



**SEPTEMBER 5, 2021**  
*TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*

# NATIVITY CHURCH OF FARGO

**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.

**WEBSITE & FACEBOOK:**  
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**EUCHARISTIC LITURGIES:**  
**SATURDAY: 8:00 AM & 5:00 PM**  
**SUNDAY: 7:45, 9:15, & 11:00 AM**  
**MONDAY-FRIDAY: 8:00 AM**

**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.

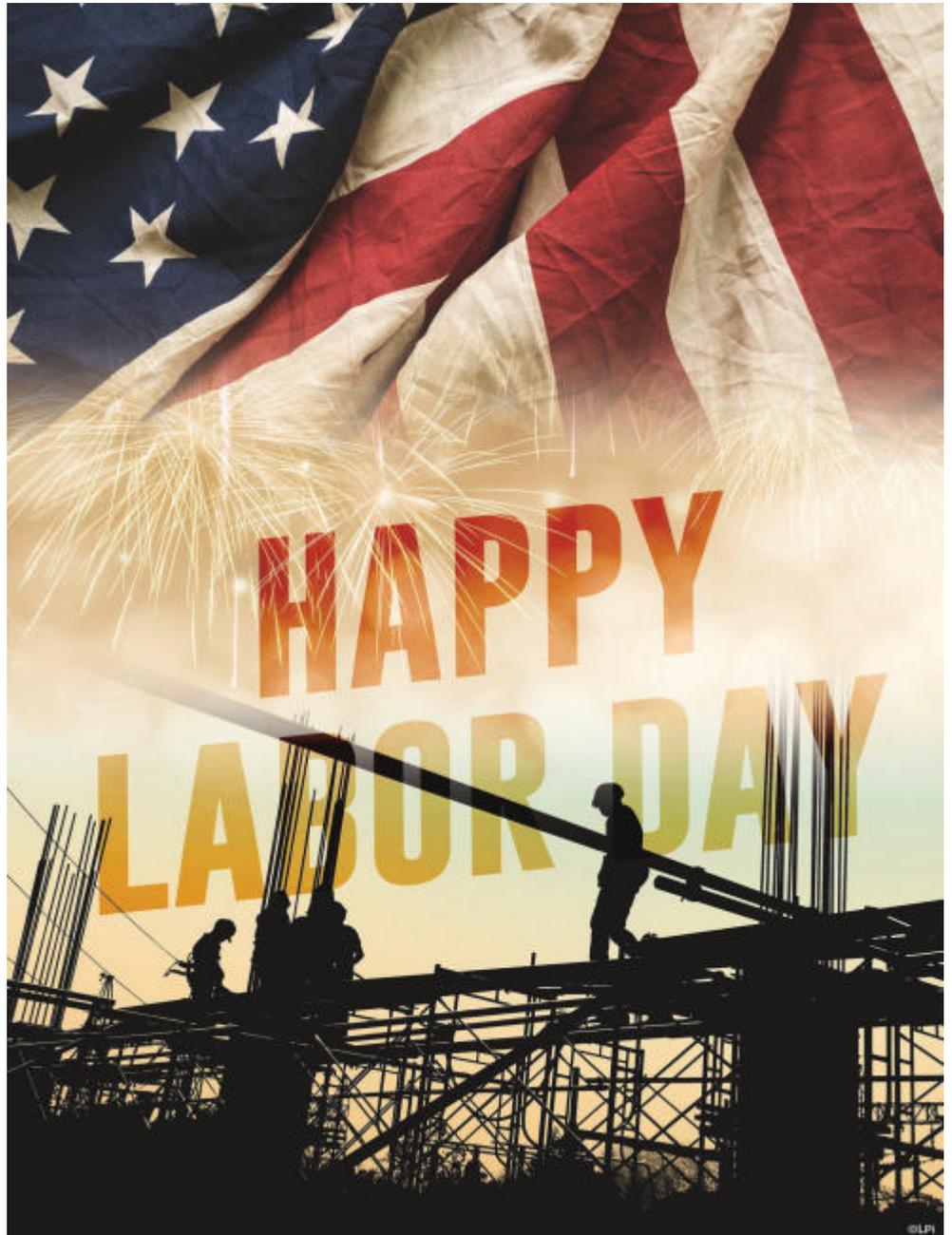
For information regarding the adult  
process, please contact Chris Steffan  
232-2414 (ext. 127)

