

*In the tender compassion of
our God,
the dawn from on high shall
break upon us,
to shine on those who dwell
in darkness
and the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet
into the way
of peace.*

Luke 1:78-79



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 12/22 - NO COFFEE & DONUTS today.
- 12/22 - NO Sunday K-5 Faith Formation Classes today.
- 12/24 - CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASSES (4:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.)
- 12/25 - CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES (8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.)
- 12/27 - Coffee and Donuts after daily Mass
- 12/29 - NO COFFEE & DONUTS today
- 12/29 - NO Sunday K-5 Faith Formation Classes today.
- 12/30 - NO Scripture Study
- 12/30 - Finance Council Budget Review Meeting (6:30 p.m.)
- 12/31 - NO 8:30 a.m. Daily Mass
- 12/31 - SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD Vigil Mass (5:00 p.m.)
- 1/1 - HAPPY NEW YEAR!
- 1/1 - SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD Masses (8 and 10:30 a.m.)
- 1/1 - NO FUEL tonight.
- 1/4 - Youth Christmas Program Practice (9:00 a.m.)

December 2024

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Stewardship

Budgeted Weekly Collection: \$6,538

December 15, 2024: \$7,270

Budgeted Collection YTD: \$320,362

Actual Collection YTD: 285,002

December Second Collection: \$1003

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MASS INTENTIONS

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|-----|--------|----------------------|---------------------------------|
| Sat | Dec 21 | 5:00 p.m. | Steve Laqua Family |
| Sun | Dec 22 | 8:00 a.m. | †Gloria Schmidt |
| | | 10:30 a.m. | Parishioners |
| Mon | Dec 23 | NO MASS TODAY | |
| Tue | Dec 24 | 4:00 p.m. | †Jean Wanner, †Michelle Duppong |
| | | 11:00 p.m. | Parishioners |
| Wed | Dec 25 | 8:00 a.m. | †Claude & †Yvette Stalcup |
| | | 10:30 a.m. | Catherine Flick |
| Thu | Dec 26 | 8:30 a.m. | JayDee Meadows |
| Fri | Dec 27 | 8:30 a.m. | †Fr. Jerald Finnestad |
| Sat | Dec 28 | 5:00 p.m. | †Claude Stalcup |
| Sun | Dec 29 | 8:00 a.m. | †Joe & †Alice Schubert |

Special Prayer Intentions for:

Irene Feist, Adrian Flicek,
Mary Ignaszewski, Jim Krump,
Kathy Loney, Marvin Miller,
Vern Muscha, Chris Richard,
Polly Roe, Arielle Stansbury,
Stewart Sommers, Carol Trottier,
Aggie Kister

Liturgical Ministry Schedule for NEXT WEEKEND

| | Saturday, December 28 5:00 p.m. | Sunday, December 29 8:00 a.m. | Sunday, December 29 10:30 a.m. |
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| Sacristan | Alex Koenig | Twila Nohrenberg | Kristie Sauvageau |
| Lector | Bridgette Startz | Marcus Vetter | Kristie Sauvageau |
| Usher | Curt Bjertness Dale Wyffels | Dean Corcoran Mike Sikorski | Mark Schiltz Terry Sauvageau |
| Altar Server | Oliver Suda VOLUNTEER | Mia Vetter Anthony Morgan Peter Morgan | Kayla Leopold PLEASE VOLUNTEER |
| EMHC | Jon Long (Paten) Connie Erickson (Paten) Curt Bjertness (Chalice) Alex Koenig (Chalice) | Twila Nohrenberg (Paten) Ken Zetocha (Paten) Jodi Buchholz (Chalice) Kara Hagemeister (Chalice) | VOLUNTEER (Paten) VOLUNTEER (Paten) Patrick Reinke (Chalice) Barb Rheault (Chalice) |
| Greeter | Joan Houdek Sheri Koenig | Rilie and Ashley Morgan | Dave and Lori Dietz |
| Gift Bearer | Nancy Torgerson VOLUNTEER | Ashley Morgan Oliver Vetter | Patrick and Bree Reinke |

Stewardship Moment

*"For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy."
(LUKE 1:44)*

When you hear the scripture readings and Gospel reading at Mass, do you "leap for joy?" If not, don't blame the lector or priest, rather look inside yourself. What are you doing to grow in friendship with Jesus? How do you prepare for Mass each week? Do you just show up and expect to be entertained? As the Body of Christ, we are called to be active participants, not passive observers.

