



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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Mass with Anointing

Good people of St. John, On Thursday morning, Sept 14 at 10:30 we celebrated Mass here at St. John the Apostle with anointing of the sick during Mass. This sacrament is a wonderful experience of healing and strengthening. It should not be looked at as something that is to be celebrated only right before death, but for anyone who is elderly, has a serious health condition, is having surgery, or whose health has or is deteriorating. It is important to also see that many times the healing that occurs is not physical but spiritual and relational, which Jesus Christ and the Church tell us is even more important than physical healing. This sacrament is to be a consecration of one's life to God, not only in good times but even in difficult times. It is offering our pain and difficulty to God that we may share in his salvific suffering. If we do not give God the permission to use our sufferings from illness or old age for His plan of salvation, He will not force his way in, making it simply suffering. But on the other hand, if we offer it to Him to use, it becomes a source of salvation for us and others. Our God through His church wants to show his compassion and offers us His grace in this beautiful sacrament of healing and strength.

Let me share with you some instructions for the

Anniversaries

Sept 16 Brian & Cathy Aberle
Sept 16 Don & Terry Pfeifer
Sept 17 James & Darlene Vetter
Sept 18 Charles, III & Julie LaFrance
Sept 18 Jordan & Katie Huettl
Sept 19 Steve & Lisa Kukowski
Sept 19 David & Karen Schultz
Sept 19 Steven & Jody Warnke
Sept 20 Mike & Nancy Hady
Sept 20 Richard & Stephanie Hagen
Sept 21 Dan & Roxanne Vander Vorste
Sept 22 Deacon Chuck & Nancy Kramer
Sept 22 Matt & Bethany Meyer

(Anointing cont.)

Sacrament of Anointing. This sacrament gives the grace of the Holy Spirit to those who are sick: by this grace the whole person is helped and saved, sustained by trust in God, and strengthened against the temptations of the Evil One and against anxiety over death. In the Sacrament of Anointing there is the laying on of hands and anointing with oil.

Persons, with their illness, are invited to consecrate their life to God, sharing with Him their suffering, and to receive His healing power.

One may ask, **who is to receive this sacrament?** Great care and concern should be taken to see that those of the faithful whose health is seriously impaired by sickness or old age receive this sacrament. Elderly people may be anointed if they have become notably weakened, even though no serious illness is present. For example, someone whose heart is weak or has complications with blood circulation or diabetes can be or should be anointed. Someone who is 70, but in reasonably good health has no need, however, one must decide with reasonable prudence if they qualify. Those who intend to receive the sacrament are to prepare for the sacrament by celebrating reconciliation beforehand.

~ Fr. David Richter

(Ed. Note: This column was supposed to be in last week's bulletin. Sadly, due to the nefarious vagaries of the computer gremlins, it didn't get included.)

Living Stewardship

Stewardship is not optional! "None of us lives as his own master and none of us dies as his own master," says St. Paul.

"While we live we are responsible to the Lord, and when we die, we die as His servants."

Fall Dinner planning meeting – Sept 18

Call Marilyn Waller, 340-7555, to volunteer to help, or just come to the meeting at 7 p.m. Monday.



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

For the times we have taken God's gift of life for granted: May we seek forgiveness with confidence in God's faithful and merciful love; We pray to the Lord.

Second Story Dinner – Oct 5

The Second Story Dinner is Thursday, **Oct. 5**, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. We need 30 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*.

Hurricane Harvey Collection – Sept 9/10

Thank you to all parishioners who contributed so generously to the Hurricane Harvey collection Sept. 9/10. You donated \$5,837 to help the victims.

Mass Intentions

Sat-Sept 16 5:00 pm +Laurence Elm
Sun-Sept 17 8:00 am Deceased Members of the Steve & Helen Engelhardt family
10:30 am The People
Mon-Sept 18
Tue-Sept 19 7:00 am Donna Rovig
Wed-Sept 20 7:00 am +Glen Lovelace
Thur-Sept 21 7:00 am Teri Black
Fri-Sept 22 7:00 am +Daryl & +Lorry Kramer
Sat-Sept 23 5:00 pm +Diane Schempp
Sun-Sept 24 8:00 am The People
10:30 am +Pius & +Tillie Wentz

Upcoming Parish Events

Sun-Sept 17 Reconciliation/Confession.9:30-10:15 am
Mon-Sept 18 Fall Dinner planning meeting.....7 pm
Tue-Sept 19 Finance Council.....5:30 pm
Tue-Sept 19 Parish Council.....7 pm
Wed-Sept 20 Religious Education classes....4 & 6 pm
Thur-Sept 21 Blanket Ministry.....9:30 am
Thur-Sept 21 Franciscan Prayer & Reflection..6:30 pm
Fri-Sept 22 Eucharistic Adoration.....until 9 am
Sat-Sept 23 Buildings & Grounds - North Hill
Marketplace...9 am
Sat-Sept 23 Reconciliation/Confession...3:45-4:45 pm
Sun-Sept 24 Reconciliation/Confession.9:30-10:15 am

Saturday Mass Accompanist Needed!!!

A permanent accompanist is needed for the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday. If you are interested or know someone who might be interested, please contact Peggy Montgomery, 839-4019, or see her after any weekend Mass.

Fatima Story – Oct 13

"The Miracle of the Sun, Only the Beginning: The Fatima Story" will be shown at 7 p.m. Friday, **Oct. 13**, in the Somerset Court theatre. Everyone is welcome.



