

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 ... Our beautiful Christmas season concludes with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Usually the feast is celebrated on the Sunday after January 6, the feast of the Epiphany (the 12th day of Christmas). However, in our country (as in many countries throughout the world) Epiphany is transferred to the Sunday following January 6 and then the Baptism of the Lord is celebrated the next day. That's the case this year. Because the feast of the Baptism of the Lord is so important, we will have Mass at 9:00 AM tomorrow (Monday) instead of our usual Word and Communion service. After the feast Ordinary Time of our liturgical year begins.

Video Presentation on the Kenya & African Mission, January 8, 6:30 pm in the MultiPurpose Room prior to the Charity and Justice meeting. This presentation is sponsored by the Charity & Justice Committee.

Charity & Justice Committee will meet Monday, January 8, 7 pm in the Rectory. New members are always welcome.

New Lector Training Saturday, January 13, 10 am, church. To participate or to make other arrangements, contact Deacon Harvey, 250-7282.



Knights of Columbus

Chili Challenge January 13, 4-7 pm, Msgr. Feehan Hall. Come showcase your culinary talents and enjoy the company of folks in our community. Open to all and entrants do not need to be affiliated with the church or the KC's. There's plenty of room to participate, attend and vote on your favorites. For more information, contact Art, 425-1297 or divinephoto1@msn.com



Calendar of Events

Sunday, January 7

10 am Fellowship after Mass

Monday, January 8

6:30 pm Kenya Mission Presentation, MPR

7 pm Charity & Justice Meeting, Rectory

Tuesday, January 9

7 pm Mass

Wednesday, January 10

5 pm Faith Formation Sessions

6:30 pm Faith Formation Session

7 pm Health & Wellness Meeting, Rectory

Thursday, January 11

Fellowship after Mass

Saturday, January 13

9 am Beyond Baptism Class, Rectory

Noon KC Free Throw Contest, Msgr.

Feehan Hall

4 pm Chili Challenge, Msgr. Feehan Hall

Sunday, January 14

10 am Fellowship, MPR

1 pm Card Party, MPR

Time & Talent Cards

Prayer Hours	3
Electronic Giving	3
Community Service	0
Parish Service	1

1221 Households

Adult Envelopes (154)	\$ 15,979
Electronic Contributions	\$ 10,476
Youth Envelopes (50)	\$ 47
Plate Collection	\$ 850
Received December 31	\$ 27,352

Youth Envelope Winner: Brynn Arnold

Solemnity of Mary \$ 2,705

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!

Stewardship Thought As we begin this new year, let us take time to plan and make stewardship of time and talent a part of our lifestyle and stewardship of treasure a part of our budget.



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. 1/8	9:00 AM	Genevieve Robinson
Tues. 1/9	7:00 PM	† Elizabeth Ann Gilbertson
Wed. 1/10	9:00 AM	† Albert Sadowsky
Thurs. 1/11	9:00 AM	† Mary Ann Mousel
Fri. 1/12	9:00 AM	Real Presence Radio Supporters
Sat. 1/13	4:30 PM	Virginia & † Richard Riedmann
Sun. 1/14	9:00 AM	Sick Members of the Altar Society
	11:00 AM	† Paul Small
	6:30 PM	St. Mary's Parishioners



Youth group
for
7th-12th graders

January 7 Who is Mary to you?

-We will be talking about Mary the Mother of God
12:15 pm, Dwelling Place

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

January 21 No Youth Group

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

Daily Scripture Readings

Monday, January 8

Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Mk 1:7-11

Tuesday, January 9

1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday, January 10

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday, January 11

1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45

Friday, January 12

1 Sm 8:4-7. 10-22a/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday, January 13

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1/Mk 2:13-17

Sunday, January 14

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/
Jn 1:35-42



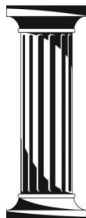
With Sympathy

Randy Buckmiller, husband of Michelle Buckmiller; **Milton Keller**, husband of Josie Keller, father of Alvina (Mark) Reichert, Jerry (Candi) Keller, Jim (Nancy) Keller and Josie (Dean) Glatt; and **Maureen Schultz**, sister of Peggy (Dan) Buckmeier. We pray for family and friends who grieve their loss. May the fullness of life be theirs.



