



## 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 ...** The season of Lent is upon us. Each year we take a good look at our relationship with Jesus and re-commit ourselves to becoming the best disciples we can be. Over the course of the year it's so easy to lose our focus. We become distracted or lax in living out our faith. Lent is our time to do some spiritual strength training and get ourselves back in shape! Take advantage of our many traditional Lenten practices and exercises: frequent celebration of daily Mass, Stations of the Cross, Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession), Faith Enrichment sessions, prayer and fasting, sacrificing ("giving up" something), engaging in spiritual or corporal works of mercy, spiritual reading, etc. All of this serves to help us "re-form" our lives in Christ. I pray it is a good season for all.

A few things to note: there will no Mass or Word/Communion on Tuesday evening at our usual time. This will allow us time to ready the church and church complex (and ourselves!) for the season. Also, note the times for Mass on Ash Wednesday: 9:00 am (school Mass), 12:10 pm and 7:00 pm. It is a day of fast and abstinence (see the Lenten regulations elsewhere in the bulletin). Finally, in addition to our regular scheduled times, there will be the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) on most Friday evenings at 7:00pm (after Stations of the Cross).

### Time & Talent Cards

Prayer Hours	6
Electronic Giving	3
Community Service	0
Parish Service	3

### 1221 Households

Adult Envelopes (191)	\$ 18,238
Electronic Contributions	\$ 4,000
Youth Envelopes (54)	\$ 57
Plate Collection	\$ 1,208
<b>Received February 4</b>	<b>\$ 23,503</b>

**Youth Envelope Winner: Gabby Brilz**

### Calendar of Events

#### Tuesday, February 13

7:00 pm KC Meeting, MPR

#### Wednesday, February 14

9 am Ash Wednesday Mass

12:10 pm Ash Wednesday Mass

7 pm Ash Wednesday Mass

#### Thursday, February 15

Fellowship after Mass

#### Friday, February 16

6:30 pm Stations of the Cross

7 pm Faith Enrichment, MPR

7 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation, Church

### Position Openings

#### **Cemetery Manager**

St. Mary's Parish Family, Bismarck, ND, is seeking qualified applicants for a part time St. Mary's Cemetery Manager starting May 1, 2018. Qualifications: A practicing Roman Catholic with a Bachelor's Degree or equivalent experience. Three or more year's supervisory experience is a plus. The ideal candidate would plan, organize, implement and promote St. Mary's Cemetery burial ministry to the dead, their family, friends, and loved ones in order to offer consolation in time of grief.

#### **Cemetery Groundskeeper**

St. Mary's Parish Family is seeking a motivated applicant for a full time seasonal Groundskeeper at the St. Mary's Cemetery starting April 1, 2018. Responsibilities include providing grounds equipment repair and maintenance, general lawn maintenance and janitorial support. Applicant must have the knowledge of grounds equipment operation, repair skills, be able to work independently and be able to lift at least 50 pounds. This is a seasonal full time position from April 1 until October 1.

For further information, contact Cressy Aberle, Parish Manager, 223-5562. Please submit cover letter, resume, three references and St. Mary's Parish application for employment to Cressy Aberle, 806 E. Broadway Ave., Bismarck, ND 58501, or [cressy@stmarysparishfamily.net](mailto:cressy@stmarysparishfamily.net).



# 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. 2/12 9:00 AM Communion Service
- Tues. 2/13 7:00 PM No Mass
- Wed. 2/14 9:00 AM † George Heidt  
12:10 PM Deceased Members of the Altar Society  
7:00 PM Emma Dubois
- Thurs. 2/15 9:00 AM † Leander Ternes
- Fri. 2/16 9:00 AM † Marie Feist
- Sat. 2/17 4:30 PM † Ben Ziegler
- Sun. 2/18 9:00 AM † Paul Wilke  
11:00 AM † Virginia Heidt  
6:30 PM St. Mary's Parishioners



