



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 ... Something that I am always concerned about is the safety and protection of our children. In a time when we can't take that for granted, we need to be ever vigilant that no harm come to them. Parents keep a watchful eye over their children, whether at home or out in public. Schools, including our own, have restricted access during school hours and other times when children are present. We, too, try to keep a watchful eye whenever we have something here in church, i.e. Mass, a program, etc. While our ushers and greeters or others are attentive to what's going on whether in the church or in the Gathering Space, it's not always easy with their various duties. I do ask that no child leave the church, either to get a drink of water or go to the rest room, unattended. I notice that is happening periodically. By and large this is a safe place (and should be!). But because of our location and the size of our parish complex we always want to be attentive.

Homeless Awareness Breakfast/BakeSale
Sunday, February 25, 9 am, MultiPurpose Room. Proceeds will benefit the Heaven's Helper Soup Kitchen and Ministry on the Margins.

Sponsored by the Charity & Justice Committee.

Time & Talent Cards

Prayer Hours	4
Electronic Giving	5
Community Service	1
Parish Service	0

1221 Households

Adult Envelopes (140)	\$ 6,999
Electronic Contributions	\$ 4,098
Youth Envelopes (79)	\$ 70
Plate Collection	\$ 1,414
Received February 18	\$ 12,581

Ash Wednesday \$ 3,407

Youth Envelope Winner: Kate Englestad

KC's

KC Breakfast March 3, 9-12:30, Msgr. Feehan Hall. Proceeds will benefit Home on the Range.

Calendar of Events

Sunday, February 25

9 am Homeless Awareness Breakfast, MPR

Monday, February 26

7 pm Maintenance Committee Mtg, Parish Center

Tuesday, February 27

7 pm Mass

Wednesday, February 28

5 pm Faith Formation Sessions

6:30 pm Faith Formation Sessions

Thursday, March 1

Fellowship after Mass

5:30 pm Parish Council, MPR

7 pm Praise & Worship, Church

Friday, March 2

6:30 pm Stations of the Cross

7 pm Faith Enrichment, MPR

7 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation, Church

Stewardship Thought During this season of almsgiving, we are called to look beyond our own wants and needs to serve those who are less fortunate among us.

XLT (eXaLT) - Praise & Adoration Join us Thursday, March 1, 7 pm. XLT will begin in the church with contemporary praise and worship music leading into 45 minutes of adoration with music and time for confession, followed by fellowship in the Multipurpose Room. XLT is open to anyone of any age to attend. Join us Thursday, March 1, 7 pm.

Liturgical Ministers Schedule for March 1-May 31 is available online. Those with no email can pick up their schedule in the Gathering Space. If you did not get an email or have any other questions or concerns, contact Diane, 223-5562

Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl Help change lives. \$1/day for 40 days helps provide 1 month of food for a family, 2 years of seed for a farmer and 1 emergency kit for refugees around the world. As part of Almsgiving take a Rice Bowl home from the Gathering Space and fill them with dollars and spare change and return them at Easter.



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. 2/26 9:00 AM Communion Service
- Tues. 2/27 7:00 PM Real Presence Radio Supporters
- Wed. 2/28 9:00 AM † Leo & † Rose Mary Wald
- Thurs. 3/1 9:00 AM † Anton C. Wald
- Fri. 3/2 9:00 AM † Susan Ritter
- Sat. 3/3 4:30 PM † Ramy Wangler
- Sun. 3/4 9:00 AM † Sr. Jeanette Hinds
11:00 AM St. Mary's Parishioners
6:30 PM † Tom Jahner



Youth group
for
7th-12th graders

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

March 2-4 SEARCH for Christian Maturity retreat, Medora. 9-12th grade students are encouraged to attend!!

March 4 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, February 26

Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday, February 27

Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday, February 28

Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28

Thursday, March 1

Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31

Friday, March 2

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday, March 3

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday, March 4

Ex 20:1-17/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25



With Sympathy

Betty Lapp, mother of Tim (Lois) Lapp; **Genevieve Robinson**, mother of Linda Katsoulis and Diana Vanous and **Larry Bryon Suchy**, father of Carrie (Al) Christinson and Dan (Shyla) Suchy. We pray for family and friends who grieve their loss. May the fullness of life be theirs.

