



# HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH

**December 8th, 2024**  
**2nd Sunday in Advent**

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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.

### Confirmation/1st 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.

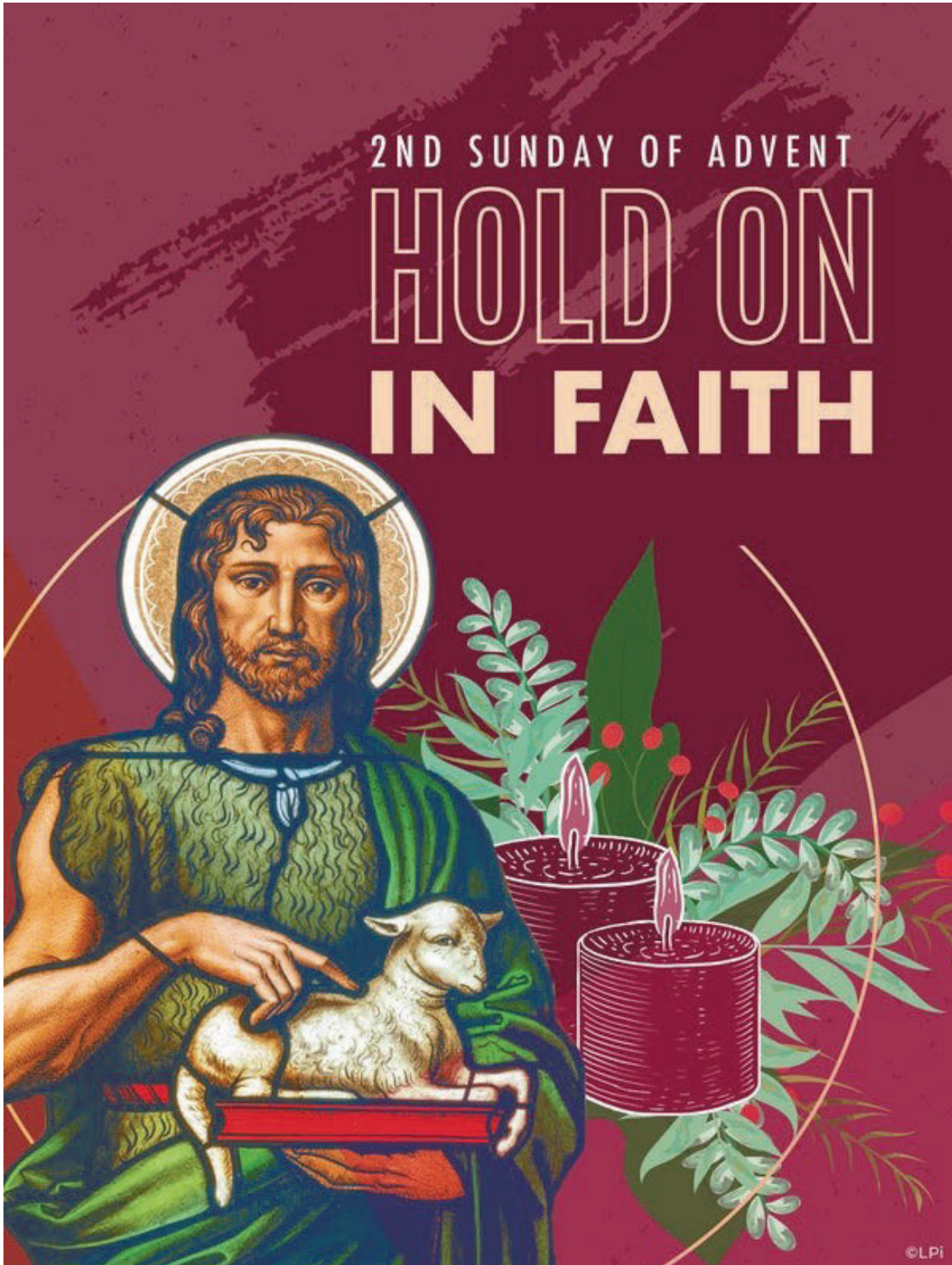
### Office Hours

Monday: 1-5pm  
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 - Call to Family, Community & Participation

The person is not only sacred but also social. How we organize our society - in economics and politics, in law and policy - directly affects human dignity and the capacity of individuals to grow in community. Marriage and the family are the central social institutions that must be supported and strengthened, not undermined. We believe people have a right and a duty to participate in society, seeking together the common good and well-being of all, especially the poor and vulnerable.

