



HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH

May 11th, 2025
4th Sunday of Easter

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4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I know them, and they follow me."
- Jn 10:27

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 - 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 of God's creation. This environment challenge has fundamental moral and ethical dimensions that cannot be ignored.

WEEKLY VIRTUE: FORESIGHT

KNOW IT:

Consideration of the consequences of one's actions; thinking ahead

LIVE IT: Pray, think, act; learn how to gather information to make a decision; plan our long-term and short-term goals

PRAY IT: God of all blessings, you revealed in Mary MacKillop a sensitivity to the rights and dignity of every person, regardless of race or creed. May we learn from her to overcome the obstacles of prejudice and fear. Help us to value the goodness of each person and all the blessings of unity in diversity. We ask this through our bountiful God. Amen.

ST. MARY MACKILLOP - Born in Melbourne in 1842 to parents from Scotland, Mary grew up in a poor family. As a young woman she was drawn to religious life but could not find an existing order of Sisters that met her needs. In 1860, she met Father Julian Woods, who became her spiritual director. Together they founded a new community of women, the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Sacred Heart, also known as the Josephite Sisters. Its members were to staff schools especially for poor children, as well as orphanages, and do other works of charity. As the congregation grew, so did the problems. Fr. Woods proved unreliable and his direction of the Sisters was removed. The bishop in South Australia excommunicated Mary, charging her with disobedience. The bishop's quarrel was about power and who had authority over whom. He ultimately rescinded the excommunication. Despite her struggles with Church authorities, Mary MacKillop and her Sisters were able to offer social services that few government agencies in Australia could. They served Protestants and Catholics alike. They worked among the aborigines. They taught in schools and orphanages and served unmarried mothers. Lack of money was a constant worry, but the Sisters who begged from door to door, were bolstered by faith and by the conviction that their struggles were opportunities to grow closer to God. By the time Mary was approaching the end of her life, the congregation was thriving. She died in 1909 at age 67. Pope John Paul II beatified her in 1995. In 2010, when Pope Benedict XVI canonized her, she became Australia's first saint. Her liturgical feast is celebrated on August 8.



SUMMER Hangout Challenge

Friendships matter - make space for them. Join Holy Spirit's Summer Hangout Challenge!

How it Works

Sign up and go on one hangout per month with your friends (or with your spouse). Send a picture of yourselves on your hangout to anne@holyspiritfargo.com to be entered into a prize drawing! Prizes will be awarded at the Block Party on August 14th.

REDISCOVER ... RECLAIM ... RENEW



Register Here 

Questions? Email Anne at anne@holyspiritfargo.com

DONATIONS

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Past Week's Offertory: \$9,229.00
YTD Offertory: \$902,169.47
Last Year YTD Offerings: \$851,006.94
YTD Offertory Budget: \$867,328.00



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Mass readings for the week of May 11th

Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Jn 15:9-17
Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/Jn 13:16-20
Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6
Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 14:7-14
Next Sunday: Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 (see 1)/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35



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.

THE UNEXAMINED LIFE

A number of years ago I went to the movie, *Noah*. You know the story—God sees that the world has become corrupt; he finds one righteous man and his small family; provides him with detailed instructions for building an ark; gives Noah a cargo list (2 of every living animal); and God sends enough rain to purify the earth with a flood. The a-ha moment that I experienced while watching the film is the scene in which, after receiving these instructions from God, Noah journeys to visit a wise man to verify that he wasn't crazy. He needed confirmation that God was speaking to him. It made me stop and consider that Noah didn't hear with his ears what God spoke, but with his heart. He needed to verify that, indeed, it was God's voice, and not his own or someone else's, that he would follow.

God continues to speak to each and every one of us today. He doesn't reach us by email, or text message, or by a phone call. He speaks to us in our hearts, through others, through his Church and Sacred Scripture. Yet, many of us miss what he desires to communicate to us. With the many voices that we hear each day (family members, friends, news reporters, song lyrics) the challenge is in learning to distinguish His voice from all the others.

The question then, is *What can we do to become skilled at recognizing his voice?* Simply put, the answer is regular prayer time. A form of prayer which can aid us in this discernment is called the "Examen Prayer". This prayer was developed by St. Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits). Following is a description of how and when to pray this prayer.

The fruit of the regular practice of

the Examen—or more broadly, the life of regular, cumulative, formative reflection—is living with greater attentiveness, greater readiness, even greater anticipation of God's whispers.

Prayer for light. At the end of the day begin by quieting yourself and inviting God to shine his light on your life over the past 24 hours.