Weekly Prayer of the Faithful

That we take time to properly prepare ourselves to celebrate Mass each Sunday.

St. Benedict Mass Schedule

Christmas:

Tuesday, December 24,
4:00 p.m., 11:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 25,
8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God:

Tuesday, December 31,
5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 1,
8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.



Jubilee Opening Mass

Sunday, December 29, 10:00 a.m.
Cathedral of St. Mary, Fargo.

The theme of the Jubilee Year 2025 is "Pilgrims of Hope."



The Pope has asked that the local bishop of every cathedral around the world celebrate Mass on Dec. 29 to mark the opening of the Jubilee Year.

PASTOR'S NOTES

Dear Parishioners,

The Church has observed Jubilee Years on a regular basis since 1300. It originates from the Jewish practice of marking a Jubilee every 50 years. At first, the pope proposed that the Catholic Church celebrate Jubilee Years every 100 years. We now celebrate them every 25 years. (There are "Extraordinary Jubilees" which occur at other times.) The last "Ordinary Jubilee" was the Great Jubilee of the Year 2000. And so, the year 2025 will be a Jubilee Year.

The booklet written for the 125th Anniversary of St. Benedict Parish has a section entitled "Mission Cross with Corpus." It contains the following text: "This crucifix was purchased by Father Lalande with donations received after a parish mission given at the church in 1925." It goes on to describe where this cross was displayed in the old church. As I explained last week, Fr. Lalande was pastor of St. Benedict 1904–1935, and he appears to be the one responsible for acquiring a relic of St. Anne for St. Benedict Parish.

This brief account about the "Mission Cross" notes that the crucifix was the result of a parish mission. No other information has been found in the parish archives about the mission (the exact dates it was held, the name of the priest who preached, etc.). However, it is clear that the mission occurred in 1925, a Jubilee Year. When Bishop Folda heard that we had a crucifix from a Jubilee Year, he was interested in it. It was not immediately clear to me why.

On Christmas Eve, Pope Francis will open the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica, beginning the Jubilee of the Year 2025. Next Sunday, December 29th, Bishop Folda will begin the local observance of the Jubilee in the Diocese of Fargo. The Rite of the Opening of the Jubilee Year indicates that a special cross be designated the Jubilee Year Cross. It says: "It is placed near the altar in the sanctuary (of the cathedral) where it remains for the entire Jubilee Year for the veneration of the faithful." Bishop Folda has chosen the St. Benedict's "Mission Cross" to be *the* Jubilee Cross for the Diocese of Fargo.

The restoration of our crucifix was only recently finished. We never had the opportunity to display it here. So, ironically, the only way for us to see our newly restored crucifix during the next year is to visit St. Mary's Cathedral. So, plan on visiting the Cathedral during the upcoming Jubilee Year, praying before our cross, and receiving the Jubilee Year indulgence (which I will explain next week).

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May you and your loved ones have a very blessed Christmas.

Fr. Andrew Jasinski

FAITH FORMATION

Sunday K-5 Faith Formation

December 22 and 29

No K-5 Faith Formation

January 4 - 9:00 a.m. REHEARSAL
for the Youth Christmas Program

January 5 - 3:00 p.m. DRESS REHEARSAL
for the Youth Christmas Program

This Sunday, Dec. 22, is the last chance to sign up for a part in the Christmas Program. Please contact Catie to sign up your child(ren) and to volunteer to help with rehearsals, props, costumes or the potluck. We especially need potluck help!

FUEL Schedule

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| Dec. 25 | } No FUEL! |
| Jan. 1 | |
| Jan. 8 | |
| Jan. 15 - FUEL Christmas party and Adoration. | |

PARISH NEWS

The parish offices of St. Benedict Catholic Church will be closed on Tuesday, December 24 and Wednesday, December 25. On behalf of Father Jasinski and all the staff at St. Benedict's HAVE A BLESSED CHRISTMAS!



We extend a warm welcome to our newest parishioners: Jason, Jocelyn and Addison! and to our newly baptized Hunter Gene son of Tallen and Alyssa.



