

# St. Benedict Catholic Church

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*"Receive all guests  
as Christ."  
St. Benedict*

**November 23, 2025**

**Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

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**Bulletin Deadline:**

Wednesday by 10:00 a.m.

**Office Hours:** Monday - Friday,  
8:00 a.m. - 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 from 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.

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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.



**The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus  
Christ, King of the Universe**

**Happy Thanksgiving!**

**Mass on Thanksgiving day will be  
at 9:00 a.m.**

**The parish office will be closed on  
Thursday, November 27  
and Friday, November 28.**

**Mass Intentions  
November 22 - November 30**

<b>Sat</b>	5:00 p.m.	Sanctity of life in all stages
<b>Sun</b>	8:00 a.m.	† Jean Zetocha
	10:30 a.m.	Parishioners
<b>Mon</b>		NO MASS
<b>Tue</b>	8:30 a.m.	Maryanne Madick
<b>Wed</b>	8:30 a.m.	Ryan & Maggie Norrell Family
<b>Thu</b>	9:00 a.m.	Women in troubled marriages
<b>Fri</b>	8:30 a.m.	† Sr. Agatha Lucey
<b>Sat</b>	5:00 p.m.	† Frank Werlinger
<b>Sun</b>	8:00 a.m.	Startz-Ries Families
	10:30 a.m.	Parishioners

**Special Prayer Intentions**  
Marvin Miller, Kathy Loney,  
Jeff Foss, Arielle Stansbury,  
Bob Klein, Phyllis Duval

**Parish Calendar**


11/23 - Coffee & Donuts (9:00 a.m.)  
11/23 - K-5 Faith Formation (9:15 a.m.)  
11/26 - NO FUEL  
11/27 - Have a blessed Thanksgiving!  
11/27 - Thanksgiving Mass & *St. Ben's Charity Collection* (9:00 a.m.)  
11/28 - **Parish office will be closed.**  
11/29 - 11/30 First Sunday of Advent  
*Blessing of Advent Wreath*  
11/30 - NO Coffee & Donuts  
11/30 - NO Faith Formation  
12/2 - Scripture Study (4:00 p.m.)  
12/3 - FUEL (6:15 p.m.)  
12/5 - First Friday Rosary before Mass  
12/7 - Second Sunday of Advent  
12/7 - 2nd Collection:  
*EFP - Children's needs*  
12/7 - Coffee & Donuts (9:00 a.m.)  
12/7 - Cemetery Board Meeting (11:30 a.m.)  
12/7 - Holy Hour (3:00 - 4:00 p.m.)  
12/8 - Holy Day - Immaculate Conception, Masses 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

**Stewardship**  
Budgeted Weekly Collection: \$6,586  
November 16 Collection: \$3,855  
Budgeted Collection YTD: \$302,956  
Actual Collection YTD: \$267,613  
November Second Collection: \$1,021  
  
**Thank you for your generosity and continued support!**

**Stewardship Moment**  
“...giving thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light.”  
COLOSSIANS 1:12  
  
God wants us to be happy! Instead of looking at the Ten Commandments as being restrictive and telling us what we can't do, look at them as guides for living a joy-filled and peaceful life. Most of our problems arise when we put our own needs first or we spend most of our time trying to acquire more stuff. Instead, try putting God first in all things. We were made for God. Open your heart and let Him in!

**Weekly Prayer of the Faithful**  
That we may serve Jesus, Our King, with love and gratitude, generously offering our gifts to help build up the kingdom of God here on earth.

**Thanksgiving Day Mass**  
**Thursday, Nov. 27, 9:00 a.m.**  
The collection taken up at this Mass will be used to support St. Benedict's charitable concerns.

**faith Formation**   
**K - 5 Faith Formation**  
Sunday, Nov. 23, 9:15 - 10:15 a.m.  
Sunday, Nov. 30, NO K - 5 classes  
Sunday, Dec. 7, 9:15 - 10:15 a.m.  
Sunday, Dec. 14, 9:15 - 10:15 a.m.  
  
**Middle School/High School FUEL**  
Wednesday, Nov. 26, NO FUEL  
Wednesday, Dec. 3, 6:15 p.m.  
Wednesday, Dec. 10, 6:15 p.m.  
Wednesday, Dec. 17, 6:15 p.m.

