

## Service

We recognize and empower each person to use their God-given gifts in service of the Body of Christ with solidarity, companionship and defense of the vulnerable.

**From Monsignor's Desk ...** The end is in sight! We have received word that Pizza Hut will be moving their operations to their new site in the very near future. They will then "de-identify" the property: removal of signage, logos, graphics, artwork, trade fixtures, equipment, etc. Their lease with us expires at the end of the year. We will then do whatever work needs to be done so we can use the building immediately, as well as further develop our long range plans for its use. We have waited for this for a long time. It's so nice that it's finally upon on!



**XLT (Praise & Adoration) is starting at St. Mary's!** Join us the first Thursday of every month for **XLT** (eXaLT), an evening of praise and adoration! XLT will begin in the church with contemporary praise and worship music leading into 45 minutes of adoration with music and time for confession, followed by fellowship in the Multipurpose Room. XLT is open to anyone of any age to attend. Join us Thursday, December 7, 7 pm.



**Charity and Justice Committee** is seeking donations of non-perishable food items, personal care items and paper products for the upcoming Ministry to the Needy Christmas Baskets. Place items in the boxes in the Gathering Space November 25-December 11. Monetary donations to purchase turkeys for the baskets are greatly needed. If you are able to assist in assembly (December 15) and/or delivery (December 16) sign-up sheets are in the Gathering Space. If you know of someone who may benefit from receiving a basket this Christmas season, contact Mary, 223-5562. Name and household information is required. **Deadline to submit names is December 6.**

### Calendar of Events

#### Sunday, November 26

10 am Fellowship, MultiPurpose Rooms

#### Monday, November 27

7 pm RCIA, MPR

#### Tuesday, November 28

7 pm Mass

7:30 pm Advent Series, MPR

#### Wednesday, November 29

5 pm Faith Formation Sessions

6:30 pm Faith Formation Sessions

#### Thursday, November 30

Fellowship after Mass

7:30 SLAW Meeting, Rectory

**KC Council 1604 Breakfast** in conjunction with the PTO and St Mary Grade School Sunday, December 3, 9-12:30 pm, Msgr. Feehan Hall. Menu: Pancakes and country sausage. Proceeds will benefit the PTO and grade school needs. The Santa Store will be a major event at the same time in the MultiPurpose room. Please plan to attend.

**Adult Education Opportunity** Tuesdays during Advent, 7:30 pm (following 7 pm Mass) MultiPurpose Room. Opening the Word, a program offering prayer and insights for the Sunday Readings. Featuring a variety of presenters: Dr. Tim Gray, Jules Miles, Dr. Scott and Annie Powell. These videos are designed to facilitate thought and discussion for personal faith formation.

#### Time & Talent Cards

Prayer Hours	4
Electronic Giving	3
Community Service	0
Parish Service	1

#### 1221 Households

Adult Envelopes (200)	\$ 7,413
Electronic Contributions	\$ 3,846
Youth Envelopes (57)	\$ 64
Plate Collection	\$ 1,217
<b>Received November 19</b>	<b>\$ 12,540</b>

**Youth Envelope Winner: Gabe Herman**



# Prayer

We are a prayerful community that worships and celebrates together, especially the Eucharist, out of a deep sense of our oneness with God. Our prayer lives, guided by the Holy Spirit, purify and focus our intentions to be disciples of the Lord.

### Liturgies for the Week

Mon. 11/27	9:00 AM	Communion Service
Tues. 11/28	7:00 PM	Alvina Nagel
Wed. 11/29	9:00 AM	† Louise Cloberdance
Thurs. 11/30	9:00 AM	† Jacob Baumgartner
Fri. 12/1	9:00 AM	Catherine Fitzsimmons
Sat. 12/2	4:30 PM	† Gerry Rohrich
Sun. 12/3	9:00 AM	St. Mary's Parishioners
	11:00 AM	† Lena Gabel
	2:00 PM	Confirmation
	6:30 PM	† Tony Klein



**Youth group**  
for  
7th-12th graders

**November 26** No youth group  
**Happy Thanksgiving!**

**December 1-3** **SEARCH Retreat**,  
Parishioner Abby Greff will  
be Student Director

**December 7** 7 pm, XLT (eXaLT) Praise  
& Worship, Church

Bring a friend, even if they aren't Catholic.  
For questions contact Austin, 223-5562 or  
austin@stmarysparishfamily.net.



### With Sympathy

**Lorraine Burtts** and **Billie Hehn**. We pray  
for family and friends who grieve their loss.  
May the fullness of life be theirs.

