



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.

Parish Life

Msgr. Feehan Service Award St. Mary's Pastoral Council initiated the annual Msgr. Feehan Faithful Servant award to recognize St. Mary's Parishioners who are dedicated to the common good of St. Mary's in terms of hospitality, service, spiritual and faith growth. The Pastoral Council will receive nominations for this prestigious award **until January 1, 2018**. Further details can be found on the handout and nomination form in the back of the church or at www.stmarysbismarck.org.

2017 Contributions St. Mary's Parish thanks you for your generous contributions during 2017. Your commitments have made a difference in our financial health! As we approach the end of 2017, we ask that any contributions, both parish and diocesan, that you would like to count for 2017 be dated in 2017 and delivered to the parish by noon Thursday, January 4, 2018.

The weekend Mass collection for December 30/31 will be processed in 2017, however the collection for the Solemnity of Mary Masses on December 31/January 1 will be processed in 2018.

For 2017, the Diocese will send out contribution documents for all its collections; separate from the report St. Mary's will provide in January 2018 for use in preparing your taxes. Thank you for your Treasure support of our parish. If you have any questions, call Cressy, 223-5562.

Diocesan Life

Catholic Daughters will meet Tuesday, January 2, Cathedral, 7 pm. Speaker: Virginia Dolajak, President of Bismarck/Mandan Right to Life. She will give an up to date report on this years life issues. Guests are welcome. For more information call Delores, 221-2818.

REFOCCUS your marriage! The Diocese of Bismarck will host a marriage enrichment series entitled REFOCCUS. This series is for anyone who wants to learn more about the strength areas, as well as growth areas of their marriage. We will use a inventory tool to take a deeper look at our marriages. The series will start January 8, 7 pm at the Pastoral Center. Cost for the series is \$15/couple to go towards the scoring of your inventory. If you have any questions, call Tara, 204-7209. Register at <https://bismarckdiocese.com/refoccus>.

Baby Shower to benefit First Choice Clinic from January 1 – January 31. The goal is to supply the clinic with items to fill the Family Boutique through the following year. To help with this event, baby toys and books can be purchased using the following link <https://www.myregistry.com/giftlist/first-choice-clinic-baby-shower> The toys can be shipped directly to First Choice Clinic. If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Levi with Discovery Toys, at 701-471-6015 or cindy.levi@bis.midco.net.

Search for Christian Maturity is a weekend retreat experience sponsored by the Diocese of Bismarck. The weekends are for anyone of high school or college age (at least 15 years old). Search weekends are held at the Badlands Ministries Camp just south of Medora. Upcoming weekends for 2018: January 19-21; March 2-4; and April 20-22. For more information go to www.bismarckdiocese.com/search1.



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See Jesus