## WEEKLY VIRTUE: Generosity

**KNOW IT:** Giving of oneself in a willing and cheerful manner for the good of others

**LIVE IT:** Be self-giving; focus on one act of charity/kindness each day; share

**PRAY IT:** Dear St Joseph Moscati, true model of Christian doctors, in the exercise of your medical profession, you always took care of both the body and soul of every patient. Look on us, who have recourse to your heavenly intercession, and obtain for us both physical and spiritual health so we may comply with our Christian duties and glorify God our Father. Amen.

**ST. GIUSEPPE MOSCATI** - was the first modern medical doctor canonized. Born July 25, 1880 in Benevento, Italy, he lived out the Gospel through his position as a teacher and physician. He saw Confession and Communion as the "first medicine." He once said, "Remember that you have to deal not only with the bodies but also with the moaning souls coming to you." To help the poor, he often donated his medical services or paid for his patients' prescriptions. St. Joseph Moscati also felt it was important to support priests and those in religious life with his prayers because, as he said, "They are easily forgotten by the living, since Christians often think that they do not need prayers." He carried a Rosary in his pocket as a reminder throughout his day and as a way to draw him to Our Lady -- and through her, to Jesus -- when he needed to make important decisions. St. Joseph Moscati died on April 12, 1927 of natural causes in his office between patient appointments. He was beatified on November 16, 1975 by Pope Paul VI and canonized on October 25, 1987 by Pope John Paul II. His body rests in Naples, Italy, in the Church of Gesu Nuovo.



## Feast of the Immaculate Conception

This year, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception is celebrated on **Monday, December 9th** & is a Holy Day of Obligation. The parish office will be closed in honor of this feast.

### Mass Times on December 9th:

7:00 AM

8:30 AM

7:00 PM

There will be no Vigil Mass on Sunday for this Holy Day.

### 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): \$10,335.19  
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### Mass readings for the week of December 2nd

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/  
Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13



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:

1. 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.



Almighty and merciful God, may no earthly undertaking hinder those who set out in haste to meet your Son, but may our learning of heaven's wisdom gain us admittance to his company.

"As the journey of Advent continues, as we prepare to celebrate the nativity of Christ, John the Baptist's call to conversion sounds out in our communities. It is a pressing invitation to open our hearts and to welcome the Son of God Who comes among us to make divine judgement manifest. The Father, writes St. John the Evangelist, does not judge anyone, but has entrusted the power of judgement to the Son, because He is the Son of man.



"And it is today, in the present, that we decide our future destiny. It is with our concrete everyday behavior in this life that we determine our eternal fate. At the end of our days on earth, at the moment of death, we will be evaluated on the basis of our likeness or otherwise to the Baby Who is about to be born in the poor grotto of Bethlehem, because He is the measure God has given humanity.