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

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

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

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



*"Praise the Lord, my soul!"*  
~ Psalms 146:2a

## PARISH NEWS

### JOIN THE PARISH CHOIR

#### COME AND JOIN!

Choir Rehearsals will start Wednesday, September 8, 6:30-7:45 p.m.

Questions? Contact Brent Hermans at 701-232-2414 ext. 125 or [brenth@nativitycatholicchurch.net](mailto:brenth@nativitycatholicchurch.net)

#### RECEIVE THE DIVINE RAYS OF HIS GRACE, HIS LOVE, HIS PEACE ~ CF. POPE PAUL VI

Come and spend the most peaceful hour of your week with Jesus. Starting Monday, September 13, adoration will begin at 8:35 a.m. (after morning Mass) to 7:00 p.m. Our goal is to have at least 3 on a time slot. At this time all time slots have at least one or 2 adorers, however the 12:00-1:00 p.m. time has no adorers.

Please let us know if you would like to spend the most peaceful hour of the week with Jesus. Subs are also needed. Adoration is on Mondays only.

Contact Fr. Anthony or Bev in the parish office at 701-232-2414 or [bevn@nativitycatholicchurch.net](mailto:bevn@nativitycatholicchurch.net)

#### LITURGY AT NATIVITY:

##### REMARKS FROM FR. BILL

\*If you are returning after the summer, you will notice that servers are again assisting the priest at the altar. Beginning this weekend, since the number of attendees generally begins to increase in September, one Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (EMHC), if Deacon Bruce is not present, will be assigned to the west section. The EMHC, like the priests and deacon, will wear a face covering and sanitize his or her hands before distributing communion.

\*As you may have read in my Pastor's Notes in the Aug. 14/15 bulletin, the lingering Covid-19 pandemic has resulted in Bishop Folda continuing to suspend the distribution of the chalice to the lay faithful that began with the onset of the pandemic last year

\*There is a wide variety of opinions regarding Covid-19. I encourage each of you to consider wearing a face covering when you are near to others at Mass, given U.S. Centers for Disease Control guidelines. Whatever your feelings around this issue, I appreciate the respect Nativity parishioners have shown and continue to show to each other.

Save the Date

# Ministry Gift Shop

## September 18/19, 2021, at Nativity Church

#### BULLETIN DEADLINE

Articles are due to Bev in the parish office Tuesdays by Noon for the following Sunday. Drop them off in the office or email: [bevn@nativitycatholicchurch.net](mailto:bevn@nativitycatholicchurch.net)

#### THE CHOSEN

The Chosen class will not meet on Labor Day, September 6. We will meet again Monday, September 13, at 9:00 a.m. in the Bethlehem Room. Please join us to watch Season 2 episode 4. If you are unable to join us but would like to watch The Chosen, please go to [TheChosen.tv](http://TheChosen.tv) and download the app. This crowd-funded series is well-matched with the scripture stories and will enrich your understanding of the nuances of life in the time of Jesus.

#### CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

Nativity Cancer Support Group will be meeting Monday, September 13, at 10:00 a.m. in the Nazareth Room. If you have received a diagnosis of cancer, are on chemotherapy or need support you are welcome to the meeting. Do not hesitate to come. You may bring your spouse or a friend. We are a small friendly group traveling down the same road. Both women and men are welcomed. You do not need to make an appointment, just show up.

