

# THE CATHOLIC CHURCHES OF QUEEN OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY AND SAINT ANN

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## THE WEEK'S LITURGIES

Mon.	Jun. 24	7:15 a.m.	Comm. Service, Stanley
Tue.	Jun. 25	12:00 p.m.	Mass, Stanley <i>+David Traiser</i>
		7:00 p.m.	Mass, Berthold <i>Fay Lautenschlager</i>
Wed.	Jun. 26	6:15 a.m.	1 hr. Adoration, Stanley
		7:15 a.m.	Mass, Stanley <i>+Ann Pischal</i>
		9:15 a.m.	Mass, Berthold <i>VBS Kids &amp; Volunteers</i>
Thu.	Jun. 27	6:15 a.m.	1 hr. Adoration, Stanley
		12:00 p.m.	Mass, Stanley <i>+Jack Reich</i>
		5:15 p.m.	Mass, Bethel Home <i>Bethel Residents</i>
Fri.	Jun. 28	7:15 a.m.	Mass, Stanley <i>+Vander Reich</i>
		12:00 p.m.	Adoration, Stanley
		3:00 p.m.	Chaplet & Benediction
Sat.	Jun. 29	5:00 p.m.	Mass, Stanley <i>+Ronald Vesey</i>
Sun.	Jun. 30	8:30 a.m.	Mass, Stanley <i>+Tucker Hovda</i>
		11:00 a.m.	Mass, Berthold <i>All Parishioners</i>

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation** is available 4:15 to 4:50 p.m. on Saturdays and 7:45 to 8:20 a.m. on Sundays in Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Church. It is available 10:20 to 10:50 a.m. at St. Ann on Sundays. It's also available 15 minutes prior to weekday Masses, or by appointment anytime.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Arlen Rostad, Linda Holte, Duane Lalim, & Gene Neiss.

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Bishop Robert Barron recently published what he calls a "letter to a suffering Church." It's a letter in which he speaks to the Catholic faithful about the sexual abuse crisis that is tempting, as he pointed out, 37% of Catholics to consider leaving the Church. On this weekend, when we celebrate The Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus and meditate upon the awesome reality that Jesus Christ is truly present in Holy Communion, the following words from Bishop Barron seem appropriate. In the chapter of his letter entitled "Why Should We Stay?" the bishop explained:

*We do indeed have to look hard at the wickedness in the Church today; but we also have to be clear-eyed about the beauty and veracity and holiness on offer in that same Church. ... Let me make one more rather blunt remark: there is simply never a good reason to leave the Church. Never. Good reasons to criticize Church people? Plenty. Legitimate reasons to be angry with corruption, stupidity,*

*careerism, cruelty, greed, and sexual misconduct on the part of leaders of the Church? You bet. But grounds for turning away from the grace of Christ in which eternal life is found? No. Never, under any circumstances.*

Those are strong words! And I think they ring true. Bishop Barron then discussed various treasures found in the Church that give us reason to stay, writing the following:

*Therefore, let me state it bluntly: **the Eucharist is the single most important reason for staying faithful to the Church. You can't find it anywhere else; and no wickedness on the part of priests or bishops can affect it.***

These words of the good bishop reminded me of the end of John, chapter 6. The disciples were scandalized that Jesus had just told them, repeatedly and graphically, that “*whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life.*” That was just too much! “*This saying is hard,*” some of the disciples explained, as they walked away. But when Jesus turned to St. Peter and asked, “*Do you also want to leave?*,” Peter replied, speaking for the Apostles, as he often did, “*Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life?*” Here in the Catholic Church we find the Word, Jesus himself, feeding our bodies and souls with his own. This is something found, along with the fullness of faith, in no other Church. Protestant churches may celebrate some kind of communion ritual, but those rituals do not make Jesus really, truly, present. They are not the Holy Eucharist!