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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Religious Education News

Religious Education classes start **Wednesday, Sept. 20, and we still need one teacher for the 6:00 p.m. session, for 3rd grade.** If you are able to teach, please call Monica at 839-7076.

If you have not returned your child's registration form, please do so. If you did not receive a form or misplaced yours, forms are available at the entrance next to the parish offices or on our parish website, www.stjohnminot.com, as well as our classes calendar and Parent Handbook. Return completed registration forms (one per child) to the parish office or place it in the collection basket at church. Thank you. ~ *Monica*, RE Director.

Vocation Views

The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger, and rich in compassion. Am I following in Jesus' footsteps? Pray for the grace to forgive. (*Psalm 103*)

THIRST Men's Conference – Sept. 23

It's almost here! Gentlemen, pre-register for the THIRST 2017 Men's Conference **Saturday, Sept. 23.** This **FREE** event will be at the new Lumen Vitae University Center at the University of Mary. Hear impactful presentations by Tim Staples from Catholic Answers and our own Msgr. Tom Richter from Cathedral of the Holy Spirit. Enjoy a day to spiritually "recharge" – with time for confessions, Eucharistic adoration, exhibitors, a Vigil Mass with Bishop Kagan and good conversation with other men.

Dads, bring your sons of high-school age and older as this event happens only every 3 years.

Register and see the event schedule online www.bismarckdiocese.com/thirst2017.

For more information, please contact Keven Wanner at thirst@bismarckdiocese.com, or call 701-204-7187. See you there!

Bishop Ryan Catholic School News

Annual Bishop Ryan Catholic School Hall of Fame Banquet!

At the Grand Hotel Saturday, **October 14.** This year honoring Orlin & Millie Backes and Cy & Alvina Butz. Evening includes a delicious dinner, Hall of Fame silent auction and lots of wonderful entertainment. Details on tickets to come. Join the Bishop Ryan family in saying thank you!

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 call (701) 838-3355.

Shop Schwan's; help the needy to Sept 21

Only a few days left in our campaign! Shop Schwan's and help Minot's St Vincent de Paul Society. **Until Sept. 21,** 5% of all purchases will be donated to SVdP. Call 1-855-870-7208 and use Campaign ID 32021 or <https://www.schwans-cares.com/campaigns/32021-st-vincent-de-paul>. Sue MacLeod, Society of St Vincent de Paul 218-791-7736. Thank you for your support!

Parish Blood Drive – Oct. 26

Next St. John Parish Blood Drive, Thursday **Oct. 26.**

You can donate if you:

- are 16 or older
 - weigh at least 110 pounds
 - had not donated in the past 8 weeks - since Aug. 31 (16 weeks for double red cell donors) - since July 6
 - are healthy and not currently taking antibiotics
- ~ Marilyn Waller, 340-7555.

Pro-life Thought

The greatest destroyer of love and peace is abortion, which is war against the child. ~ *St. Mother Teresa*



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/ 13/ 2017

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED
Adult Collections	10,569.15	32,500.00
Student envelopes	20.00	27.33
Loose Collection	1,232.72	4,166.67
TOTALS	<u>11,821.87</u>	<u>36,694.00</u>

Parish Debt Reduction

Pledge Payments	65.00
Donations & Memorials	924.00
TOTAL	<u>989.00</u>
Loan Payment #31 Principle	3,161.51
Loan Interest payment #31	280.13
August Shortfall on Loan Payment	0.00
Loan Balance as of 9/01/2017	<u>79,197.46</u>

Stewardship Thought

Christian stewardship takes a positive view on money. It sees money not only as a medium of exchange, but as a symbol of the person who has it.

We are revealed through the actions of how we use it, acquire it and share it.

Parish Business Manager - Bismarck

Church of the Ascension needs a Business Manager to serve as a team member and leader in a small-office environment. Works with staff; supports the Pastor in the management and stewardship of the parish's physical, financial and personnel resources; has a strong commitment to service; can meet deadlines.

Qualifications: Four-year Business Administration or accounting degree w/ at least three years of management experience; computer literate; knowledgeable in office procedures with experience in church accounting software and communication. Must complete a background check as required by the Diocese of Bismarck. Submit a cover letter and résumé: Search Committee, Church of the Ascension, 1905 South Third Street, Bismarck, ND 58504.

Catholic Charities ND Sunday Sept 23/24

Helping People, Changing Lives

A special collection will be taken the weekend of **Sept. 23/24** in support of Catholic Charities, ND. Programs include: Adults Adopting Special Kids, Counseling Services, Pregnancy, Parenting, Adoption and Guardianship Services. Envelopes will be provided or you can mail your donation to: Catholic Charities North Dakota, 5201 Bishops Blvd, Ste B, Fargo, ND 58104, or online at CatholicCharitiesND.org.

Fall Chicken Supper – Sept 24

St. Bonaventure Catholic Church, Underwood, ND, will host its Fall Chicken Supper 4:30-7 p.m. Sunday, **Sept. 24**. Menu: fried chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, corn, homemade pies and desserts. Adults, \$10; 6-12, \$5; children under six eat for free.

Coming Soon

Brand New Church Bulletin!!

Starting the weekend of **Oct. 15**, 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., was in our office last week 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 you are interested in participating, prices and/or want more information, call Gina Shaughnessy at 952-356-6488 or email her at gshaughnessy@4LPi.com.