Thanksgiving. Go through your memory of the past 24 hours looking for things that evoke gratitude to God.

Feelings. Revisit the day again, alert to memories that carry distinct feelings, positive or negative, for these are where the action was, and therefore good starting places for prayer.

Focus. Pick just one of those stronger memories, and speak to the Lord as you are moved. Just be who you are!

Future. Face the future, to the extent it is predictable, using your calendar as a prompt if that helps, and pray about anything that stirs some emotional response, positive or negative. Choose one area or struggle you anticipate, invite God to help you overcome temptations as they present themselves tomorrow. Thank him for his Grace.

The unexamined life is not worth living—so said Plato; so, in essence, said Ignatius. This beautiful prayer will aid you in learning to hear God's voice in the everydayness of life. And help you to act on what you hear him saying to you.

An audio version of the Examen is available on the Laudate App under *Confession: Examen Prayer*. Or there are free prayer cards at the Welcome Desk for your convenience.



The Holy Spirit Elementary Spotlight

Core Value: Faith

Our 4th Grade Class presented the Living Stations of the Cross to our whole school community. Their portrayal of the Passion of the Lord made us all remember the sacrifice that Jesus made for each of us.



NEWS & EVENTS

OUTSIDE OUR PARISH

INSIDE OUR PARISH

Msgr. Goering's 25th Anniversary to the Priesthood

You are invited to the 25th Anniversary of Ordination Celebration for Msgr. Joseph Goering on Sunday, June 1, Cathedral of St. Mary, 604 Broadway, Fargo. The celebration will begin with Vespers at 5pm followed by a program and meal. A social with live music will take place outdoors following the meal. Bring your own lawn chair for the outdoor event. Please RSVP by May 19 to: vicargen.assistant@fargodiocese.org or by calling 701-356-7918.

Holy Spirit Retreat with Msgr. Robert Laliberte

The Holy Spirit Retreat with Msgr. Laliberte—"For Those who are Led by the Spirit of God are the Children of God," June 13-15. Held at Maryvale Retreat Center. The retreat begins with check-in at 6:30pm on Thursday and ends with supper at 5pm on Saturday. For more details, and registration, visit <https://maryvalend.org/06-14-25-holy-spirit-retreat>.

PARISH EVENTS FOR WEEK OF SUNDAY, MAY 11TH

Sunday, May 11th

Mass: 7:30, 9, 11am

Pinochle Party: 1:30pm, Social Hall

Monday, May 12th

Daily Mass: 5:30pm

Tuesday, May 13th

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

Bible Study: 9am, Social Hall

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

Wednesday, May 14th

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

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

Catechist/Mentor Appreciation Dinner: 6pm, Social Hall

Spirit Choir Rehearsal: 6:30pm, Music Room

Thursday, May 15th

Daily Mass: 8:30am

Mary's Widows: 12:30pm, Sweet Dreams Confections

Adoration: 3-9pm, Church

Bible Study: 6:45, St. Therese Room

Friday, May 16th

Daily Mass: 8:30am

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

Saturday, May 17th

Daily Mass: 8:30am

Vigil Mass: 4pm

REMEMBER THERE ARE CONFESSIONS 1/2 HOUR BEFORE MASS!

New Priest Assignments

Bishop Folda has assigned a new parochial vicar here at Holy Spirit. His name is Fr. Anthony Cruz and he was most recently stationed in Devils Lake. Fr. Robert Keller has been assigned to work at Shanley/JP2 schools. The assignments officially start on June 25, 2025. May we welcome Fr. Cruz with a loving embrace and be filled with gratitude for the many blessings that have come from Fr. Keller's ministry!

Baccalaureate Mass & Brunch

Monday is the last day to sign up for the Baccalaureate Mass & Brunch for graduating seniors on May 18th, 2025. Mass will be at 9am with brunch to follow. Turn the page to find a QR code to RSVP. Reach out to Rachel at rachel@holyspiritfargo.com with any questions.

Carnations for Mother's Day

"The loveliest masterpiece of the heart of God is the heart of a mother." -quote by Thérèse of Lisieux
Beautiful Carnations will be available for your special Mom after all Masses on Mother's Day at both entrances. There will be a free will offering and all proceeds will be given to Women's Care Center in Fargo.

Pinochle Party Today!

Please join us in the social hall today for the monthly pinochle party starting at 1:30pm! Questions, call Mary Jo Zacher at 309-253-5173.

