

# St. Benedict Catholic Church

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



**January 25, 2026 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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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 Middle School FUEL:

Wednesday, 6:15 - 8:15 p.m.

Grades 9 - 12 High School 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.



**Social Justice  
Committee  
Birthday Bags  
Project**

We are doing a service project this weekend! Please join us in the lobby, to help assemble birthday bags for the children whose families receive food assistance at the Emergency Food Pantry. Thank you for helping make these kids' lives a bit brighter!

**St. Benedict's Scripture Study  
Tuesday, January 27, 4:00 p.m.**

Come join us every other Tuesday as we read, meditate on, and discuss the gospel readings for the upcoming two Sundays.

**Everyone is  
welcome!**



**Mass Intentions  
January 24 - February 1**

<b>Sat</b>	5:00 p.m.	Deceased family members of Dan and Marie Rheault
<b>Sun</b>	8:00 a.m.	Women in troubled marriages
	10:30 a.m.	Parishioners
<b>Mon</b>		NO MASS
<b>Tue</b>		NO MASS
<b>Wed</b>		NO MASS
<b>Thu</b>		NO MASS
<b>Fri</b>	8:30 a.m.	† Jerry Miller
<b>Sat</b>	5:00 p.m.	† Eric Bergeson
<b>Sun</b>	8:00 a.m.	Nick Dusek Family
	10:30 a.m.	Parishioners

**Special Prayer Intentions**

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

**Parish Calendar**

- 1/24 - 25 - Peter's Pence Collection  
Birthday Bag Service Project after all Masses.
- 1/25 - 31 - Catholic Schools Week
- 1/25 - Men's Group Breakfast - serving after both Masses  
Faith Formation (9:15 a.m.)
- 1/26 - NO DAILY MASS
- 1/27 - NO DAILY MASS  
Scripture Study (4:00 p.m.)
- 1/28 - NO DAILY MASS  
FUEL (6:15 p.m.)
- 1/29 - NO DAILY MASS  
Eucharist Parent Mtg. (7:00 p.m.)
- 1/30 - Coffee & Donuts after daily Mass
- 2/1 - Rite of Welcome (8:00 Mass)  
Coffee & Donuts (9:00 a.m.)  
Faith Formation (9:15 a.m.)
- 2/3 - Liturgy Committee Mtg. (7:00 p.m.)
- 2/4 - FUEL (6:15 p.m.)  
Ends with Adoration
- 2/6 - First Friday Rosary before Mass
- 2/8 - Coffee & Donuts (9:00 a.m.)  
Faith Formation (9:15 a.m.)

**Stewardship**

Budgeted Weekly Collection: \$7,115  
January 18 Collection: \$1,587  
Budgeted Collection YTD: \$21,345  
Actual Collection YTD: \$19,103  
January Second Collection: \$923

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

**Stewardship Moment**

*"He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed Him." Matthew 4:22*

Just as Jesus called the first apostles, He calls each of us to follow Him, too. Not everyone is called to leave their business or family behind, but we are expected to put God first in everything. In gratitude to God, we should give our first and best of everything to Him: our time in daily prayer, our talent in participating in one of our parish ministries and our treasure to support the financial needs of our parish mission.

**Weekly Prayer of the Faithful**

*That we may faithfully follow Jesus, wherever and whenever He calls.*

**2025 Contribution Statements**

The 2025 contribution statements were mailed out this past week. If you do not receive yours by January 31 or have questions about the information, you may contact Kara at the parish office.



We are in need of a volunteer to launder and iron the altar linens used at Mass. There is currently a 3 month rotation, and we will need someone for the months of July, August and September. Training will be provided. Please contact Kathy at 701-866-3756 if you can volunteer.

**Ministry Schedule  
January 31 and February 1**

**Saturday, Jan. 31, 5:00 p.m.**

- Sacristan: Jon L.
- Server: Hailey & Anika L.
- Reader: Martha B.
- EMHC: paten - **Volunteer**  
paten - Bridgette S.  
chalice - Joan B.  
chalice - Curt B.
- Usher: Dale W. & Jon L.
- Greeter: **Volunteer**
- Gifts: Matt & Robin S.
- Music: **Volunteer**

**Sunday, Feb. 1, 8:00 a.m.**

- Sacristan: Madelyn M.
- Server: Grace & Calleigh V.
- Reader: Sharon A.
- EMHC: paten - Mark H.  
paten - **Volunteer**  
chalice - **Volunteer**  
chalice - Julien R.
- Usher: Dean C.
- Greeter: Rilie, Josie, Matthias M.
- Gifts: Matthew M. & Marcus V.
- Music: Tahnee M. & Ashley M.
- Coffee & Donut Host: Suellen D.

