



# NATIVITY CHURCH OF FARGO

**JANUARY 24, 2021**

*THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*

**1825 11<sup>th</sup> St S, Fargo, ND 58103** Located at the Corner of University Drive and 18<sup>th</sup> Ave S.

**NATIVITY CHURCH WILL BE OPEN FROM  
7:00 A.M. TO 7:00 P.M.  
FOR PRIVATE PRAYER SUNDAY TO SATURDAY.**

**PARISH OFFICE: 701-232-2414**  
**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:**  
Monday-Friday: 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

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**EMAIL: *office@nativitycatholicchurch.net***

**EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES:**  
**SATURDAY: 8:00 AM & 5:00 PM**  
**SUNDAY: 7:45, 9:15, & 11:00 AM**  
**MONDAY: 8:00 AM**  
**TUESDAY: 8:30 AM\***  
**WEDNESDAY: 8:30 AM\***  
**THURSDAY: 8:30 AM\***  
**FRIDAY: 8:00 AM**  
**(\*PLEASE NOTE SCHOOL YEAR TIMES)**

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:**  
**SATURDAY: 3:30-4:30 P.M.**  
**OR CALL FOR AN APPOINTMENT**

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:**  
Infant baptism preparation:  
Contact Chris Steffan 232-2414 (ext. 127)  
to register for sessions.

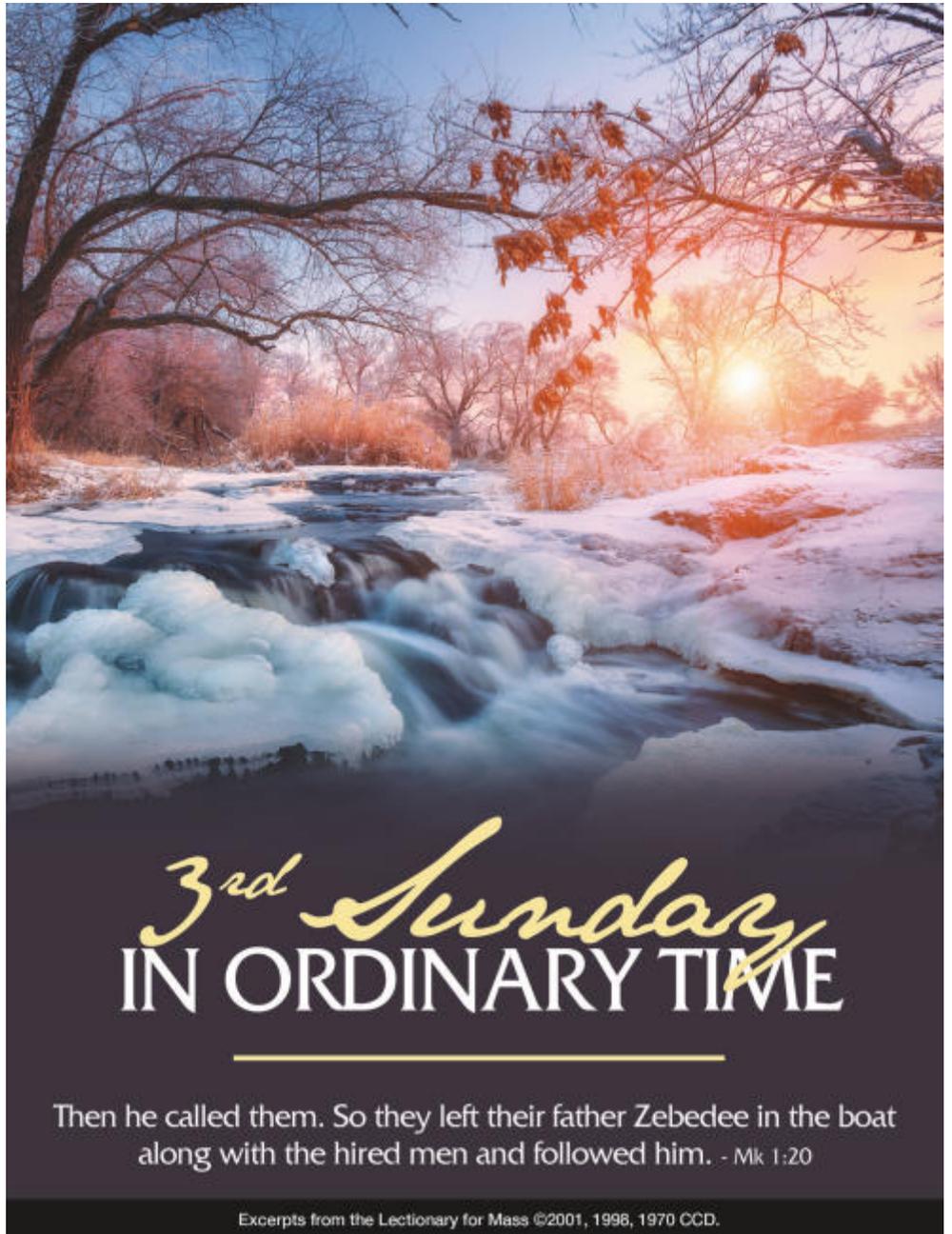
For information regarding the adult  
process, please contact Chris Steffan  
232-2414 (ext. 127)

