HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH

December 1st, 2024 1st Sunday in Advent

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1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

HOPE

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. Confirmation/Ist 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 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 email 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 Deacon: Rev. Mr. Paul Schneider

MONTHLY SOCIAL TEACHING - Option for the Poor and Vulnerable

A basic moral test is how our most vulnerable members are faring. In a society marred by deepening divisions between rich and poor, our tradition recalls the story of the Last Judgement (Mt 25:31-46) and instructs us to put the needs of the poor and vulnerable first. In teaching us charity, the Gospel instructs us in the preferential respect due to the poor and the special situation they have in society; the more fortunate should renounce some of their rights so as to place their goods more generously at the service of others.

WEEKLY VIRTUE: Courtesy - St. Nicholas

Know IT: Treating other people with respect, recognizing that all are made in God's image and likeness.

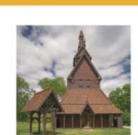
LIVE IT: Be aware of other's feelings and expressions; be polite, well-mannered **PRAY IT:** God of joy and cheer, we thank you for your servant, the good bishop Nicholas. In loving the poor, he showed us your kindness; in caring for your children, he revealed your love. Make us thoughtful without need of reward so that we, too, may be good followers of Jesus. Amen.

St. NICHOLAS - Saint Nicholas was born c. 280 in a part of present-day Turkey. He lost both of his parents as a young man and used his inheritance to help the poor and sick. A devout Christian, he later served as bishop of Myra, a city now called Demre. Saint Nicholas is believed to have died on December 6, 343. Over the years, stories of his miracles and work for the poor spread to other parts of the world. He became known as the protector of children and sailors and was associated with gift-giving. The Dutch celebrated his feast day, Dec 6. A common practice for children was to put out their shoes the night before, and in the morning, they would discover the gifts that were left there for them. Dutch immigrants brought the legend of Saint Nicholas, known to them by his nickname, Sinterklaas, to America in the 1700s. Sinterklaas became Santa Claus, and became a part of the Christmas holiday. In the 1820 poem "An Account of a Visit from Saint Nicholas" by Clement Moore, he is described as a jolly, heavy man who comes down the chimney to leave presents for deserving children and drives a sleigh pulled by flying reindeer. Cartoonist Thomas Nast added to the legend with a drawing of Santa wearing a red suit with white fur trim. Once a kind, charitable bishop, Saint Nicholas had become the Santa Claus we know today.

Friday, December 6 Holy Spirit Social Hall following 8:30 Mass

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Petra Gunderson-Leith will share the history of The Moorhead Stave Church Norwegian treats will be served!



DONATIONS

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

Financials not available due to early bulletin publication date.

Donations may be made at: www.holyspiritfargo.com



Mass readings for the week of December I st

Monday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11 Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24 Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37 Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27 Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31 Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35— 10:1, 5a, 6-8 Next Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6



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

STEWARDSHIP

Everything we have is from God. Jesus asks us to live in this truth by giving a portion back to Him, called a tithe. Here are some basic steps to get there:

I. Start with giving 1% of your income back to God such as to the Church or the poor.

2. The next step would be to step out in trust and give a half tithe or 5% of your income to God.

3. The last step would be to give God a full tithe (10%) as He asks of us. We are always able to give more but this provides a foundation.

Advent Week 1

Advent is the season during which we ponder the coming of our Lord and savior: His coming in the past as a babe born of the Virgin Mary; His coming to us through Grace; and His coming at the end of time as just judge. As we remember and anticipate we also prepare and look forward to celebrating. The words of the Exultet-the Easter proclamation, remind us just for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is what we celebrate "O, Happy Fault that merited such and so great a Redeemer!" "O truly necessary sin of Adam, which the death of Christ has blotted out!"

The Season of Advent is therefore a season of vigilant waiting, that prepares us to welcome the mystery of the Word Incarnate, who will give the 'Light' to the womb of the Virgin Mary, but essentially this time prepares us not only to welcome this great event but to incarnate it in our lives. We could say that the true light enters the world through the immaculate womb of Mary but it does not stay there. On the contrary, this light flows out into our dark, obscure, sinful lives to illuminate them, so that we can become the light that illuminates the world. For this reason, let us live this time of waiting not only to celebrate a historical memory but to repeat this memory in our lives and in the service of others. To wait for the Lord who comes, means to wait and to watch so that the Word of Love enters inside us and focuses us every day of our lives.

As Blessed John Henry Newman reminded us in a homily for the Advent Season: "Advent is a time of waiting, it is a time of joy because the coming of Christ is not only a gift of grace and salvation but it is also a time of commitment because it motivates us to live the present as a

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom.

time of responsibility and vigilance. This 'vigilance' means the necessity, the urgency of an industrious, living 'wait'. To make all this happen, then we need to wake up, as we are warned by the apostle to the Gentiles, in today's reading to the Romans: 'Besides this you know what hour it is, how it is full time now nearer to us now than when we first believed" (Rm 13:11).

