

October 13th, 2024 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Parish Information

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.

Exploring Catholicism/RCIA

Learn more about the faith, or want to become Catholic, call Fr. Keller at 701-232-5900 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.

Catholic Schools

For 3 year-olds to 12th Graders, contact Lori Hager at 701-893-3271 or lori.hager@jp2schools.org

Adoration

Monday-Saturday: 6:45-8am Thursday: 3-9pm

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: I-5pm Tuesday & Thursday: 9am-4pm Wednesday: 8am-5pm Friday: 8am-noon

Pastor: Fr. Ross Laframboise **Parochial Vicar:** Fr. Robert Keller

MONTHLY SOCIAL TEACHING - Care for God's Creation

We show our respect for the Creator by our stewardship of creation. Care for the earth is not just an Earth Day slogan, it is a requirement of our faith. We are called to protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all God's creation. This environment challenge has fundamental moral and ethical dimensions that cannot be ignored.

WEEKLY VIRTUE: PRUDENCE

KNOW IT:

Enables one to reason and act rightly in any given situation-'right reason in action.'

LIVE IT: Pray for guidance. Seek sound advice. Think about the situation. Act upon the decision. **PRAY IT:** O my Lord Jesus! Teach me to be generous; teach me to serve You as you deserve; to give, and not to count the cost; to fight and not to heed the wounds; to toil and not to ask for rest; to labour, seeking no reward, save that of knowing that I do Thy will. Amen.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER - Francis Xavier, at age 24, was living and teaching in Paris. A good friend, Ignatius of Loyola, whose tireless persuasion, finally won the young man to Christ. Francis then made the spiritual exercises under the direction of Ignatius, and in 1534, joined his little community, the infant Society of Jesus. Together at Montmartre they vowed poverty, chastity, obedience, and apostolic service according to the directions of the pope. He was ordained a priest in 1537 in Venice and went on to Lisbon. From there sailed to the East Indies, landing at Goa, on the west coast of India. For 10 years he labored to bring the faith to the Hindus, the Malayans, and the Japanese. He spent much of that time in India, and served as provincial of the newly established Jesuit province of India. Wherever he went, Xavier lived with the poorest people, sharing their food and rough accommodations. He spent countless hours ministering to the sick and the poor, particularly to lepers. Very often he had no time to sleep or even to say his breviary but, as we know from his letters, he was filled always with joy. Xavier made his way to Japan where he learned enough Japanese to preach to simple folk, to instruct, and to baptize, and to establish missions for those who were to follow him. He had dreams of going to China, but before reaching the mainland, he died. His remains are enshrined in the Church of Good Jesus in Goa. He and Saint Thérèse of Lisieux were declared co-patrons of the missions in 1925.

Do you need your yard raked?

Holy Spirit's high-school Youth Discipleship groups are happy to

volunteer to rake your lawn!

Wednesday, October 16th

6:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Call Rachel at the parish office, 701-232-5900, to get your name on the list! Lawns will be raked on a first-come, first-serve basis so sign up soon!

DONATIONS

We are grateful for all the generous donations to Holy Spirit Church. Thank you for living Stewardship!

This past week's offertory (basket, envelope, and online

giving): \$13,419.13 YTD Offertory: \$239,316.86 Last Year YTD Offerings: \$245,465.95 YTD Offertory Budget: \$275,968.00

Donations may be made at: holyspiritfargo.com



Mass readings for the week of October 13th, 2024

Monday: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6/Ps 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48/Lk 11:37-41 Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25/Ps 1:1-2, 3 and 6/Lk 11:42-46 Thursday: Eph 1:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 11:47-54 Friday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Lk 10:1-9 Saturday: Eph 1:15-23/Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 12:8-12

Next Sunday: Is 53:10-11/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22, (22)/Heb

4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-4

AFTER THE VOWS: SEX WITHIN MARRIAGE



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:

- I. 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.

I'll never forget what happened at about 2:05pm on April 14. In front of my family, friends, and God, I swore in church. And then the girl standing next to me swore. It wasn't bad; it was

actually a good thing. We publically swore that we would love each other faithfully for the rest of our lives and we begged God to seal and strengthen our commitment.

One of the reasons that the Church believes that weddings are a public event is because the love between husband and wife is a visible sign that's supposed to point to Jesus' love for His bride, the Church. As a visible sign, our marriage tells the world what Jesus' love is like for the Church and how the Church is to respond to Jesus' love.