Vocation Views God calls Abraham to be willing to sacrifice all that is dear to him, even his own son, Isaac. In order to respond to a priestly or religious vocation, the same call to sacrifice is heard. Are you willing? (Gen. 22:1-2)

March 3/4	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers	Servers	Ushers	Gift Bearers	Musicians	CLOW
Saturday 4:30 PM	B1 JIM KOCH B2 LAURIE SCHEEP C1 C2 C3 C4	DEBBY MARBACK JIM KOCH	MADISON BARTSCH JACOB SCHEPP	GROUP 1	JAY & LAURIE SCHEPP FAMILY	BRENDA MICHAEL	SARA G ANNA S
Sunday 9:00 AM	B1 TRICIA MILLER B2 BOB ABERLE C1 C2 C3 C4	CHRIS DASOVICK GREG LUGAR	GRACE GRIMM JACOBY GRIMM	GROUP 2	JARED & KATE OLSON FAMILY	ADULT CHOIR MASON	HAYLEY A MERCEDES F JUAN F
Sunday 11:00 AM	B1 PATTY WIEST B2 GREG/STEPH ZENKER C1 C2 C3 C4	RYAN BLETH CHERYL FENSTER	BROOKE MUELLER BEN ZENKER	GROUP 3	BEN & MORGAN BRILZ FAMILY	BLETH FAMILY	TARYN S LIZZY K JESSICA Z
Sunday 6:30 PM	B1 BROOKE LARSON B2 MIKE NEUTZ	KEN SCHWARTZ	SYRIANA BENDER OLIVER BENDER	GROUP 14	LEONARD & FAY NOEHRE	DIANE KEYLEE	

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

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

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.

Community

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



Transfiguration

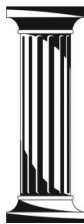
Diocesan Life

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.

Lock-in Your Faith –Middle School Overnight Event April 6, 6:30 pm-April 7, 8 am, St. Mary's Parish. 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. 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.

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.



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 Fish Fry During Lent, Ascension Community Room, 5-7 pm. Menu: deep fried cod, mac-n-cheese, baked potato, coleslaw and dessert. Cost: \$9/adults, \$6/children ages 12 and under, family: \$30. Sponsored by Ascension KC's.

Friday Fish Fry During Lent, Corpus Christi, 5-7 pm. Menu: baked and fried fish, French fries, fried shrimp, noodles, fried green beans, coleslaw and homemade desserts. Proceeds support youth ministry events. Cost: \$9/adults, \$5/children and \$30/family.

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.

Friday Fish Fry March 2, 5-7 pm, Spirit of Life, March 9, Christ the King, 5:30-7 pm, March 16, Christ the King, 5:30-7 pm and March 23, Spirit of Life, 5-7 pm. Fried fish, jumbo shrimp, potatoes, macaroni & cheese & desserts. Adults: \$9, Kids (k-6): \$4, Family: \$35

Catholic Daughters will meet Tuesday, March 6, 7 pm, Cathedral. For more information go to bismarckcda.org or call Delores, 221-2818.

Relics of St. Pio Come and venerate the official relics of Saint Pio of Pietrelcina on the 50th commemoration anniversary of his passing, Monday, March 12, Cathedral. Veneration of the relics from 6 am-10 pm. Morning Masses will be 6:45 am and 8:00 am. Bishop Kagan will celebrate a 5:30 pm Mass in honor of Saint Pio. Confessions from 7:30 am-9:30 pm. Eucharistic Adoration from 9 am-9 pm in the Adoration chapel. Concluding with Night Prayer at 9:30 pm. The relics tour is sponsored by the Saint Pio Foundation. More information can be found at www.cathedralparish.com or www.saintpiofoundation.org. Call Cathedral Parish, 223-1033 with questions.

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.

The 34th World Youth Day (WYD) will take place in Panama City, Panama, January 22-27, 2019. The event will be hosted during the winter to avoid the country's rainy season, which occurs in July and August - the traditional dates for WYD. The diocese's Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries will be coordinating a trip. Due to the timing of WYD 2019, the trip will only be offered to those who are 18 or older, so as not to compete with school-sponsored March for Life events, and other activities happening during this same time. Early registration has already begun. For more information go to www.bismarckdiocese.com/wyd.

Parish Life

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.

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!



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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

"Our Generous Love Brings Great Hope" is the theme for this year's appeal. Your gift will help support the work of our Mission Team as they minister on our behalf to our brothers and sisters in Kissi, Kenya, East Africa. Please prayerfully consider a generous gift to the appeal. An envelope and brochure are in the bulletin. Please return your donation next weekend. Read the articles in our **Kenya Connection** in the Dakota Catholic Action. 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.