Let us pray that the Holy Spirit will purify the Catholic Church, that Catholics may deeply appreciate the great treasure we have in the Holy Eucharist, and that none of us will ever drift away from Our Lord, who is most present here. Amen!

-Fr. Jason Signalness

## NEWS AND EVENTS

**Don't forget:** *Everyone* is welcome for pizza as we celebrate Fr. Jason's 8th Anniversary of Priesthood, immediately following 5 p.m. mass at Queen of the Most Holy Rosary on Saturday, June 29th.

**Holy Rosary's 4th of July Lunch** is coming up very soon! Last year we had a great turnout for our community luncheon. We are looking for volunteers to help out with this fun event. There is a sign-up sheet in the parish hall, or you may call Betty Leith @ (701) 629-6773.

**Holy Rosary VBS Volunteers needed:** Please prayerfully consider spending 3 fun-filled days with our youth this summer. Dates to be determined. Contact Carol Hynek @ (701) 212-3547 if interested.

**St. Ann Church needs Catechists!** St. Ann is looking for CCD teachers for the fall. We need Upper Elementary, Jr High, & Confirmation teachers. Contact Rhonda @ (701) 240-1421.

**Town & Country Celebration in Tioga:** Everyone's invited to the annual Town and Country Celebration on Sunday, July 7. This year's event will be held at the Neset Consulting Corporate Office in Tioga. The day will begin with a blessing of land and equipment at 11:30 a.m. with Mass following, celebrated by Bishop Kagan. Lunch will be served after Mass. The event is hosted by Kathleen Neset, along with Fr. Corey Nelson and the parishioners of the Churches of St. Thomas the Apostle in Tioga, St. Michael in Ray, and St. James in Powers Lake. The Neset office is located at 6844 State Hwy 40 in Tioga.

**Sacred Relics Tour July 11th:** The University of Mary presents a teaching and exposition of Sacred Relics on Thursday, July 11th, at 7 p.m. in the Lumen Vitae University Center. Father

Carlos Martins of the Companions of the Cross will be there with a very special Vatican collection of over 150 relics, some as old as 2000 years. Among the treasures will be relics of St. Maria Goretti, St. Therese of Lisieux (the “Little Flower”), St. Francis of Assisi, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Thomas Aquinas, and St. Faustina Kowalska. In addition, there will also be present a portion of the veil of Our Lady, as well as one of the largest remaining pieces of the True Cross in the world. Those in attendance will be able to examine and venerate each relic. In the Church’s history many miracles and healings have been worked in the presence of relics, and many have been healed through this ministry. Please do not miss this opportunity. You are encouraged to bring your articles of devotion (such as rosaries, holy cards, etc.) and pictures of ill friends/family members which you will be able to touch to the reliquaries as a means of intercession.

**Our Lady of Grace 60th Jubilee Aug. 14:** A Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Kagan at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 14th, at Our Lady of Grace in Minot in celebration of their 60th jubilee. A supper and program will follow at the Knights of Columbus clubrooms in north Minot. A limited number of meal tickets are available through the parish office for \$12 each. For inquiries, call 852-3002.

**Marriage retreat Aug. 16-18:** The diocese is sponsoring a marriage retreat titled “Marriage as Moral Healing and Joyful Giving” on Aug. 16-18 at Richardton Abbey. Guest speaker is Deacon James Keating, Ph.D., is the director of Theological Formation at the Institute for Priestly Formation, Omaha, and the director of the Permanent Diaconate Program for the Omaha Archdiocese. He is married to Marianne for 31 years and has four children. He is the author of 15 books including, “Spousal Prayer” and “The Heart of the

Diaconate.” Cost is \$200 per couple. Register at [bismarckdiocese.com/marriageretreat](http://bismarckdiocese.com/marriageretreat). For more information, contact Tara at the Office of Family Ministry at 701-204-7209 or [tbroke@bismarckdiocese.com](mailto:tbroke@bismarckdiocese.com).