In marriage, the words of our wedding vows "become flesh" in the way we speak to each other, the way we speak about each other, and the ways we act toward each other. On our wedding day, we promised that we would love each other: Freely, Totally, Faithfully, and Fruitfully. To take any of those four qualities out of the equation would offer a pathetic substitute for love. The most profound way that the words of the wedding vows "become flesh" is through sexual union. When a husband and wife make love they are renewing, with their bodies, the vows that they made on their wedding day (CCC 2360). Both the husband and the wife are called to give themselves freely, totally, faithfully, and fruitfully.

Some people are shocked to discover that the Catholic Church teaches that getting married doesn't mean you can just do whatever you want in the bedroom. When a couple uses contraception, one person is choosing to hold something back from their spouse: their fertility. They mistakenly believe

that contraception would bring freedom to marriages by taking away the 'risk' of children. Instead, both

by Brian Kissinger

husband and wife experience less-than -love when they give each other less than everything. The love between

husband and wife, specifically in their sexual union, was always meant to be an image of God's free, total, faithful, and fruitful love for us.

The Church's call to married couples is to love as Christ loves. The Catechism expresses this beautifully: "God who created man out of love also calls him to love, the fundamental and innate vocation of every human being. For man is created in the image and likeness of God who is Himself love" (CCC 1604).

At times, the couple may have serious reasons to postpone pregnancy; that's okay and a responsible thing to do. But even in these situations, contraception is never the answer. The couple may abstain during the fertile phase of the woman's cycle if they are trying to postpone pregnancy. This careful monitoring of the woman's cycle is called Natural Family Planning (NFP), and it gives the couple the opportunity to learn to show their love for each other in nonsexual ways during those periods.

Even though both may seem to be aimed at the same goal of postponing pregnancy, NFP and contraception are vastly different. Polls have shown that many Catholic couples use contraception; we shouldn't be surprised that the Catholic divorce rate isn't too much better than that of non-Catholics. (Those couples following the Church's teaching on NFP have a dramatically lower divorce rate.) Is this teaching easy? Nope. Is it worth it? Absolutely.

For other LifeTeen blogs from the Catholic perspective, visit: https://lifeteen.com/blog/category/relationships/sex-chastity/ gods-plan-for-sex/

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NEWS & EVENTS

OUTSIDE OUR PARISH

INSIDE OUR PARISH

Dr. Ray Guarendi in Fargo!

Real Presence Radio is proud to partner with EWTN to bring Dr. Ray Guarendi to Fargo, ND for a live taping of his TV Show, Living Right with Dr. Ray. You can be part of the audience on October 23 and October 24th at 5:30 or 7:15 either night. Join us for this live event at Sts. Anne & Joachim's Catholic Church. Have a question for Dr. Ray? Submit it when making your reservation; he will choose eight questions to answer for each episode. To register or to find out more information, check out our website at realpresenceradio.com.

Women of Advent: Retreat Weekend

Join us for a Women's Retreat Weekend held at Maryvale Retreat Center from 5:30pm, Thursday Dec 5th to 1pm, Saturday, Dec 7. This weekend is meant to be a relaxing and restoring weekend to "come away" from our regular lives as the Lord invites us, especially during Advent to awaken our joy-filled expectancy of the Messiah and our desire for His second coming. Reflections will be led by Stella Marie Jeffrey. To register, go to maryvalend.org or call Amanda at 701-845-2864.

PARISH EVENTS FOR WEEK OF SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13TH

Sunday, October 13th, 2024
Mass: 7:30, 9, 11am
Fall Festival: 10am-1:30pm
Monday, October 14th
Daily Mass: 5:30pm

Alpha: 6:15pm, St. Therese Room

Tuesday, October 15th

Daily Masses: 8:30am & 5:30pm

Church History Bible Study: 9am, Social Hall RCIA Meeting: 6:45pm, St. Therese Room

Wednesday, October 16th

Daily Masses: 8:30am & 5:30pm

NO Food & Fellowship

NO Elementary Catechesis Classes

NO 6-8th Grade YD Groups

YD High School Service Project: 6:30pm, Meet at Church Elementary Catechist Meeting: 6:30pm, JP2 Conference

Room

Spirit Choir Rehearsal: 6:30pm

Thursday, October 17th **Daily Mass:** 8:30am

Mary's Widows: 11:30am, Sweet Dreams Confections

Adoration: 3pm-9pm

Bible Study (Church History): 6:45pm, St. Therese Room

Friday, October 18th

Daily Mass: 8:30am

No School at HS Elementary

St Monica Prayer Group: 3:45pm in Church

Saturday, October 19th

Daily Mass: 8:30am

Vigil Mass: 4pm

REMEMBER THERE ARE CONFESSIONS 1/2 HOUR BEFORE MASS!

