


# St. Benedict Catholic Church

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**Bulletin Deadline:** Wednesday by 10:00 a.m.

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

**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 - [joan.houdek@gmail.com](mailto: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.



Welcome! We are so glad you are here!  
**To become a member of St. Benedict Church:** Simply scan the QR Code on the left, call the parish office, or visit the web site [www.stbensnd.org/forms](http://www.stbensnd.org/forms) to find our **New Parish Member Registration Form.**  
*We look forward to getting to know you!*

## Schedule of Events

- 2/2 - COFFEE & DONUTS (9:00 a.m.)
- 2/2 - Sunday K-5 Faith Formation Classes (9:15 a.m.)
- 2/4 - NO DAILY MASS
- 2/5 - NO DAILY MASS
- 2/5 - FUEL meets, with Adoration (6:15 p.m.)
- 2/6 - OCIA (6:00 p.m. - Youth Room)
- 2/6 - Reconciliation Parent Meeting (7:00 p.m. - Social Hall)
- 2/7 - First Friday Rosary before Daily Mass
- 2/9 - COFFEE & DONUTS (9:00 a.m.)
- 2/9 - Sunday K-5 Faith Formation Classes (9:15 a.m.)
- 2/9 - Holy Hour (3:00 - 4:00 p.m.)
- 2/10 - Scripture Study Group meets (5:15 p.m. Multi-Purpose Room)
- 2/11 - First Eucharist Parent Meeting (7:00 p.m. Social Hall)
- 2/12 - FUEL meets (6:15 p.m.)
- 2/13 - Giving Hearts Day
- 2/13 - OCIA (6:00 p.m. - Youth Room)

## February 2025

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### Stewardship

Budgeted Weekly Collection: \$6,586

January 19, 2025: \$2,247

Budgeted Collection YTD: \$26,344

Actual Collection YTD: \$25,099

January Second Collection: \$815

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

### Special Prayer Intentions:

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

## Mass Intentions

Sat	Feb 1	5:00 p.m.	Family of Linda Babinski
Sun	Feb 2	8:00 a.m.	Ruth Jasinski
		10:30 a.m.	Parishioners
Mon	Feb 3		NO MASS TODAY
Tue	Feb 4	8:30 a.m.	NO MASS TODAY
Wed	Feb 5	8:30 a.m.	NO MASS TODAY
Thu	Feb 6	8:30 a.m.	† Francis Lovcik
Fri	Feb 7	8:30 a.m.	League of St. Anne
Sat	Feb 8	5:00 p.m.	† Ray and † Irene Schmidt
Sun	Feb 9	8:00 a.m.	† Joe and † Alice Schubert
		10:30 a.m.	Parishioners

## Liturgical Ministry Schedule for NEXT WEEKEND

	Saturday, February 8 5:00 p.m.	Sunday, February 9 8:00 a.m.	Sunday, February 9 10:30 a.m.
<b>Sacristan</b>	Jon Long	Sharon Arnold	Mary Richard-Johnson
<b>Lector</b>	Martha Burns	Matt Meyer	Mary Richard-Johnson
<b>Usher</b>	Bob Stalcup Jon Long	Ken Zetocha Dean Corcoran	Mark Schiltz Patrick Reinke
<b>Altar Server</b>	Alex Koenig Anika Laqua	Cassidy, Connor, and Danica Meyer	Malakye and Qwynci Richard
<b>EMHC</b>	Connie Erickson(Paten) Ron Erickson (Paten) Curt Bjertness (Chalice) Joan Bjertness(Chalice)	VOLUNTEER (Paten) Ken Zetocha (Paten) Julien Richard (Chalice) Kathy Schroeder (Chalice)	VOLUNTEER (Paten) Dove Richard (Paten) VOLUNTEER (Chalice) Patrick Reinke (Chalice)
<b>Greeter</b>	Sheri Koenig Joan Houdek	Leo and Shirley Richard	Mark and Emily Hilderbrand
<b>Gift Bearer</b>	Nancy Torgerson Bob Stalcup	Leo and Shirley Richard	Mark and Emily Hilderbrand

## Stewardship Moment

*"Because he himself was tested through what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested."*  
Hebrews 2:18

When we join a support group, there is comfort in sharing our pain with people who have experienced the same thing; they understand what we are going through. The next time you experience suffering, talk to Jesus. He has experienced more suffering than all of us, He understands. Plus, Jesus knows us better than we know ourselves. Only He can fill the hole you feel in your heart.