**More “from the pastor’s desk:” Resources on homosexuality and the Catholic Faith:**

In last weekend’s homily, I talked about (among other things) the Church’s approach to, and teaching about, homosexuality and marriage. I tried to do so in all charity, but it touched a bit of a nerve with some people. I’m not surprised. The number of individuals who struggle with this issue is not insignificant, and the Gospel is challenging (as it is for all of us, by the way). But, I do feel it is important to express the full truth given us by Jesus. A pastor who does anything less is not *truly* loving those entrusted to his care. A good father has to speak hard truths to his children, lest they go astray and get hurt or hurt others. Any good parent knows this, and it’s also true in the realm of faith.

I also focus on this awkward topic right now because, now more than ever, LGBTQ+ ideology is pervasive in our television shows, in popular music, in the advertising thrown at us, in corporate culture, in politics, in social media networks, in universities, and in many public schools. Over and over we are told, “this is okay, this is good, and you must accept it.” But that is simply not true. Here, I want to list a few resources that may be helpful to individuals who want to better understand this issue from a Catholic perspective and how to approach it with compassion *and* truth:

- “Homosexuality, Gay Marriage, and Holiness,” a positive, 12-minute video by Jason Evert:  
<https://youtu.be/bLrRfwpvERU>
- “The Third Way: Homosexuality and the Catholic Church,” a powerful, 38-minute video on the topic:  
<http://whatisthethirdway.com>

- “Desire of the Everlasting Hills,” an hour-long documentary that includes three individuals sharing their stories of struggling with homosexuality and their Catholic faith:  
<https://everlastinghills.org/>
- Courage: Persons with same sex attraction who want to live chastely can contact Courage, a national, Church-approved support group for help in deliverance from the homosexual lifestyle. A related group, called “EnCourage,” is for their families or friends. See this page for details about our local chapter:  
<http://bismarckdiocese.com/courage>
- *Homosexuality*, a booklet written by Jim Blackburn and published by Catholic Answers, can be purchased for under \$4 at <https://shop.catholic.com/>
- *The Catechism of the Catholic Church*, paragraphs 2357-2359.
- And, relevant New Testament passages:
  - ◆ Romans 1:26–27
  - ◆ 1 Corinthians 6:9–10
  - ◆ 1 Timothy 1:8–10
  - ◆ Jude 7

I will put this list of resources on our parish web site as well. Finally, don’t hesitate to talk to me, your pastor. I’ll be respectful and kind, no matter what is shared with me.

-Fr. Jason Signalness



## LAST WEEK’S GIVING

### *Queen of the Most Holy Rosary*

	<i>Last Week</i>	<i>Needed</i>
Adult Collection.....	\$3321.....	\$2034
Loose Collection.....	\$283.....	\$134
Maintenance Fund.....	\$50.....	\$200
Social Concerns .....	\$80.....	\$120
Total .....	\$3734.....	\$2488

### *Church of Saint Ann*

	<i>Last Week</i>	<i>Needed</i>
Total .....	\$223.....	\$925

## SCHEDULE OF MINISTERS

### *Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, June 29th:*

Ushers:	Steve Martens Bryan Bohrer
EMHCs:	Barb Meiers Doris Walter
Lector:	Angela Schepp
Servers:	Cassidy Bohrer McKenzie Bohrer
Gifts:	Leith Family
Greeter:	Leith Family
Rosary:	Dave Leith

### *Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, June 30th:*

Ushers:	Blair Hynek Jack Hynek
EMHCs:	Carol Hynek Jessica Wolter
Lector:	Jon Wolter
Servers:	Ben Hynek Jacob Hynek
Gifts:	Behler Family
Greeter:	Wolter Family
Rosary:	Jessica Wolter

### *Saint Ann, Sunday, June 30th:*

Ushers:	Tyler Mollerud Jacob Hanson
EMHCs:	Blake Rittleman Dennis Hanna
Lector:	David Kinney
Gifts:	Troy & Tracy Ross
Servers:	Emily & Wyatt Hanson