

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 ... Many of us will gather this week to celebrate Thanksgiving with family and friends. We will enjoy delicious meals and great company. It is a time to pause and realize how blessed we are in our country. Yes, we have our troubles and challenges. Too often it seems that we are more divided than united. Nonetheless we need to remember how blessed we are to live in this "land of opportunity." And may we discover and rediscover ways we can treat one another with honor, respect and compassion, whether in our families, our community and in our nation. Have a Happy Thanksgiving!



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.**

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.

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 19

- 10 am Altar Society Meeting, Rectory
- 10 am Fellowship, MultiPurpose Rooms

Monday, November 20

- 1 pm Movie, The Jeweler's Shop, MPR
- 5:30 pm Finance Council, Rectory
- 7 pm RCIA, MPR

Tuesday, November 21

- 7 pm Mass

Thursday, November 23

- Parish Office Closed
- 9 am Mass

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.

Time & Talent Cards

Prayer Hours	6
Electronic Giving	2
Community Service	1
Parish Service	4

1221 Households

Adult Envelopes (177)	\$ 8,528
Electronic Contributions	\$ 2,712
Youth Envelopes (44)	\$ 43
Plate Collection	<u>\$ 1,496</u>
Received November 12	\$ 12,779

Youth Envelope Winner: Eva Brooke

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. For more information, contact the parish office.



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. 11/20	9:00 AM	Communion Service
Tues. 11/21	7:00 PM	† Jared Goebel
Wed. 11/22	9:00 AM	† Dorothy Wald
Thurs. 11/23	9:00 AM	John & Erma Grasl Family
Fri. 11/24	9:00 AM	† Max Tschosik
Sat. 11/25	4:30 PM	† Gerry Rohrich
Sun. 11/26	9:00 AM	† Ross MacPherson
	11:00 AM	Nattie Nagel
	6:30 PM	St. Mary's Parishioners



Youth group
for
7th-12th graders

- November 19** What are you thankful for? 12:15 pm Dwelling Place
- November 26** No youth group
- Happy Thanksgiving!**
- December 1-3** **SEARCH** Retreat, Parishioner Abby Greff will be Student Director

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



With Sympathy

Anton Stockert father of Larry (Cheryl) Stockert. We pray for family and friends who grieve his loss. May the fullness of life be his.

Vocation Views What are your God-given talents? Help them to grow by sharing them with others. Discover the joy of service in ministry. (Mathew 25:14-30)

Stewardship Thought Stewardship is a way of life, a way of thanking God for all the divine blessings we have received by returning a portion of the time, talent, and treasure allotted to us.

Daily Scripture Readings

Monday, November 20

1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/
Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday, November 21

2 Mc 6:158-321/Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday, November 22

2 Mc 7:1, 20-321/Lk 19:11-28

Thursday, November 23

1 Mc 2:15-29/Lk 19:41-44

Friday, November 24

1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/Lk 19:45-48

Saturday, November 25

1 Mc 6:1-13/Lk 20:27-40

Sunday, November 26

Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/
Mt 25:31-46

Nov. 25/26	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers	Servers	Ushers	Gift Bearers	Musicians	CLOW
Saturday 4:30 PM	B1 TIM RASMUSSEN B2 ELAINE KUCERA C1 GERRI FLECK C2 CRESSY ABERLE C3 DEBBY MARBACK C4 JACKIE HOUN	MICHELE BURIAN SHANE HAFNER	TAYLOR ABERLE QUIN HAFNER	GROUP 10	LYLE & WENDY HOGUE	CHUCK JOHN CHRIS MARY CAY	STEPH EMILY ANNA
Sunday 9:00 AM	B1 RYAN WOLF B2 LES MASON C1 JODY BELVERSTONE C2 KARI ZEIEN C3 GAIL MASON C4 BOB ABERLE	ANGELA ROLLER CHELSEY TREBAS	LANDON HUCK JACK ZANDER	GROUP 11	ANGELA & DENNIS ROLLER FAMILY	ADULT CHOIR DIANE	DEB M XAVIER REBECCA
Sunday 11:00 AM	B1 BOB SCHMIDT B2 THERESA MARX C1 WANDA AGNEW C2 BEV TYRAKOSKI C3 SUE ACKERMAN C4 MARGARET ELKIN	JACKIE STEBBINS RYAN BLETH	LIZZY KERZMAN KENTON GLOVICH	GROUP 12	CHRIS & AMANDA SCHAEFBAUER FAMILY	MASON DIANE	CARMEN K THERESA EMILY
Sunday 6:30 PM	C1 SUZANNE WINDSOR C2 MIKE NEUTZ	KEN SCHWARTZ	STEVEN/NICK WINDSOR	GROUP 15	MARY NESPER	KEYLEE ANTHONY	

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.

Monday at the Movies November 20, 1-3 pm, Multipurpose Room. Join us for an afternoon of food, fellowship and faith! All movies are available online at www.formed.org using our parish code D22 VKG

The Jeweler's Shop Based on Pope John Paul II's best-selling book, this film tells of the struggles and triumphs in the marriage of three couples. A mysterious Jeweler (Burt Lancaster) acts as a mystical advisor to the couples, encouraging them to keep love at the center of their lives. Beautifully filmed with an outstanding cast that includes Olivia Hussey and Ben Cross. John Paul II called it "the best possible film based on my play."

Parenting Pointers Even with natural talent, it takes work to develop it. Help your child identify one talent this week, and one way they can improve it. Often this includes the "P" word - Practice. (Mt 25: 14-30)

Marriage Moments "When one finds a worthy wife [husband] their value is far beyond pearls [money]." (Proverbs 31:10) Although this scripture traditionally refers to wives, it works equally well for husbands. Pause for a moment and ponder the worth of your beloved.

Community

Free Community THANKSGIVING MEAL Thursday, November 23, 11:30 am-1:30 pm, First Presbyterian Church, 214 East Thayer, Bismarck (South West Door).

Enjoy a turkey dinner and all the trimmings. Come be with friends and neighbors! For more information contact Ministry on the Margins, 223-6315.

Bass Player Needed St. Mary's parish will soon be hosting a monthly Adoration service including praise & worship music. If you are interested or if you know of someone who may be, call Jeremy, 955-2396.

Light of Christ Catholic Schools

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.

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 for more information or complete an online application go to www.lightofchristschools.org/employment.

Coaching Positions 7th Grade Boys Basketball Coach

January 2-February 24. Responsibilities: coordinating and conducting team practices, supervision and leadership at contests and building strong rapport with athletes. Must be 18 years of age or older, as position requires supervision of minors. Interested candidates contact Bruce Schumacher, Activities Director, 354-7064 or bschumacher@lightofchristschools.org.



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

Breakfast Sunday, November 19, 8-1:30 pm, St. Anne's. French toast, eggs, fruit cup & beverages.

Turkey Bingo Sunday, November 19, 2-4:30 pm, St. Anne's. Cookie, bars & beverages will be served.

Events are sponsored by St. Anne's KC's and will support various Charities.

Breakfast Sunday, November 19, 9 am-11:30 am, Christ the King Parish Life Center, 505 10th Ave NW, Mandan. Sausage, eggs, hashbrown wedges, pancakes, fruit and beverages. Free will offering.

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 28th.

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 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 or contact Carrie, 204-7208 or cdavis@bismarckdiocese.com. Sponsored by the Diocese of Bismarck Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministries.

Marriage Help—Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This program can help you too. To register for the January 19-21, 2018 weekend in the Diocese of Bismarck go to www.retrouvaille.org or call 701-204-7209 for more information.

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.