Any questions, please call Sr. Sharon Houle at 701-232-2414 ext. 126.

#### END OF LIFE ISSUES

There will be a presentation on "End of Life Issues" Thursday, September 23, 1:00-2:30 p.m. in the Nativity Nazareth Room. Topics covered will include Pain Management, Nutrition and Hydration, DNR, and ordinary extraordinary care according to Catholic Moral Teaching. This is an opportunity to get your questions answered, and assistance in completing your Advance Directive for Health Care. All are welcome. Registration not necessary. Questions, call Sister Sharon 701-232-2414 ext. 126.

#### WOMEN OF THE WORD BEGINS AGAIN

Women of the Word invites you to an enriching Bible Study and Faith Sharing Group. All Women are welcome! Please join us Wednesday mornings starting with our Fall Tea September 8, from 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Our Bible Study will be "Jesus ~ The Way, The Truth, and The Life" by Marcellino D'Ambrosio, Jeff Cavins and Edward Sri.

Our Faith Sharing will be guided by the book: "Becoming Women of the Word" by Sarah Christmyer.

Our group is informal and relaxed! There is NO homework, just 2 hours each week to walk with other women on their journey of faith!

Bring a friend - we welcome women from any parish. For more information email Mary Kay Schott at [marykayschott@hotmail.com](mailto:marykayschott@hotmail.com) or call Chris Steffen at Nativity 232-2414 ext. 127. Books will be provided.

#### BULLETIN ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK

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## PARISH AND AREA NEWS

### PASTOR'S NOTES

The scene in today's Gospel, of Jesus opening the ears of a deaf man and restoring his ability to speak without an impediment, has some remarkable features. First, Jesus uses not only words, but also physical touch of the man's ears and tongue as well as spittle when touching his tongue. Second, our translation retains the word *Ephphatha*, as well as its meaning in English, "Be opened." Scholars believe this to be a Greek version of a word from Aramaic, the language Jesus would have used every day. These words and actions are the basis of one of the "Explanatory Rites" of Baptism, which occur after the actual baptism itself and give expression to the effects of the sacrament just received. The *Ephphatha* rite is the fourth and final Explanatory Rite, preceded by the anointing with Chrism Oil on the crown of the head, the clothing with a white garment, and the presentation of the candle lit from the Easter Candle. The priest or deacon touches the child's ears and mouth while praying: "May the Lord Jesus, who made the deaf to hear and the mute to speak, grant that you may soon receive his word with your ears, and profess the faith with your lips, to the glory and praise of God the Father." The actions of the one who baptizes a child are similar to those of Jesus in today's Gospel story; however, the words of the prayer reflect that it is about hearing the Word of God and learning to profess it in what we say (and perhaps, as significantly, in what we do). All of us who are baptized are called to hear God's word and put it into action. When an infant or young child is baptized, his or her parents, supported by the godparents and indeed the entire Christian community, are accepting the responsibility to bring their child up "so that, keeping God's commandments, he/she may love the Lord and his/her neighbor as Christ has taught us." As adults, we put into action our baptismal faith in God's word by loving God and neighbor, and this example is an exercise of our responsibility to support the parents of the newly baptized, and indeed all young children, in our community. We likely will never know how God working in and through us may do so, but today's Gospel reflects how God may surprise us. We know nothing certain about the man healed by Jesus, except Luke's description of him as "a deaf man who had a speech impediment." But we do know that he had people who cared enough about him to bring him to Jesus. We can guess that he is likely not a Jew, since the healing occurs in "the district of the Decapolis," a mainly Gentile area. And yet Jesus speaks to a Gentile the word *Ephphatha* while "looking up to heaven," an indication that this opening has physical **and** spiritual aspects to it. St. Luke records that the people were "exceedingly astonished." May God continue to astonish us in how living out our own baptismal call might serve to support parents of young children in our Nativity community.