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION:**  
Contact the parish office (232-2414) at least  
6 months in advance of the wedding date.

**PRAYER AND DEVOTIONS:**  
**EUCCHARISTIC COMMUNAL ADORATION:**  
**SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

**EUCCHARISTIC CHAPEL IS OPEN FOR  
PRIVATE PRAYER 7:00 A.M. TO 7:00 P.M.  
SUNDAY-SATURDAY**

**PRAYER CHAIN**  
**SANDI GRUHOT, 235-6408**



*"Teach me your ways, O Lord."  
~ cf. Psalms 25:4a*

## PARISH NEWS

### LITURGY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

The next liturgy ministry schedule will be February 17 - May 23. Remember to go online to MSP and put your dates you are unavailable by January 28. If you need assistance or have questions, please feel free to contact Bev in the parish office at 701-232-2414 or [bevn@nativitycatholicchurch.net](mailto:bevn@nativitycatholicchurch.net) ~ Thank you.

### PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY

We extend our prayers and sympathy to Lola Fritz on the death of her husband, Sylvester 'Bud' Fritz.

### PARISH DIRECTORY NEWS -

## THEY ARE HERE!

We have received the directories! If you had your picture taken for the Parish Directory, you are entitled to a Parish Directory. To facilitate the delivery, you have two options:

1. Stop by the parish office between 8:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.
2. Pick up before or after this weekend Masses January 23 and January 24 at a table in Mercy Hall.

If you have any questions please contact, Margaret at 701-232-2414 (M & T) or [margaretz@nativitycatholicchurch.net](mailto:margaretz@nativitycatholicchurch.net)

### SUPPORT FAIR TRADE COFFEE GROWERS AND CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

We would like to clear our inventory temporarily and continue to help Catholic Relief Services (CRS), working in over 100 countries. We have 7 different products in our stock with prices listed below. We then would donate 100% of the money we take in to CRS.

Current inventory (12 oz. unless otherwise stated)

Mind, Body, and Soul (whole bean)	\$8.00
Bright Day Brew	\$8.00
Midnight Sun	\$8.00
French Roast (10 oz.)	\$8.00
Breakfast Blend (ground & whole bean)	\$8.00
Breakfast Tea (20 tea bags in a box)	\$4.00

To place an order and set a time for pick up: Please contact Cathy Schwinden 701-232-2414 ext. 136 or email [cathys@nativitycatholicchurch.net](mailto:cathys@nativitycatholicchurch.net) For more information on CRS [www.CRS.org](http://www.CRS.org)

### BULLETIN ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK

Our Advertiser of the Week is Clark Chiropractic Office. Thank you for your support.

