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THE BEST CATHOLIC CONTENT ALL IN ONE PLACE

St. Mary's Parish Family continues to be a partner in an exciting 24/7 online web-based digital formation series called **FORMED**, produced by the Augustine Institute and Ignatius Press.

This series is designed to help parishioners grow in their faith at all levels—how we think, how we pray, and how we live. Better yet, access is **FREE to ALL Parishioners** and their families anywhere, anytime on computers, tables, or phones.

Have you wanted to be able to share more with others but felt you were lacking in knowledge? Through this content, you will be able to not only learn more about the Catholic Faith but also go deeper and strengthen your own relationship with God. You will learn through beautiful videos, music and notable Catholic speakers, educators as well as be able to read further on the topics through online links.

FORMED is a game-changer, a real immersion of Faith! To access **FORMED**, simply go to formed.org and create an account using the parish code D22VKG. Please take advantage of this excellent resource and learn more about your faith so that you not only live it out more deeply but also share it with others.

Our subscription includes the following for **FREE**:

- **Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained** (Faith Formation for the whole parish)
- **Catholicism** with Bishop Robert Barron
- **33 Days to Morning Glory** (Consecration retreat with Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC)
- **YDisciple** (Discipleship for our Youth)
- **Beloved: Finding Happiness in Marriage**
- **Opening the Word** (Weekly reflection on the Sunday Reading)
- **Footprints of God** (Nine-part video by Steve Ray)
- **Lighthouse Catholic Media Audio Presentations** on many topics
- Newly added materials for children
- Movies and eBooks from Ignatius Press
- Unlimited downloads of accompanying study materials for leader and participants

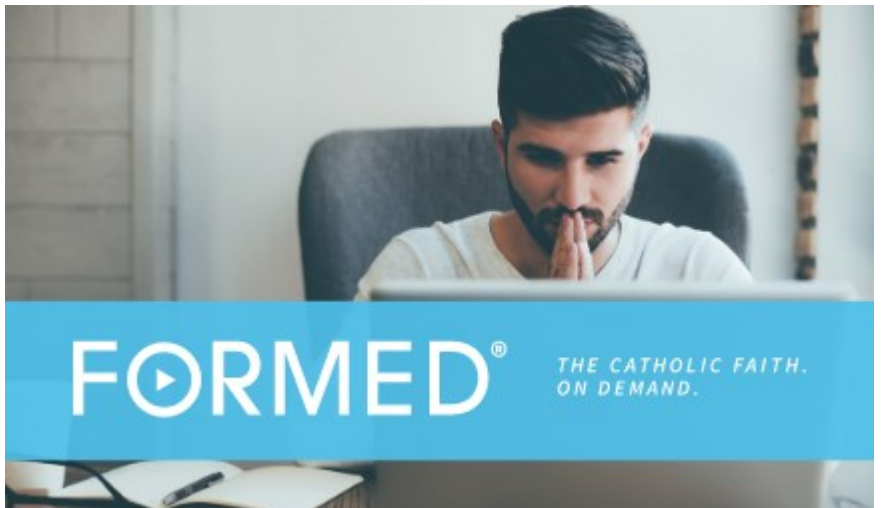
These materials can be used by individuals, families or small groups. Get some friends together and make up your own small groups to share and discuss the faith!

We transform the world for Christ and His Church by first transforming and educating ourselves. **We would love to offer some small groups** for bible study or learning the faith using FORMED.

Would you be interested in leading a group? What time would work best?

How can we help you get it started?

Contact Diane at the parish office FMI



Financial Gift Giving Made Easy

We all know the importance of giving back of our time, talent and treasure to the church and community. We speak of stewardship as “our grateful response to God in light of His constant and generous provision. Part of this response does entail offertory giving, but it must be balanced with a fervent and healthy prayer life and faithful service to others. As a parish, we continue to work on ways to embody this way of life.

When it comes to our offertory giving, we can make your gifts work harder than ever to support your parish by participating in our Online Giving Program. When you participate, your gift will be transferred conveniently from your account directly to your parish. Your gift will go farther than ever, allowing your parish to reduce administrative costs, save on postage, plan future projects with greater efficiency, and spend more time on ministry.

Signing up for Online Giving is as easy as...

