

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

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Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Church

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Berthold, ND 58718

THE WEEK'S LITURGIES

Mon.	Dec. 16	7:15 a.m.	Comm. Service, Stanley
Tue.	Dec. 17	12:00 p.m.	Mass, Stanley <i>+Theresia Clouse</i>
		12:30 p.m.	Adoration, Stanley
		3:00 p.m.	Chaplet & Benediction
Wed.	Dec. 18	6:15 a.m.	1 hr. Adoration, Stanley
		7:15 a.m.	Mass, Stanley <i>+Lynn, +Dorothy Meiers</i>
Thu.	Dec. 19	6:15 a.m.	1 hr. Adoration, Stanley
		12:00 p.m.	Mass, Stanley <i>Angie Gustafson</i>
		5:15 p.m.	Mass, Bethel Home <i>+Robert Brunelle</i>
Fri.	Dec. 20	7:15 a.m.	Mass, Stanley <i>+Alice Mountain</i>
Sat.	Dec. 21	5:00 p.m.	Mass, Stanley <i>+Helen Clouse</i>
Sun.	Dec. 22	8:30 a.m.	Mass, Stanley <i>Byron H.</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

Jim & Doris Walter, Rebecca Bohrer, Doris Bures, Diane Gustafson, Arlen Rostad, and Linda Holte.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near." Those are the words of this Sunday's entrance antiphon, words which might have been chanted or recited if we hadn't sung an entrance hymn at Mass. The first word of the antiphon, "rejoice," is a translation of the Latin word "*gaudete*." That's why this Sunday is called "*Gaudete* Sunday."

Advent is a penitential season, much like Lent, in which we seek reconciliation for sin and make sacrifices, such as fasting. The

Christmas Mass Schedule

Vigil Mass 4:00 p.m. St. Ann
Midnight 12:00 a.m. Holy Rosary
At Dawn 10:30 a.m. Holy Rosary

season has a more somber tone than Ordinary Time or Christmas, with simplified music and less decoration in the sanctuary. In Advent, as in Lent, the priest wears the penitential color of violet. But as we've passed the midpoint of Advent, the Church lightens the mood (and the color) a bit. That's why, on this Sunday, the priest may wear rose-colored vestments. Christmas is so near that we can't help but "rejoice!"

I also want to remind everyone that an excellent way to prepare for Christmas is to celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation (confession). Pope Francis once spoke about confession to a crowd in Rome, saying:

The pope confesses, too, every two weeks! Because the pope is also a sinner. The confessor listens to the things that I tell him, he advises me and he forgives me. We all need this forgiveness. Every so often we hear someone say that it's enough to confess directly to God. Yes, as I said earlier, God is always listening. But in the sacrament of reconciliation, God sends us a brother to bring forgiveness, the certainty of forgiveness, in the name of the Church" (Audience, 11/20/13).

It's not too late! You can still attend penance services this week. See the schedule below. Let us all receive the Lord's mercy so we can meet the Christ Child with a clean heart.

-Fr. Jason Signalness

NEWS AND EVENTS

Need Confession? Advent Penance Services are happening now. The best way to meet Jesus on his birthday is with a clean heart. In addition to the regularly scheduled times for confession, the following penance services are being offered in the area. Fr. Jason and Fr. Roger Synek, from New Town, will both be present at the service in Berthold. Please note there has been a change since last week's bulletin with the time for Berthold's service:

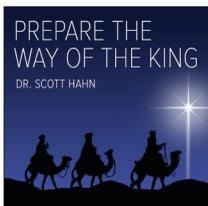
Little Flower, Minot	Dec. 15	3:00 p.m.
St. Ann, Berthold	Dec. 15	3:30 p.m.
St. Thomas, Tioga	Dec. 15	6:30 p.m.
St. Anthony, New Town	Dec. 18	7:00 p.m.
Our Lady of Grace, Minot	Dec. 23	7:00 p.m.

Holy Rosary Christmas Choir Practices will be held following the Sunday Masses on December 15th and 22nd. Please consider offering your vocal talents to praise Jesus Christ on his birthday! For more information, contact Betty Leith at 701-629-6773.

Election Results are in for the Holy Rosary Pastoral Council seat held by Denise Hanson, whose term is ending. Thank you, Denise, for your service. Brenda Jarmin will take her seat, having won the election with 22% of the votes cast. Brenda's five-year term will begin with the new year. Thank you to everyone who was willing to be on the ballot.

FORMED

PICK OF THE WEEK



Prepare the Way of the King

Dr. Scott Hahn

The Greatest Gift We Can Ever Receive

Dr. Scott Hahn reveals what scholars know about the shepherds, the mysterious Magi, and King Herod. Your Advent journey will take on new meaning. This illuminating presentation is sure to help you grow in appreciation of the greatest gift ever given to mankind – Jesus Christ.

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Adult Faith Formation: Adult Classes continue this week on Wednesday night. Fr. Jason's group will meet at 5:45 p.m. and Jerry Nichols' group will meet at 7:00 p.m. Fr. Jason will be showing a fascinating video on what the real Star of Bethlehem actually was.

Holy Rosary Prayer Chain: The purpose of our prayer chain is to provide spiritual support and prayers for healing for parishioners and their families and friends. When placing someone on the prayer chain, please obtain their permission when giving full names and circumstances. All prayers are kept confidential to our "prayer warriors." Please text or call Elonda Davidson at 701-629-1778 if you have a special need or prayer request, or if you are interested in praying for the prayer requests that do come into the prayer chain.

