# St. Benedict Catholic Church

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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)

<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

- 4/21—Sunday Faith Formation Classes (9:15—10:15 a.m.)
- 4/23-24—No Daily Mass Today
- 4/24—FUEL Senior Farewell
- 4/25—Parish Council Meeting (7:00 p.m., Conference Room)
- 4/26—Friday Morning Coffee & Donuts After Daily Mass
- 4/26—Meal and Rehearsal for Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist (6:00 p.m., St. Leo's, Casselton)
- 4/27—Celebration of Sacraments of Confirmation & Eucharist (1:30 a.m., St. Leo's, Casselton)
- 4/27-28—Catholic Home Missions Collection
- 4/28—Sunday Faith Formation Classes (9:15—10:15 a.m.)
- 4/28—Solemn Communion (10:30 a.m. Mass)
- 5/1—FUEL Core Team Wrap-up (6:00 p.m.)
- 5/3—Rosary Prayed Before Daily Mass (First Friday of the Month) 5/5—Final Sunday Faith Formation Classes (9:15—10:15 a.m.)
- 5/7—Fall Dinner Committee Meeting (7:00 p.m., Conference Room)

Mass Intentions							
Sat	April 20	(5:00 p.m.)	Ryan Witteman				
Sun	April 21	(8:00 a.m.)	Parishioners				
		(10:30 a.m.)	† Renee Bernier				
Mon	April 22	(8:30 a.m.)	No Mass Today				
Tue	April 23	(8:30 a.m.)	No Mass Today				
Wed	April 24	(8:30 a.m.)	No Mass Today				
Thu	April 25	(8:30 a.m.)	Marylou Witteman				
Fri	April 26	(8:30 a.m.)	† Bill & † Nancy Hunt				
Sat	April 27	(5:00 p.m.)	† Tom Dougherty, Sr.				
Sun	April 28	(8:00 a.m.)	Parishioners				
		(10:30 a.m.)	Steve Laqua Family				

APRIL 2024								
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### Stewardship

Budgeted Weekly Collection: \$6,538 April 14, 2024....\$5,189 Budgeted Collection YTD: \$98,070 Actual Collection YTD: \$100,338 April Second Collection: \$840

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, James Sauvageau, Tim Schmidt, Karen Schmitz, Arielle Stansbury, Carol Trottier

# **Liturgical Ministers for Next Weekend**

	Saturday, Apr 27, 5:00 PM (Mass)	Sunday, Apr 28, 8:00 AM (Mass)	Sunday, Apr 28, 10:30 AM (Mass)		
Sacristans	Alex Koenig	Twila Nohrenberg	Mary Richard-Johnson		
Lectors	Martha Burns	Denise Stoppleworth	Dave Dougherty		
Ushers	Darwin Duval Dean Marsh	Claude Richard Mike Vandrovec	Chris Lange Patrick Reinke		
Altar Servers	Ethan Duval NOT FILLED	Aaron Frank Owen Frank Trayton Stoppleworth	Lydia Lange Ila Reinke		
EMHCs	Sheri Koenig (Paten) Nancy Torgerson (Paten-choir)	Regan Frank (Paten) Julien Richard (Paten-choir)	Mary Richard-Johnson (Paten) Kara Hagemeister (Paten-choir)		
Greeters	Sheri Koenig & Linda Long	Kevin & Denise Stoppleworth	Patrick & Bree Reinke		
Gift Bearers	NOT FILLED	Claude & Rita Richard	Patrick & Bree Reinke		
Service Group	Service Group Rotation Service Group 4 – April Coffee and Donuts Service Group 5 – May Coffee and Donuts				

### **Stewardship Moment**

"I am the good shepherd...and I lay down my life for the sheep...and they will heed my voice." - JOHN 10:14-16

When you pray, do you only ask Jesus for the things that you want? Do you ever ask Jesus what He wants from you? How do you listen for His response? Many times Jesus responds in "quiet whispers" that are not so obvious. So, take time every day, in silence, to actively listen for His voice.

# Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for April

For the Role of Women: "We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world."

### **Prayer Chain**

We have a prayer chain at St. Benedict's. If you have a particular person for whom you want us to pray, just contact Joan Houdek at 730-5828 or Joan.Houdek@gmail.com. She then sends an email to all the people in our group.

Being one of the PRAY-ERS in our Prayer Chain is a very small, but powerful way to be involved in the life of the parish. You simply read the email from Joan and pray for the person mentioned. There are no meetings and there is nothing else expected of you...Just pray! We can never have too many people praying!

If you would like to be part of this important ministry, please email or call Joan using the information above. Feel free to ask other parishioners to join also. Thank you.



Welcome to our parish family of St. Benedict's

Matt & Robin Sheppard

### **Catholic Home Missions Collection**

Next weekend is the Catholic Home Missions collection. You will find a special envelope in your offering box to give to this important collection. Please be generous. Today, nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. More information can be found at <a href="https://www.usccb.org/home-missions">www.usccb.org/home-missions</a>.