In Christ's Peace,  
Fr. Bill



### DREAM MANAGER BOOK READ DISCUSSION

A couple of months ago, the book *Dream Manager*, by Matthew Kelly, was given away to those interested in reading it. Some were intrigued by the concepts of the book and were interested in talking more about them. Because of this, we are setting up a time to discuss the possibility of whether the concepts of the book would be applicable in the church setting as far as helping people reach their life's dreams whatever they may be. Please join us for our book read discussion of *Dream Manager* on Tuesday, September 21, at 6:30 p.m. in the Nazareth Room.

### RCIA

RCIA, the process of becoming a Catholic, is moving back to its usual day and time of Sundays from 9:00 to 10:45 a.m. in the Nazareth Room. Sunday classes will begin on September 26 and continue on consecutive Sundays unless otherwise noted. If you are interested in joining the class, please contact Chris Steffan for more information. RCIA is for those who are unbaptized adults, for those who were raised in another faith tradition but are wishing to explore becoming Catholic, or those who are baptized Catholic but have not completed their initiation sacraments. Contact Chris at 701-232-2414 ext. 127 or [chriss@nativitycatholicchurch.net](mailto:chriss@nativitycatholicchurch.net)

### JESUS THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE

*Jesus the Way, the Truth, and the Life* Evening Class will meet beginning Monday, September 13, and continue to November 22 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Filmed on location in the Holy Land, *Jesus: The Way the Truth and the Life* is a new and fresh look at Jesus—who he is, what he is really like, what he taught, and what he did for our salvation. This encounter with Christ will inspire and empower you to center your entire life around him as you come to know and love him in an ever-deeper and more intimate way. The series presenters are Marcellino D'Ambrosio, Jeff Cavins, and Edward Sri. The series has 10 sessions. Please contact Chris to register. Email at [chriss@nativitycatholicchurch.net](mailto:chriss@nativitycatholicchurch.net)

### STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

*"Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?" - James 2:5*

What is more important – being rich in faith or rich in possessions? Society tells us that possessions are more important. God teaches a different lesson. When we are rich in faith, we keep God first and experience true joy and peace. When we put possessions first, we soon realize we can never have enough and happiness is fleeting. When we put faith over possessions, we truly realize it is better to give than receive.

## PARISH AND AREA NEWS

### FAITH COMMUNITY

*The parable of two sons ~ Sister Sharon Houle*

A man had two sons. He came to the first and said, "Son, go out and work in the vineyard today." He replied, "I will not," but afterwards he changed his mind and went. The man came to the other son and gave the same order. He replied, "Yes, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did his father's will? The people to whom Jesus was speaking answered, the first. Jesus said to them, "Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you." When John came in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him, but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet, when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him. Matthew 21:28-32.

Jesus addresses this parable to the religious leaders and elders of Israel. They claim to be obedient but do not do the will of the Father. The first son does not want to work in the vineyard; he has a change of mind and heart, and he goes and works in the vineyard. He represents people who listened to the message of John the Baptist, repented, and followed God. The second son represents those who have been believers since childhood but continue to commit sin.

The parable teaches truthfulness in word and action. The first son is honest; he does not want to work in the vineyard but ends up going, unlike the second son who is dishonest: "Yes I will go," he says, but has no intention of fulfilling his father's will. We know that we do not always do the will of the Father; we stumble many times throughout our life. Yet, if we repent, seek forgiveness, God's mercy will be there. Conversion is a daily affair; we always seek to live more faithfully so our actions convey the faith we profess. Let us rejoice that our heavenly Father calls us in love to return to him daily.

Once we choose to "work in the vineyard," what is our attitude? Do we obey with joy or resentment? In either case, the job gets done, but our attitude greatly influences the value of our obedience. If we obey grudgingly, there is little value in our obedience. On the other hand, a joyful and loving obedience reflects the love and care given to us by our Creator. There is no sacrifice that can measure up to love. Jesus died for us willingly, out of love, and fulfilled the will of the Father.