1. visit your parish website at www.stmarysbismark.org
2. Click on the Online Giving link on the right
3. Complete the online registration form



Once you sign up for online giving, please let us know if you would still like to have envelopes sent to you or if you would like that service discontinued. If you have questions regarding online giving, please contact Cressy at the parish office.



Do you want to learn more about your Catholic faith?

Are you interested in joining the Catholic Church? Were you baptized Catholic, but didn't receive the Sacraments of Eucharist, Reconciliation and/or Confirmation? This spring, our parish is offering adult formation sessions for:

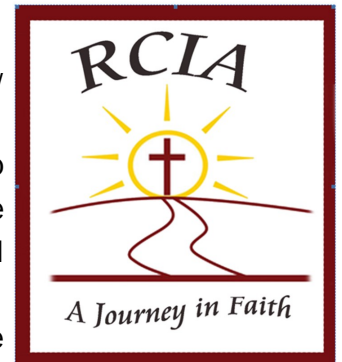
- ◆ Those who are fully initiated into the Catholic faith, but just want to know more or refresh their faith!
- ◆ Those who are members of other Christian faiths. The sessions are meant to give you more information about the Catholic faith and prepare individuals who are ready to take that step to be received into full communion with the Church .

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- ◆ Those who were baptized Catholic, but didn't receive Reconciliation, Eucharist or Confirmation

We invite you to join us in this adventure. There is no commitment on your part to become Catholic. The sessions will be held Sundays (May 7, 14, 21 and June 4, 11, and 18) from 5-9:00 PM. There is a break at 6:30 to go to Mass. FMI contact Diane at 223-5562 or at dianeh@stmarysparishfamily.net.



Please update your phone number, home address and email address at 223-5562 or dianeh@stmarysparishfamily.net



A creative
Artventure
for Kids!

June 5-6 for grades K-3, 1-5pm

June 7-8 for grades 4-6, 1-5pm

St. Mary's Parish Multi-Purpose Room

806 E Broadway Ave, Bismarck

Kids will learn about the life and mission of

St. Teresa of Calcutta through art, music, games and snacks.

Register online at <http://stmarysbismarck.org/vacation-bible-school>

By Fri May 26, 2017

Cost 25.00 per child—Pay the easy way at <https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/482/Home/NewQuickGive>

A special viewing of the movie, **"The Letters"** A drama that explores the life of St. Teresa of Calcutta (PG) will be shown in the gym on **Wed June 7, 5:30pm** for the whole family. Hotdogs and popcorn will be served with a free-will offering for Ministry on the Margins.

Or send check to
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Dave's family was all there to cheer him on!
Brother Dean, sister Paula, nephew Will, niece Jolee and dad Joe

Bringing Home the Medal

West Dakota FOX News 3/27/3017
BISMARCK, ND - Athletes from 105 countries competed in the 2017 Special Olympics World Winter Games.

One athlete from Bismarck brought home a silver medal in cross-country skiing. Dave Johs has a drawer full of medals at home...And 30 years of competing under his belt. But to him, the Olympics is about more than a win. "Had a lot of fun meeting new friends." - Dave Johs, Special Olympics athlete.

Johs' win in Austria... bringing home a silver in cross country skiing... isn't his first accomplishment. He's competed in bowling, swimming, and has been to other national and international competitions.

"He's gained confidence that he can do things. That he can accomplish things," said Dean Johs, brother.

So cross-country was another item on his list... A challenge that he surmounted after practice and hard work. "When we started he was kind of tentative on going down hills in particular. And he had trouble going up hills. He got a little frustrated when he fell down and stuff like that. And we worked on we have to get up."- SMP Parishioner and coach, Frank Laqua

And it was getting up that led him to his win in Austria. "I was crying tears of joy. I was so excited for him. I said 'Yeah, way to go Dave!'" - Tiffany Granis, girlfriend.



Johs' mother enrolled him in North Dakota Special Olympics when he was in 8th grade. His brother says it has been an uphill journey ever since. "I think it means more to him that he is involved and he is included. That he can accomplish more things in society that seem to be pushed to the rift.. To the side," said Dean Johs, brother.

Johs' ski coach says he may have helped him take off, but he did it all on his own.