## **Pastor's Notes**

### Dear Parishioners,

Today is Good Shepherd Sunday and the annual World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Next Sunday, I will reprint some more excerpts from Pope Francis' annual message. To read Pope Francis' entire message, click the link on the parish website (<a href="https://www.stbensnd.org">www.stbensnd.org</a>). Pray that our young people will be open to the promptings of the Holy Spirit calling them to a special vocation.

Easter is a time for sacraments! Catechumens are baptized, those entering the church are confirmed and many receive Holy Communion for the first time. Eleven of our children have been preparing to receive Confirmation and First Holy Communion (their names are in the box to the right). Bishop Folda will impart these sacraments at St. Leo's Church in Casselton next Saturday, April 27. Please keep them, their parents and sponsors in your prayers. We will honor them here at St. Benedict's at the 10:30 a.m. Mass next Sunday Mass. May they and their families be enriched by this encounter with Jesus and his Holy Spirit.

May we all continue to celebrate Easter with joy.

Fr. Andrew Jasinski



Ledger Brown
Danica Meyer
Josephine Morgan
Otto Moore
Caleb Parman
Blayke Peschel
Ruger Pokrzywinski
Mila Rheault
Qwynci Richard
Mason Simon
Michael Suda

# **Our New Spiritual Home**

When designing our new building, the Building Committee was attentive to the needs of families, especially mothers and their little children. As some mothers have already discovered, there is a dedicated Mother's Room. It is located on the east end of the lobby, to the right of the office entrance (opposite the restrooms). It contains a chair for a mother to sit with her infant, a sink, a changing table and a stool, which can double as a place for toddlers to sit. The door can be locked for privacy. Another place to take care of children is the Multi-Purpose Room. As the name suggests, the Multi-Purpose Room can be used for many things: a practice room for musicians, a classroom, a bridal room, etc. During Mass, it can be used as a family room (a "cry room"), where parents can tend to their children while watching Mass. The television displays a direct feed of the camera in the social hall and there are speakers in the ceiling. May these amenities help our families tend to the need of their children while at St. Benedict.

# Eucharistic Revival Pilgrimage

Join locally in the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage on May 20! This National Eucharistic Procession is coming from four directions of the US and ultimately descending on Indianapolis for the National Eucharistic Congress in July. This is a day

trip and will include walking with the pilgrims along part of the north Marion Route, which will have begun the day before in Itasca, MN. A charter bus will be leaving on the morning of May 20<sup>th</sup> from St. Anthony's in Fargo with participants from across our diocese. We will stop in Two Inlets for Mass, and then join the pilgrimage in Bemidji (along with participants of the Crookston diocese) for a 6.9 mile walk along the Paul Bunyan State Trail to Walker, MN. The bus will return in the evening at approximately 6:30 p.m. The charter bus is sponsored by the Cathedral of St. Mary's in Fargo and the cost is \$35 per person. For more details or to register visit, <a href="www.cathedralofstmary.com">www.cathedralofstmary.com</a>. For questions, email Naomi at naomi@cathedralofstmary.com.

### Theology of the Body and the Culture of Life Retreat



Tim Mosser, Director of the Fargo Diocese Respect Life Office, will lead a retreat entitled Theology of the Body and the Culture of Life on

May 9-11, 2024, at the Maryvale Retreat Center in Valley City, ND. The retreat will focus on St. John Paul II's teaching on the human person known as the "Theology of the Body" and its connection to the Church's teaching on such issues as marriage, contraception, abortion, euthanasia, artificial reproduction, gender and the Eucharist. There will also be Mass, confessions, adoration, praise and worship music and time for prayer and reflection. You can register as a married couple, single person or as a parent with a teen at least 16 years old. Come learn the "why" behind the "what" of all these important issues and how to share it with others! For more information and to register go to Retreat 4 - Maryvale - Valley City, ND (maryvalend.org) or contact Tim Mosser at tim.mosser@fargodiocese.org

### **Upcoming Retreats at Maryvale**

- 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



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.

### Weekly Prayer of the Faithful

That we take time in daily silent prayer to talk and listen for Jesus' voice.

# **Faith Formation**





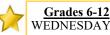
# **Catechesis Corner**

### **Important Dates:**

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)



### Grades 6-12 WEDNESDAYS

# **Upcoming Schedule**

4/24 **FUEL Senior Farewell** 5/1 Core Team Wrap-up



World Day of Prayer for Vocations

# **Upcoming Events**



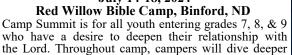
# **JPII Catholic Schools Summer Adventures Program**

Sign up weekly: May 28 - August 9 Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Located at Trinity Elementary School 2811 7th St E - West Fargo

A fun and active, faith centered summer program for students entering K - grade 5

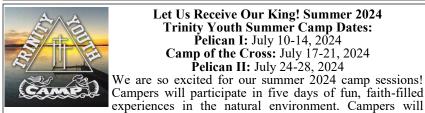
For more information or to register email: summercamp@ip2schools.org

# Middle School Camp July 14-18, 2024





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. \$375.00/camper. Family rates and diocesan scholarships are available. To learn more visit: www.fargodiocese.org/campsummit or contact Brady Borslien at brady.borslien@fargodiocese.org.