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## Nativity Knights of Columbus 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Pajama Drive

### Items Needed

*\*New\** two-piece pajamas for sizes 2-18 years of age.

*\*New\** one-piece pajamas for infant - 24 months.

*Please leave tags attached. Thank You.*

### Dates

A collection box will be in Mercy Hall from  
*January 17th through February 21st.*

## P R O J E C T IGNITE★LIGHT

**Project Ignite Light** is an organization, based out of North Dakota, through which children are provided important items needed when they are examined by their Local Advocacy Center or Hospital for Abuse or Neglect.

In 2008, over 4000 children were seen around the state of North Dakota for Abuse or Neglect. It is the goal of Project Ignite Light to equip each child seen for these reasons with a "Bag of Hope."

Often, children in these situations are left feeling insecure and unsure of themselves and the people around them. Through Project Ignite Light, they are given a small piece of security and a bit of hope.

Because so many of the hurting children feel used, only new items are placed in the bags.

*Each "Bag of Hope" includes:*

- Fleece Tie Blanket
- Pajamas/Socks/Underwear
- 2-in-1 Shampoo/Conditioner
- Toothbrush/Toothpaste
- Fruit Snacks/Water Bottle
- Flashlight
- Book: "You are Special" by Max Lucado
- Zippered backpack to hold all their New special items.



Thank you for your willingness to contribute to *Bags of Hope* for children in need!

## PARISH NEWS

### PASTOR'S NOTES

This is the second year we celebrate the "Sunday of the Word of God." Pope Francis instituted this celebration, which is to occur each year on the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, on September 30, 2019. As I mentioned here in my Notes last year, he wrote in *Aperuit illis*, the document instituting this celebration: "Devoting a specific Sunday of the liturgical year to the word of God can enable the Church to experience anew how the risen Lord opens up for us the treasury of his word and enables us to proclaim its unfathomable riches before the world." This year, as most, the Sunday of the Word of God falls during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, which is fitting since we share the entire New Testament and most of the Old with our separated Christian brothers and sisters. Each year the World Council of Churches and the Catholic Church's Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity cooperate in producing a text on a Biblical theme, which for 2021 comes from John's Gospel: "Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit." In *Aperuit illis*, Pope Francis writes: "Regular reading of Sacred Scripture and the celebration of the Eucharist make it possible for us to see ourselves as part of one another. As Christians, we are a single people, making our pilgrim way through history, sustained by the Lord, present in our midst, who speaks to us and nourishes us." When we abide in the love of Jesus, we are nourished by that love to strengthen the bonds of love between the many branches of Christianity, all connected to the one vine that is Jesus Christ. Pope Francis writes that there are many ways in which the Word of God challenges us to love: "God's word constantly reminds us of the merciful love of the Father who calls his children to live in love. The life of Jesus is the full and perfect expression of this divine love, which holds nothing back but offers itself to all without reserve." Perhaps you responded to the suggestion in my Notes last year to make a "belated" New Year's resolution to spend more time reading the Bible. If not, or if you began and fell away (as researchers say happen with most New Year's resolutions), it is a new year! To last year's suggestion to read more of the Bible, I add another, to pray, not only during this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (which this year runs from January 18-25), but throughout the year, this prayer:

"Gracious Lord, we pray for all the members of your holy Church, that all may abide in you and you in them, that they may be one in your love and bear much fruit. We also pray for the world, that all may come to believe in your love for them by the fruit of our witness. We know that our divisions are a source of scandal to your world, and we know that in love we are called to unite as one in the vine and branches. The vine is our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son. We are meant to be his branches. Help us we pray, to love, to forgive, to seek justice and to be your prophetic voice in the world. May your grace effect growth of good fruit among us, that our



world may realize peace. We ask all this in the name of Jesus, your Son and in the power of the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever. Amen."

In Christ's Peace,  
Fr. Bill

### PREPARING FOR LITURGY AT NATIVITY: A REMINDER FROM FR. BILL

\* Governor Burgum has issued yet another Executive Order, and this Order contains no guidance regarding churches and coronavirus protections. I have read in news reports that the Fargo City Commission has extended its mask mandate to Feb. 18th, but I have not found a copy of that order on the city website, which is difficult to navigate.