## Weekly Prayer of the Faithful

That we may know that Jesus understands our pain and only He can fill the hole in our heart.

## The Pope's February Intention For vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

## Faith Formation

### Sunday Faith Formation Schedule

February 2 - FF Classes meet.  
February 6 - **Reconciliation Parent Meeting**  
February 9 - FF Classes meet.  
February 16 - NO FF CLASSES!  
February 23 - FF Classes meet.

### FUEL

*(Faith Used in Everyday Life)*  
**Schedule**

February 5 - FUEL meets.  
with Adoration)  
February 12 - FUEL meets.  
February 19 - FUEL meets.  
February 26 - FUEL meets.  
March 5 - Ash Wednesday: Mass  
**FUEL Students in Ministries**

## Pastor's Notes

*Dear Parishioners,*

In 1992, soon after being diagnosed with Parkinson's disease, St. John Paul II instituted the World Day of the Sick. He had reflected on the topic of the salvific meaning of suffering in his letter *Salvifici Doloris*, which he wrote in the aftermath of the suffering he experienced because of the assassination attempt in 1981. When establishing this day, St. John Paul II wrote: "this day ... for all believers seeks to be a special time of prayer and sharing, of offering one's suffering for the good of the Church and of reminding everyone to see in his sick brother or sister the face of Christ who, by suffering, dying and rising, achieved the salvation of mankind."

This year, Pope Francis reflects on this day in light of the Jubilee Year. The pope's theme for the thirty-third observation of the World Day of the Sick builds on the quote from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans which he used to introduce the Jubilee Year (Rom 5:5): *"Hope does not disappoint", but strengthens us in times of trial.* In his message, Pope Francis wrote that God is close to the sick in three ways: through "encounter", "gift" and "sharing".

In commenting on God's presence through encounter, he said: "When Jesus sent the seventy-two disciples out on mission, he told them to proclaim to the sick: 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' He asks them, in other words, to help the sick to see their infirmity, however painful and incomprehensible it may be, as an opportunity to encounter the Lord. In times of illness, we sense our human frailty on the physical, psychological and spiritual levels. Yet we also experience the closeness and compassion of God, who, in Jesus, shared in our human suffering. God does not abandon us and often amazes us by granting us a strength that we never expected, and would never have found on our own."

Next week, I will continue to unpack Pope's Francis' message. A few copies of his complete Message for the World Day of the Sick are available on the pamphlet rack. It is also available on the parish website ([www.stbensnd.org](http://www.stbensnd.org)).

May the Blessed Virgin Mary, "Health of the Sick", be the support and hope of our parishioners who are sick or elderly.

*Fr. Andrew Jasinski*



*"Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness."*

Father Jasinski will offer the Blessing of the Throats after each of the Masses this weekend.

### St. Benedict Parish Holy Hours Holy Hour with Rosary

Sunday, February 9  
3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

### Praise and Worship Holy Hour

Sunday, February 23  
3:00 - 4:00 p.m.



*Every Holy Hour we make so  
pleases the Heart of Jesus that it  
is recorded in Heaven and retold for  
all eternity! ~ St. Mother Teresa*

### February 2 - World day of Prayer for Consecrated Life

We pray for those consecrated to God by the vows of chastity, poverty and obedience. May they always reveal the love of Christ to those they encounter and enrich our world through their dedicated lives of prayer.



## Parish News

**The Seven Sisters Apostolate** needs you! Please consider joining us in praying for our beloved priests. They do so much for us, not the least of which is offering us Jesus in the Most Holy Eucharist!

Is God calling you to this spiritual work of mercy?

<https://sevensistersapostolate.org>



Call Suellen Dusek for more information. 507) 829-2066.

*"Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves."*  
Romans 12:10

The St. Benedict Scripture Study Group will meet on Monday, February 10, at 5:15 p.m.

You are always welcome to join our study as we prepare our hearts and minds for Sunday's readings. For more information, contact Joan at 701-238-3256.