**Sunday, Feb. 1, 10:30 a.m.**

- Sacristan: Mary R-J.
- Server: Malakye & Qwynci R.
- Reader: Kristie S.
- EMHC: paten - Mary R-J.  
paten - **Volunteer**  
chalice - Dove R.  
chalice - Patrick R.
- Usher: Patrick R. & Terry S.
- Greeter: Dove R.
- Gifts: Patrick & Bree R.
- Music: Dave & Susan W.



**K - 5 Faith Formation**

- Sunday, Jan. 25, 9:15 a.m.
- Thursday, Jan. 29, 7:00 p.m.  
Eucharist Parent Meeting 1
- Sunday, Feb. 1, 9:15 a.m.
- Sunday, Feb. 8, 9:15 a.m.

**Middle School/High School FUEL**

- Wednesday, Jan. 28, 6:15 p.m.
- Wednesday, Feb. 4, 6:15 p.m.
- Wednesday, Feb. 11, 6:15 p.m.
- Wednesday, Feb. 18 7:00 p.m.  
(Ash Wednesday - FUEL students in liturgical ministries.)

# Family Fun Fair

January 25  
12:00 - 2:00 p.m.  
Trinity Elementary

Bounce Houses | Magic Show | Games & Prizes | Glow in the Dark Golf | Online Auction | Raffle

Pizza | Drinks | Bake Sale  
12p-2p | Trinity Elementary



St. Benedict's is hosting an 8-week Bible study presented by Jeff Cavins called **"Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible."** Monday evenings at 6:45 p.m., beginning February 23.

This 8-week series uncovers the story woven throughout 14 books of Holy Scripture, so that you can get the "big picture" of the Bible.



Participant workbooks cost \$30.00. You can register by using the QR code, by going to <https://stbensnd.org/bible-study>, or by calling the parish office.



Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church  
210 5th Ave W, West Fargo  
is hosting a **Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser** to celebrate Catholic Schools Week.  
**Saturday, January 31**  
**6:00 - 7:00 p.m.**  
Free-will offering  
Let's Eat, Connect, and Make a Difference!

## Pastor's Notes

Since 2020, the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time has been celebrated as the Sunday of the Word of God. The Church has always recognized the Sacred Scriptures as a special communication from God. Through it, he reveals Himself to us, the depth of His love for us, and the responsibility we have to one another. Every contemporary pope has emphasized the centrality the Word of God must have in the life of every Catholic.

In 2008, Pope Benedict XVI chose the topic "The Word of God in the Life and Mission of the Church" for the Synod of Bishops. As a result of this time of reflection with the bishops of the Church, Pope Benedict wrote *Verbum Domini* ("The Word of the Lord"). In this document, he looked back to the Second Vatican Council's insistence of interpreting the text of Sacred Scripture within the faith of the Church, and he urged every person and every facet of the Church to be informed by this Word.

On many occasions, Pope Francis promoted reading the Word of God, and encouraged Catholics to carry a bible with them and to give it the same interest as their smartphone. Additionally, he arranged that thousands of pocket-sized bibles were distributed to pilgrims in St. Peter's Square.

In the short time he has been pope, Pope Leo has repeatedly invited people to pick up their bible. In fact, his prayer intention for this month (January 2026) has been "For prayer with the Word of God." Expanding on this theme, he wrote that he desires "that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church."

May the Sunday of the Word of God be a time for us to deepen our commitment to listening to God's word and embodying it in our life. Like Mary, may we open ourselves up to the working of His Word in us.  
*Fr. Andrew Jasinski*



## Trinity Elementary Spotlight

5th grade buddies joined their PK buddies for a science activity on solids, liquids, and gases. Using what they learned about melting ice, students worked together to free a toy animal—blowing on the ice, breaking it apart, and creating friction to solve the challenge.



## Real Presence Radio Fundraising Banquet

Real Presence Radio warmly invites you to our Fargo Banquet on Monday, February 2.