\*I appreciate the efforts of our Nativity community to wear masks, as this is a sign of charity: the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has stated: "a cloth face covering may not protect the wearer, but it may keep the wearer from spreading the virus to others." Knowledge that all are wearing masks may help some to overcome their fears and return to Mass.

\*Please wash your hands before leaving home, or here at Nativity after you arrive, or both.

\*Bring along your own hand sanitizer to use before and after communion.

updated: 1/19/2021

### EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

are picked up from Nativity each week. Please leave any non-perishables on the cabinet near the northwest entrance to the church. Donations are needed and much appreciated.

### PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

Today is the Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the charitable works of Pope Francis. Funds from this collection help victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a witness of charity to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous today. For more information, visit [www.usccb.org/peters-pence](http://www.usccb.org/peters-pence)

"Nothing is so strong as gentleness;  
Nothing is so gentle as real strength."

St. Francis de Sales

## PARISH AND AREA NEWS

### FAITH COMMUNITY

*Theological virtue of Hope ~ Sister Sharon Houle*

"Hope is a theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in God's promises and relying not on our own strength, but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit." Catechism of the Catholic Church #1817. Like other theological virtues hope is a gift from God. The object of hope is eternal life in heaven. Hope is received at baptism along with sanctifying grace and is necessary for salvation. Hope is an act of the will where we desire to obtain eternal life. Hope gives us confidence that we will persevere and reach eternal life in heaven. "Now hope that sees for itself is not hope. For who hopes for what one sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait with endurance." Romans 8:24. Our grounds for hope are the goodness and fidelity of God who keeps his promises. "They that hope in the Lord will renew their strength, they will soar on eagles' wings. They will run and not grow weary, walk and not grow faint." Isaiah 40:31.

Hope entails waiting. St. Paul says, "we wait with endurance." Waiting upon God's time is seen throughout salvation history. After the sin of Adam and Eve, God promised a redeemer. "I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers, they will strike at your head while you strike at their heel". Genesis 3:15. Years went by, before the call of Abram, the birth of Isaac, the reign of David and the birth of Jesus, and redemption; now we wait for the second coming of Jesus. Waiting is not a passive activity; it is active dependence upon and obedience to God. Thus, waiting upon God is a spiritual discipline.

Hope is also a spiritual weapon; it protects us in our struggle for salvation. "For our struggle is not with flesh and blood but with the principalities, with powers, rulers of darkness." Ephesians 6:12. "Let us be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love and the helmet that is hope for salvation." 1 Thessalonians 5:8. We rely on the power of God and his infinite mercy to obtain pardon of sins, the help of grace, and life everlasting. This we receive through the merits of Jesus Christ, Lord and Redeemer. Hope is nourished by prayer and reception of the sacraments.

Hope keeps us from discouragement; it sustains us during times of abandonment; it opens up our heart in expectation of eternal happiness. Catechism of the Catholic Church #1818.

### UPDATE PHONE NUMBERS

In today's society, we are all dropping our land lines and using our cell phones. Have you updated your information lately at the parish office? Please contact Bev by email or phone and update your contact information: [bevn@nativitycatholicchurch.net](mailto:bevn@nativitycatholicchurch.net) or 701-232-2414.



### WHY DO WE DO THAT?

#### Catholic Life Explained

##### Question:

What is unique or different about the way Catholics read and are exposed to the Bible?

##### Answer:

Catholics are exposed to Scripture primarily through the Sunday readings from a book known as the *Lectionary*. The *Lectionary* is a book of selected passages from the Bible set in the context of a liturgical season, such as Advent, Lent, or ordinary time. There are four readings assigned to any Sunday: the first reading (usually from the Old Testament), the responsorial psalm, the second reading (usually from a New Testament letter), and the Gospel reading.

