



## 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 ...** An important and essential part of our faith life is the Sacrament of Reconciliation. What a great gift we have in this opportunity to celebrate God's mercy and forgiveness. This past week (for our grade school classes) and this week (for our faith formation classes) the second grade students are celebrating this Sacrament for the first time. We probably remember how nervous (and scared?) we were our first time. Please keep them in your prayers.



The next **Liturgical Ministers** scheduling period will be from March 1, 2018 through May 31, 2018. Please remember to log in to Ministry Scheduler Pro or contact Diane at 223-5562 or [dianeh@stmarysparishfamily.net](mailto:dianeh@stmarysparishfamily.net) of any dates you will not be available to serve in this period **before February 1, 2018.**



To all who helped decorate for Advent and Christmas. Without you, it just wouldn't be as beautiful!

Donna Bloom-Hipfner



**Christmas Tree** We have a 9 ft beautiful tree to give away, Call Donna, 426-2872 for more information.

### Altar Society

- **Card Party** Sunday, January 14, 1 pm, MPR
- **Meeting** Sunday, January 21, 10 am, Rectory
- **Annual Christmas Party** Sunday, January 21, Noon, MPR. Please bring a salad or desert to share. For members and a guest.

### Calendar of Events

#### Sunday, January 14

10 am Fellowship, MPR  
1 pm Card Party, MPR

#### Monday, January 15

1 pm Monday at the Movies, MPR  
5:30 pm Finance Council, Rectory

#### Tuesday, January 16

7 pm Mass

#### Wednesday, January 17

5 pm Faith Formation Sessions  
6:30 pm Faith Formation Session

#### Thursday, January 18

Fellowship after Mass

#### Sunday, January 21

10 am Fellowship  
10 am Altar Society Meeting, Rectory  
Noon Altar Society Christmas Meal, MPR

**Stewardship Commitment** Please turn in your forms as soon as possible. Phone calls will be made in mid January to those who have not turned in their forms!



Please bring your palms from last year by February 4 and place them in the boxes in the Gathering Space.

### Time & Talent Cards

|                   |   |
|-------------------|---|
| Prayer Hours      | 3 |
| Electronic Giving | 2 |
| Community Service | 0 |
| Parish Service    | 1 |

### 1221 Households

|                           |                  |
|---------------------------|------------------|
| Adult Envelopes (216)     | \$ 10,735        |
| Electronic Contributions  | \$ 4,161         |
| Youth Envelopes (70)      | \$ 63            |
| Plate Collection          | \$ 1,548         |
| <b>Received January 7</b> | <b>\$ 16,507</b> |

**Youth Envelope Winner: Cooper Eberle**



# 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. 1/15   | 9:00 AM  | Communion Service       |
| Tues. 1/16  | 7:00 PM  | Bishop Kagan            |
| Wed. 1/17   | 9:00 AM  | † Fr. Chris Walter      |
| Thurs. 1/18 | 9:00 AM  | † Rosemary & † Leo Wald |
| Fri. 1/19   | 9:00 AM  | † Lynette Jacobs        |
| Sat. 1/20   | 4:30 PM  | † Ben Ziegler           |
| Sun. 1/21   | 9:00 AM  | St. Mary's Parishioners |
|             | 11:00 AM | † Steven Steele         |
|             | 6:30 PM  | † Wally & † Betty Wald  |



Youth group  
for  
7th-12th graders

**January 14 Sledding**, JC Park, 12:15 pm.

**January 21 No Youth Group**

**January 28 - Aladdin Retreat!** 12:15 pm, Dwelling Place. "Do not be put off by its commonplace appearance. Like so many things, it is not what is outside but what is inside that counts."

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



We thank you for choosing to worship with us today and hope that you will return often. If you

do not belong to a parish, we hope you will consider St. Mary's Parish. Call the parish office, 223-5562 or [dianeh@stmarysparishfamily.net](mailto:dianeh@stmarysparishfamily.net).

