

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 ... A few years ago we began the tradition of presenting the Msgr. Robert Feehan Faithful Servant Award at our annual Appreciation Dinner. Many of you still remember Msgr. Feehan and know that he spent most of his priestly ministry here at St. Mary's. He modeled in his own life what it means to be a true servant and disciple of Christ. That example of true servant discipleship continues to permeate our parish family. Last Sunday I presented this year's award to Dennis and Mary Bartsch. In countless ways (some known and unknown) and through various ministries, committees and councils, organizations, and personal initiatives they give of their time and share their many talents with our parish family, our Catholic schools and far beyond. We are so grateful and blessed for their faithful service, commitment and dedication. Congratulations Dennis and Mary and may God continue to bless you and your family!



Stewardship Thought Christian stewardship provides a spirituality that you can take home from church, exercise at work, and express through personal involvement in the community and the Church.

Time & Talent Cards

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| Prayer Hours | 4 |
| Electronic Giving | 3 |
| Community Service | 0 |
| Parish Service | 0 |

1221 Households

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| Adult Envelopes (188) | \$ 9,477 |
| Electronic Contributions | \$ 3,750 |
| Youth Envelopes (69) | \$ 90 |
| Plate Collection | \$ 1,943 |
| Received February 11 | \$ 15,260 |

Youth Envelope Winner: Liam Woodbury

Calendar of Events

Sunday, February 18

- 10:00 am Fellowship after Mass, MPR
- 1 pm Card Party, MPR

Monday, February 19

- 1 pm Monday Movie, MPR

Tuesday, February 20

- 7 pm Mass

Wednesday, February 21

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

Thursday, February 22

- Fellowship after Mass

Friday, February 23

- 6:30 pm Stations of the Cross
- 7 pm Faith Enrichment, MPR
- 7 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation, Church



Pinochle Card Party Sunday, February 18, 1-5 pm, MultiPurpose Room. \$5 entrance fee. Prize for top score. Lunch served following the games.

Violin Recital Mason Fuller the young violin player for our parish would like to extend a welcome to St. Mary's parishioners to attend his personal violin recital Saturday, February 24, 1 pm, former Governors Mansion, 320 E Ave. B.

Homeless Awareness Breakfast Sunday, February 25, 9 am, Msgr. Feehan Hall.

**** Helpers** are still needed
Sign up sheets are on the bulletin board in the Gathering Space.

**** Bakers** are also needed. A Bake Sale will be held in conjunction with the breakfast. Items will be sold at \$5. Please package accordingly.

Proceeds will benefit the Heaven's Helper Soup Kitchen and Ministry on the Margins.

Sponsored by the Charity & Justice Committee.



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. 2/19 9:00 AM Communion Service
- Tues. 2/20 7:00 PM † Carole Haslam
- Wed. 2/21 9:00 AM Communion Service
- Thurs. 2/22 9:00 AM † Herman Morth
- Fri. 2/23 9:00 AM † Matt Roehrich
- Sat. 2/24 4:30 PM St. Mary's Parishioners
- Sun. 2/25 9:00 AM † Irene Glasser
11:00 AM † Raymond Schnell
6:30 PM † Judy Johs



Youth group
for
7th-12th graders

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.



With Sympathy

David Kranning, husband of Jeanette Kranning. We pray for family and friends who grieve his loss. May the fullness of life be his.

Marriage Moments Ways to Turn Your Beloved Off #10-Let your body language show disdain or contempt. Rolling your eyes, a scowl, ignoring a request by walking away can speak louder than a yell. Check out any belittling mannerisms you may have that hurt your spouse.

Parenting Pointers February 16 began the 2018 Chinese New Year. Help your children learn about another culture. Do you know anyone who is Chinese? Talk with them. Eat Chinese food today. Try these activities. (<https://www.activityvillage.co.uk/chinese-new-year>)

Daily Scripture Readings

- Monday, February 19**
Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46
- Tuesday, February 20**
Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15
- Wednesday, February 21**
Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32
- Thursday, February 22**
1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19
- Friday, February 23**
Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26
- Saturday, February 24**
Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48
- Sunday, February 25**
Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Rom 8:31b-34/
Mk 9:2-10

