



Hospitality

The most vibrant stewardship parishes are those in which parishioners know they are welcomed, which fosters a sense of ownership and personal involvement in lived stewardship to the parish family.

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Confirmation – Oct. 15

Please keep our Confirmation candidates in your prayers as they prepare to receive this Sacrament Sunday, **October 15**, at the 10:30 a.m. Mass, with Bishop David D. Kagan presiding.

2017 Confirmation Candidates

Maleah Abel	Brady Axtman
Marissa Brock	Cameron Burckhard
Chase Burke	Paden Combs
Abigail Crossett	Blake Duchscherer
Bryson Elm	Casey Fjeld
Alexis Haider	Kennedy Hawk
Madeline Hedberg	Kacie Klein
William Klein	Kate Knecht
Nora Kramer	Gannon Ledoux
Rebecca Meier	Lane Pitner
Nicholas Sanders	Holly Schaefer
Megan Schaefer	Riley Schaefer
Hope Spooner	Hailey Steckler
Dominic Watts	

Religious Education teachers

Thank you to all the Religious Education teachers and helpers for volunteering your time and talents; it is a great example for our students to see how stewardship is working in our parish. ~ *Monica*.

Wednesdays: 4:00 – 5:00 PM Session

1st Grade: Ken Perry 2nd Grade: Barb Braun
3rd Grade: Dionne Spooner
4th & 5th Grades combined: Miranda Hager

Wednesdays: 6:00 – 7:00 PM Session

1st Grade: Tanya Andre 2nd Grade: Tam Black
3rd Grade: Michele Brossart
4th Grade: Tina Langhans 5th Grade: Peggy Mosser
6th Grade: Nicole Duchscherer
7th Grade: Ellen Warner
8th Grade: Fr. David Richter

Anniversaries

Sept 30 Leroy & Connie Eberle
Sept 30 Rodney & Karleen Houle
Sept 30 Robert & Tanya Steckler
Sept 30 Dan & Barbara Wallin
Oct 1 Wayne & Laurie Schmitz
Oct 3 David & Lorie Hoff
Oct 4 Leonard & Donna Wrona
Oct 5 Braden & Morgan Bosch
Oct 5 Daniel & Karen Rademacher
Oct 6 Bryan & Bridget Schaefer

Living Stewardship

The first son in today's Gospel said he would do his father's bidding, but did not. The second son balked at first, but then repented and did as he was asked. What service is God calling me to do?
Which son am I more like?

Fall Dinner volunteer signup –Sept 30/Oct 1

Sign-up tables will be set up in the gathering space after the **Sept. 30/Oct. 1** Masses for all those willing to volunteer to help at the Oct. 29 Parish Fall Dinner.

This is a parish event and everyone is needed to provide a great experience for our guests.

Second Story Dinner – Oct 5

The Second Story Dinner is Thursday, **Oct. 5**, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. We still need 10 volunteers to be table hosts: greet our friends and help them with plates, drinks, dessert and friendly conversation.

To volunteer, call the office, 839-7076.

~Thank you. *Deacon Chuck*.

Next planning meeting – Oct 9

The next planning meeting for our annual Fall Parish Dinner is Monday, **Oct. 9**, at 7 p.m. All are invited to come and share your ideas.



Prayer

In both our personal and communal prayer, we turn toward God to discern properly our talents and gifts. In a steward's response, we place those gifts at the service of God and one another. At the heart of the steward's prayer is the petition, "Thy Will be done."

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Gift of Prayer

Please renew prayer requests each month. To add or remove names, call Darcie, 839-7076. Baby Aacen Huck, Jeanne Karhoff, Judy Luther, Lisa Schriock, JoNell Hatlelid, Lisa Hoganson, Darlene, Aleyamma Kayanickupuram, Ann Carr, Charles Coleman Thompson, Teresa Monley, Mark Kasper, Carmie Streeper, Lauren Kettell, The unemployed, Garth Fritel, Mya Lambert, Larry Alexander, The Homeless, Rhonda Willenbring, Aubrey Joy, Special Intention, John Birkholtz, Maureen Hagen, Grayson Bahl, Larry Halden, Jodi Johnson, Karen Woiwode, Dennis Aberle, Serena Zietz, Ricky Weinand, Special Intention, Sally Mosser, Special Intention.

St. John's Prayer Line

Call one of our leaders, Gladys Weeks, 839-5582; Jan Gemar, 852-6754; Donna Wachinski, 839-1374 or Rose Klein, 722-3974, to pass on your special prayer requests to 50 + members.

Word of Life Intentions

(Observed in the U.S. as Respect Life Sunday)

For the times we are afraid to welcome life: May the Lord fill our hearts with confidence in His loving care and provide for our every need; We pray to the Lord.