## Daily Scripture Readings

**Monday, January 15**

1 Sm 15:16-23/Mk 2:18-22

**Tuesday, January 16**

1 Sm 16:1-13/Mk 2:23-28

**Wednesday, January 17**

1 Sm 17:32-33, 7, 40-51/Mk 3:1-6

**Thursday, January 18**

1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Mk 3:7-12

**Friday, January 19**

1 Sm 24:3-21/Mk 3:13-19

**Saturday, January 20**

2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Mk 3:20-21

**Sunday, January 21**

Jon 3:1-5, 10/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20



**Recycle** your *Word Among Us* books. If you don't already recycle them place them in the box in the Gathering Space.

| Jan. 20/21       | Eucharistic Ministers  | Readers                           | Servers   | Ushers   | Gift Bearers                                      | Musicians              | CLOW                           |
|------------------|--|-----------------------------------|---|----------|---|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Saturday 4:30 PM | B1 JENNIFER BELISLE<br>B2 DENNIS BARTSCH<br>C1 DEBBY MARBACK<br>C2 MICHELE BURIAN<br>C3 BONNIE STEINER<br>C4 TIM RASMUSSEN | ALVINA CAMPBELL<br>MICHELE BURIAN | ROMAN PROKOP<br>SAMANTHA/<br>ISABELLA<br>PROKOP | GROUP 7  | LEON DIETRICH<br>DARLENE FABER<br>LINDA KATSOULIS | JOHN<br>DIANE          | SHEILA<br>EMILY<br>ERICA/ELLA  |
| Sunday 9:00 AM   | B1 WENDY KOPP<br>B2 STEFFANIE FIX<br>C1 BERNADETTE TERNES<br>C2 ALAN KUBIK<br>C3 PAM SEIFERT<br>C4 BILL KOPP               | ROGER KUBIK<br>JULIE SKARET       | PRESTON BARBIE<br>VERONICA<br>SCHNEIDER         | GROUP 8  | KIRK & SHAUNA<br>GREFF FAMILY                     | CINDY<br>CHRIS<br>BARB | ANGELA<br>JUAN<br>MERCEDES     |
| Sunday 11:00 AM  | B1 JULIE WALD<br>B2<br>C1 MARGARET ELKIN<br>C2 COLLEEN OLUFSON<br>C3 LOREN GRAD<br>C4 WANDA AGNEW                          | CHERYL FENSTER<br>JACKIE STEBBINS | ISABELLA<br>KALBERER<br>CONRAD<br>KALBERER      | GROUP 9  | LYNETTE SIMONS                                    | BLETH<br>FAMILY        | COLLEEN O<br>SKYLER<br>TRISTEN |
| Sunday 6:30 PM   | C1 JOEL GUSTAFSON<br>C2  | JOEL GUSTAFSON                    | OLIVER BENDER<br>SYRIANA BENDER                 | GROUP 14 |   | BRENDA<br>MICHAEL      |                                |



## 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.

**Stewardship Thought** As Catholics, we are not to focus only on ourselves but are called by our baptism to reach out and share our time, talent, and treasure with our brothers and sisters.

**Parenting Pointers** On January 15 we celebrate the contributions of Martin Luther King to racial equality and non-violence. Does your child have any friends from a different race? If not, why not? Talk, find ways to mix or read stories of a different ethnic group.

**Marriage Moments** "Speak, for your servant is listening." (1 Samuel 3:18) A common complaint among couples is, "You're not listening to me." When is listening hard for you? If you're busy or tired, ask for a better time. Is there a conversation you've been avoiding?

### SMCHS Carnival Information

**SMCHS Carnival** is right around the corner, February 2-4. Sign up sheets on the bulletin board in the Gathering Space, there are several areas help is needed. For more information call, Mike Wolf, 400-2100, Tom Nagel, 426-7777, Brooke (Wolf) Larson, 425-2359 or Cressy Aberle, 223-5562.

Be sure to purchase or sell your BLUE St. Mary's raffle tickets sales comes directly back to St. Mary's Parish! Turn in your sold tickets to the parish office or drop them in the collection basket.

**SMCHS Carnival Early Raffle Ticket Sales** Turn in your sold carnival tickets early to qualify for a weekly drawing for your choice of \$10 worth of Midway Tickets or (2) Dinner Tickets on any date of the 2018 Carnival. Not redeemable for cash!