"Through the Gospel John the Baptist continues to speak down the centuries to each generation. His hard clear words bring health to us, the men and women of this day in which even the experience and perception of Christmas often, unfortunately, reflects materialist attitudes. The 'voice' of the great prophet asks us to prepare the way for the coming Lord in the deserts of today, internal and external deserts, thirsting for the water of life which is Christ." — Benedict XVI

The feast of St. Juan Diego, which is ordinarily celebrated today, is superseded by the Sunday liturgy. Juan Diego was the man to whom the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared on December 9, 1531 near what is now Mexico City. When the local bishop told him to ask the Lady for a sign that she truly was appearing to him, our Lady told him to collect roses from the

hillside (these "miraculous roses" were native to Spain-the bishops home land and did not grow in Mexico.) She instructed him to carry them in his cloak. As Juan released the roses and they tumbled to the floor at the feet of the bishop, a miraculous image of Our Lady appeared on his tilma. This image is on display in the Basilica of Guadalupe in Mexico City. Scientists have study the miraculous image and found it is "completely outside of science." The feast of Juan Diego is followed, December 12, by the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Let us remember the words spoken by her to Juan Diego and receive them as though spoken to each one of us: ***Am I not here, who is your Mother? Are you not under my protection?***

### PREPARE YE THE WAY OF THE LORD!

-Find the movie *Guadalupe* on FORMED .org and watch it as a family or invite friends to join you to watch it.

-John's message was one of repentance. Take time this week to examine your conscience and make a plan to receive God's love and mercy in Confession.

# ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

DECEMBER 8TH

HELD AT HOLY SPIRIT

4:00 PM-5:30 PM



# NEWS & EVENTS

OUTSIDE OUR PARISH

INSIDE OUR PARISH

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## Catholic Daughters Bake Sale

Come and stock up on your holiday baking at the Holiday Bake Sale put on by Court St. Ann #261 on December 14 & 15, 2024, after each of the masses at Nativity Church of Fargo. Free will offering. Donations will go to our charities that we support. Thank you and Merry Christmas!

## PARISH EVENTS FOR WEEK OF SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8TH

*Sunday, December 8th*

**Mass:** 7:30, 9, 11am

**Sunday School:** 10:15am, St. Therese Room

**Pinochle Party:** 1:30pm, Social Hall

**Parish Penance Service:** 4pm, Church

*Monday, December 9th*

**Feast of the Immaculate Conception—Office Closed**

**Mass Times:** 7am, 8:30am, 7pm

**Alpha:** 6:15pm, St. Therese Room

*Tuesday, December 10th*

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

**Bible Study:** 9am, Social Hall

**Book Club:** 10:45am, St. Therese Room

**RCIA:** 6:45pm, St. Therese Room

**KC Officer Meeting:** 6:30pm, Social Hall

**KC Meeting:** 7pm, Social Hall

*Wednesday, December 11th*

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

**Ave Maria Bible Study:** 9:15am, NW Conference Room

**Food & Fellowship:** 6pm, Social Hall

**Elementary Catechesis:** 6:30-7:30pm

**YD Large Group Event:** 6:30-7:30pm, Social Hall

**Spirit Choir Rehearsal:** 6:30pm, Music Room

**Prayer 101:** 6:30pm, St. Therese Room

*Thursday, December 12th*

**Daily Mass:** 8:30am

**Adoration:** 3-9pm in Church

**Fr. Keller's Bible Study Christmas Party:** 6:30pm, Social Hall

*Friday, December 13th*

**Daily Mass:** 8:30am

**St Monica Prayer Group:** 3:45pm, Church

*Saturday, December 14th*

**Daily Mass:** 8:30am

**Vigil Mass:** 4pm

**REMEMBER THERE ARE CONFESSIONS 1/2 HOUR BEFORE MASS!**

## 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. The parish office will be closed that day in honor of this feast.

## Parish Penance Service

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

## 1st Reconciliation Today

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

## 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 4-year-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!

## 3rd Annual Wrap and Scrap

December 14th, 9am-9pm in the social hall. Work on your Christmas cards, wrap gifts or finish your crafts .... large tables will be available to spread out and work on, just bring what you need to work on. Feel free to bring friends and enjoy a calm atmosphere and fellowship with other women! Contact: Amanda Torres 701 729-62602

## Advent Giving Tree

How it works: Tags are on the Giving Trees located near the entrances of the Church. Select one or more tags and purchase the item(s) listed on the tag(s). Return the items, unwrapped, either under the Giving Tree or in the SVDP Collection Box near the Welcome Desk by Sunday, December 22nd. Thank you for your generosity!