Pray for Priests, Religious and Vocations

We *pray daily* for Pope Francis, our Bishops, Priests, Deacons, Nuns, Brothers, seminarians and all those in discernment.

Pray for Our Military

We remember to pray daily for our troops and their families. In appreciation of their many sacrifices for us and for their safety, red, white and blue candles burn every Friday in St. John the Apostle Church.

Mass Intentions

Sat-Sept 30	5:00 pm	The People
Sun-Oct 1	8:00 am	+Allan Hoff
	10:30 am	Chris Grosz
Mon-Oct 2		
Tue-Oct 3	7:00 pm	+Wilfred & +Geraldine Dahly
Wed-Oct 4	7:00 am	Leah Mack
Thur- Oct 5	7:00 am	Stephanie Benkoski
Fri-Oct 6	7:00 am	+Daryl & +Lorry Kramer
Sat-Oct 7	5:00 pm	+Robert & +Ardis Olson
Sun-Oct 8	8:00 am	The People
	10:30 am	+Pius & +Tillie Wentz

Upcoming Parish Events

Sun-Oct 1 Reconciliation/Confession...9:30-10:15 am
 Tue-Oct 3 KC 1150 Council.....7:30 pm
 Wed-Oct 4 Trinity Homes Rosary Ministry...10:00 am
 Wed-Oct 4 Religious Education classes.....4 & 6 pm
 Thur-Oct 5 2nd Story Dinner.....6 pm
 Fri-Oct 6 Eucharistic Adoration.....until 9 am
 Fri-Oct 6 Mass at The View.....11:15 am
 Sat-Oct 7 Reconciliation/Confession.....3:45-4:45 pm
 Sun-Oct 8 Reconciliation/Confession....9:30-10:15 am
 Sun-Oct 8 Confirmation practice.....after 10:30 Mass
 Sun-Oct 8 Coffee & Donuts.....after both Masses and
 Welcome new parishioners
 Thur-Oct 12 Rosary and a movie.....6:30 pm

Confirmation meeting/practice – Oct 8

A meeting and practice for all 2017 Confirmation Candidates will follow the 10:30 a.m. Mass Sunday, **October 8**, in the gathering space by the Parish Hall.

Saturday Mass Accompanist Needed!!!

St. John's needs a permanent accompanist for the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturdays. This is a paid position. If interested, please contact Peggy Montgomery at 839-4019, or see her after any weekend Mass.



Formation

Every parish organization has a role to play in nurturing the faith formation of the parishioners. The meaning of faithful stewardship and how to live this way of life is at the core of the disciple's response to the gift of faith we freely receive from our loving God.

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Rosary and a Movie – Oct 12

On Thursday, **October 12th**, Fr. Richter will lead a Rosary in St. John Church at 6:30 p.m., followed by a movie in our parish Hall! Let us gather together for a movie night, as God's family at St. John the Apostle, to be inspired again about God's love and living our faith together. We will have popcorn and drinks in the parish hall to watch the movie, "Finding Fatima," on our big screen!

Come one, come all, old and young!

The movie begins at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 12. This is the evening before the 100th Anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun, on Oct. 13.

This is an opportunity to recall the dramatic and powerful message of Our Lady to the world. This anniversary does exactly what Our Lady always does: it reminds us of the love of her Son, of the devastating consequences of sin, of the miraculous triumph of God's saving grace, and of the power of sacrifice and intercessory prayer.

2017 Youth Rally – Oct. 19

The 2017 High School Youth Rally, ENCOUNTER, is Thursday, **Oct. 19**, from 1 to 10 p.m. at the University of Mary, featuring SONAR – a Catholic band from the Twin Cities that has made vibrant, vocally driven music for 20 years. Registration is only \$25! Clergy, Religious and chaperones are free, but must still register. All youth must be affiliated with a parish or school group. For more information contact Carrie Davis, Director of Youth Ministry, at (701) 204-7208 or cdavis@bismarckdiocese.com or visit www.bismarckdiocese.com/high-school-youth-rally.

St. Monica's Widows Guild – Oct 9

St. Monica's Widows Social Guild meets Monday, **Oct. 9**. More details in next week's bulletin.

Bishop Ryan Catholic School News

Get Your Tickets Now for the Bishop Ryan Catholic School Hall of Fame Banquet! Saturday, **Oct. 14**, at the Grand Hotel. Honorees are Orlin & Millie Backes and Cy & Alvina "Toots" Butz. Evening includes dinner, Hall of Fame silent auction, and entertainment. Buy tickets, \$65/person or \$120 per couple, at (701) 838-3355, ext. 3, or in the BRCS Office.