We are honored to welcome Dr. David Anders as our keynote speaker! Consider being a host and reserving a table at this special evening.

To register, navigate to [realpresenceradio.com/banquets](http://realpresenceradio.com/banquets) and click on "Register Now" under the Monday, February 2 event. If you have any questions, please contact Sunshine Diem at 701-960-0453 or email [sunshine@realpresenceradio.com](mailto:sunshine@realpresenceradio.com).

## Holy Spirit Annual Valentine Wine & Dine

Holy Spirit Parish, 1420 7th St N. in Fargo, invites you to attend their 16th annual Valentine's Wine & Dine

on February 7 from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Join us for a delicious catered dinner, free wine and drinks, a live and silent auction, and games!

Tickets are \$75 each and can be purchased at [holyspiritfargo.com/wine-dine](http://holyspiritfargo.com/wine-dine) or by calling Holy Spirit to reserve a spot no later than February 1. All proceeds benefit Holy Spirit's Youth Discipleship program.

Any questions can be directed to Rachel at 701-232-5900 or [rachel@holyspiritfargo.com](mailto:rachel@holyspiritfargo.com).



## Music Scholarships Available! Auditions accepted until February 13

The University of Mary is seeking serious and accomplished singers or organists that have a special skill and devotion to sacred music. We are providing substantial scholarships to students to come to UMary in Bismarck and share their musical gifts in service to God. For more information, visit [www.cappellaumary.com](http://www.cappellaumary.com).

## Maryvale Retreat Center Into the Desert with Fr. Eric Seitz -Silence, Fasting and Prayer- March 6-8, 2026

You are invited to step away from the noise and enter a sacred space of stillness. This retreat offers you the chance to quiet your mind, renew your spirit, and draw closer to God. You are invited to step away from the noise and enter a sacred space of stillness. Let this retreat be a time of transformation and encounter.

To learn more, and to register, go to

<https://maryvalend.org/silentfastingretreat>

## Women's Silent Preached Retreat Maryvale Retreat Center, Valley City

May 7 - 9

Take some time to enter into a sacred silence to renew body and spirit. This women's retreat is inspired by the prayer methods and exercises of St. Ignatius, and will be led by Fr. Sean Mulligan.

<https://www.fargodiocese.org/womens-retreat>

## "Walk in the Footsteps of St. Paul" October 5 - 17

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I would like to personally invite you to join me on a pilgrimage to Greece & Turkey, walking in the footsteps of St. Paul. We will visit the holy sites of Kusadasi, Patmos, Athens, Meteora, Thessaloniki, Kavala, and Istanbul - places forever marked by the Apostle's mission and witness. I am grateful to offer this opportunity to you, and I hope you will join me.

This will be more than a journey through beautiful landscapes - it will be a spiritual pilgrimage that brings Scripture to life. As we trace the path of St. Paul, we'll reflect on his letters, grow in fellowship, and deepen our personal encounter with Christ.

Come with an open heart - and return renewed in faith.

With God's blessings, Bishop John T. Folda

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

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**January  
25 - 31**

### Cursillo Weekend Retreats

A Cursillo retreat, also known as a "short course in Christianity," is a three-day spiritual retreat designed to help participants deepen their Christian faith and become effective leaders in their communities. There are two upcoming Cursillos in the Fargo Diocese.

**A Women's Cursillo** - February 5 - 8, at Maryvale Retreat Center in Valley City. To register, contact Rosalie at 701-341-1962.

**A Men's Cursillo** - March 5 - 8, at St. Francis Retreat Center in Hankinson. To register, contact Tim at 218-791-3937.



### St. Francis Retreat Center Hankinson, ND Feb. 27 - Mar. 1

This new ministry for adult children of divorce and separation has been hugely successful in our area. It guides retreat attendees in processing the grief and wounds they suffer from the breakdown of their parent's relationship. Often, people do not even recognize the impact of this trauma on their relationships with others and even with God.