Let Us Receive Our King! Summer 2024 Trinity Youth Summer Camp Dates: **Pelican I:** July 10-14, 2024 Camp of the Cross: July 17-21, 2024

**Pelican II:** July 24-28, 2024 We are so excited for our summer 2024 camp sessions! Campers will participate in five days of fun, faith-filled

expand Christian friendships, create wholesome memories, strengthen Catholic values, and experience a closer relationship with God through sacraments, friendships, nature, songs, games and more! Campers must be entering grades 4 through 8 for the '24-25 school year. For more information or to register now, visit: trinityyouthcampnd.com.

### 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! To sponsor a rider or register to ride please visit our website at: bisoncatholic.org

### Original Spaghetti Dinner Sunday, April 28, 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. St. Elizabeth's Church, Dilworth

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.

**Prayer & Spiritual Direction Program** The University of Mary's graduate certificate program in prayer and spiritual direction, consisting of three courses you can take over one to three summers, will equip you to lead yourself and guide others deeper into relationship with the Triune God. Under the mentorship of Monsignor James Shea, Monsignor Thomas J. Richter, and Father Wayne Sattler, you'll explore the Catholic spiritual and mystical tradition, attune your mind and heart to the Spirit's voice, and prepare to meet the Church's — and the world's need for faithful, joyful witnesses to Christ's redeeming love. Classes meet Tuesday and Thursday evenings, starting May 7. Certificate recipients can easily stack their earned credits into a master's degree plan. Reserve your place or learn more at umary.edu/Prayer.

### 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**

### Teams of Our Lady for Your Marriage

Are you interested in enriching your couple/marriage spirituality on a journey with other Catholic like-minded couples? The F-M Sector of Teams of Our Lady now has 12 TEAMS comprised of 72 area couples, 11 chaplains, and has been going strong for 19 years! Join us to learn more at our Spring Information Sessions!

- Info Session #1 Sunday, April 21, at 2:00 p.m., at Holy Cross, West Fargo
- Info Session #2 Tuesday, April 30, at 7:00 p.m., at Sts. Anne & Joachim, Fargo

All couples (both husband and wife) wishing to join TEAMS are *required to attend one* of these two sessions. These will be the only information sessions this year! For more information, e-mail <a href="mailto:fargosectorinformation@gmail.com">fargosectorinformation@gmail.com</a> or visit the TEAMS website at <a href="www.teamsofourlady.org">www.teamsofourlady.org</a>.

### St. Francis de Sales Church Annual Salad Bar Luncheon

St. Francis de Sales Church annual salad bar luncheon is Wednesday, April 24, 2024 11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. An express line is available for those with limited time. Take outs are available. Adults: \$12.00, Children: 6-12 \$5.00, and pre-school: Free. Lunch includes all you can eat salad buffet, bread and beverage.

**Women's Care Center** is looking for volunteers to help with childcare during life-skills/parenting classes. Wednesdays, 10:45-12:15. Volunteering frequency is flexible; once a month, weekly, occasionally, etc. please contact Angela at 701-237-6530 or <a href="mailto:angela@wccnd.com">angeka@wccnd.com</a>.

### St. John Paul II Catholic Schools Open Positions

- ♦ Art Teacher (Part-time) Holy Spirit Elementary School
- ♦ English Teacher—Sacred Heart Middle School
- ♦ Physical Education Teacher (Part-time) Holy Spirit Elementary School
- ♦ Physical Education Teacher Nativity Elementary School
- ♦ Pre-Kindergarten Teacher Nativity Elementary School
- ♦ Smart Lab/4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher Holy Spirit Elementary School
- ♦ Student Services Nativity Elementary/Holy Spirit Elementary Schools
- ♦ School Nurse
- Evening Custodian—Shanley High School/Sacred Heart Middle School
- ◆ After School Program Worker Multiple locations
- Substitute Bus Drivers

To apply visit <a href="www.jp2schools.org/careers/">www.jp2schools.org/careers/</a> or call 701-893-3231 for more information.

St. John Catholic Church in Wahpeton, ND is accepting applications for a Parish Secretary. The position will provide receptionist, secretarial, and office services for the parish. This individual must have a minimum of one year of office experience and computer skills. This individual needs to be well organized, flexible, able to handle numerous interruptions, must work well with many personality types, be a self-starter, and have an outgoing personality. A high level of confidentiality is required for this position. Cover letter and resume can be emailed to Joan Steckler at <a href="mailto:joansteckler@gmail.com">joansteckler@gmail.com</a> Apply immediately, position open until filled.

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 \$4,900-\$5,000. For more information and to register, visit: www.fargodiocese.org/pilgrimages Hanbury at 356or contact Mary 7909, mary.hanbury@fargodiocese.org

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