**Ministry Schedule  
November 29 and 30**

- Saturday, Nov. 29, 5:00 p.m.**
- Sacristan: **Volunteer**
  - Server: Oliver & Michael S.
  - Reader: **Volunteer**
  - EMHC: paten - Bridgette S.  
paten - Jon L.  
chalice - Alex K.  
chalice - **Volunteer**
  - Usher: Dean M. & Dale W.
  - Greeter: Jon & Linda L.
  - Gifts: Matt & Robin S.
  - Music: **Volunteer**
- Sunday, Nov. 30, 8:00 a.m.**
- Sacristan: Sharon A.
  - Server: Owen, Aaron F. & Trayton S.
  - Reader: Steve D.
  - EMHC: paten - Twila N.  
paten - Joe A.  
chalice - Ken Z.  
chalice - Bradley J.
  - Usher: Dean C. & Ken Z.
  - Greeter: Leo & Shirley R.
  - Gifts: Marcus & Oliver V.
  - Music: **Volunteer**
- Sunday, Nov. 30, 10:30 a.m.**
- Sacristan: **Volunteer**
  - Server: Lauren, Ashlyn & Kayla L.
  - Reader: Dave D.
  - EMHC: paten - Dave D.  
paten - Dove R.  
chalice - Barb R.  
chalice - **Volunteer**
  - Usher: Mark S.
  - Greeter: **Volunteer**
  - Gifts: Dave D.
  - Music: **Volunteer**





**Emergency Food Pantry Christmas Sign-Up**

As we prepare to celebrate the joy of Christmas, let's remember those in need within our community. St. Benedict's is partnering with the Emergency Food Pantry to provide food assistance for families during the holiday season and looking for volunteers to help with packing and delivery.

Please note the demand has gone up quite a bit with the SNAP shutdown with more people in need so we are not limiting the number of volunteers per day/time.

There's a sign-up sheet in the lobby.

If you have any questions, please contact Jodi Buchholz at 701-361-3311.

Together, we can share Christ's love and ensure no family goes hungry this Christmas season!

Also, a reminder...

Throughout this month, the Social Justice Committee will be collecting donations of peanut butter for the Emergency Food Pantry. You may bring your donations to the table in the lobby. Thank you for your generosity!



**Women's Care Center Advent Giving Tree**

This year we will once again host a Women's Care Center Advent Giving Tree. Beginning this weekend, you can select a tag from the tree in the church lobby. Gift card and monetary donations can be placed in an envelope appropriately marked and dropped in the collection basket or in the parish office. Please return **unwrapped** items with the tag attached by Sunday, December 21.

**GIFTS GIVEN BY ST. BENEDICT'S STAY IN THE FARGO AREA.**

The Women's Care Center was founded in 1984 with the mission to help pregnant women choose life for their babies, have healthier pregnancies, become better parents, and take first steps to self-sufficiency. They serve 38,000 women annually from 38 centers in 12 states. 9 in 10 of these women choose to parent or adopt. They are able to accomplish this through free services such as pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, parenting education, one-on-one counseling, and material support. Thank you for supporting this year's tree!

**Pastor's Notes**

*Dear Parishioners,*

This week marks the end of the liturgical year. Today we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. As we honor Jesus as the Lord of history, we consider how well he has been the Lord of our lives. With this in mind, I encourage you to take advantage of the celebration of Thanksgiving. As we count our blessings, we should also consider our response to God's presence, that is, how well we have responded to his abundant graces throughout the year. What have we done well? What could we do better?

Next Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent, the beginning of a new liturgical year. While our preparations for the celebration of Christmas will include shopping for gifts, decorating our houses, and baking cookies, we should not forget to prepare ourselves for the coming of Jesus.

When I was growing up, we had an Advent wreath on the dinner table. Each day before supper, we lit the candles and said a little prayer to prepare for Christmas. Only recently did I learn that other families kept the same devotion in a slightly different way. Some lit the candles of the Advent wreath and prayed after dinner, or others before bed. Whatever the case, don't rush headlong into Christmas without some preparation. You will find some prayer suggestions included in the bulletin this week.

A final note: the Jubilee Year continues for one more month. As we begin Advent, the season of hope, continue to earn the graces of this Year of Hope. The Jubilee Year will conclude on the Feast of the Holy Family, the Sunday after Christmas.