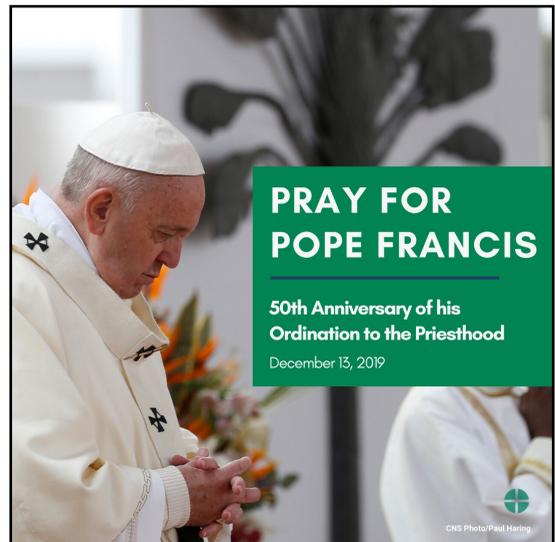
Holy Rosary Christian Mothers need your help: To edify one another in word and deed, and to support each other in fervent prayer, we are seeking your help. If you know someone who is experiencing any type of need—physical, emotional, or spiritual, whether it be sickness, a new baby, loneliness, or any type of need, please call Betty Leith 701-629-6773.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotions take place at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday mornings each week in Holy Rosary Church, Stanley.

The Carmelites Nuns will pray for your intentions! You may mail your prayer requests to the following address: Carmelite Monastery, PO Box 67, Alexandria, SD 57311. Or, you may leave your intentions on their prayer line at 1-605-239-4382.

The Mountrail County Food Panty is open every Monday, except holidays, from 12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. for anyone who might need a little help with the grocery bill. The pantry is located in the Stanley Memorial Building.

Director of Family Ministry Job Opening: The Diocese of Bismarck is seeking a full-time Director of Family Ministry. Responsibilities of this position include the support of marriage preparation and marriage and family ministry, administer diocesan social justice activities by fostering an awareness of and education for priests/parishes for referral within the diocese to social services or other agencies. A bachelor's degree in human services is required. Additional certificates of completion of training in marriage assessment instruments, NFP, building strong families, and marriage institute trainings are preferred. An understanding of the Church's position on marriage and the family is required. Competitive salary and benefits package provided. Application deadline is December 31. A detailed job description can be found at www.bismarckdiocese.com under the "Job Openings" tab. Please submit cover letter, resume, three references and diocesan application for employment to Denise Jordan, djordan@bismarckdiocese.com or PO Box 1575, Bismarck, ND 58502.





**“Fill the Crib” at St. Ann Church
For the St. Gianna Maternity Home**

Our CCD students are happy to be collecting baby items as part of their annual service project. The products collected will be given to Saint Gianna’s Maternity Home. Please consider donating to this great cause! We will be collecting items through January 12th. Please leave your items in the donation area in the church and help them “fill the crib!” Items in need include:

- Diapers
- Baby wipes
- Sippy cups
- Blankets
- Formula
- Small baby toys
- Pacifiers
- Books
- Baby care products (e.g., soap, lotion, diaper cream, etc.)

If you prefer to offer a monetary donation, the families greatly appreciate gift cards to purchase household/personal items or checks can be written directly to St. Gianna’s. For more information about the St. Gianna Maternity Home, you may visit their website at saintgiannahome.org.

LAST WEEK’S GIVING

Queen of the Most Holy Rosary

	<i>Last Week</i>	<i>Needed</i>
Adult Collection	\$2315	\$2793
Loose Collection	\$292	\$260
Maintenance Fund	\$205	\$175
Social Concerns	\$405	\$171
Total	\$3217	\$3399

Church of Saint Ann

	<i>Last Week</i>	<i>Needed</i>
Total	\$483	\$706

SCHEDULE OF MINISTERS

Holy Rosary, Saturday, Dec. 21st, 5:00 p.m.:

- Ushers: Russ Dusek
Jordan Leupp
- EMHCs: Bob Holte
Doris Walter
- Lector: Nick Gustafson
- Servers: Jaymlin & Kerrigan Gustafson
- Gifts: Fjeldahl Family
- Greeter: Tammy Leupp
- Rosary: Bob Holte

Holy Rosary, Sunday, Dec 22nd, 8:30 a.m.:

- Ushers: Jerry Nichols
Wyatt Nichols
- EMHCs: Jodi Obert
Debbie Nichols
- Lector: Jodi Obert
- Servers: Lily Obert
Ava Stafslie
- Gifts: Stafslie Family
- Greeter: Debbie Nichols
- Rosary: Jerry Nichols

Collection Counters, Mon. Dec 16th, 11 a.m.:

Blair Hynek & Becky Goettle

Saint Ann, Sunday, Dec 22nd, 11:00 a.m.:

- Ushers: David & Gloria Kinney
- EMHCs: Brad & Annie Lebrun
- Lector: Brad Lebrun
- Gifts: Tom & Jennifer Hanson
- Servers: Evelyn & Sophie Lebrun
- Greeters: Fay Lautenschlager