For more information or to register, visit [www.fargodiocese.org/lgw](http://www.fargodiocese.org/lgw)

### Maryvale SEARCH Retreat Feb. 27 - Mar. 1

SEARCH for Christian Maturity is a peer-to-peer youth ministry. SEARCH is a way to help teens and young adults on their journey to discover God, themselves, and a Christian community. It is a time to experience a loving, supportive community of young people who want to learn and experience a closer relationship with God and with others. For more information, and to register by the Feb. 9 deadline, go to [fargodiocese.org/search4cm](http://fargodiocese.org/search4cm)

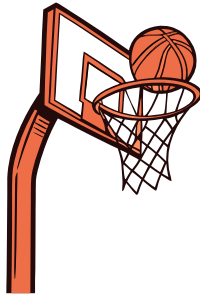
### Retrouvaille Marriage Retreat

There will be a Retrouvaille Retreat in Fargo  
March 13 - 15

Retrouvaille is an international community committed to helping couples heal their marriages. Couples do not need to be in dire straights to benefit greatly from Retrouvaille. This program has been effective for healing marital disconnection big and small. For more information about Retrouvaille, or to register for the retreat, go to

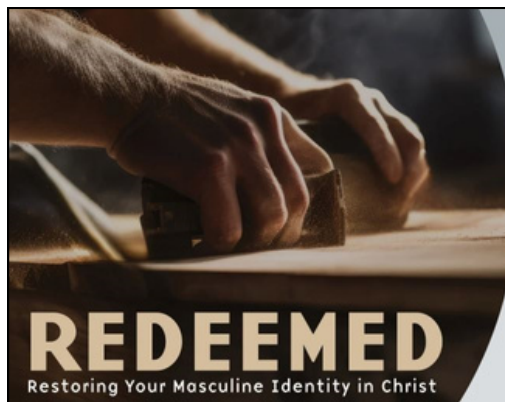
<https://helpourmarriage.org>

### BASKETBALL FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP CONTEST



Boys and girls ages 9 to 14 (as of Jan. 1, 2026) are invited to take part in the Holy Cross Council #9642 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. This local level competition will be held Sunday, February 1, at the Trinity Elementary School gym, located at 2811 7<sup>th</sup> St E., West Fargo, ND. Practice and registration is from 1:00 - 1:30 p.m. The competition starts promptly at 1:30 p.m. and lasts about one hour.

Basketballs will be furnished but you may bring your own. There is no charge to participate in this event. Boys and girls ages 9 through 11 may shoot 12 feet from the basket or from the 15-foot regulation foul line. Boys and girls ages 12 through 14 must shoot from the regulation foul line 15 feet from the basket. Boys ages 12 through 14 must use a men's regulation-size basketball, all others may use a women's regulation-size basketball. Each contestant will receive 3 warm-up tosses followed by 15 consecutive free throw attempts. Ties are settled with a second round of 5 free throws with no warm-up tosses. Normal rules of basketball apply; contestants may not step on or over the line prior to the ball reaching the rim or bouncing off the backboard or out of bounds area. Awards will be given to all first place winners and certificates of participation and patches will be given to all participants. Winners will advance to the District competition with the chance to move on to the Regional, State and International levels. All participants are asked to bring a parent or guardian to sign the registration form and verify proof of age. First place winners will be required to furnish proof of age before advancing to the District competition. Questions can be e-mailed to Chad Engels at [chad.engels@mooreengineeringinc.com](mailto:chad.engels@mooreengineeringinc.com).



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March 19 - 21

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218 10th St S, Moorhead



Learn more at  
[jpiihealingcenter.org](http://jpiihealingcenter.org)



### Marriage Encounter Weekend March 20 - 22

Maryvale Retreat Center, 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, or to register for the upcoming weekend, visit

[Worldwide Marriage Encounter \(wwme.org\)](http://WorldwideMarriageEncounter.org)

## Employment Opportunities

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

**St. Paul's Newman Center in Fargo is currently accepting applications for a FT Business Manager.** For more information, go to <https://bisoncatholic.org/job-openings>. Submit cover letter, resume, and three references to [frcheney@bisoncatholic.org](mailto:frcheney@bisoncatholic.org).

**Holy Spirit Parish in Fargo ND is looking for a friendly, organized, and upbeat person to join our team as a part-time Parish Administrative Assistant (20–25 hours per week).** You'll help welcome parishioners, support staff and volunteers, manage calendars and the weekly bulletin, assist with sacramental records, Mass intentions, funerals, weddings, and help share parish life through creative social media posts using Canva. If you enjoy working with people, juggling a variety of tasks, and serving in a faith-filled, joyful environment, we'd love to hear from you! To apply, please send a cover letter and resume to [info@holyspiritfargo.com](mailto:info@holyspiritfargo.com).

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