## HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH



## March 13, 2022 2nd Sunday of Lent

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#### Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 4pm Sunday: 7:30, 9 and 11am

Daily Mass Schedule Monday-Wednesday: 5:30pm Tuesday-Saturday: 8:30am

**Reconciliation** 1/2 hour before ALL Masses. Saturday: 3-3:50pm In-person by appointment

**Baptism** Call to register for Baptism prep, before or after the baby is born.

#### Marriage

Contact the parish office at least six months before the wedding date.

**Confirmation/lst Eucharist** For Catholics older than 3rd grade, call for more info.

**Exploring Catholicism/RCIA** Learn more about the faith, or want to become Catholic, call for more info.

**New Parishioner Registration** Visit the website or call for more info.

**Anointing of the Sick** Available any time. Contact a priest or call the parish office.

Adoration Monday-Saturday: 6:45-8am

**Homebound** Call the office to schedule a visit.

#### **Prayer Chain**

Call Patty Landman at 701-235-0185 or Mary Schmidt at 701-540-7146 to be added to the prayer list.

#### Office Hours

Monday: 1-5pm Tuesday: 9am-4pm Wednesday: 8am-5pm Thursday: 9am-4pm Friday: 8am-noon

Pastor: Fr. Ross Laframboise Parochial Vicar: Fr. Robert Keller Deacon: Rev. Mr. Paul Schneider

## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

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While he was still speaking, a cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." - Lk 9:34-35

## MONTHLY SOCIAL TEACHING - The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers

The economy must serve people, not the other way around. Work is more than a way to make a living; it is a form of continuing participation in God's creation. If the dignity of work is to be protected, then the basic rights of workers must be respected - the right to productive work, to decent and fair wages, to the organization and joining of unions, to private property, and to economic initiative.

### WEEKLY VIRTUE: INDUSTRIOUSNESS

KNOW IT: Diligence, especially in work that leads to natural and supernatural maturity

LIVE IT: Diligently complete a task; set small goals along the way **PRAY IT:** O God, who enlightened the Slavic peoples through the brothers Saints Cyril and Methodius, grant that our hearts may grasp the words of your teaching, and perfect us as a people of one accord in true faith and right confession. Amen.

**STS. CYRIL & METHODIUS -** born "Constantine" and "Michael" to a high ranking officer in the Byzantine Army, both studied at the Imperial School of Constantinople. They each carved out a successful career: Constantine (later Cyril) as professor of philosophy at the Imperial school; Michael, first as governor in Macedonia and then abbot of a monastery in Asia Minor (where he took the name Methodius). In 863, when they started their missionary work among the Slavs, they began using Slavonic in the liturgy. They translated the Bible into the language later known as Old Church Slavonic (or Old Bulgarian) and invented a Slavic alphabet based on Greek characters, which in its final Cyrillic form is still in use as the alphabet for a number of Slavic languages. The Slavonic liturgy and Bible made their way all over Eastern Europe and gave birth to the Bulgarian and Serbian Orthodox churches (which still use the Slavonic liturgy). Russia, which converted to Orthodoxy about a century after Methodius died, continues to use his Cyrillic alphabet to this day. Their missionary work among the Slavs laid the essential foundation for the later Christianization of Ukraine and Russia in 988. Such was their influence in Church history, through their evangelization efforts, that the late Pope John Paul II named the two brothers the patron saints of Europe along with 5th century monastic leader St. Benedict.

# Day of Recollection

## SATURDAY, MARCH 19 9:00am - 3:00pm Holy Spirit Parish

Parish day of retreat led by Fr. Keller

Lunch provided. Please pre-register at the Welcome Desk or call the parish office

## At Home with Jesus PARISH RETREAT

#### **STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

Weekend of	March 5-6	YTD Budget	Fiscal YTD
Envelopes	\$18,976.93	\$681,389.41	\$689,241.64
Children	\$7.00	\$180.78	\$374.99
Cash Plate	\$807.45	\$28,442.46	\$22,699.99
Total		\$710,012.65	\$712,316.62
Monthly Total	\$19,791.38		
Monthly Budg	et \$78,642.86	% of Budg	et 25.17%

Thank you for your generosity! Call Barb with questions. Please consider Holy Spirit in your estate planning Ask Barb about the Holy Spirit Legacy Society

#### Mass readings for the week of March 13

Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14/Phil 3:17—4:1/ Lk 9:28b-36 Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13/Lk 6:36-38 Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23/Mt 23:1-12 Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt 20:17-28 Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31 Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/ Mt 21:33-43, 45-46 Saturday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29/ Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a Next Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11/ I Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9



Our mission is to invite, form, and equip missionary disciples of Jesus Christ.