"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven." Matthew 7:21. Faith and "doing the will of the Father" are entwined. Both are required to enter the kingdom of heaven. Jesus criticizes the chief priest and elders: they are less than tax collectors and harlots; they do not do the will of the Father. Tax collectors and harlots, hearing John the Baptist's "way of righteousness," repented, changed their lives, followed Jesus, and acted on his message. The chief priests continued in their old way, did not follow through, and so remain outside the will of the Father as did the second son.



### "ENTRUSTED TO YOUR CARE" -FAITH HABITS FOR YOU AND YOUR CHILD

**Labor Day** is a celebration of the rights of people who work. Begin this day with a prayer: "God our creator, we are the work of your hands. Guide us in our work, that we may do it, not for ourselves alone, but for the common good. Grant this through Christ our Lord". Amen.

### DON'T MISS THE SEPTEMBER 15 DEADLINE?

Faith Formation registration forms for your children are due in the parish office by Wednesday, September 15. Please stop by our curriculum display in Mercy Hall to find Faith Formation registration forms and the 2021-2022 Faith Formation calendar. We are asking for parent helpers in all grades. Won't you help out this year? If you have any question you can contact Kathy at 701-232-2414 ext. 124.

### ANYONE OUT THERE WHO LOVES ART AND CREATIVE LEARNING?

Here is YOUR chance to give back to YOUR parish. I envision a creative art class for our Grade 1 children this year in Faith Formation. All I need is to have YOU volunteer to work with these young children on their art projects on Wednesday evenings. All of the art materials will be available for hands-on learning. What a fun time for all! Contact person: Kathy Bourdon [kathyb@nativitycatholicchurch.net](mailto:kathyb@nativitycatholicchurch.net)

### MINNKOTA OFFERS A RECYCLING MATCH

MinnKota is offering a match to Gigi's Playhouse for recyclables through November 30.

When anyone delivers clean sorted recyclables to any one of Minnkota redemption centers and informs the attendant they would like to donate their recyclables to Nativity, Minnekota will match to Gigi's Playhouse 1 cent for all materials delivered.

Redemption centers:

901 4th Ave. North, Fargo

526 Highway 59 North, Detroit Lakes, MN.

Visit [www.minnkotarecycling.com](http://www.minnkotarecycling.com) or call 701-293-8428 for more information.

### RECYCLING HELP AT NATIVITY

*"The climate is a common good, belonging to all and meant for all."* ~ Laudato Si, Pope Francis

One way we can put care for creation into action is recycling. Volunteering once a week at Nativity Church for less than an hour would make a real difference. Having several volunteers would reduce the work to once a month, or less. Contact Cathy for information and to sign up - 701-232-2414 ext. 136

**PRAY FOR THE SICK...**



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| Jerry Mehlisch          | Roland Luken       |
| Roger Schwinghammer     | Diane Genoch       |
| Danuta Krasniewska      | Sheila Duebbert    |
| Christopher Durenky, Jr | Audra Norton       |
| Greg Lacroix            | Jim Foley          |
| Shari Stoa              | Pam Schneider      |
| Joe Swiontek            | Loretta Schumacher |
| Dave Barnick            | Sami Mack          |
| Jim Graalum             | Tom Nistler        |
| Lillian Meyer           | Inez Rath          |
| Daniel Schlicht         | Joanie Gronso      |
| Jean Kelso              | Rita Becker Peet   |
| Jim Kappel              | Bill Wiekamp       |
| Peggy Welle             | Tom Isaac          |
| Betty Barnacle          | Mary Mondry        |
| Gloria Bougie           |                    |

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.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday: Col 1:24—2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9 [8]/Lk 6:6-11  
 Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11 [9]/  
 Lk 6:12-19  
 Wednesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c  
 [Is 61:10]/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23  
 Thursday: Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [6]/  
 Lk 6:27-38  
 Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8,  
 11 [cf. 5]/Lk 6:39-42  
 Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7  
 [2]/Lk 6:43-49  
 Sunday: Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/  
 Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