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

Jan. 13/14	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers	Servers	Ushers	Gift Bearers	Musicians	CLOW
Saturday 4:30 PM	B1 WAYNE MORLOCK B2 JACKIE HOUN C1 JASON/KELLY BARTSCH C2 KARLA BUTZ C3 ELAINE KUCERA C4 SHAWN MORLOCK	ELAINE KUCERA WENDY CONNELLY	AUSTYN CONNELLY JOSEPH HOLZER	GROUP 4	ART & LAURA ARCHULETA FAMILY	CHUCK GARY	STEPH MADISON
Sunday 9:00 AM	B1 MEREDITH GROSS B2 LUCAS/SARAH MICHELS C1 KARI ZEIEN C2 GAIL MASON C3 LES MASON C4 LENORA KENNER	KRISTI CARLSON LES MASON	QUINN CARLSON CARSON MOSSET	GROUP 5	CALE ZEIEN KARI ZEIEN	ADULT CHOIR KERRY	DEB M
Sunday 11:00 AM	B1 NANCY KELLER B2 TERRY HULM C1 BOB SCHMIDT C2 SUE ACKERMAN C3 THERESA MARX C4 BEV TYRAKOSKI	TERRY HULM RYAN BLETH	AIDAN SCHAEFBAUER CHRISTINA CHIMBILA	GROUP 6	ERIC & ERICA QUALE FAMILY	MASON DIANE CHRIS	TARYN LIZZY KRISTEN
Sunday 6:30 PM	C1 SUZANNE WINDSOR C2 SHELLY VECCHIA	BRIAN SEILER	JACOB WINDSOR STEVEN/NICK WINDSOR	GROUP 16	CONNIE & PAT RENZ	BRENDA 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.

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion The extraordinary minister's function is to distribute Holy Communion, either within Mass or by taking it to a sick person, when an ordained minister (bishop, priest or deacon) is not available.

We are in need of at least two Extraordinary Ministers of Communion to help on Sunday mornings at Missouri Slope. We have been assisting at Missouri Slope since June. You will only spend approximately 1-1.5 hours every 4-5 weeks. We also need at least one more volunteer to preside at Word & Communion Service. Contact Deacon Terry, 223-5562 for further information. God Bless you for your consideration.

Parenting Pointers January 6 was the feast of the Epiphany when Christians celebrate the 3 wise men's (foreigners) search for God. Legend has it that they followed a star. Gazing at stars can be a mystical experience. Look up at the sky with your child tonight. Hopefully you will see stars. Ponder the universe together.

Marriage Moments Ways to Turn Your Beloved Off #7 - Let Lists Rule Your Life. It's the season of New Year's Resolutions. This can be good, but it can also turn your focus away from your beloved to self-improvement. Today, make 1 specific Resolution to deepen your love.

BACEF Foundation Sunday 2017 It's not too late to contribute to this campaign. Today the pledges are \$52,000. Your contributions provide substantial assistance to Catholic Education. Mail your contributions directly 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.

Light of Christ Catholic Schools

Open House Sunday, January 7, 9 am-noon for Pre-K (ages 3-5)-Grade 5 at St. Mary's, St. Anne's and Cathedral grade schools.

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 opens January 8.

For more information or to schedule a private tour call 354-7067 or apply online at lightofchristschools.org

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

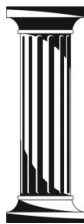
For more information, contact Kate Bleth, 425-0793.

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: Christine Rivinius



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! All movies are available online at www.formed.org using 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.

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.

Pray the Rosary for the Unborn Every Monday from 5-6:20 pm, Spirit of Life, Mandan. All 15 decades are prayed, stay for all or as much as you able. All are welcome.

Vocation Views God is not made manifest in magnificence, but in the small and the ordinary. Use your talents to manifest God's ever faithful love for His people. (Is. 60:1-6)