## PRAYER

Prayer is the joy of the Christian life. Here are some basic steps to get there:

1. Start simply with 10 minutes each day in prayer or reading the Bible. It is so doable !

2. Transforming your relationship with God is next. The Prayer 101 experience is the concrete step.

3. The final step is complete commitment. This is achieved when we take a 1/2 hour of meditative/ contemplative prayer each day to nurture our relationship with God.

## REPETITION WHEN PRAYING WITH SACRED SCRIPTURE: What it is and is not.....

#### WHAT IS A PRAYER REPETITION?

Repetition begins with recognizing a movement of the heart while praying with a passage of Scripture: consolation, confusion, anxiety, desolation, sadness, fear, joy...

Returning to that point in prayer where you sense the movement of your heart originated, allowing God to lead you to a deeper understanding of self, Him, others and ultimately to consolation.

#### EXAMPLES

While praying with the passage of Mary at the foot of the Cross the image of the gaze between mother and son grabbed my attention. My heart was drawn into that relationship shared between Mary and Jesus as I meditated on the gaze. A desire welled up in me to be a part of that gaze. Repeating the prayer many times following (and finding myself always, in praying the 4th Station of the Cross, desiring to stop and stay right there where a similar gaze between mother and son occurs) continues to bring me to a deeper understanding of the relationship of Jesus and Mary and my part of that gaze.

In praying over the hidden life of Jesus I notice that I could not get settled and that I was filled with intense distractions and anxieties, so the next prayer time, although I don't feel like it, I return to the same prayer passage and pray with it again.

### WHAT REPETITION IS NOT

It is not re-reading a scripture passage to see what else might be in it for me. It is not a further study of the passage or opportunity to analyze\* the scripture. It is not a return to the entire passage. It is a return to only the place where you noticed a movement of the heart.

\*Be aware that the temptation to analyze may be great. Resist it !!!

### WHY REPETITION IS GOOD

Repetitions **allow** spiritual movements to take place · It helps us to **notice** interior movements · It is the way we can **respect** God's communication with us · It is a means by which desolation can become consolation. (darkness to light; sadness to joy; struggle to surrender)

How many times should I repeat the same prayer? Until you are satisfied!

YOUR PRAYER JOURNAL CAN ASSIST YOU GREATLY IN FINDING THE MOVEMENT OF THE HEART.



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## NEWS & EVENTS

## OUTSIDE OUR PARISH

#### Little Deacons Assistant – Holy Spirit Elementary

St. John Paul II Catholic Schools is searching for a dynamic individual to assist in the Little Deacons 3-year-old program. Candidate will work under the direction of the Lead Teacher to provide support and help create a positive learning and socialization environment for the students to grow. Deadline for applying: Open Until Filled. To apply visit https://www.jp2schools.org/careers/ and complete the general application or contact Human.Resources@jp2schools.og.

#### Worldwide Marriage Encounter

In-person retreat on March 18-20, 2022. Live your best life in love! For more info, call Rob & Angie at (701) 347-1998 or apply at ndwwme.org.

#### Spring Authentic Italian Spaghetti Dinner

St. Elizabeth's in Dilworth, 207 Main St N, will be selling Sauce & Meatballs on Sunday, April 24, 2022. Call 287-2705 to **pre-order by March 20,** 2022. Curbside pickup by the north door 10am—2pm.

#### Catholic Men's Night I

Tuesday, March 22 at St. Benedict, 11743 38th St S, Horace, ND. 6-7pm Adoration & Confession; 7-8pm Talk with dinner, presenter: Fr. Miller.

#### Catholic Men's Night 2

Thursday, March 24 at St. Leo's, 211 Langer Ave N, Casselton, ND. 6-7pm Adoration & Confession; 7-8pm Talk with dinner, presenter: Bishop Folda. Free-will offering.

#### St Francis Thrift Store needs Volunteers

Can you spare I or 2 hours a week to sort and hang clothes? By volunteering, you will help the needy of our community. We receive and pick up donations of items, and accept monetary contributions. St Francis Thrift Store 1425 1st Ave S Fargo 710-235-5944. Talk to the manager.