These readings together give them a new context. The selected readings relate to one another in a unique manner that is not present in the Bible text itself. In close proximity to each other, these readings now have the opportunity to converse with each other in a way that would have not been possible before. A homilist pays attention to all four readings, preparing a reflection that speaks of this conversation among the readings, enabling us to zero in on what this unique combination of God's Word has to say to us this particular Sunday.

Next time you attend Sunday liturgy, try reading the Scripture ahead of time and see how this new relationship among the readings addresses and challenges you to be a better Christian here and now.

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### STEWARDSHIP OPTIONS PLANNING

Have you considered using your credit card and/or doing an automatic bank withdrawal from your bank account for your parish stewardship? Check our parish web site at <http://www.nativitycatholicchurch.net/> and click on 'Administration' then 'Automatic Withdrawals'. You can create an account and schedule automatic withdrawals by clicking on the link. Or if you wish to have Nativity set up your automatic Sunday offering, contact Margaret Zeren at the parish office. Also, if you set up your credit card or bank withdrawal donation awhile ago, it may be time to adjust the amount upward a bit. Thank you for considering this option.

**PRAY FOR THE SICK...**



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|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Jerry Mehlisch           | Irene Miller    |
| Roger Schwinghammer      | Jean Kelso      |
| Danuta Krasniewska       | Jim Kappel      |
| Marge Iverson            | Peggy Welle     |
| Christopher Durensky, Jr | Betty Barnacle  |
| Greg Lacroix             | Mary Kelly      |
| Shari Stoa               | Gloria Bougie   |
| Joe Swiontek             | Roland Luken    |
| Dave Barnick             | Diane Genoch    |
| Joanne Adamski           | Kevin Wolf      |
| Jim Graalum              | Sheila Duebbert |
| Lillian Meyer            | Audra Norton    |
| Daniel Schlicht          |                 |

*If you or a loved one are hospitalized or homebound or would like to have a family member included in the prayers for the sick, call the parish office at 701-232-2414.*

**MASS INTENTIONS**

- Monday, January 25**  
8:00 AM - Barbara Gerlach †
- Tuesday, January 26**  
8:30 AM - Sr. Rose Therese Sevigny †  
No Mass until further notice at The Meadows
- Wednesday, January 27**  
8:30 AM - Agnes Cagley †  
No Mass until further notice at Villa Maria
- Thursday, January 28**  
8:30 AM - Lucille Nathan
- Friday, January 29**  
8:00 AM - Fr. David Michael
- Saturday, January 30**  
8:00 AM - Sr. Rose Therese †  
5:00 PM - Don & Sally Voeller
- Sunday, January 31**  
7:45 AM - John Ermer †  
9:15 AM - Intention of Parish  
11:00 AM - Bernice Markwardt †

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday:** Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Mk 16:15-18
- Tuesday:** 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10 [3]/Mk 3:31-35
- Wednesday:** Heb 10:11-18/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 4:1-20
- Thursday:** Heb 10:19-25/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Mk 4:21-25
- Friday:** Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40 [39a]/Mk 4:26-34
- Saturday:** Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 [cf. 68]/Mk 4:35-41
- Sunday:** Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 [8]/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

**OUR GIVING OF THANKSGIVING  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 2021**

Adult Envelopes (59 envelopes) .....	\$6,553.50
Plate .....	\$208.00
Auto Deposit (Weekly Average).....	\$4,408.17
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$11,169.67</b>

**CHILDREN'S ENVELOPES**

With COVID and Mass not obligatory at this time, the children's envelopes will not be handed out this year. We have them available in the office or you may pick them up in Mercy Hall on the information center.