**MASS INTENTIONS**

- Monday, September 6**  
 8:00 AM - Marie Bellerud  
**Tuesday, September 7**  
 8:00 AM - Joshua & Rylee Zetocha  
 The Meadows - (Residents only)  
**Wednesday, September 8**  
 8:00 AM - Joshua Zetocha  
 Villa Maria - (Residents only)  
**Thursday, September 9**  
 8:00 AM - Neal & Polly Zeren  
**Friday, September 10**  
 8:00 AM - For the Holy Souls †  
**Saturday, September 11**  
 8:00 AM - Deacon Bruce Dahl  
 5:00 PM - Chris Cagley †  
**Sunday, September 12**  
 7:45 AM - Lolita Koppinger †  
 9:15 AM - Intention of Parish  
 11:00 AM - Mary Wadnizak †

**OUR GIVING OF THANKSGIVING  
 SUNDAY, AUGUST 29, 2021**

- Adult Envelopes (40 envelopes) ..... \$3,763.00  
 Plate ..... \$274.00  
 Auto Deposit (Weekly Average)..... \$4,386.17  
**Total..... \$8,423.17**



**SERVING THE ASSEMBLY SEPTEMBER 11/12, 2021**

	5:00 PM	7:45 AM	9:15 AM	11:00 AM
<b>Altar Server</b>	Marlee Pegors Eli Danduran	<b>Altar Server Needed</b>	Gabriel Walker Keagan Walker	<b>Altar Server Needed</b>
<b>Greeter</b>	Chris Danduran Erin Danduran	David Hanson Carol Hanson	Anthony Schumacher Loretta Schumacher	Jason Haugen Family
<b>Usher</b>	Bonnie Fritz Herb Schlegel Bonnie Schlegel Jeff KRabbenhoft	Teresa Steiner Michael Steiner Margaret Zeren <b>Usher Needed</b>	Bonnie Faller Leonard Rath Michael Langseth Casinda Langseth	Duane Moos <b>Usher Needed</b> <b>Usher Needed</b> <b>Usher Needed</b>
<b>EMHC</b>	Dale Zetocha	<b>EMHC Needed</b>	Corie Walker	Jason Schwengler
	<i>The EMHC, like the priests and deacon, will wear a face covering and sanitize his or her hands before distributing communion</i>			
<b>Proclaimer</b>	Karen Lauer—1 Melissa Mehlisch—2	Brenda Lang—1 Suzanne Opperman—2	Deb Boyer—1 <b>Proclaimer Needed—2</b>	Anne Moynihan—1 Peter Moynihan—2
<b>Sacristan</b>	Paul Leier Sheila Leier	Mark Seeba	Anna Welder	Anna Welder
<b>Musicians</b>	See emailed schedule	See emailed schedule	See emailed schedule	See emailed schedule
<b>Coffee &amp; Rolls</b>	<b>Coffee and Rolls start up again!</b> 8:00—10:30 a.m.: Ryan and Holly Younggren 10:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.: Dan & Kim Mahli & Family			

## AREA NEWS

### CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS TO MEET

Court St. Ann #261 of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas will meet Tuesday, September 14, at St. Anthony's beginning with Mass at 5:15 p.m.; meal to follow (Unit 1 serving) and meeting at 6:30 p.m. Members are invited to bring non-perishable food pantry donations. If interested in CDA, please join us at our meeting. Any questions, please send an email to [regentctstann@gmail.com](mailto:regentctstann@gmail.com)

### NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children Memorial Prayer service will be held at the gravesite of the unborn on Saturday, September 18, at 11:00 a.m. at Holy Cross Cemetery North, 1502 32<sup>nd</sup> Ave NW, Fargo. Fr. Scott Karnik, Parochial Vicar at Sts. Anne & Joachim Church, will lead the service. Please join us. Sponsored by the Sts. Anne & Joachim Respect Life Committee. For more information, contact Susan at 701-371-5196 or visit [www.abortionmemorials](http://www.abortionmemorials)

### LEGION OF MARY CELEBRATES 100 YEARS

The Legion of Mary will be celebrating 100 years this year. It will be a time of joy, of celebration and of thanksgiving for the millions of graces God and Our Blessed Lady have showered upon us since the foundation of Legion of Mary. The celebration will occur on Sunday, September 19, at St. Anthony's Catholic Church. Rosary and prayers will be said at 7:00 p.m., followed by Holy Mass at 7:30 p.m., and a social with refreshments following Mass in the Social Hall at 8:30 p.m. All are invited to attend!



### FALL FESTIVAL TIME

#### St. Benedict Church, Wild Rice

Sunday, September 19, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
Famous Ham Dinner  
Adults: \$12, Children 5-12: \$6, 4 & Under: Free

#### St. Anthony of Padua, Fargo

Sunday, September 26, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Old-fashioned turkey dinner, 11:00 -3:00  
Adults: \$12, Children: \$6, Family: \$40

#### St. Francis de Sales, Moorhead

Sunday, October 3, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
Roast Beef Dinner  
Adults: \$13, Youth 6-12: \$5, 5 & Under: Free

#### St. Joseph's Church, Moorhead

Sunday, October 10, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
Turkey Dinner - \$15  
Hot dog meal option for children - \$5

See posters on bulletin board for more Fall Festival activities for the churches listed.

### RETRouvaille: HELP FOR HURTING MARRIAGES

Have you and your spouse grown cold and distant from each other? Do you struggle to communicate or come together on common goals? Have past hurts built up walls of tension and distrust so big you question if they could ever come down? There is hope. 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 October 22-24, 2021, in Fargo. For more information visit [HelpOurMarriage.org](http://HelpOurMarriage.org) or contact us at (701)356-7962 or via email at [RedRiverRetrouvaille@fargodiocese.org](mailto:RedRiverRetrouvaille@fargodiocese.org)

### JOB OPPORTUNITY

Women's Care Center is looking for special people committed to our mission, who are personable with excellent communication skills. A part-time counselor position is available.

Degreed in counseling, social work, nursing, or other service-related background is preferred. Degreed and non-degreed candidates are encouraged to apply. Will train. Please forward your resume to [angela@wccnd.com](mailto:angela@wccnd.com) or call 701-532-1928 for further details or questions.

### 4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL DOWN HOME HOEDOWN

Down Home founders, Jake and Jenessa Fillipi, parishioners at Holy Spirit, invite you Kick Up Your Boots with them at the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Hoedown Fundraiser on Sunday, September 19, at The Pines Venue. Down Home's mission is to empower lives by furnishing homes for families and individuals emerging from homelessness. DH envisions a community where everyone lives in a supported, stable, and nurturing home, and it relies on its Core Values of Faith, Dignity, Compassion, Hope, Integrity, and Collaboration to help eliminate barriers and build up God's Kingdom in the process. Come and be Boots on the Ground for the Lord. Register or donate today at [www.down-home.org](http://www.down-home.org)

### BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

Beginning Experience will be offering "Coping with Life Alone". Offered for widowed, divorced or separated persons. Helping to understand the grieving process and the stages of grief. Led by teams of peers who have experienced similar losses in their own lives.

It will be at Liberty Brethren Lutheran Church, 1702 32<sup>nd</sup> Ave S, Fargo. This 10 week program starts on Monday, September 13, 2021. Registration will be at 6:00 p.m. and session will start at 6:30 p.m.

The cost is \$45.00 which includes your Coping book. Information line, please call 701-277-8784 leave message.

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**Nativity Parish Support Team**

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