Mark your calendars:: Vacation Bible School

Stay tuned for more info. We will again be doing VBS mornings, Wednesdays in June from 9-11am for students who will be entering grades 1-5 next fall. Students younger than this are welcome, but MUST be accompanied by a parent/teenage sibling/or other adult. Students older than this are also welcome to come and volunteer. Come for whichever weeks work for your family.

JPII Catholic Schools Open Positions:

To apply visit <https://www.jp2schools.org/careers/> or call 701-893-3231 for more information.

- English Language Arts Teacher – Sacred Heart Middle School
- Physical Education Teacher – Sacred Heart Middle School
- Religion Teacher – Sacred Heart Middle School
- Theology Teacher – Shanley High School
- Long-Term Substitute Teacher – Trinity Elementary School
- Long-Term Substitute Science Teacher – Sacred Heart Middle School
- Evening Custodian – Shanley High School/Sacred Heart Middle School (Immediate Opening)
- Little Deacons Childcare Teacher – Holy Spirit Elementary (July 2025)
- Little Deacons Childcare Worker – Holy Spirit Elementary School (Fall 2025)
- Paraprofessional – Holy Spirit Elementary School (Fall 2025)



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MAY 11TH IS WORLD DAY OF PRAYER *For Vocations*

This year's World Day of Prayer for Vocations occurs on Mother's Day. St. Pius X once said, "Every vocation to the priesthood (and consecrated life) comes from the heart of God, but it passes through the heart of a mother." He reminds us of the words from the Prophet Jeremiah, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you" (Jeremiah 1:5). These words are meant for each of us to hear. God created us with a unique mission that only we can fulfill for the life of others. Mothers and mother figures in our life intuit this truth as they ponder what their child will be.

Parents' vocation prayer

Heavenly Father,
We thank you for our children, and that you have placed your desire for holiness in their hearts. Help us to teach them how to best discern your will for them and give them the courage to respond to you with generosity. We ask this in the name of Jesus your Son. Amen

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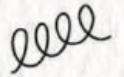


REGISTER TO
ATTEND HERE



Time & Talent 2025

There is still time to fill out the Time & Talent survey! Scan the QR code to take the survey on your phone!



Senior Families!

Reminder to RSVP for the Baccalaureate Mass & Brunch on May 18th!



RSVP Here^

Junior Families!

Please sign up to help set up, serve, or clean up the Baccalaureate Brunch!



Volunteer Here^



THANK YOU!

TO ALL OUR FOOD & FELLOWSHIP VOLUNTEERS THIS YEAR!



Stewardship Moment

"The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit." (ACTS 13:52)

The disciples heard Our Lord's call and were able to spread the Gospel message with strength and vitality. We, too, can experience that same joy if we make room for the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts. When we use our gifts in the way that God intends, He fills us with supernatural joy. A joy that others notice and are attracted to!



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

Today is Good Shepherd Sunday during which we reflect on the care and love of Jesus for us, as a shepherd cares for and lays down his life for the sheep. Gifts given to the poor through the St. Vincent de Paul conference shows that you are indeed a follower of Jesus, the Good Shepherd. You are assisting in bring love to those who live in fear and doubt, loneliness and dread.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, 5-12

5:30pm: +Torri Knutson

Tuesday, 5-13

8:30am: +Donna Schaeffer

5:30pm: +Alan McDougall

Wednesday, 5-14

8:30am: +Joy Olson

5:30pm: +Tom Earley

Thursday, 5-15

8:30am: +Winifred Savageau

I lam at St. Cath North:

+Walt Seeba

Friday, 5-16

8:30am: +Frank Vonnahme

Saturday, 5-17

8:30am: +Joginder Sogi

4pm: +Linda Smith

Sunday, 5-18

7:30am: +Jim Seeba

9am: Parishioners

I lam: Hebert Family



KC Corner Council #10982

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

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 20th, 2025

Officers meet at 6:30pm. Members meet at 7pm.

(Meetings are 2nd Tuesday of the month)

March Awards: Knight of the Month: Johnny Hilsendeger
Family of the Month: Mike & Michelle Perius
Server of the Month: Gus Hillmer

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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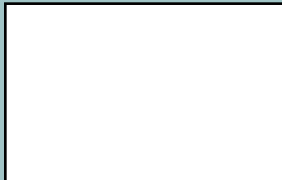
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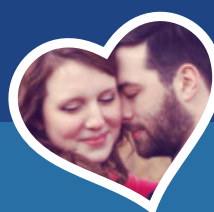
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