We must start our journey to ascend to the mountain of the Lord, to be illuminated by His Words of peace and to allow Him to indicate the path to tread (cf. ls 2:1-5). Moreover, we must change our conduct abandoning the works of darkness and put on the 'armor of light' and so seek only to do God's work and to abandon the deeds of the flesh (cf. Rm 13:12-14). Jesus, through the story in the parable, outlines the Christian life style that must not be distracted and indifferent but must be vigilant and recognize even the smallest sign of the Lord's coming because we don't know the hour in which He will arrive (cf. Mt 24:39-44) Excerpted from the website of Congregation for the Clergy

PREPARE YE THE WAY OF THE LORD!

-Set up your Advent wreath and begin a list of others who need prayers-pray for them

-Gather around your wreath each night and pray as a family.

-Spend time each day meditating on the prayer at the top of the page.



Holy Spirit Parish

Monday-Saturday 6:45 AM - 8 AM

Thursdays 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM

News & Events

OUTSIDE OUR PARISH

INSIDE OUR PARISH

Kindergarten Teacher Position

St. John's Catholic School in Wahpeton, ND is seeking a full-time kindergarten teacher for the remainder of the 2024-25 school year. St. John's School aims for high academic standards and achievement in a faithbased environment. The candidate must have or be able to obtain a valid North Dakota license and Kindergarten endorsement. Qualified applicants should submit a cover letter, current resume, transcripts, three (3) letters of recommendation to be considered. Position available immediately and open until filled. Please send inquiries or application materials to Kaja Kaste, Principal at kaja.kaste@k12.nd.us.

98th Annual Concordia Christmas Concert

Tickets are on sale now for the Concordia Christmas Concert. Experience the region's grandest musical tradition performed by more that 300 student musicians. :Our Eyes, At Last, Shall See Him" will feature three choirs and an 80 piece orchestra and will be performed in front of a magnificent 140' wide mural. Concert dates are Dec 6,7, and 8. For tickets, visit <u>ConcordiaChristmas.com</u>.

PARISH EVENTS FOR WEEK OF SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1ST

Sunday, December 1st Mass: 7:30, 9, 11am Monday. December 2nd Daily Mass: 5:30pm SVDP Meeting: 6pm, NW Conference Room Alpha: 6:15pm, St. Therese Room Tuesday, December 3rd Daily Masses: 8:30am & 5:30pm Bible Study: 9am, Social Hall RCIA: 6:45pm, St. Therese Room School PTO Meeting: 7pm, NW Conference Room Wednesday, December 4th Daily Masses: 8:30am & 5:30pm Food & Fellowship: 6pm, Social Hall Elementary Catechesis Advent Program Practice: 6:30-7:30pm YD Group Meetings: 6:30-7:30pm Spirit Choir Rehearsal: 6:30pm, Music Room Thursday, December 5th Daily Mass: 8:30am Adoration: 3-9pm in Church AHG Meeting: 4pm, Social Hall Bible Study: 6:45pm in St. Therese Room Friday, December 6th Daily Mass: 8:30am Hearts of Gold: 9am, Social Hall St Monica Prayer Group: 3:45pm, Church St. Nicholas Day Party: 6pm, Social Hall Saturday, December 7th Daily Mass 8:30am Vigil Mass: 4pm

REMEMBER THERE ARE CONFESSIONS 1/2 HOUR BEFORE MASS!

Parish Penance Service

We will have several priests available to hear confessions during our parish penance service on Sunday, December 8th from 4-5:30pm. Come and receive the Lord's mercy as we await His coming during this season of Advent.

Ist Reconciliation Next Sunday

Holy Spirit's 2nd graders will be making their First Reconciliation at the parish penance service next Sunday, December 8. Please keep them in your prayers!

St. Nicholas Day Party

Holy Spirit School & Church will be hosting a St. Nicholas Party! Friday, December 6th from 6-7:30pm in the Social Hall. All Holy Spirit families are invited to attend! Free sloppy joes, crafts, music, s'mores, & a special visit from St. Nick! Come enjoy fellowship and get to know other families in our community as we prepare our hearts for Christmas!

Hearts of Gold

The next Hearts of Gold event is this Friday, December 6th from 9-11am. Meet in the social hall following the morning Mass for a presentation by Petra Gunderson-Leith on the history of the Moorhead Stave Church. Norwegian treats will be served!

2nd Grade Families

Please join us after the 9am Mass on Sunday, December 8th for Coffee & Rolls and fellowship as our 2nd graders will be celebrating their First Reconciliation that weekend.