May Mary, the Mother of Hope, help us to prepare for a renewed coming of her Son in our hearts.

*Fr. Andrew Jasinski*



**46th Annual Thanksgiving Dinner  
Blessed Sacrament Church, West Fargo**

Thursday, Nov. 27, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Free will offering. Take-outs available.  
*No Deliveries!*

**New Life Center Request**

The New Life Center is in the process of preparing a temporary winter warming shelter so they can safely house more guests overnight during the cold months ahead. One of the most urgent needs right now is quilts for this temporary shelter. They are asking for 60 Standard Quilts - gently used or new, full size or twin XL.

Donations will be accepted until Dec 18. at 1902 3rd Ave N, Fargo.  
Let them know that the quilt is for the warming shelter.  
Please contact Melissa at 701-532-4445 if you can donate.

## Around the Diocese

### **CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS TO MEET**

Court St. Ann #261 of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas will meet Tuesday, December 9th at St. Anthony's beginning with the Mass at 5:15 PM, meal to follow, and meeting at 6:30 PM. Members are invited to bring non-perishable 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).

### **SEARCH Retreat**

**Maryvale Retreat Center, Valley City, ND**  
\$100/new SEARCHer (Scholarships available)

**January 9 - 11, 2026 (Registration deadline - Dec. 22)**

This weekend retreat for youth and young adults, 16 and older, offers an opportunity to mature and grow in your faith.

Think, talk, question, and wonder about the joys and struggles of faith in everyday life. Come experience

- A vibrant, young Catholic community.
- Engaging personal and communal prayer experiences.
- Dynamic personal testimonies.

Register at <https://www.fargodiocese.org/search4cm>

### **Healing Retreat**

**at Maryvale Retreat Center, Jan. 16 - 18, 2026**  
**Fr. Sam Medley, S.O.L.T.**

We need to have healing in our relationship with God, with our neighbor, with creation, and even that healing within the depths of the mystery of our own person.

Come experience that healing!

<https://maryvalend.org/healingretreat>

### **"Walk in the Footsteps of St. Paul"**

Join Bishop Folda on a pilgrimage to Greece and Turkey.  
**October 5 - 17, 2026.** Price per person (sharing a room): \$5,990. See the Diocese of Fargo website for more information and a link to the registration site.

[www.fargodiocese.org/pilgrimages-greece](http://www.fargodiocese.org/pilgrimages-greece)

### **Made for Greatness Winter Men's Retreat** **January 23-25, 2026 at Maryvale**

This Made for Greatness Winter Men's Retreat will provide an honest analysis of the challenges to greatness that men face at each of the stages of life. We will also identify foundations upon which we can build a flexibility that allows us to adapt and thrive no matter what stage of life we are in.

**Retreat Presenter - Keith Nester, Executive Director of Down to Earth Ministry**

Details at <https://www.fargodiocese.org/mfg-winter>

### **Cursillo Weekend Retreats - 2026**

The Cursillo Movement of the Diocese of Fargo is hosting two Cursillos in 2026.

**A Women's Cursillo** - February 5 - 8, 2026, at Maryvale Retreat Center in Valley City.

To register, contact Rosalie at 701-341-1962.

**A Men's Cursillo** - March 5 - 8, 2026, at St. Francis Retreat Center in Hankinson.

To register, contact Tim at 218-791-3937.



Retrouvaille is an international community committed to helping couples heal their marriages.

There will be a Retrouvaille Retreat in Fargo

**March 13 - 15, 2026.**

For more information on Retrouvaille, or to register for the retreat, go to <https://helpourmarriage.org>

### **Marriage Encounter Weekend**

**March 20 - 22, 2026 - Valley City, ND**

Give the gift of your time and love by taking your spouse on a Marriage Encounter. For more information about Marriage Encounter weekends, visit [Worldwide Marriage Encounter \(wwme.org\)](http://Worldwide Marriage Encounter (wwme.org)).



## **Trinity Elementary Spotlight**

*St. Benedict's is a sponsoring parish of St. John Paul II Catholic Schools.*

Our 5th graders are proudly leading our entire school in this year's Fill-the-Dome service project. With enthusiasm and a strong sense of responsibility, they are guiding all students in collecting food items to support families in need throughout our community. This project is a wonderful opportunity for our school to live out the virtues of generosity and compassion, and we are grateful for our 5th graders' leadership as we work together to make a meaningful impact.