**SERVING THE ASSEMBLY JANUARY 30/31, 2021**

	5:00 PM	7:45 AM	9:15 AM	11:00 AM
<b>Altar Server</b>	At this time No Altar Servers will be scheduled			
<b>Greeter</b>	Barb Grabar	Carol Hanson David Hanson	Franchuk Family	Fritel Family
<b>Usher</b>	Kathy Godon Maurice Godon Gerald Lauer Karen Lauer	Ausma Reul Lyle Reul Michael Steiner Teresa Steiner	Nancy Kochmann Paul Kochmann Anthony Schumacher Loretta Schumacher	Brinna Snider Tina Snider Anna Welder <b>Usher Needed</b>
<b>EMHC</b>	At this time No Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will be scheduled			
<b>Proclaimer</b>	Jan Kester - 1 Melissa Mehlisch - 2	Larry Boulger - 1 LaVerne Seefeld - 2	Jenn Schwind - 1 Lynn Motteberg - 2	Rhesa Hanson - 1 Melissa Flaherty - 2
<b>Sacristan</b>	Cheryl Hager	Mark Seeba	Michelle Powers	Michelle Powers
<b>Musicians</b>	Pat Keogh Chenise Tandsater	Christine Childress LaVonne Rustad	April Maertens Brent Hermans	Inez Rath Nate Amundson
<b>Coffee &amp; Rolls</b>	At this time No Socializing after Masses-this includes no coffee and rolls.			

## AREA NEWS

### ACTION ALERT FROM THE NORTH DAKOTA CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

#### TELL SENATORS TO VOTE NO ON SB 2180 PROTECT THE SEAL OF CONFESSION

A bill in the North Dakota Senate would force priests to violate the seal of confession or face criminal fines and even jail time.

In the United States, people expect to exercise their religion, including going to confession or getting spiritual counseling, without the government invading their privacy and religious rights. SB 2180 would force priests and other members of the clergy to reveal what is said during confession and spiritual counseling in cases of suspected child abuse or vulnerable adult abuse.

The Catholic Church is committed to protecting children and vulnerable adults. Clergy are already mandated reporters when the information is learned outside of the capacity of a spiritual advisor. The seal of confession, however, is inviolable. It can never be violated for any reason. All persons, of all faiths, should have this minimum expectation in the practice of their religion.

Act now to defeat this dangerous attack on our fundamental freedoms.

**Who:** State Senate

**Where:** Contact your senator at: [www.state.nd.us/lr/](http://www.state.nd.us/lr/)  
Or call at: 1-888-635-3447 --- Bismarck 328-3373  
Hearing Impaired: 1-800-366-6888

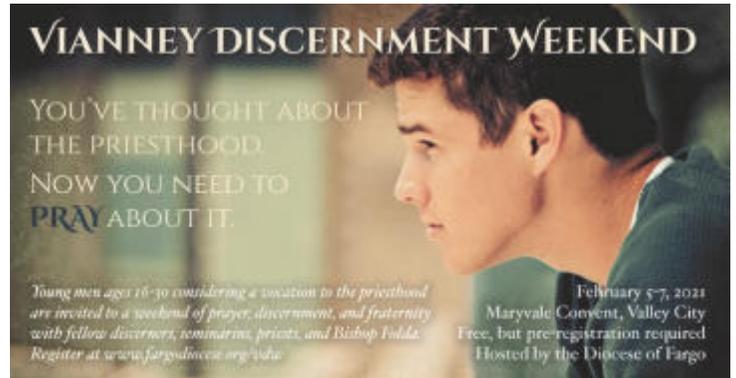
**Sample Message:** Please vote No on SB 2180. Protect religious freedom.

This action alert was distributed by the North Dakota Catholic Conference; 103 South Third Street, Suite 10, Bismarck, ND 58501; 701-223-2519; 1-888-419-1237. [ndcatholic.org](http://ndcatholic.org)

### JOB OPENING

St. Joseph Catholic Church, Moorhead, MN, a vibrant parish of 1,600 families is seeking a full-time director of liturgy. Responsibilities include: coordinate weekend and school Masses; coordinate and train liturgical ministers; plan funerals, wake services, weddings, etc.; direct the school and parish children's choirs; and work closely with our part-time music director. The ideal candidate must be a practicing Catholic in good standing with the Church, have a degree in theology, liturgy, or the equivalent experience, and have excellent organizational and communication skills. Keyboard skills not required. The position is open on July 1, 2021; however, the position can begin May 1, 2021 to ensure a smooth transition.