You're invited to participate in the

# ADVENT GIVING TREE

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 entryways 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.



The Advent Giving Tree donations will be distributed by our Saint Vincent de Paul Society as they carry out their works of mercy with the poor of our parish and its boundaries

# LIVE NATIVITY AT HARVEST HOPE FARM

Prepare your hearts for Christmas during this humble event in the barn



Sunday, December 15th,  
5-7 pm



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no RSVP necessary



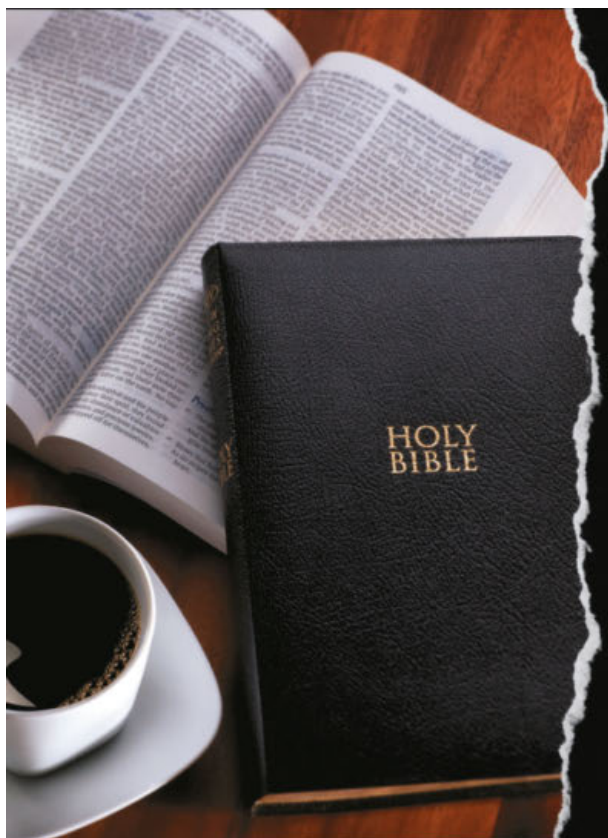
# PRAYER 101

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



WED DEC. 4, 11, 18 | 6:30 PM

**JOIN NOW**



## Stewardship Moment

“And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value...” (PHILIPPIANS 1:9-10)

During the Christmas shopping season it is easy to get caught up in the frenzy of buying gifts. But, is that “gift” truly an expression of your love for the other person. Or, are you just fulfilling your “obligation” to give them something? To grow in friendship with someone, you need to spend time with them and learn what is of value to them. Maybe this year, buy less “stuff” and spend more time with those you love.



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

Meetings @ 6 p.m. 1st & 3rd Mondays  
SVDP Helpline 701-638-3800

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St. John the Baptist urges us to “Prepare the way of the Lord.” This is what Advent is all about. We are called to help prepare the way of the Lord by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our hearts and through our charitable actions. If you know of a family in need within our parish boundaries, please encourage them to reach out to our St. Vincent de Paul conference for help.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, 12-2

7am: +Margaret & Albert Callens

8:30am: Parishioners

7pm: Naomi Westerhausen

### Tuesday, 12-3

8:30am: Alvin Larson

5:30pm: Sally Kasper

### Wednesday, 12-4

8:30am: +Bob Von Bank

5:30pm: Terri Overbeck

### Thursday, 12-5

8:30am: +Ted Nilles

11am St Cath North:

+Walt Seeba

### Friday, 12-6

8:30am: +Gerald Rivard

### Saturday, 12-7

8:30am +Barbara Dobbs

4pm: +Fred Clark

### Sunday, 12-8

7:30am: Violet O'Brien

9am: Parishioners

11am: +Don Kadmas



## 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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