The full liturgical ministry schedule for February and March can be picked up in the Sacristy or accessed online on our website: [www.stbensnd.org/ministries](http://www.stbensnd.org/ministries)

*Almighty God, give me wisdom to perceive You, intelligence to understand You, diligence to seek You, patience to wait for You, eyes to behold You, a heart to meditate upon You and a life to proclaim You through the power of the Spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.* -St. Benedict

## Retreat Opportunities

### **Retrouvaille: Help for Hurting Marriages**

**February 28-March 2, 2025**

Do you and your spouse experience any level of disconnection in your relationship? Don't wait until you're in crisis to take time to reconnect and rediscover one another as you deepen your love and unity. You can work to build the kind of joyful, connected marriage you envisioned in the beginning!

Retrouvaille is an international, peer-run program that has helped hundreds of thousands of married couples turn the tide, find new hope, and reclaim the love that initially brought them together. Surveys have shown that greater than 3 out of 4 couples who complete the program have healthier marriages than ever before. The Red River Retrouvaille program will be held locally on February 28-March 2, 2025 in Fargo.

For more information visit [HelpOurMarriage.com](http://HelpOurMarriage.com) or contact us at (701) 356-7962 or [rrretrouvaille@gmail.com](mailto:rrretrouvaille@gmail.com).

### **SEARCH Retreat**

**March 7-9, Maryvale Retreat Center, Valley City**

The deadline to register is February 17.

Experience the joy and vibrancy of the young Catholic community! SEARCH weekend retreats are for youth and young adults, age 16 and older. They provide time and experiences for young people to mature in their faith, and grow in their relationship with Christ.

There is time for fun, reflection, study, recreation and discussion. Give yourself, or a young person you love, the gift of a Search Weekend!

For more information, go to [fargodiocese.org/search4cm](http://fargodiocese.org/search4cm)

### **Ecclesia Domestica Men's Retreat:**

**"Defend us in Battle: Basic Training for Spiritual Warfare"**

March 14-16, at the Sisters of St. Francis Retreat Center in Hankinson, ND. Join us for a weekend of dynamic speakers, worship, prayer ministry, and more.

For details & to register, please go to [www.ecclesiadomestica.net](http://www.ecclesiadomestica.net) or contact Deacon Thane Barnier at [ecclesiaretreats@ecclesiadomestica.net](mailto:ecclesiaretreats@ecclesiadomestica.net).

### **At the Feet of St. John Paul II.**

A retreat that opens up St. John Paul II's life-changing "Theology of the Body". This teaching on the **total vision of the human person** will then be applied to life and love issues as well as the Eucharist. The retreat is **April 10-12 at Maryvale** in Valley City. Register at [Marvalend.org](http://Marvalend.org)

### **Made for Greatness Winter Men's Retreat**

*"Get Your House in Order"*

**February 7-9, 2025, Maryvale Retreat Center**

There are a host of forces arrayed against us and our families which seek to divert us from the joy, unity, and holiness that God intends for us. Men, it is our task to rise up and face this challenge head on, but how?

Back by popular demand, internationally renowned speaker, author, husband, and father Devin Schadt is returning to delve deep into how we can become the protectors and champions that our families need as we get our houses in order. As always, in addition to profound insights and transformative sacramental encounters, this retreat will feature lots of meat, adult beverages, times of recreation, and will forge lasting bonds of brotherhood.

Different styles and pricing for lodging are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Be sure to secure your spot today at [www.fargodiocese.org/mfg-winter](http://www.fargodiocese.org/mfg-winter).

### **Life Giving Wounds Retreat**

**April 4-6, 2025, Maryvale Retreat Center**

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 divorced. Life-Giving Wounds is a new ministry to help adults who have experienced the breakdown of their parents' relationship, no matter at what age it happened, to allow Christ to bring new life through those very wounds. For more information or to register visit [www.fargodiocese.org/lgw](http://www.fargodiocese.org/lgw).

## Events Around the Area

### Catholic Daughters & Knights of Columbus

## "Soup"er Bowl



Serving a wide variety of soups with bread and dessert!