Submit cover letter, resume, and references by March 15 to: Search Committee; 218 10th St. S., Moorhead, MN 56560 or e-mail: [knoel@stjoesmhd.com](mailto:knoel@stjoesmhd.com)  
Interviews will begin April 6, 2021. A full job description will be given to candidates once their application is received.



#### February 5-7, 2021

Young men, ages 16-40 are invited to Maryvale Convent in Valley City, ND for one weekend in February of each year to hear about seminary life and the priesthood. If you feel you are open to God's call but have not done anything to actively discern it, then this weekend is for you. The weekend is free, but registration is required.

### RETRouvaille: HELP FOR HURTING MARRIAGES

Retrouvaille is an international, peer-run program that has helped hundreds of thousands of hurting married couples turn the tide, find new hope, and rediscover the love that initially brought them together. Surveys have shown that 3 out of 4 couples who complete the entire program are still married five years later with stronger, healthier marriages.

Retrouvaille will be held locally March 5-7, 2021 in Fargo. For more information visit [HelpOurMarriage.com](http://HelpOurMarriage.com) or contact us at (701) 356-7962 or via email at [RedRiverRetrouvaille@fargodiocese.org](mailto:RedRiverRetrouvaille@fargodiocese.org)



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**FORMED** PICK OF THE WEEK January 24, 2021

**WATCH** THE BIBLE COLLECTION - PAUL THE APOSTLE

The story of Paul's life acts as an incredible witness to God's mercy and love as he went from persecuting the Church to proclaiming it to all the nations! This film brilliantly captures portrays this great missionary saint!

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**Pastoral Care Team**

**Priest:**

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 David.Maria.Michael@fargodiocese.org

**Deacon:**

Deacon Bruce Dahl (ext. 132)  
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**Pastoral Minister/ Parish Nurse Coordinator:**

Sr. Sharon Houle (ext. 126)  
 sharonh@nativitycatholicchurch.net

**Liturgy Team**

**Liturgy & Music Coordinator:** Brent Hermans (ext. 125)  
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**Faith Formation Team**

**Director of Faith Formation (Grades 1-8):** Kathy Bourdon (ext. 124)  
 kathyb@nativitycatholicchurch.net

**Adult Faith Life Coordinator:** Chris Steffan (ext. 127)  
 chriss@nativitycatholicchurch.net

**Youth Ministry (LinC) & Young Adult Coordinator:** Brent Hermans (ext. 125)  
 brenth@nativitycatholicchurch.net

**Christian Service Team**

**Social Justice Coordinator:** Cathy Schwinden (ext. 136)  
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**Administration Team**

**Accounting/Payroll Manager:** Margaret Zeren (ext. 135)  
 margaretz@nativitycatholicchurch.net

**Office Manager:** Frank LaLonde (ext. 120)  
 frankl@nativitycatholicchurch.net

**Parish Secretary:** Bev Nesler (ext. 129)  
 bevn@nativitycatholicchurch.net

**Nativity Parish Support Team**

**Kitchen Coordinator:** Dorothy Thiessen

**Cleaning Service:** Spaeth Cleaners

**Nativity School Team**

**701-232-7461**  
**Principal:** Kimbra Amerman  
 Kimbra.Amerman@jp2schools.org

**Administrative Assistant:** Nicole Hofer

**Emergencies**

In the case of an after hours emergency, you may contact a priest by calling the parish office, and pressing one (1) when the answering machine picks up.

**BEFRIENDER MINISTRY**

BeFriender ministry is a lay volunteer ministry. BeFrienders offer a confidential compassionate listening presence to people in difficult transitional situations. If you are in need of a BeFriender or would like to become a BeFriender, contact Sister Sharon Houle.

**LOW GLUTEN HOSTS**

If you are gluten intolerant or allergic to wheat, oats, barley or rye, our parish has low gluten hosts. Please arrive at mass early and speak with the sacristan if you wish to receive communion in this form.

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