#### St. William's in Argusville hosts Lenten Mission

Everyone welcome! Special Teen mission Saturday, March 19: 11:30am to 4pm. Lunch and refreshments provided. Adult mission Sunday, March 20: 10am Mass, 11am brunch, program until 5pm. Brunch is for everyone. Refreshments provided. Childcare available Sunday during the adult program for ages 4 and older. Snacks provided. Help us plan by registering via our online form: https://forms.gle/TKLhaUXzj2acXkP38

#### PARISH EVENTS FOR WEEK OF SUNDAY, MARCH 13

Sunday, March 13 - KC Breakfast after ALL Masses Daylight Savings Time Begins Mass: 7:30am, 9am, 11am Pinochle Party: 1:30pm in Social Hall Monday, March 14 Daily Mass: 5:30pm Boy Scouts: 7pm in Social Hall Prayer 101: 7pm in NW Conference Room Tuesday, March 15 Daily Mass: 8:30am and 5:30pm Bible Study, Gospel of John: following 8:30am Mass, Social Hall Wednesday, March 16 Daily Masses: 8:30am & 5:30pm Stations of the Cross: 9am in church NO Food & Fellowship: 5:45pm in Social Hall NO Catechesis Classes Grades 1-5 Thursday, March 17 Daily Mass: 8:30am AHG Meeting: Grades 4-12 in Social Hall Friday, March 18 Daily Mass: 8:30am St. Monica Prayer Group: 3:45pm in church Stations of the Cross: 5:30pm in Church Simple Supper: 6pm in Social Hall Saturday, March 19 Mass: 8:30am, 4pm Day of Recollection: 9am Sat 4 pm Choir Rehearsal: 2:45 pm in St Therese Room **REMEMBER THERE ARE CONFESSIONS 1/2 HOUR BEFORE MASS!** 

### INSIDE OUR PARISH Special Collection to aid Ukraine March 19/20

Bishop Folda has requested us to take up a special collection to assist with humanitarian and other efforts in Ukraine. Many people in our Diocese have ties to the Ukraine. Make checks payable to Holy Spirit and we will send all proceeds to the Diocesan Finance Office by the end of March to be remitted to the national/international Catholic entities engaged in assisting those in need. Please be generous. Thank you.

#### No 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Catechesis Wednesday, March 16

due to spring break. Youth Discipleship groups should check with their mentors or lead parents to see if their group will be meet.

#### Invitation to Stations of the Cross and Meal

The Stations of the Cross is a special form of devotion done with a series of images depicting the specific events that occurred during Jesus' last day on earth. Every Wednesday at 9am or Friday at 5:30pm, during Lent, we invite you to take a "spiritual pilgrimage" to the scenes of Christ's suffering and death to draw you further into the mystery of the season. A simple supper following the prayer is offered in the social hall on Fridays.

#### New camp for Middle School students this summer

Camp Summit for all youth entering grades 7, 8, & 9. Youth will engage in prayer, worship, fellowship, leadership formation, recreation, and fun. This five-day experience is designed to encourage and equip the youth for discipleship to their family, friends, and communities. Hosted at Red Willow Bible Camp in Binford, ND, July 10-14, 2022. Cost is \$325.00/ camper or \$300.00/camper with two or more from the same family. Visit: https://www.fargodiocese.org/campsummit Holy Spirit will cover \$200 towards the cost of registration per camper for our parishioners. Contact Ashley at ashley@holyspiritfargo.com for more info.

#### Lenten Day of Recollection - March 19

Fr. Keller will lead a day of retreat at Holy Spirit on March 19 from 9am-3pm. Take this opportunity to dive deeper into the Parish Lenten Retreat. Lunch is included, so please sign up ahead of time at the Welcome Desk or call the office.

#### God's Gift Appeal

Thanks to all our parishioners who made their gift to the 2022 God's Gift Appeal. Holy Spirit is 36.9% towards our goal of \$128,710. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please fill out a commitment card located at the Welcome Desk. Please participate and support our diocesan church.

#### Women's Care Center Tour

Holy Spirit parishioners are invited to tour the Women's Care Center, 103 N University Dr, Fargo, on Tuesday, March 15 at 6:30pm. After the tour will be a time to answer questions and finish with a video. A meal is provided. For more info or to register (a head-count is needed to plan the food) contact Dave Foerster at: 701-238-0402 or email dfoerster1949@gmail.com. The Women's Care Center exists to help mothers with unplanned pregnancies. Financial donations are welcome.

