

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 ... Each summer Franciscan University of Steubenville conducts over twenty youth conferences throughout the country. These gatherings are powerful experiences at which teens have their faith awakened and their hearts set on a fire through a personal encounter with Christ through prayer, sacraments, talks and many activities. I had the opportunity to attend one of the conferences a number of years ago and they are indeed very powerful and Spirit-filled, not only for the youth but also for the adult chaperones, priests and bishops, and youth ministers that are in attendance. Four of our young people from the parish, along with a number of other teens from throughout the diocese (five buses), are at a conference in St. Paul this weekend. I know their time and experience at the conference will be a source of rich blessing and grace. Let's keep them in our prayers.

I can do
all things
through
CHRIST
who strengthens me.
Philippian 4:13

Faith Formation for public school children in grades K-6 will begin soon! Watch your email, bulletin, like us on facebook or website

(<http://stmarysbismarck.org/faith-formation>) for details coming your way soon!

If the Holy Spirit is tugging at your heart to share your time and faith with our kids, please contact Sheila, 223-5562.

Marriage Moments

One version of the wedding vows states: "I will love and honor you all the days of my life." But what does honor mean? Consider these guidelines: When talking give your undivided attention (make eye contact, don't interrupt. Listen closely). Back your beloved up in front of other people, Show your support. Be selfless.

Parenting Pointers

Solomon asked God for an understanding heart. Surely this is the attitude we want to take toward our own children. Yet children test us. They do dumb, crazy, and selfish things. They need to be corrected and disciplined. An understanding heart does not mean ignoring bad behavior but rather loving our child through it.

Calendar of Events

Sunday, July 30

10 am Fellowship after Mass

Tuesday, August 1

7 pm Mass

Thursday, August 3

Fellowship after Mass

Saturday, August 5

9 am Beyond Baptism, Rectory



From the parish apartments: Apartment sized refrigerator/freezer and apartment size gas and electric four burner range, tan love seat, Kenmore washer and Roper gas dryer. Make an offer on any items. Contact Steve, 471-7085 to view.

Time & Talent Cards

Prayer Hours	4
Electronic Giving	4
Community Service	7
Parish Service	0

1221 Households

Adult Envelopes (160)	\$ 7,044
Electronic Contributions	\$ 2,849
Youth Envelopes (39)	\$ 41
Plate Collection	\$ 1,717
Received July 23	\$ 11,651

Youth Envelope Winner: Samuel Fladland

Stewardship Thought

Your church and community offer many opportunities for sharing your time and talent in God's service.

Liturgical Ministers will be September 1-November 30. Please remember to log in to Ministry Scheduler Pro or contact Diane, 223-5562 or dianeh@stmarysparishfamily.net of any dates you will not be available to serve in this period **before August 7.**