

St. Benedict Catholic Church

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The third oldest Catholic parish in North Dakota, serving the community since 1870.



March 9, 2025
First Sunday of Lent

"Receive all guests as Christ."
St. Benedict

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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.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday at 4:00 - 4:45 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 have a
serious illness or will 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
at 701-730-5828
or joan.houdek@gmail.com

Faith Formation:

Grades K-5: Sunday, 9:15-10:15 a.m.

Grades 6-8, and Grades 9-12: FUEL
Wednesday, 6:15-8:15 p.m.

Phone: 701-588-4288

Email: office@stbensnd.org

Website: stbensnd.org

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Welcome to St. Benedict Church!
We are so glad you are here!

To become a member of our parish



Simply submit a
New Parish Member
Registration Form,
which can be found
on the counter in the
church lobby, on our
website, or by using
this QR code.

CATHOLIC MAN NIGHT

Eat, pray and socialize with the guys!

Tuesday, March 11

from 6:00 - 8:00

St. Benedict Catholic Church

6:00 - 7:00 Adoration & Confession

7:00 - 8:00 Meal, Talk & Discussion

Guest Speaker:

Ricky Paulson - FOCUS

Stations of the Cross

Friday, March 14 at 7:00

**First Eucharist
Retreat**

Saturday, March 15
9:00 - 12:00



Mass Intentions March 8 - March 16

Sat	5:00 p.m.	Special Intention
Sun	8:00 a.m.	† Joanne Gamache
	10:30 a.m.	Parishioners
Mon		NO MASS TODAY
Tue	8:30 a.m.	For God's grace to strengthen all caregivers
Wed	8:30 a.m.	Elderly and home-bound of our parish
Thu	8:30 a.m.	† Marie (Toni) Jansen
Fri	8:30 a.m.	Kolbe Bach
Sat	5:00 p.m.	Steve Laqua Family
Sun	8:00 a.m.	† Joe and † Alice Schubert
	10:30 a.m.	Parishioners

Special Prayer Intentions:

Brandon Hoenhouse, Irene Feist, Adrian Flicek, Mary Ignaszewski, Aggie Kister, Kathy Loney, Marvin Miller, Chris Richard, Polly Roe, Arielle Stansbury, Stewart Sommers, Carol Trottier, Steve Fischer, Steve Bopp

Lost and Found - We have found a shiny pink, 1/2 heart, "BFF" necklace. You can claim it in the parish office!

Stewardship

Budgeted Weekly Collection: \$6,586

March 2, 2025: \$6,600

Budgeted Collection YTD: \$59,274

Actual Collection YTD: \$54,680

March Second Collection: \$711.05

Thank you for your generosity and continued support!

Stewardship Moment

"I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, O Lord, have given to me."

DEUTERONOMY 26:10

This line from the Old Testament offers two challenges. First, do you give to God from your "first fruits" - the first and best that you have to offer? Or do you give from what you have leftover? Second, do you realize that everything you have and that everything you are has been given to you by God? We aren't owners of anything, we are merely stewards of God's gifts. Pray for a grateful and generous heart in all circumstances.

Weekly Prayer of the Faithful

That we give God the "first fruits" of our gifts - our first and best time in prayer, charitable works in ministry participation and financial support of our parish mission and community outreach.

Ministry Schedule March 15 and March 16

Saturday, March 15, 5:00

Sacristan - Joan Houdek
Reader - Joan Bjertness
Usher - Bob Stalcup, Dale Wyffels
Altar Server - Alex Koenig, Simon Miller
EMHC - Curt Bjertness (paten)
Joan Bjertness (paten)
Ron Erickson (chalice)
Connie Erickson (chalice)
Greeter - Jack and Carol Fjelstad
Gift Bearer - Jim and Marie Laufenberg

