not a fundraising event. No additional request for donations will be made that evening.* Deadline to purchase a ticket is April 2nd.

New Ministry for Adult Children of Divorce

No matter the circumstances, divorce always represents broken dreams and broken hearts. While much of the attention goes to the men and women trying to navigate the tidal wave of loss and hurt, often left in the wake are the children whose sense of security and identity have also been shattered. This can be true even for those who were already adults when their parents' relationship ended. Life-Giving Wounds is a new ministry within the Diocese of Fargo to help adults who have experienced the breakdown of their parents' relationship, no matter at what age it happened and to allow Christ to bring new life through those very wounds. The Life-Giving Wounds Retreat will take place on April 19-21 at Maryvale Retreat Center. Spaces are very limited for this retreat, and it is expected to fill early. For more information or to register visit www.fargodiocese.org/lgw.

Next Permanent Diaconate Formation Class

A new formation class for the permanent diaconate will begin August 2025 with applications opening this fall 2024. Interested men and their wives should attend one of the following **informational dinners**. Evenings begin at 6:00 p.m. and include an introduction and short talks on the permanent diaconate. There will be the opportunity to visit with other deacons and their wives, as well as Q&A. Evenings end around 8:20 p.m.

- RSVP by April 5 for the Fargo dinner at Holy Spirit Church on Tuesday, April 23, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.
- RSVP by April 19 for the Jamestown dinner at St. James Basilica Church on Tuesday, May 7, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

More information, including age requirements and RSVP link, available at www.fargodiocese.org/permanentdeacons. Contact vocations@fargodiocese.org or 701-356-7900 with questions.

39th annual NDSU vs. UND Bike Race & Ride

On Saturday, April 27, the 39th annual NDSU vs. UND Bike Race & Ride will commence. The theme this year for NDSU is Bikezilla! Riders join together from both Newman Centers to support the vital work of campus ministry and to be a part of a friendly competition. Prayerfully consider joining the race by sponsoring a student rider or riding in the event! When you support the Bike Race and Ride, you provide students with the tools they need to live out their faith with the support of a Christ-centered community and have the opportunity to let Christ transform their lives in a deeper way. To sponsor a rider or register to ride please visit our website at: bisoncatholic.org

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.



NATIONAL
Eucharistic Congress

Pre-registration now open! Join Bishop Folda for a pilgrimage to Italy for the Jubilee Year, Oct 28-Nov 6, 2025! Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, I would like to also invite you, your family, and your friends to join us on this Jubilee Year pilgrimage to Italy's greatest cities and special places dear to Christian hearts! A pilgrimage is an important part of a Jubilee Year because it is a symbol of the Christian life. Jesus called the disciples to leave their ordinary world and follow him on an extraordinary adventure. Our pilgrimage will begin in Milan and we'll travel to Turin to see the special Jubilee Year exposition of the Shroud of Turin. We'll also visit Florence, Assisi, and Rome where we will go through the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica and the other Basilicas of Rome. At this time, only the land package is a set price. An estimate with flights out of Fargo is \$4,900-\$5,000. For more information and registration: www.fargodiocese.org/pilgrimages or contact Mary Hanbury at 356-7909, mary.hanbury@fargodiocese.org

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1 THESS 5:11

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