**Vocation Views** Tending the needs of others is a  
gift of service to God as well as those in need.  
Imagine that you chose to serve God as a deacon,  
priest, brother, or sister. What do you think/feel about  
this choice? (Matthew 25: 31-46)

**Stewardship Thought** Stewardship opens an  
avenue of thought that allows us to give without  
always questioning what we will get in return.

### Daily Scripture Readings

**Monday, November 27**  
Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Lk 21:1-4

**Tuesday, November 28**  
Dn 2:31-45/Lk 21:5-11

**Wednesday, November 29**  
Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Lk 21:12-19

**Thursday, November 30**  
Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22

**Friday, December 1**  
Dn 7:2-14/Lk 21:29-33

**Saturday, December 2**  
Dn 7:15-27/Lk 21:34-36

**Sunday, December 3**  
Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/1 Cor 1:3-9/  
Mk 13:33-37

Dec. 2/3	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers	Servers	Ushers	Gift Bearers	Musicians	CLOW
Saturday 4:30 PM	B1 DEBBY MARBACK B2 LEO VOIGT C1 BONNIE STEINER C2 PENNY GOEBEL C3 BROOKE LARSON C4 YVETTE GEFFRE	DARLENE FABER BROOKE LARSON	LUCY BROOKE JOSEPH HOLZER	GROUP 1	HERO & CANDY BARTH	CHUCK JOHN JOSIE MARY CAY	
Sunday 9:00 AM	B1 LEON UHRICH B2 KEVIN KOCH C1 DUANE FRIEDIG C2 BILL KOPP C3 WENDY KOPP C4 LUCAS/SARAH MICHELS	SHANE STEINER JED STEINER	EMELIA KOCH HANNAH KOCH	GROUP 2	KATHY GETZ	MASON DIANE KEYLEE	SUSAN S VERONICA S
Sunday 11:00 AM	B1 B2 C1 LYNN HEINERT C2 PAT HEINERT C3 COLLEEN OLUFSON C4 DON WALD	CAROLYN HESFORD	FAITH VETTER	GROUP 3	BARRY & JOANN BRILZ FAMILY	BRENDA MICHAEL	LAURYN H ROSE V
Sunday 6:30 PM	C1 SHELLY VECCHIA C2	BRIAN SEILER	OLIVER BENDER SYRIANA BENDER	GROUP 16	CONNIE & PAT RENZ	DIANE BROOKE	

## Formation

We nurture the life-long Faith Formation journey of conversion from selfishness to selflessness—to loving as God loves. Our formation encompasses education of the mind and conversion of the heart that deepens knowledge and understanding which both flow from and lead to, a life of holiness.



Listen Assist is now available. Please stop by the Sacristy to checkout a receiver before Mass.

**Parenting Pointers** Thanksgiving is over. Let the shopping begin! Or must it? Buying gifts isn't inherently bad, but giving an experience is often more memorable. Why not stay home and play a game.

**Marriage Moments** Ways to Turn Your Beloved Off #5 - Let bargain hunting rob you of time - time to serve those who don't have the money even for a bargain. Let Matthew 25 ring in your ears: "I was hungry, thirsty, a stranger, naked, ill, in prison..." Spend some time and money responding to this sales pitch from Christ the King as Christmas approaches.

### Community

**Christmas at Mary Concert** performed by the University of Mary Music Department, Concert Choir, Vocal Jazz, and Gabrieli Brass. Friday, December 1 and Saturday, December 2, 7:30 pm and Sunday, December 3, 3 pm. Free and open to the public; Limited seating in the chapel. Gifts of non-perishable food will be donated to Ministry on the Margins.

**Holiday Baking Extravaganza, Home Products and Craft Show** Saturday, December 9 (10-4 pm) and Sunday, December 10 (9-noon), St. Joseph School Cafeteria, 410 Collins Ave, Mandan. Caramels, fudge, divinity, cut-out cookies, spritz cookies and popcorn cakes just to name a few. We have over 20 area business vendors. St. Joseph School PTO will also be serving breakfast Sunday morning, 9-noon.

### Light of Christ Catholic Schools

**Band and Choir Concerts** Join us for the December 4, 7 pm for the Beginner Band debut, SMCHS. Also featuring the Wind Orchestra and the Steel Drum Band Please join us for the Academy Advent Choir concert on December 6th at 7pm at SMCHS

**SMCHS Silent Auction Committee** is looking for NEW items to be donated for the silent and live auctions for SMCHS Carnival. We are also looking for new members; if you can help in anyway with new items or assistance with the auction, contact Dick, 220-8181 or Dave, 400-5037.