St. Benedict Youth
present

The Nativity Story

Sunday, January 5

4:30 - Presentation

5:00 - Potluck Supper



Please bring a potluck dish to share!



At the end of December, your contribution envelopes will be mailed out to you. Every other month you will receive a packet with contribution envelopes for the upcoming two months. In addition to the regular envelopes for each Sunday and Holy Day, the packet will have envelopes for the monthly social justice collection, as well as other special collections throughout the year. Your envelope number will remain the same. We are grateful for your continued support.

THERE IS STILL TIME!

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RETREATS

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Jan. 10 - 12, 2025 Maryvale Retreat Center, ND

Jan. 31 - Feb. 2, 2025 Crookston Retreat Center, MN

Feb. 14 - 16, 2025 Hankinson Retreat Center, ND

For more information, go to
<https://sixstonejars.org/who-am-i-retreat>

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. There is a retreat coming up on January 17th-20th, 2025 at Maryvale Retreat Center in Valley City. More details and the application are at www.fargodiocese.org/search4cm. Please call Dori at 952-210-2219 with any questions. Applications for the retreat are due no later than Monday, Dec. 30th.

EVENTS AROUND THE AREA

**Annual Family Christmas Ball!**

Friday, January 3rd
6:30p.m.-9:30p.m., at Holy Spirit Catholic Church Social Hall.

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 at Holy Spirit Catholic Church Social Hall: Fri. Dec. 13, 6 - 8 p.m. - Waltz & Foxtrot; Friday, Dec. 20, 6 - 8p.m. - East Coast Swing & Lindy Hop. If you have any questions, please contact Tiffany Goering: (701) 388-6362

January 11, 2025 @ 5:30 p.m.

Sts. Anne and Joachim

KC Chili Cookoff

Join the Knights of Columbus for their chili cookoff! Doors open @ 5:30 p.m. Proceeds benefit the New Life Center. Suggested donation \$10.00

*Unto Us
a Child is Born*



**CURSILLO WEEKEND
RETREATS
FEBRUARY 2025**



The Men's Retreat will be held February 20-23, 2025 at Maryvale, near Valley City. Contact Dustin at 701-626-1188 for information and registration.

The Women's Retreat is February 27-March 3, 2025 at St. Francis Retreat Center in Hankinson. Contact Laurie at 701-320-5448 for information and registration.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

FT Custodian and Maintenance

St. Catherine School and Parish in Valley City, ND is hiring a FT Custodian and Maintenance Person. Key duties will include cleaning and light maintenance of school, gym and parish buildings, as well as overseeing deep cleaning and maintenance projects during the summer months. We are looking for a self-starter with excellent communication skills who aligns with our mission. 40 hours per week (year-round) with benefits. Apply now, anticipated start date is January 2, 2025. Submit cover letter, resume and 3 references to Nicholas.lee1@k12.nd.us

PT Coordinator of Religious Education - St. Rose of Lima

St. Rose of Lima Church in Hillsboro, ND, is accepting applications for a part-time Coordinator of Religious Education for Pre-K through 12th grade. For more information about this position, contact Msgr. Skonseng at 701-636-4541 or dennis.skonseng@fargodiocese.org

JPII Catholic Schools Open Positions:

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

- Custodian – Trinity Elementary School
- After School Program Workers – Multiple locations
- Substitute Bus Drivers

FT Director of Religious Education

Sts. Anne & Joachim Catholic Church in Fargo ND is seeking a Director of Religious Education (DRE). This full time position involves overseeing the religious education program for children in grades 1 through 7, & coordinating sacramental preparation for Reconciliation, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist. For more information, contact Fr. Meyer at luke.meyer@fargodiocese.org

Womens Care Center in Fargo is Hiring Intake Counselors and Nurses who are committed to our Pro-Life mission.



Please submit your resume to angela@wccnd.com
Or call 701-237-6530 for further details.

P/T Cook

St. Thomas Aquinas Newman Center (UND Campus, Grand Forks, ND) is accepting applications for a P/T Cook for our Newman House. The cook will buy groceries and make supper one or two nights each week. To learn more, contact michaela.moriarty@undcatholic.org or chris.markman@undcatholic.org.

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1 THESS 5:11

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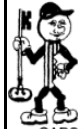
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