Youth group  
for  
7th-12th graders

**February 11** 2 pm Appreciation Banquet  
Clean up and gather after for games.

**February 18** The Mutanga Challenge,  
12:15 pm Could you live on \$2/day?

**February 25** 12:15 pm Random Acts of  
Kindness. Make tie blankets & sandwiches  
for the needy in our community.

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

## Daily Scripture Readings

**Monday, February 12**

Jas 1:1-11/Mk 8:11-13

**Tuesday, February 13**

Jas 1:12-18/Mk 8:14-21

**Wednesday, February 14**

Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20-6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

**Thursday, February 15**

Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25

**Friday, February 16**

Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15

**Saturday, February 17**

Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32

**Sunday, February 18**

Gn 9:8-15/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15



## With Sympathy

**Tyler Nagel**, grandson of Johnny & Luella Nagel; **Matthew Roehrich**, grandfather of Angie (LeeRon) Plante and **Bettie Lou Windsor**, mother John (Suzanne) Windsor. We pray for family and friends who grieve their loss. May the fullness of life be theirs.

**Stewardship Thought** God has given each of us some special abilities. It is important that we use them to help one another, passing on to others the many blessings God has given us.

Feb. 17/18	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers	Servers	Ushers	Gift Bearers	Musicians	CLOW
Saturday 4:30 PM	B1 MICHELE BURIAN B2 YVETTE GFFRE C1 C2 C3 C4	WENDY CONNELLY ALVINA CAMPBELL	TAYLOR ABERLE AUSTYN CONNELLY	GROUP 7	CODY & WENDY SCHMIDT FAMILY	KEYLEE GARY	SARA G ANNA S SAMANTHA ISABELLA
Sunday 9:00 AM	B1 LUCAS/SARAH MICHELS B2 LEON UHRICH C1 C2 C3 C4	ANDREA MILLER JIM VANDAL	LOGAN HERMAN AURORA HERMAN	GROUP 8	ANGELA & DENNIS ROLLER FAMILY	CINDY CHRIS	DEB M REBECCA XAVIER
Sunday 11:00 AM	B1 JULIE WALD B2 C1 C2 C3 C4	KEYLEE HERTZ-BARNETT CHERYL FENSTER	TERESA SCHAEFBAUER AIDAN SCHAEFBAUER	GROUP 9	BARRY & JOANN BRILZ FAMILY	BARB ANTHONY	TARYN S THERESA H ELENORE H
Sunday 6:30 PM	B1 CONNIE RENZ B2 PAT RENZ	JERRY SCHAACK	SYRIANA BENDER OLIVER BENDER	GROUP 15	MARY NESPER	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.

### Light of Christ Catholic Schools

*And the  
Winners  
are...*

#### **Carnival Raffle Winners**

Dodge Challenger – Joan Eckroth  
55" TV – Shanda Wilhelmy  
Weber Grill – Gary Gustin  
I –Pad – Keylee Hertz Barnett  
Beats Head Phones – Byron Hoag  
Fit Bit – Perry Thomas  
Amazon Echo – Thomas Thompson  
\$100 Gas Gift Card – Daniel Senger  
\$100 Gas Gift Card – Charles Miska  
\$100 Gas Gift Card – Carmen Sorenson  
\$100 Walmart Gift Card – Pat Lavery  
\$100 Walmart Gift Card – Rob Spaedy  
\$100 Walmart Gift Card – Leon Uhrich

**Potato and Chili Feed** Tuesday, February 20, 4:30-7 pm in the cafeteria. Proceeds will benefit the SMCHS Choir as they prepare for their 2018 California Performance Tour. Cost: \$5 for a bowl of chili or a baked potato. There will also be a bake sale.

**SMCHS Mid-Winter Band and Choir Concert** Sunday, February 25th at 2:30 pm in the SMCHS gym.

### Light of Christ Catholic Schools

**Prom Extravaganza** February 24, 10-4 pm, SMCHS, 1025 N 2nd St. Join us for a Premier Prom Shopping and Consignment Event! Shop for dresses, shoes and accessories. Have a dress or other items to consign? We will sell them for you for a fee of 10% of the total sale. For more information, call Jennifer, 400-1254 or [jennyleebarry@hotmail.com](mailto:jennyleebarry@hotmail.com).