**Part-Time Custodian** at SMCHS & Academy The position's hours are approximately from 5-9 pm, M-F during the school year. Duties include cleaning, and light maintenance and seasonal outdoor assignments. The ability to lift 50 pounds is required. A successful candidate will be subject to background checks. Must be self-motivated and enjoy working around young people.

#### Staff Positions

**After-School Program Aides** will assist elementary-aged students with homework, supervise physical activities, play and art projects and provide a safe environment for students after school from 2:45-5:30, M-F. Must be 18 years of age or older, as position requires supervision of minors.

**Full-time Childcare Provider** at LaMere Learning Center to work with toddlers. Monday-Friday, day-time hours no later than 5:45 p.m. Must be 18 years of age or older, as position requires supervision of minors. Contact Kate Bleth, 425-0793 or [kbleth@lightofchristschools.org](mailto:kbleth@lightofchristschools.org) for more information or complete an online application go to [www.lightofchristschools.org/employment](http://www.lightofchristschools.org/employment).



## Hospitality

We build a community that is empowered by the Spirit based on hospitality, mutuality, trust, forgiveness, acceptance and love, thus revealing Christ's presence in our lives, our community and our world. We strive to create an environment in which parishioners and guests feel they belong and are appreciated.

### Diocesan Life

#### Catholic Daughters Women's Retreat

Saturday, December 2, 8 am-2 pm, St. Joe's, Mandan. Begins with Mass, 8 am. There will be two sessions on Prayer & Meditation with Adoration and a break in-between. Lunch served in the school cafeteria. From 1-2 pm, a representative from Roberts Floral will come to show us Holiday Flower Arranging. Registration fee: \$10 and includes a copy of the Magnificat Advent Companion. Pre-registration required. Contact, Bonnie, 663-5305 or Carla, 667-2965 by November 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Mother/Daughter Retreat** December 8-10, Assumption Abbey, Richardton. For mothers and daughters in 7th grade and above. The retreat will help mothers shepherd the young women in their lives on the path of purity, sexuality and chastity. Mothers, especially, yearn for effective strategies and answers. Based on the book "Woman in Love" by Katie Hartfiel, the Mother/Daughter Retreat helps you deliver God's remarkable good news about sexuality. Videos and discussion, Katie Hartfiel leads mothers and daughters on a journey that weaves engaging talks with powerful prayer and extraordinary fun to create an experience of a lifetime! Cost: \$175/mother/daughter couple and \$75 for each additional daughter. For more information and to register, visit [bismarckdiocese.com/womaninlove](http://bismarckdiocese.com/womaninlove) or contact Tara or Carrie at the Diocese, 222-3035.

**March for Life Youth Trip** for youth in grades 9-12, January 16-21, 2018 in Washington, D.C. Cost of the trip is only \$400 all inclusive, Registration deadline: Friday, November 17. For more information and to get registered visit [bismarckdiocese.com/march](http://bismarckdiocese.com/march) or contact Carrie, 204-7208 or [cdavis@bismarckdiocese.com](mailto:cdavis@bismarckdiocese.com). Sponsored by the Diocese of Bismarck Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministries.

**Pray the Rosary for the Unborn** Every Monday from 5-6:20 pm, Spirit of Life, Mandan. All 15 decades are prayed, stay for all or as much as you able. All are welcome.

**Stress in Your Marriage?** – Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness. Others experience conflict in their relationship. Most don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. To register for the January 19-21, 2018 weekend in the Diocese of Bismarck go to [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org) or call 701-204-7209 for more information.

**Natural Family Planning** The Diocese of Bismarck has 5 different methods tailored to the individual couple to help avoid or achieve a pregnancy, by helping pinpoint the natural window of fertility. To learn more or sign up for a class, visit [bismarckdiocese.com/nfp](http://bismarckdiocese.com/nfp) or call 864-354-5046.

**Director of Faith Formation** Full Time for the Church of the Ascension, Bismarck. Responsibilities: Development, coordination and promotion of a comprehensive plan for the spiritual growth and faith development of 1st grade through adult. Must have a passion and creative energy to enable others to live out their baptismal call personally, within the family, parish and greater community. Qualifications: Individual must be an active Catholic who is organized, committed, creative and has a degree with classes in theology, education and/or pastoral ministry. Experience teaching within a parish faith formation program is preferred. Good communication skills and an ability to work collaboratively with pastor, parish staff, catechists, parents and students is vital. A complete background check is required by the Diocese of Bismarck. Submit a cover letter and resume to Beth Kathol, Parish Business Manager, Church of the Ascension, 1905 South 3rd Street, Bismarck, ND 58504 or [bkathol@ascensionbismarck.org](mailto:bkathol@ascensionbismarck.org).