Bishop Ryan Catholic School needs bus drivers for both in-town and out-of-town events. The school will help cover the costs of any licensing or testing fees for anyone interested in driving on a frequent basis. For more details, contact BRCS Activities Director, Roger Coleman, at roger.coleman@brhs.com or 838-3355.

Mikayla Koble to lead OLG Parish Mission

Mikayla Ruth Koble, daughter of Mohn and Julia Koble, will lead a parish mission **Oct. 7-9** at Our Lady of Grace, speaking at the **Oct. 7/8** weekend Masses and giving a presentation at 4 -5 p.m. Sunday, **Oct. 8**. On Monday, **Oct. 9**, at 9:30 a.m., she will speak on "Suffering and Healing," and from 6:30-7:30 p.m., she will address the working people. On Tuesday, **Oct. 10**, her final presentation is with the 7 p.m. Mass.

She attended Bishop Ryan High School; served for three years after college with Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS) and now leads retreats and parish missions throughout the country.

Vocation Views

Actions speak louder than words. What are my actions saying? Can my words be trusted? Turning from evil and doing good is what God wants. (*Matthew 21: 28-32*)

Fatima Story – Oct 13

"The Miracle of the Sun Only the Beginning. The Fatima Story," will be shown in the Somerset Court Theatre on Friday, **Oct. 13**, at 7 p.m. All are welcome.



Service

The pillar of service is an opportunity for the parish to put into practice the other three pillars; hospitality, prayer and formation. True stewardship parishes practice all four pillars, with Jesus Christ as the model and the foundation from which the pillars arise.

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September Offertory – as of 9/ 26/ 2017

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED
Adult Collections	25,392.09	32,500.00
Student envelopes	42.00	27.33
Loose Collection	2,786.67	4,166.67
TOTALS	<u>28,220.76</u>	<u>36,694.00</u>

Parish Debt Reduction

Pledge Payments	315.00
Donations & Memorials	1,948.00
TOTAL	<u>2,263.00</u>
Loan Payment #31 Principle	3,161.51
Loan Interest payment #31	280.13
Loan Balance as of 9/01/2017	<u>79,197.46</u>

Stewardship Thought

If we accept the challenge of putting God first in our time and treasure, our attitudes, priorities, and spiritual lives will definitely change.

Hilarious “Sister Strikes Again” – Oct. 18 Sometimes We Feel Guilty Because We Are Guilty!

Late Night Catechism 2 runs Wednesday, **Oct. 18**, at 7:30 p.m., in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall, Minot State U. Tickets (\$40) or details at Little Flower Parish, (701) 838-1520 or LittleFlowerFinance@srt.com. Proceeds to go to the building fund.

Tickets are also available at the door and online at www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3066245.

Who knew damnation could be so much fun?

Little Flower Breakfast – Oct 8

The Little Flower KC Council 9839 is serving a full breakfast on Sunday, **Oct. 8**, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Menu: sausage & gravy, scrambled eggs, French toast, juice and coffee. A free-will offering will be taken. The Parish Environment Committee will have an assortment of Fall centerpieces for sale.

Brand New Church Bulletin – Oct 15!!

We are still looking for some more business sponsors. If interested, or you know of another business in the community that would be interested in supporting the parish, please contact Gina at (952) 356-6488.

Starting the **Oct. 15** weekend, St. John the Apostle will have a BRAND-NEW Church Bulletin. It will save the parish a lot of time and money and have a professional look with vibrant FULL COLOR. Gina Shaughnessy, our parish representative from the new printer, Liturgical Publications, Inc., is setting up advertising for it. Please consider advertising in the bulletin, since the revenue from the ads make the bulletin possible at no cost to the parish.

It’s a terrific way to get your name in front of the families, business owners and visitors at the church.

Ads can be purchased for a business, family, or sponsorship for a non-profit organization. Businesses can promote what they do, and connect with the community, while benefitting the church at the same time.

Please do give these ideas some thought. We need and appreciate your help! If interested in participating, prices, and/or want more information, please call Gina or email her at gshaughnessy@4LPi.com.

Foxholm Roast Beef dinner – Oct 1

St. Marys’ Catholic Church hosts its Annual Roast Beef Dinner Sunday, **Oct. 1**, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., serving home style. Menu: roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, coleslaw, rolls, apple or pumpkin pie. Takeout is available. Adults-\$10; children 7-12, \$5; Age 3-\$3. Also, raffle and homemade pie sale.

OLG Respect Life Fair Sunday – Oct 1

Our Lady of Grace Culture of Life Fair is 8:30 a.m. to noon Sunday, **Oct. 1**, in the dining room. View Faith Formation class projects and organization displays. Also, the OLG KCs’ will serve breakfast, with the free-will proceeds to go to St. Gianna’s Maternity Home.