Sunday, March 16, 8:00

Sacristan - Twila Nohrenberg
Reader - Sharon Arnold
Usher - Dean Corcoran, Mike Sikorski
Altar Server - Anthony and Peter Morgan, Otto Moore
EMHC - Joe Arnold (paten)
Bradley Johnson (paten)
Kara Hagemester (chalice)
Regan Frank (chalice)
Greeter - Rilie, Josie, and Matthias Morgan
Gift Bearer - Rilie, Josie, and Matthias Morgan

Sunday, March 16, 10:30

Sacristan - Bev Marsh
Reader - Kara Leopold
Usher - Mark Hilderbrand, Patrick Reinke
Altar Server - Ashlyn, Kayla and Lauren Leopold
EMHC - VOLUNTEER (paten)
Mark Hilderbrand (paten)
Patrick Reinke (chalice)
VOLUNTEER (chalice)
Greeter - Dave and Lori Dietz
Gift Bearer - Dave and Lori Dietz

St. Benedict Schedule of Events

3/9 - COFFEE & DONUTS - 9:00	3/19 - NO FUEL this evening.
3/9 - Sunday K-5 Faith Formation - 9:15	3/21 - Confirmation Practice 6:00
3/9 - Rite of Welcome, Rite of Sending	3/21 - NO Stations of the Cross
3/10 - Scripture Study Group - 5:15	3/22 - Confirmation Mass 5:00
3/11 - St. Benedict's hosts Catholic Man Night - 6:00 - 8:00	3/23 - COFFEE & DONUTS - 9:00
3/12 - FUEL - 6:15	3/23 - NO Sunday K-5 Faith Formation -
3/14 - Stations of the Cross - 7:00	3/24 - Scripture Study Group - 5:15
3/15 - First Eucharist Retreat - 9:00	3/26 - FUEL Living Stations Practice 6:15
3/16 - COFFEE & DONUTS - 9:00	3/28 - Coffee and Donuts after Daily Mass
3/16 - Sunday K-5 Faith Formation - 9:15	3/28 - Men's Group Fish Fry - 5:30 - 6:30
3/16 - Lent Holy Hour - 3:00	3/28 - Stations of the Cross - 7:00
	3/30 - COFFEE & DONUTS - 9:00

Confirmation Mass with Bishop Folda

On March 22, our Saturday evening Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Folda. He will be conferring the Sacrament of Confirmation on 27 students! 18 from St. Benedict's as well as 9 students from St. Maurice in Kindred, ND. Please join us in praying a novena for these children starting on March 13. Novena prayers and instructions can be found in the lobby.

Welcome

We welcome the newest members of our parish: Shawn and Suzie Ouradnik and their family, and newly baptized Ivy Landman, daughter of Daniel and Haley!

Events in the Area

Catholic Daughters to Meet

Court St. Ann #261 will meet Tuesday, March 11 at St. Anthony's beginning with Mass at 5:15, meal, and meeting at 6:30.

If interested in CDA, please join us!

regentctstann@gmail.com.

March Dinner

St. Andrew's Catholic Church, Hawley MN

Sunday, March 16 from 11:00 - 1:30

Turkey + trimmings + salads + desserts!

Adults \$15.00, Ages 6-12 \$5.00

Annual Lenten Fish Fry

Blessed Sacrament Church

Friday, March 21 5:00 - 6:30

Executive Chef - Fr. Gary Luiten!

Fried fish, mac & cheese or baked potato, coleslaw, and desserts. Free-will offering.

Stations of the Cross follow at 7:00.

Upcoming Retreat/Camp Opportunities

Come & See Women's Weekend

Experience the life of a Franciscan Sister.

March 28-30, Hankinson, ND

ndfranciscans.org/vocation-events

"At the Feet of St. John Paul II"

Discover St. John Paul II's vision of the human person, and how to prayerfully apply this vision to your life.