**February 2, 2025**  
**11:30 am - 1:00 pm**

Adults \$10  
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### K of C HOLY CROSS COUNCIL #9642 BASKETBALL FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP CONTEST

**Sunday, February 2, 2025**

**at the Trinity Elementary School gym,**

Practice/Registration is from **12:30 - 1:00 p.m.**

The competition starts promptly at **1:00 p.m.** Questions can be e-mailed to [chad.engels@mooreengineeringinc.com](mailto:chad.engels@mooreengineeringinc.com).

### CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS TO MEET

Court St. Ann #261 of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas will meet Tuesday, February 11th at St. Anthony's beginning with the Mass at 5:15 PM, meal to follow, and meeting at 6:30 p.m. Members are invited to bring nonperishable food item donations. If interested in CDA, please join us at our meeting.

Any questions, please send an email to [regentctstann@gmail.com](mailto:regentctstann@gmail.com).

### Music Scholarships!

**Cappella**, the University of Mary Chapel Choir is made up of skilled student musicians who have a special devotion to sacred music. Students in the choir receive generous tuition scholarships, comparable to those offered college athletes, to come and sing sacred music at the University of Mary chapel.

The university is currently accepting auditions from prospective students (singers and organists) until Friday, February 14. More information can be found at

[www.cappellaumary.com](http://www.cappellaumary.com).

## Catholic Women in Business In-Person Meetup!

**Brewhalla**

**1701 1st Ave N Fargo ND**

**4:30-6:30 Feb 19th**

Welcome entrepreneurs & professionals!

Whether you work full time, part time, in the home, or outside it, you're invited to connect with other Catholic women in business in the FM area!

### Dr. Samuel Backman Organ Recital

Sts. Anne & Joachim Church,  
**Friday, February 21st, 7:00pm**

This event is free & open to the public!

"Music at A&J" Performing Arts Series proudly presents Dr. Samuel Backman for a solo organ recital, featuring works based on Gregorian Chant, with music by Guy Weitz, Maurice Duruflé, Samuel Backman, and more.



Join the Women's Care Center on February 13 for a golf scramble featuring contests, games, and prizes as you golf 9 holes on a simulation of California's Pebble Beach Golf Links. Hosted at Suite Shots, there will be three tee times available: 3:00, 5:30, and 8:00 p.m. Each golfer will receive heavy hors d'oeuvres and one door prize ticket, with prizes awarded to the best of each tee time.

To register, text WCCFargoGolf to 41444, or email [lisa@wccnd.com](mailto:lisa@wccnd.com).

### JUBILEE YEAR PILGRIMAGES in the Diocese of Fargo

If you cannot attend a pilgrimage to Rome to gain the Jubilee Indulgence, the Fargo Diocese has planned *two* pilgrimage opportunities that will take place right here close to home!

**Corpus Christi Camino:** a 3-day walking pilgrimage in June, along the North Country Trail, ending at Maryvale, Valley City,

**Prairie Pilgrimage:** a 2-day bus tour of the six Jubilee sites in the Diocese of Fargo, August 25-26, 2025



For more details, or to sign up go to [www.fargodiocese.org/jubilee](http://www.fargodiocese.org/jubilee) or contact Mary Hanbury at 701-356-7909 [Mary.hanbury@fargodiocese.org](mailto:Mary.hanbury@fargodiocese.org)

## Employment Opportunities

### JPII Catholic Schools Open Positions:

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

- Assistant Softball Coach – Shanley High School (Spring 2025)
- JV Girls Tennis Coach – Shanley High School (Spring 2025)
- 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball Coach – Shanley High School (Fall 2025)
- Administrative Assistant – Shanley High School
- Custodian – Trinity Elementary School
- After School Program Workers – Multiple locations
- Substitute Bus Drivers

### The Women's Care Center is currently hiring **NURSES**.

Please forward your resume to [angela@wccnd.com](mailto:angela@wccnd.com) or call 701-237-6530 with questions or for more details.

**St. John's Catholic School in Wahpeton ND**, is seeking an elementary school counselor. The counselor is responsible for implementing a K-6 comprehensive school counseling program that focuses on student outcomes, teaching student competencies, and providing services to students, parents, and school staff including classroom lessons, individual and small group social skill lessons, and providing classroom teacher support. To apply, submit a letter of application, resumé, transcripts, ND Licensure, and references to:

Kaja Kaste, Principal  
kaja.kaste@k12.nd.us

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