#### **Pinochle Party**

Sunday March 13, at 1:30pm in the Social Hall. Bring a deck of Pinochle cards if you have one, or a snack to share if you desire. Bring a friend!

#### 2022 JP2 Tuition Raffle

Your child, grandchild, or child of your choice could receive I year of FREE JP2 Catholic School Tuition! Raffle tickets are \$20. Pick up a Raffle Ticket order from at the Welcome Desk. Drawing will be at the 2022 Deacon Dinner Auction & Gala on April 30, 2022

#### **KC** Food Drive

Next weekend, March 19, the Holy Spirit Knights of Columbus will start their annual Food Drive for the Emergency Food Pantry. Bags, with a suggested list of items needed, will be placed by the doors of the Church. Please pick up a bag, fill it up, and return it no later than March 27. The KC's and our hungry friends in need thank you!

## Scripture Meditations: Week One God's Creative Unconditional Love



This week we will reflect on God's work of Creation. The book of Genesis teaches that by God's Word what He desired to create came into being; that what God created is good-indeed-very good; that humankind is the pinnacle of his creation; and what God created he entrusted to man. Giving man the opportunity to express his love for God, He placed a tree in the middle of the garden (the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil) and instructed man not to eat from it, "lest you will die." Man chose self over a right relationship with God and was banished from paradise. But that did not stop God from loving us...His plan: to reconcile our relationship with Him by sacrificing His son.

MARCH 13-19 sacrificing His son. GENESIS 2:1-8 (creation) CONTEMPLATION OF THE LOVE OF GOD (bulletin) PSALM 139 (God fashioned me in womb) GENESIS 3: 1-11 (sin enters world)

**Grace** to ask for at beginning of each prayer period this week:

To be able to receive a new depth of faith so that I can see in your love for me, anything that prevents me from participating in your love for me and neighbor.

**Repeat 3 passages** After having prayed with each passage from this week's list, choose 3 of the passages to return to in prayer. Your choice may be determined by a deep experience in prayer, or a dryness in prayer indicating you need more time in order to hear what God is speaking to you.

RECORDING YOUR THOUGHTS, INSPIRATIONS, OR FRUSTRATIONS IN YOUR PRAYER JOURNAL WILL BE HELPFUL.

## One Person's Experience While Praying with Scripture

One of the most profound experiences I've had while meditating on Sacred Scripture praying Lectio Divina, occurred during an 8-day silent retreat several years ago. The retreat master had given me the scripture from Luke's gospel in which St. Luke records the birth of our Lord. Following the retreat master's instruction to engage my imagination in preparation for reading the passage, I closed my eyes and placed myself in the stable. Looking around I became aware of the sounds, smells, sights of the people, animals and things in the barn. As I began reading the gospel passage I was stopped, dead in my tracks, Mary came to me with her newborn son and placed him in my arms as if to say, "I trust you with him." As I cradled the Infant in my arms and looked into his eyes, he wrapped his tiny hand around my forefinger and spoke these words in my heart, "I convert hearts with tenderness, not by brow beating." In this encounter with reality, God's gentle mercy penetrated my heart deeply and changed the way in which I was able to receive and share God's love with others. I often return to this scene to receive, again the gift of God's tender love.

## CONTEMPLATION OF THE LOVE OF GOD

As you pray with "Contemplation on the Love of God" approach it as you would when praying with a passage from Scripture. Read through it slowly and meditatively following not only the promptings and directions within the text, but also following the promptings of the Holy Spirit. Take note of the movements of your heart, asking God to make clear what he is communicating to you through this work. You are encouraged to record your experiences in your prayer journal.



To **prepare** to contemplate God's love, begin by asking God to let you become aware of yourself in His presence. Using your imagination, stand before the throne of God, aware of all the angels and saints that surround you. Notice how they all smile at you and direct you to the Lord. Ask God for a deeper understanding of yourself, and the realization that your life is a gift. Allow your heart to express the gratitude for this realization. Express your love for the Giver of love. Continue the contemplation in four parts.