#### **Job Opportunities**

**Enrollment Coordinator/Administrative Assistant – Offices of President & Mission Advancement** Will oversee enrollment process for new and returning students; manage office correspondence, reporting and meeting arrangements; be first point of contact for calls and guests for Light of Christ administrative offices. Bachelors or Associates Degree in related field preferred. Experience with RenWeb (student information system) preferred.

**After-school Program Aide** Duties: providing help for students (Grades PK-5) with homework, supervising physical play & art projects, and clean-up of areas used. 2:45-5:30 pm., M-F when school is in session. Opportunity for FT summer work also available.

**Childcare Providers** – Looking for a FT and PT positions to care for children, infant to age 4, M-F, between the hours of 8-5 pm and 1-5:30 pm.

To apply online [lightofchristschools.org/employment-application](http://lightofchristschools.org/employment-application) or contact Kate Bleth, [kbleth@lightofchristschools.org](mailto:kbleth@lightofchristschools.org) or 425-0793.

*Lent*  
B E G I N S



## 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.

### Diocesan Life

**Hannah's Hope Mass** Monday, February 12, 7 pm, Cathedral with Bishop Kagan. An opportunity for the community to pray for/with and support those suffering from infertility. Any questions call Christie, 864-354-5046.

**Friday Lenten Fish Fry** at Corpus Christi Everyone's invited to the Friday Lenten fish fry at the Church of Corpus Christi beginning Friday, February 16 through Lent, 5-7 pm. Menu: baked and fried fish, French fries, fried shrimp, noodles, fried green beans, applesauce, coleslaw, beverages and homemade desserts. Proceeds support youth ministry events. Cost: \$9/adults, \$5/children and \$30/family.

**Easter Baskets of Hope!** Monetary donations are being accepted to benefit needy children of the St Vincent de Paul Society. 100% of the money donated will be used to purchase educational items to fill Easter baskets for children in need. Please prayerfully consider a monetary donation to help those less fortunate this Easter season. Donations accepted through March 18. Make checks out to SVdP (with **Baskets of Hope** in the memo line) and mail to: SVdP, 519 Raymond St, Bismarck, 58501. Any questions or to have your money picked up, call Cindy, 471-6015. God Bless.

**Marriage is worth celebrating!** Saturday, February 17 for the Cana Dinner, Bismarck Municipal Country Club. A night to celebrate and renew the gift of marriage God has blessed you with. Includes: appetizers and cash bar, 5 p.m.; blessing and renewal of vows by Bishop Kagan, 6 pm; dinner, 6:15 pm; presentation on marriage by Dr. James Link, 7 pm and dance, 8 pm. Register at [bismarckdiocese.com/cana](http://bismarckdiocese.com/cana). Cost: \$50/couple.

**Vocation Views** World Day of Prayer for Marriage. The Psalmist calls to be glad, rejoice and exult in the Lord. (Psalm 32:11) For many, the day of their marriage is the happiest day of their life; rather, live the challenge to continue to grow deeper in love with your spouse each day of your married life.

**Lenten Retreat** Sunday, February 25, 2-4:30 pm, Ascension Church. "Praying the Psalms: Touchstones for Life". Father John Guthrie, will illuminate the Psalms for us in a new way and how they can become an integral part of our lives. Following the retreat, the Ladies of Ascension group will provide a free meatball dinner with cheesy hash browns, salad and dessert. No registration necessary. Contact Beth, 223-3606 or [bkathol@ascensionbismarck.org](mailto:bkathol@ascensionbismarck.org) any with questions.

**World Youth Day Webinar** Sunday, February 25, 7 pm for young adults interested in signing up for World Youth Day 2019 in Panama, January 21-28, 2019. The webinar will provide participants with information and the registration process and will be led by the pilgrimage host, Faith Journeys. To attend the webinar, sign up online at <https://bismarckdiocese.com/wyd> or Carrie, at [cdavis@bismarckdiocese.com](mailto:cdavis@bismarckdiocese.com). Please register by Friday, February 23.