Little Deacons Subs Needed

Holy Spirit Elementary's Little Deacons Program is looking to add responsible adults to their sub list for the 3- and 4year-old program. If this is something you are interested in, please reach out to Mrs. Chelsey Bosch, Holy Spirit Elementary Principal with any questions you may have. Thank you for supporting our Holy Spirit Elementary School!

Eucharistic Adoration Invitation

We will be inviting new adorers for our parish and the Perpetual Adoration at Our Lady of Guadalupe Chapel during the Dec 7 & 8 Masses. Please pray and ask the Holy Spirit if you are being called to spend an hour every week with Our Lord.

Holy Day of Obligation December 9th

This year, the feast of the Immaculate Conception is moved to Monday, December 9th and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass times are 7am, 8:30am, and 7pm.

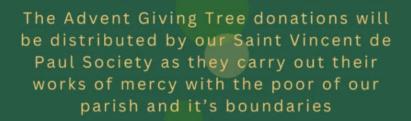
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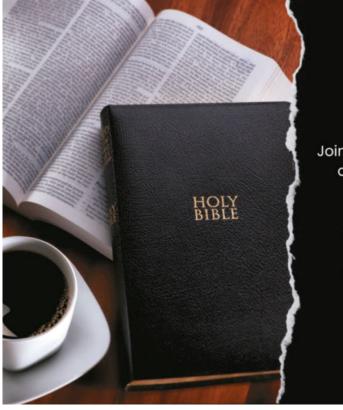
Financial crises can be devastating, especially at Christmas. You're invited to help lighten the burden of the needy by participating in the Advent Giving Tree

How it Works

Tags are placed on the trees, which are located at the entry-ways of the church. You can help by taking one or more of these tags, purchasing as many of the items as you wish, and placing them UNWRAPPED under the tree or in the SVdP Collection Box by Sunday, December 22nd.

If you purchase a gift card, we kindly ask that you write the amount on it and return it in an envelope labeled SVdP and drop it off in the church office, the collection basket, or in the wooden box with the slot on top on the wall outside the parish office door.





PRAYER 101

Join <u>Corey Baumgartner</u> in the <u>St. Therese Room</u> for a 3 week Class on Prayer. It will be immediately following <u>Food & Fellowship</u>.

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JOIN NOW



MAKE YOUR COMMITMENT TODAY!

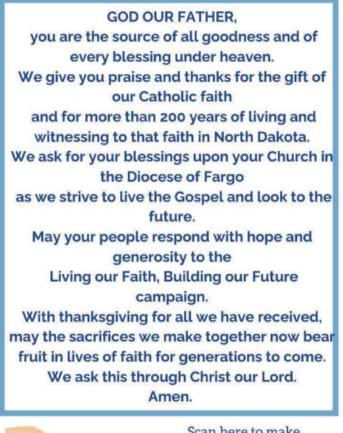
Help Us Reach Our Goal

Our parish has pledged **\$706,617**. We are at 70% of our goal for this campaign. If you have already made your pledge, thank you! If you have not, please make your commitment today! Help us reach our goal and complete our projects.

Ways to make a Sacrificial Gift



Campaign Prayer



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Stewardship Moment

"But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." (LUKE 21:28)

We celebrate Advent each year in preparation for the birth of Jesus, His first coming, as we await His second coming. What will you do differently this Advent season to grow in friendship and love with Jesus? How will you inspire others to do the same? Start by sharing your God story with others, especially those that are closest to you. Invite and accompany them on their faith journey this Advent.



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

As we begin the season of Advent (the new year) we are called to wait in joyful anticipation for the grace of Christmas to once again bless our lives. What is God inviting you to do to make the world a better place this Advent? The Advent giving tree is a great place to find practical ways to help the poor.

MASS INTENTIONS Monday, 12-2

5:30pm: Jerry Lempe

Tuesday, 12-3 8:30am: +Hank Geray 5:30pm: +Vincent Humble

Wednesday, 12-4 8:30am: Paul & Jan Carson 5:30pm: Mary Lempe Thursday, 12-5 8:30am: +Mary Hebert 11am St Cath North: +Kevin Donabauer Friday, 12-6 8:30am: +Joan Mulkern

Saturday, 12-7 8:30am +Ryan & Liz Jones 4pm: +Gerald & Frances Caulfield

Sunday, I2-8

7:30am: +Harvey Lien 9am: +Patricia Larson 11am: Parishioners



KC Corner Council #10982

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

Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 10th, 2024

Officers meet at 6:30pm. Members meet at 7pm. (Meetings are 2nd Tuesday of the month)

October Awards: Knight of the Month: Paul Bolin Family of the Month: Jay & Lynne Devitt Server of the Month: Luke McDaniel

Remember it is never too late to be a Knight! Please call Mike Stenberg at 701-388-8369 for more information.



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