| Feb. 24/25 | Eucharistic Ministers | Readers | Servers | Ushers | Gift Bearers | Musicians | CLOW |
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| Saturday 4:30 PM | B1 PAUL BELISLE B2 KARLA BUTZ C1 C2 C3 C4 | BONNIE STEINER DARLENE FABER | ROMAN PROKOP SAMANTHA/ ISABELLA PROKOP | GROUP 10 | HERO & CANDY BARTH | BRENDA & MICHAEL | CINDY G EMILY G ERICA/ELLA G |
| Sunday 9:00 AM | B1 KEVIN KOCH B2 SOMMER BELVERSTONE C1 C2 C3 C4 | CHELSEY TREBAS TONY FLADELAND | EMELIA KOCH HANNAH KOCH | GROUP 11 | KATHY GETZ DION & MEGAN WEICHEL | DIANE & BROOKE | SUSAN S VERONICA S |
| Sunday 11:00 AM | B1 SUE ACKERMAN B2 WANDA AGNEW C1 C2 C3 C4 | EVA MARIE MIRZAI CAROLYN HESFORD | FAITH VETTER DARIUS MIRZAI | GROUP 12 | GARY & ROSE VETTER FAMILY | MEN'S CHOIR MASON & BARB | SHEILA KRISTEN S SKYLER TRISTEN |
| Sunday 6:30 PM | B1 SHELLY VECCHIA B2 JOEL GUSTAFSON | JOEL GUSTAFSON | STEVEN/NICK WINDSOR JACOB WINDSOR | GROUP 16 | CONNIE & PAT RENZ | KEYLEE CHRIS | |



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

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.

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.

Job Opportunities

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 or contact Kate Bleth, kbleth@lightofchristschools.org or 425-0793.

Diocesan Life

Bis-Man Catholic Young Adults Group Friday, February 23. The second of a seven-part series on The Seven Principles of Catholic Social Teaching. Nick Emmel will be speaking on the 1st Principle: "The Life & Dignity of the Human Person". Drinks, snacks, and fellowship at 6:30 pm and talk at 7 pm. Host: Brian Mager, 3090 Manchester St. Please bring drinks and snacks to share! The group serves young adults 21 up from all parishes and faith traditions who desire to live a good and holy Christian/Catholic life. There is no childcare provided. For questions or if you would like updates on future events, visit our Facebook Page: *Catholic Young Adults*, or contact Bri, 426-0456.

LIVE-IN RETREAT FOR SINGLE WOMEN

The Benedictine Sisters of Annunciation Monastery invite single women who are interested in learning about religious life to an "Ever Wonder?" vocation live-in retreat March 24, 1 pm-March 25, 1 pm. This unique opportunity allows women to participate in the monastic community life of the Sisters. Join them for prayer, meals, sharing and recreation. No charge. Please pre-register. For more information or to pre-register, call or text Sr. Hannah, 425-9734 or e-mail: hvanorny@gmail.com

Community

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.

Michael W. Smith, Christian Singer and Songwriter will perform March 11, 6 pm, Bismarck Event Singer. Tickets available at the Event Center Box Office, 800-514-3849 or ETIX.com.



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

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.

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 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. 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.

Lock-in Your Faith – Middle School Overnight Event April 6, 6:30 pm-April 7, 8 am. Students in grades 6-8 across the Diocese of Bismarck are invited to attend our first annual "Lock-in Your Faith" event – an overnight lock-in/retreat. Lock-in Your Faith will include a variety of prayer experiences, small and large group games and activities and off site activities including SkyZone and bowling at Midway Lanes. Pizza and other snacks and beverages will be available throughout the night. Cost for adult chaperones and youth is \$40. You can find out more information and register online at www.bismarckdiocese.com/lockin. **Registration Deadline: March 30.** For questions, contact Carrie Davis at cdavis@bismarckdiocese.com 204-7208.

Ireland Pilgrimage August 23-31, 2018. Coordinated by The Diocese of Bismarck Office of Family Ministry to attend the World Meeting of Families as well as journey through spiritually rich Ireland. As we visit the sites of the early Christian Church in Ireland, we will renew our commitment to the roots of our Catholic faith. For more information about this opportunity visit www.bismarckdiocese.com/documents/2017/3/WMOF-rochure.pdf or contact Tara Brooke, 204-7229.

Vocation Views In order to hear a call from the Lord, our hearts must be opened to receive His Word. Lent begins with a call to repent so that all which clouds our ears might be stripped away to hear His voice clearly. (Mark 1:12-15)

Parish Life

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 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.

Position Openings

Cemetery Manager

St. Mary's Parish is seeking qualified applicants for a part time St. Mary's Cemetery Manager starting May 1. 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 is seeking a motivated applicant for a full time seasonal Groundskeeper at St. Mary's Cemetery starting April 1. 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 lift at least 50 pounds. This is a seasonal full time position from April 1-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.

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.

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.

African Mission Appeal

Bishop Kagan has announced March 3-4 as the 2018 African Mission Appeal weekend in our Diocese. Fr. David Morman, our missionary, is currently living and working on our behalf in Kisii, Kenya, East Africa. Read the articles in our **Kenya Connection** in the Dakota Catholic Action. This special appeal gives you the opportunity to join our Mission Team in ministering to our brothers and sisters in Africa. Please be as generous as you are able. Follow our missionaries at www.facebook.com/bismarckCatholicMission.

If you are interested in serving as a member of the Diocesan Mission Team or would like more information, write to: Chuck Reichert, Diocese of Bismarck, PO Box 1137, Bismarck ND 58502-1137.