## Advent and Christmas Events

### Christmas Cantata

**"Love Changes Everything" December 6 - 7, 2025**  
**Abbey of the Hills, Marvin, SD**

Step into the wonder of the Christmas Story through music that stirs the heart and lifts the soul. Directed by Lisa Berdan, this unforgettable performance features 70 voices and local instrumentalists in harmony and praise.

Three performance times : December 6, 2025 at 2:30 & 6:30 p.m. and December 7, 2025 at 2:30 p.m. Free will donation.

*Blessed Sacrament Church, West Fargo*

### ANNUAL NATIVITY SHOWCASE

We invite you to display your nativity (manger scene) at the **Blessed Sacrament 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Nativity Showcase, December 6 - 7, 2025**

There is no limit as to how many, or what type or size of nativity you can display. Set-up will be December 4 - 5. The Showcase is December 6 - 7. Take-down will be on December 7 at the conclusion of the show. This is a family event with holiday music, refreshments, and interactive displays.

We can't wait for you to join us!



**To reserve your space, or for any questions, call the Blessed Sacrament Parish Office at 701-282-3321.**

### 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Family Christmas Ball! Friday, Dec. 19, 6:00 - 10:00 p.m. St. Mary's Cathedral Basement

Come join us for a fun, FREE night of waltzes, foxtrots, and swing! Bring a snack to share. All ages are welcome, attire is formal. If you want to brush up on your skills before the big night, free lessons will be offered:

Sunday, Nov. 23, 11:15 a.m. - **Waltz**

Sunday, Nov. 30, 11:15 a.m. - **Foxtrot**

Sunday, Dec. 14, 11:15 a.m. - **Swing**

If you have any questions, please contact

Tiffany Goering at [goeringtiffany@gmail.com](mailto:goeringtiffany@gmail.com),  
701-388-6362

### 24th Annual

### Candlelight Christmas Concert

*Presented by Shanley High School Choir*

Friday, December 5, 2025 - 7:00 p.m.

Sts. Anne and Joachim Catholic Church



### Cookie and Candy Walk and St. Nicholas Burgers!

Saturday, Dec. 13,

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

St. Joseph's Catholic Church,

1005 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave S. Moorhead



### NATIVITY STORY - ND

*"Christmas Really Happened!"*

4 Live Performances Nightly!

**Friday and Saturday, Dec. 5 & 6, 2025**

**6:30, 7:00, 7:30, & 8:00 p.m.**

Come out to the Stable and experience a very memorable evening from history! Savor the music and sights. Enjoy a 20 minute live action production with many animals and a cast (primarily adults) displaying detailed costuming.

A special evening that everyone can enjoy!

Free admission and parking.

### Jubilee Equine

1119 Wall Ave. Horace ND 58047

## The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

**Friday, December 12**

**6:30 AM: Morning Hymns**

**5:30 PM: Mariachi**

**6:00 PM: Bilingual Mass presided over by Bishop Cozzens. Reception to follow.**

**At St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church**  
**601 15<sup>th</sup> Ave N, Moorhead, MN**

NOTICE: The Knights of Columbus Council will no longer be selling Christmas trees at Holy Cross. The council thanks past loyal customers for their patronage over the years. This year, live trees may be purchased at St. Anthony's Church or Nativity Church in Fargo.

## Employment Opportunities

**JPII Catholic Schools Open Positions:** To apply visit <https://www.jp2schools.org/careers/> or call 701-893-3231 for information.

- Little Deacons Substitutes – Holy Spirit Elementary School
- Paraprofessional – Holy Spirit Elementary School (10 hours/week)
- Substitute Teachers
- Accounts Payable Clerk (JPII business Office) 20 hours per week. Responsibilities include receiving, processing, and verifying invoices in addition to tracking purchase orders and processing payments. In addition to account payable, the AP Clerk will also provide support to additional JPII Business Office needs. Accounting experience preferred.

**Real Presence Radio** is seeking a **Controller** to manage its financial operations. More information can be found by going to <https://fargodiocese.net/jobopenings>. Interested candidates should submit a cover letter and resume to Joyce Hajostek at [joyce@realpresenceradio.com](mailto:joyce@realpresenceradio.com).

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