



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.

September 24, 2017 – 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastor's Post

Good people of St. John,

I want to invite you to join me for a wonderful evening as a parish family. On **October 12th**, I will lead a Rosary in St. John Church at 6:30 p.m. followed by a movie in our parish Hall! Please join me!

When Mary appeared to three shepherd children 100 years ago, the world noticed. For long-time Catholics, the stories of these private revelations of Our Lady are so frequently mentioned that they often lose their impact. 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. Thursday October 12th. This is the evening before the 100th Anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun, on October 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.

If we are to build a culture of love and life, then we must put into practice the essential message of Fatima: we must pray, make sacrifices for the sake of our souls and those of others, and strive to grow in true Christian virtue.

His mercy endures forever ☩

~ Fr. David Richter.

Living Stewardship

In today's Gospel, the vineyard owner says, "I am free to do as I please with my money, am I not?"

We are likewise free. Is a generous return to the Lord in thanksgiving for His many blessings among the choices I have made?

Anniversaries

- Sept 23 Rick & Andrea Cantone
- Sept 23 Ashley & Rachel Iverson
- Sept 23 Jason & Desidy Rohrer
- Sept 23 Timothy & Danielle Sandstrom
- Sept 25 Jeff & Lorie Berg
- Sept 25 Alden & Diane Horpestad
- Sept 26 Casey & Michelle Erickson
- Sept 26 Kevin & Taya Voeller
- Sept 27 Curt & Vonda Clark
- Sept 27 Kevin & Dana Smith
- Sept 28 Harry & Mary Capaci
- Sept 28 Tim & Sharlotte Marchant
- Sept 29 Ron & Valerie Burgard
- Sept 29 Ray & Pauline Goldade
- Sept 29 Todd & Dawn Palumbo
- Sept 29 Merlin & Loretta Routledge
- Sept 29 Wayne & Verla Walter

Congratulations!

Jadin Martin

and

Laura Martinson

United in Holy Matrimony

September 15, 2017

God bless you with a long, happy Marriage!

Second Story Dinner – Oct 5

The Second Story Dinner is Thursday, **Oct. 5**, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. We need 15 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*.

Fall Dinner volunteer signup –Sept 30/Oct 1

Sign-up tables will be set up after the **Sept. 30/Oct. 1** Masses to volunteer to help out at the Oct. 29 Dinner.



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 all of Christ's disciples:
May we foster a culture of life
and a civilization of love;
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.

*With all thy soul fear the Lord, and
Reverence His priests. (Ecclesiasticus 7:31)*

Pray for Our Military

We 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 23 5:00 pm +Diane Schempp
Sun-Sept 24 8:00 am The People
10:30 am +Pius & +Tillie Wentz
Mon-Sept 25
Tue-Sept 26 7:00 pm Jack Daley
Wed-Sept 27 7:00 am +Luella Kary
Thur-Sept 28 7:00 am +Wayne Sandhofner
Fri-Sept 29 7:00 am +Pat Gathman
Sat-Sept 30 5:00 pm The People
Sun-Oct 1 8:00 am +Allan Hoff
10:30 am Chris Grosz

Upcoming Parish Events

Sun-Sept 24 Reconciliation/Confession...9:30-10:15 am
Tue-Sept 26 Stewardship Meeting.....7:30 pm
Wed-Sept 27 Religious Education classes....4 & 6 pm
Thur-Sept 28 Trinity Homes Mass Ministry.....2 pm
Fri-Sept 29 Eucharistic Adoration.....until 9 am
Sat-Sept 30 Reconciliation/Confession....3:45-4:45 pm
Sun-Oct 1 Reconciliation/Confession....9:30-10:15 am
Thur-Oct 5 Second Story Dinner.....6-8 pm
Thur-Oct 12 Rosary and a movie.....6:30 pm
Sun-Oct 15 Confirmation w/ Bishop Kagan...10:30 am
Sun-Oct 29 Annual Fall Parish Dinner..11 am-4:30 pm

St. John Parish Blood Drive – Oct. 26

On 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.

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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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.

Confirmation Mass is Sunday, **October 15** at 10:30 a.m., with Bishop David D. Kagan presiding.

Vocation Views

God calls people at different times and in various ways. You're never too old or too late to give your life to God. Generosity is His hallmark.

~ (Matthew 20: 1-16).

Catholic Daughters of the Americas

For the 2017 educational contest, students chose from two themes: "Whatever you do for the least of my brother, you do for me" and "Helping the needy where I live." The winners were selected, and monetary awards presented, in May. All the students are from Bishop Ryan Catholic School. The winners of the contest include:

Art: Division 1 – 1st place, Kathryn Wille, grade 5. Kathryn placed 1st at the State level. Her entry has been sent to the national contest in New York.

Division 2 – 1st place, Christine Nwaigwe, grade 7.

Poetry: Division 1 – 1st place, Gabe Alexander, grade 5. Gabe also placed 2nd at State.

Division 3 – 1st place, Luke Voorhies, grade 10.

Essay: Division 1 – 1st place, Olivia Demars, grade 4. Olivia also placed 2nd at the state level.

Division 2 – 1st place, Payton Luzardo, grade 7. Luke also placed 2nd at the state level.

Division 3 – 1st place, Bridget Finley, grade 10.

Computer Art: Division 1 – Luke Hommerding, grade 4.

Photography: Division 2 – 1st place Braden McCurry, grade 6. Braden also placed 2nd at State.

Congratulations to all those who submitted entries.

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. Our honorees are Orlin & Millie Backes and Cy & Alvina "Toots" Butz. The evening includes dinner, the Hall of Fame silent auction, and fun and entertainment. Buy tickets, \$65/person or \$120 per couple, at (701) 838-3355, ext. 3, or in the BRCS Administration Office. We hope to see you there!

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.

2017 Youth Rally – Oct. 19

The 2017 High School Youth Rally, ENCOUNTER, Thursday, **Oct. 19**, from 1 to 10 p.m. at the University of Mary will feature 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.

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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/ 18/ 2017

| | ACTUAL | BUDGETED |
|----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Adult Collections | 19,935.09 | 32,500.00 |
| Student envelopes | 42.00 | 27.33 |
| Loose Collection | 2,070.49 | 4,166.67 |
| <u>TOTALS</u> | <u>22,047.58</u> | <u>36,694.00</u> |

Parish Debt Reduction

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|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Pledge Payments | 65.00 |
| Donations & Memorials | 1,646.00 |
| <u>TOTAL</u> | <u>1,711.00</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

The heart grateful to God needs to find a way to express that gratitude. Some important ways to do that are through prayer, through service and through giving of one's resources.

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.

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

Who knew damnation could be so much fun?

Parish Business Manager - Bismarck

For details: Search Committee, Church of the Ascension, 1905 S. Third St., Bismarck, N.D. 58504. Four-year Business Administration or accounting degree; at least three years of management experience; knowledgeable in church accounting software. Background check is required by the Diocese of Bismarck.

Coming Soon

Brand New Church Bulletin!!

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., 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.

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.

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, huge raffle and homemade pie sale.