**FIRST PART:** Again, engage your imagination and let your mind run through the splendors of the created world. Wonder at the beauty of nature: mountains, valleys, rivers, glaciers, clouds, snowflakes,...stars, planets, lakes....all of humankind. Remember that in His love he redeemed and is redeeming all people. Recall how much God has given you. Allow your heart to go to God. Consider that he lavishes life on you and desires to communicate His self to you. Think about your own life history. Recall that you are being created by this great God to live and function according to the Gifts poured out in and for you. What would be a right response to so great a love? Pray the prayer in the box below.

**SECOND PART:** Look at the great varieties of creatures on earth and in space. Through eons and eons God stayed present to each kind of living thing, energizing them with His divine presence. At this very moment God gives each order and kind of creature exactly what it needs. Now consider this: at the core of all creation flames the creative love of God. Return now to your own case-God present at your conception, your birth, your growth in infancy....and has remained faithful to you through every stage of life. God is the ground of your being; he is the core of yourself. As you wonder how to respond to so great a love, pray the prayer in the box below.

**THIRD PART:** Consider how God works busily in all creation. Let your mind run through all created things-far reaches of space, our galaxy, the earth, to the tiniest microbe. He keeps all of the created world alive! Let your heart go to God. How great He is. God labors and hopes and keeps sustaining us even when we destroy. Consider your own case. How has and is God laboring to keep you alive? To keep you growing and learning, believing and hoping? God never ceases to work in me and for me. As you say the prayer in the box, put your whole mind and strength into offering it as petition.

FOURTH PART: Consider that all the good that you see and know comes to be as a share in the Divine Good. (God) All power, beauty, mirrors the divine power and beauty and comes from its Origin. All holiness on earth is a fragrance of God present in and with all of us. Let your heart go out to God who pours out His own Self and all His gifts. Think about your own case and about how your gifts are a share of God your Lord and Creator. You are like a mirror reflecting the sun. All that you are and all that you have are a participation in God. Say the prayer in the box putting your whole mind, and strength into the offering of the petition.

#### THINGS TO REMEMBER ABOUT LOVE:

It is an act of the will.

Love is mutual sharing-giving-receiving-giving in return. (Relationship) Love is willing the good of the other for the other's sake. Take Lord, and receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding, and my entire will, all that I have and possess. You have given all to me. To You, O lord, I return it. All is Yours, dispose of it wholly according to Thy will. Give me Thy love and thy grace, for this is sufficient for me.

### Stewardship Moment

"I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession." - Genesis 15:7

Just as the Lord gave Abraham, Moses and the Israelites a land to possess, He has also given each of us a home. Whether your home is grand or humble, it is a gift from God. Abraham prepared a great sacrifice to the Lord in gratitude for the home God gave him. How do you show your gratitude to God for the home He has given you? Do you make a sacrifice of any kind? Do you return any of your finances to God, investing equally in your eternal home just as you invest in your earthly home?



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### St. Vincent de Paul Society Holy Spirit Fargo Conference

Meetings @ 6:30 p.m. 1st & 3rd Mondays SVDP Helpline 701-638-3800 visit www.holyspiritfargo.com to make an online donation

Lent is a call not just to "give up something" but more important to "give something for the poor." Wherever you live in the parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home.

Can you assist an elderly neighbor? Or bring a meal to a widow/widower? Can you share with someone in need about our SVDP Conference helpline 701-638-3800?

#### MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, 3-14 5:30pm: +Valentine Huschka

**Tuesday, 3-15** 8:30am: +Kevin Donabauer 5:30pm: +Donald Readel

Wednesday, 3-16 8:30am: +Virginia Rillo 5:30pm: +Mary Noah

**Thursday, 3-17** 8:30am: +Barbara Grossman



## KC Corner Council #10982

Thursday, 3-17, cont.

II am St Catherine:

8:30am: +Louis Holub

7:30am: Eric Stenberg

8:30am: Marie Dormanen

+Duane leffrey

Parishioners

+Leonella Kotta

Friday, 3-18

4pm:

9am:

Ham:

Saturday, 3-19

Sunday, 3-20

+Pete Neisen

We are men who lead, serve, protect and defend.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 5, 2022 Officers meet at 6:30pm All Members meet at 7pm KC Food Drive starts March 19, bags will be out for parishioners to fill.

February Awards:

Knights of the Month: Scott Seltveit & Rich Schmit Family of the Month: Wade & Donna Wolf Server of the Month: Alex Paul

**Remember it is never too late to be a Knight!** Please call Jack Gaa at 701-320-1975 for more information.



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