April 11-13, Valley City, ND

maryvalend.org/04-12-25-st-john-paul-1

Women's Silent Ignatian Retreat

May 8 - 10, Valley City, ND

fargodiocese.org/womens-retreat

"Mother-Daughter Days"

June 12-14 or July 10-12, Hankinson, ND

ndfranciscans.org/vocation-events.html

Camp Summit

Diocese of Fargo Middle School Camp

will take place June 15-19 and July 13-17 at Red Willow Bible Camp in Binford, ND.

All youth in grades 7-9 in the fall of 2025 are welcome to attend.

For more information or to register, go to

fargodiocese.org/campsummit

Pastor's Notes

Dear Parishioners,

In the readings for Ash Wednesday, we hear Jesus support the practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. He says that they should be seen by our heavenly Father, and not flaunted before others. To guide in our Lenten practices, the Catholic Church provides regulations for fasting and abstinence. These are the minimum effort we are to make. We can ask, why do Christians fast?

The First Reading from Ash Wednesday presents one of the reasons why we fast: "be converted to me with all your heart, with fasting, and weeping, and mourning" (Joel 2:12). We practice fasting to turn away from sin. Christians need to be living lives of ongoing conversion and fasting is an integral part of this process.

Another spiritual benefit of fasting is to "help us acquire mastery over our instincts and freedom of heart" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, number 2043). It is a sign of hope in God's mercy. God comes to us with his grace in our weakness, and assures us that we can be free of the things of this world.

Another spiritual benefit for fasting is to prepare our hearts for the coming of God. In the Book of the Prophet Daniel, we hear that Daniel fasted for three weeks before he received a revelation from God (Daniel 10:2ff). Through fasting, our thoughts are raised to heavenly things, our mind is focused on a greater desire to know God, and our desires are purified to seek God, our greatest good.

In the Decree granting the Jubilee Year Indulgence, the Church proposes an interesting way of fasting: "In particular, the penitential nature of Friday can be rediscovered through abstaining, in a spirit of penance, at least for one day of the week from futile distractions (real but also virtual distractions, for example, the use of the media and/or social networks), from superfluous consumption, ... as well as by donating a proportionate sum of money to the poor". During Lent, I invite you to take seriously this invitation to avoid the distraction and futility of social media. Focus on spiritual works that build up your relationship with our God and those around you.

Fr. Andrew Jasinski

Diocese of Fargo Jubilee Collectable Coins and Pilgrim Guide

There are 6 Jubilee Pilgrimage Sites in the Fargo Diocese, and you are encouraged to visit these sites and gain the Jubilee Indulgence.

At each site you are welcome to collect a coin unique to that site as a reminder of your pilgrimage. You can find more information on the counter in our lobby, or go to: fargodiocese.org/jubilee-pilgrim-guide

Faith Formation

Sunday K - 5 Schedule

March 9 - FF Classes meet.

March 15 - Eucharist Retreat - 9:00

March 16 - FF Classes meet.

March 21 - Confirmation Practice - 6:00

March 22 - Confirmation - 5:00

March 23 - NO FF CLASSES!

March 30 - FF Classes meet.

April 6 - FF Classes meet.

Wednesday FUEL Schedule

(Faith Used in Everyday Life)

March 12 - FUEL meets.

March 19 - NO FUEL this evening.

March 26 - Living Stations Practice

April 2 - Living Stations Practice

April 9 - Living Stations presentation.

April 16 - FUEL meets.

April 23 - FUEL meets.

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FROM THE NOISE
THIS LENT.**

Tune in to Real Presence Radio and let us guide you on your Lenten journey to Christ.

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Employment Opportunities

JPII Catholic Schools Open Positions:

To see the positions available, visit <https://www.jp2schools.org/careers/> or call 701-893-3231 for more information.

Women's Care Center

is looking to hire RN's, LPN's and sonographers. We are seeking special people committed to our pro-life mission, who are pleasant with excellent communication skills. Part-time and full-time positions available. Please forward your resume to angela@wccnd.com or call 701-237-6530 for further de-



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