**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: March 2-4 and April 20-22. For more information go to [www.bismarckdiocese.com/search1](http://www.bismarckdiocese.com/search1).

**Pilgrimage** June 2-6, 2018 Join Real Presence Radio to the Holy Sites of Michigan! We will focus on three early missionary priests who traveled throughout the Upper Midwest to evangelize and catechize the early settlers; Ven. Bishop Baraga, Blessed Solanus Casey and Ven. Samuel Mazzuchelli. We will also visit the Shrine of the Cross in the Woods, Ave Maria Radio and Mackinac Island. Cost: \$1500 with flights from Fargo, Bismarck, Rapid City and Duluth. Deadline to register: April 1st or until filled. To register call Lisa, 1-877-795-0122 or email [lisa@yourcatholicradiostation.com](mailto:lisa@yourcatholicradiostation.com).

## Parish Life

**Health Precautions**

In accordance with a directive from the Bishop's office and the Diocese of Bismarck, we have suspended the Sign of Peace and distribution of the Precious Blood at all Masses until further notice. There will only be need for two additional Lay Ministers of Holy Communion at the 4:30 pm, 9 am and 11 am Masses to distribute the Body of Christ. Those assigned to distribute the Precious Blood at our 6:30 Mass should still come forward as Msgr. will have you be additional distributors of the Body of Christ.

**Monday at the Movies****February 19, 1-3 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) using our parish code D22 VKG

**Maximillian Kolbe Life for Life** Auschwitz, 1941. One of the prisoners, Jan, escapes from the German concentration camp while working at a gravel pit. Thanks to the help of good-hearted people, he finds shelter. There Jan hears tragic news about ten random inmates sentenced by the Nazis to death by starvation as a punishment for his escape. One among the convicts is Fr. Maximillian Kolbe, a Franciscan priest who volunteered to die in place of one of the inmates.

**Homeless Awareness Breakfast** February 25. Helpers are needed. Sign up sheets are on the bulletin board in the Gathering Space. Sponsored by the Charity & Justice Committee

**Check out our App!** People of all ages use smartphones and apps to connect every day. Now you can keep up to date with St. Mary's Parish events and notifications! Enjoy many useful features to complement your daily faith life, such as daily Mass readings, quick access to our calendar and contacts, the ability to submit prayer requests, receive reminders to silence your phone before Mass, and even handy tools like an examination of conscience and Act of Contrition to assist you with your next Confession! Download the myparish app on your phone, find St. Mary's Parish in Bismarck, and you are on your way! Go to <http://myparishapp.com> for more information!

**Lenten Regulations** During the season of Lent, Catholics are called to take part in days of fasting and abstinence. **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of both fasting and abstinence. Fasting,** Obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may also be taken, but not to equal one full meal. **Abstinence:** from meat is binding upon members of the Catholic Church from age 14 onwards. \*Exceptions to these guidelines include those who are physically and mentally ill (including chronic illnesses like diabetes) as well as pregnant and nursing women. The Church teaches that common sense should prevail so that a person does not further jeopardize their health because of the fasting requirements.

**Marriage Moments** This year Ash Wednesday and Valentine's Day are both on February 14. How might we reconcile these two seemingly opposite themes? The Ash Wednesday reading beckons you to "Return to me with your whole heart. (Joel 2:12) The "me" can be God or the spirit of God within your beloved.

**Parenting Pointers** February is Black History month but sensitivity to people of a race different from our own is bigger than just one color. Enrich your child's life by mixing with people of different races.

**Community**

**Beginning Experience (BE)** is a spiritually based, non-denominational, peer grief ministry for those who have lost a marriage/relationship through death, divorce or separation. 10 week sessions start Sunday's, February 11, 6-8 pm, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Register at the first session. For more information call Marjean, 391-5411.

**Movie Night at Dakota Stage** Good worthwhile films with a positive message. Doors open at 7 pm, movie at 7:30 pm, February 23. Socialize before the movie with a glass of wine or a bottle of beer (cash purchase only). Sponsored by the Cathedral Parish.