**This weeks winner: Jaramillo Family**

### Light of Christ Catholic Schools

**Open House** Thursday, January 18, 7 pm for the Academy, 1025 N 2nd Street for Grades 6-8. Tours available from 6-8 pm.

**2018-2019 Registration** is open. For more information or to schedule a private tour call 354-7067 or apply online at [lightofchristschools.org](http://lightofchristschools.org)

### Gearing Up for Kindergarten

Join Light of Christ Catholic Schools for Gearing Up for Kindergarten, an educational series for parents and children preparing for Kindergarten in the 2018-2019 school year.

This FREE 6-session program is a school readiness and parent involvement program. It is open to everyone and helps every child get off to a good start!

The six sessions will be held at St. Mary's Grade School, Saint Anne School and Cathedral Elementary.

Look for more information or register online at [lightofchristschools.org](http://lightofchristschools.org). Click on "events" and "Gearing Up for Kindergarten."

**Assistant Cook/Kitchen Assistant** at Saint Anne's School. Applicant must be an energetic, self-motivated individual. Hours: 9-12:30 pm. (during the school year.)

**Full-time Childcare Provider** at LaMere Learning Center. Chosen applicant will work with toddlers, Monday - Friday. Applicants must be 18 years or older as they will be supervising minors. Complete an online application at [www.lightofchristschools.org/employment](http://www.lightofchristschools.org/employment)

For more information, contact Kate Bleth, 425-0793.

**BACEF Foundation Sunday 2017** It's not too late to contribute. Your contributions provide substantial assistance to Catholic Education. Mail your contributions to BACEF, 418 E Rosser Ave, Ste 220, Bismarck, 58501 or place in the collection basket. Your support is greatly appreciated. Thank you from the BACEF Board.



## 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

#### Monday at the Movies

**1:00 – 3:00 pm, Multipurpose Room**


Join us for an afternoon of food, fellowship and faith! Movies are available online at [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org) use our parish code D22 VKG

#### January 15-The Miracles of St. Therese 1:32

This is the acclaimed dramatic feature film made in France in 1960 that tells the story of St. Therese of Lisieux from childhood to her death as a Carmelite nun at age 24. The movie offers numerous glimpses into Therese's "little way" of spiritual childhood, which was her particular charism that helped make her a Doctor of the Church, including situations of conflict between Therese and her mother prioress regarding her conviction of striving for perfection with confidence and trust in the mercy and love of God.

**Thank you** for your wonderful response to our request for people to serve funeral luncheons! We have many who have offered to help and we are grateful. We appreciate you giving of your time and talent!

**Call Our Bulletin Advertisers First** The advertisers you see on the bulletin purchase ads to cover the cost of printing our bulletin and "family" newsletter. We are grateful to them and encourage you to patronize their business and let them know you appreciate their support!



**Would you like to advertise your business?** We have space available on the back of our weekly bulletin. For more information contact Mary, 223-5562.

### Community

**Soup & Fry Bread Tasting** Sunday, January 14, 4-7 pm, Ascension Church, 1911 S 3rd St. Assorted home made soup & fry bread. Adults: \$7; Youth: \$3.50 and under 5: free. Sponsored by JP Wagner Assembly 4th Degree KC's.

### Diocesan Life

**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, 471-6015 or [cindy.levi@bis.midco.net](mailto:cindy.levi@bis.midco.net).

**No Agendas. Just Community and Relationship.** The BisMan Catholic Beer Club invites young adults to join them at a gathering at Stadium Sports Bar on Saturday, January 20, 7:00 pm. The club gathers at local pubs to discuss everything from beer to God, with the end goal of evangelizing the world through engagement. Contact Emily, 406-470-0515 or [evrapkoch4@gmail.com](mailto:evrapkoch4@gmail.com) with any questions.

**Catholic Daughters Right to Life March** Sunday, January 21, 2 pm. Join our local chapter on the Capitol steps. Let us pray to end abortion that was allowed in our country 45 years ago. A reception will follow. For more information call Virginia, 258-5379.

**Vocation Views** "We have found the Messiah!" After his encounter with Jesus, St. Andrew goes first to find his brother Peter to also bring him to Christ. Do not be afraid to bring others to Christ as well! (John 1:41)