Holy Spirit Fall Festival

The Holy Spirit Fall Festival is today, October 13th! Food will be served from 10am-1:30pm in the Social Hall. Come to eat a delicious pork dinner, bid on Silent Auction items, play Bingo, enjoy the games for kids and the cupcake walk! A free-will offering is accepted.

Need Your Lawn Raked?

The High-School Youth Discipleship groups are raking parishioner's lawns on October 16th from 6:30-7:30 pm. Call Rachel at the parish office to have your yard raked. It is a first come-first serve basis so sign up soon!

No Food & Fellowship, 1st-5th Grade Catechesis, or Middle School Class

There will be no Food & Fellowship, 1st-5th Grade Catechesis or 6th-8th grade meetings this Wednesday, October 16 due to Fall Break.

High School YD groups will still meet for service project.

Catechist Meeting

There will be a 1st-5th Grade catechist meeting this Wednesday, October 16 from 6:30-7:30 in the JPII Conference room in the Church Office. Thank you for all that you do to serve the children of Holy Spirit!

KC Breakfast

The Knights of Columbus are serving breakfast next Sunday after all Masses! Menu includes French toast, sausage, and scrambled eggs.

Holy Spirit School Kitchen Subs Needed

Holy Spirit Elementary School is looking for adults to help in the kitchen as subs when the main cook is not available or sick. If this is something you are interested in, please contact Chelsey Bosch (Holy Spirit Elementary Principal) at 701-232-4087 or chelsey.bosch@jp2schools.org. Thank you for your consideration!

Mary's Widows

The Mary's Widows group is meeting on Thursday, October 17th at Sweet Dream Confections from 11:30am-1:00pm. Questions, contact Pat Weber at 701-799-6032.

Opportunity to Help Holy Spirit

We are making early preparations at the parish with an initiative for the renewal of Christian relationships, marriage, and family. We are looking for a part-time staff member to assist in leading a ministry and evangelism strategy that provides vision, skills, and community for single, engaged, and married people. We would love to share more information. Contact Jay Devitt at jay@holyspiritfargo.com or 701-232-5900.



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Learn more, get involved, and sign up for prayer times by visiting our campaign at the web address shown below!

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Stewardship Moment

"It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." (MARK 10:25)

lesus uses tough language that we may not want to hear. However, we are all called to be generous with all of our gifts. Not just the ones we pick and choose, but all our gifts, and especially the one that means the most to us! That includes our time in prayer to God, our talent in participating in parish ministries and our treasure supporting our local parish and other charities.



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

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

In today's gospel Jesus says, "Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then, come follow me." Have you given prayerful consideration to answering this call to help serve the poor by joining the Society of St. Vincent DePaul? You are welcome to attend a meeting the first or third Monday of each month at 6:00pm in the NW conference room near the school entrance, to learn more about our work.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, 10-14

5:30pm: Mary Jo Seeba

Tuesday, 10-15

8:30am: +Hank Geray 5:30pm: +Hank Geray

Wednesday, 10-16

8:30am: +Tabitha Dalman 5:30pm: +Robert Schoener

Thursday, 10-17

8:30am: +Rhonda Anderson

I Iam St Cath N: **Ethel Binstock**

Friday, 10-18

8:30am: +Tom Stumpf

Saturday, 10-19

8:30am: +Fred Clarke 4pm: +Ron Dukhart

Sunday, 10-20

7:30am: +Phyllis Simon

9am: Parishioners

11am: Gabriel Westerhausen

KC Corner Council #10982

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

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 12th 2024 Officers meet at 6:30pm, Members meet at 7pm. (Meetings are 2nd Tuesday of each month)

August Awards

Knight: Ron Landman Family: Marge & Frank Ratti Server: Pearl Malakowski

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