

ASCENSION

C a t h o l i c C h u r c h

- December 19, 2021 -

FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT

O Lord, stir up Thy power, we pray Thee, and come; and with great might help us, that with the help of Thy Grace, Thy merciful forgiveness may hasten what our sins impede. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 8:30 am-4:00 pm
Friday 8:30 am-12:00 Noon

EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES

Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 8:00, 9:30, & 11:00 am
Tue.-Fri. 8:00 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tues.-Fri. 7:30-7:50 am
Saturday 3:30-4:30 pm

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Msgr. Jim Braaten	Pastor
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BAPTISMS

Contact the Parish Office three months in advance to schedule. Baptism classes are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm.

OUR MISSION

As a people of God, of Ascension Catholic Parish, we are united by Baptism and committed to meeting the needs of our faith community. In union with the whole Church, we will build the Kingdom of God by proclaiming the Good News, worshipping God, creating community, and promoting social justice.

NEWCOMERS

Contact the Parish Office or go online to register. Welcome to the parish!

WEDDINGS

Call the Pastor nine months prior to the wedding date to make arrangements.

ASCENSION CATHOLIC CHURCH

I would like to thank each and every one of you for your commitment to our parish this past year. The giving of your time, talent and treasure to the Lord continues to reflect God's presence in our community. I would also like to extend my gratitude to all the volunteers who have worked so hard to make our Christmas celebrations truly wonderful. Additionally, a special thank you to our staff and the devoted members of the various ministries in our parish, especially to those who work quietly behind the scenes.

My Christmas message this year is to challenge all of us to become more involved. It is not so much a question of giving more; it is a question of giving more of ourselves. That's what God did when he entered our world at the first Christmas. God will fill us with His peace if there is room for Him in our lives.

May the Jesus of Christmas bring you Peace, give you Hope, and grant you Love. My personal thanks for your thoughtful prayers, inspiring Christmas greetings and generous gifts. It is a privilege to serve as your priest and pastor.

May God bless all of you! MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Msgr. Jim Braaten

Ascension Catholic Church
extends our congratulations to

Aspen Elizabeth,
daughter of Kyle and Anne Seidler
and

Rennick James,
son of Darron and Ashley Placek-Olson
on their baptisms.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL SERVICES

December 24th: 4:00 & 10:00 pm

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES

December 25th: 9:30 & 11:00 am

LITURGICAL MINISTERS: DECEMBER 26TH, FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Volunteers are still needed for the above Christmas Mass schedule. Please call Rita at 223-3606 for availability. Thank you!

	8:00am	9:30am	11:00am
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion	Ellen Klein—N Renee Jangula—S	Mike Luger—N Sharon Malm—S	Gregg Kathol—N Meghan Salyers—S
Hospitality	Greg Power** Steve Ritter Brian Schumacher	Andy Schaffner** Shirley Schaffner Virgil Case	Sandie Holzer** Rosie Dingus Sue Mock
Lector	Rita Ritter	Daniel Cahoon	Al Dolajak
Altar Server	Peyton Dehne Nickolas Hagel	Jett Warren Joe Schon	Lainey Kathol Deacon Kathol
Video/Audio Operator	Brenda Muscha	Doug Mormann	Blaise Kathol

ASCENSION CATHOLIC CHURCH

BISHOP KAGAN'S PASTORAL LETTER

In the upcoming weeks, the Faith Formation column will provide excerpts from Bishop Kagan's May 23, 2021, **Pastoral Letter "... Live a Life Worthy of the Calling You Have Received, Part Four: To the Culture and Society**

"Recall Saint Luke's narration of the temptations of Jesus in the desert by Satan. He wrote something that would be a shadow on the public life of Jesus and would certainly continue to be such on the life of His Body, the Church, from Pentecost to the present. After Jesus had rejected Satan and his temptations for the third time, it is said: "When the devil had finished all the tempting, he left Him, to await another opportunity." (Lk 4: 13) Satan did not wait until the Agony in the Garden to return to tempt Jesus, he worked through all those who opposed Jesus throughout His public life, both Jews and pagans. All four Gospels are replete with accounts of Jesus being hated, accused of so-called crimes against the Law of Moses and the state, and plots to kill Him. This is the clear work of Satan and in every case he failed. The Lord's Passion, Death and Resurrection are the real and historic proof of this failure.

However, the four Gospels also recount the many times Jesus not only spoke of His own persecution and death, but they also narrate the times He told His Apostles and disciples that they too could expect to suffer and be persecuted because of Him and their fidelity to Him. The best source for how this happened to them is the Acts of the Apostles and the New Testament Epistles. Satan was still at work but as before, he was overcome by the power of the Apostolic faith animated and fostered by the Holy Spirit. In the Epistle of Saint Jude, we find a wonderful expression of how to defeat the world and Satan. "But you, beloved, grow strong in your holy faith through prayer in the Holy Spirit. Persevere in God's love and welcome the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ which leads to life eternal. Correct those who are confused; the others you must rescue, snatching them from the fire. Even those you pity be on your guard." (Jude 20-23)

Thus, the visible state of our current society and culture should shock and repulse us for its utter depravity, but we should not be surprised. Satan is still at work "prowling about seeking the ruin of souls", and he continues to do so just as he did to Jesus and just as he has done to His Church in every age. It is for us who are His Catholic faithful to face and reject Satan and his works and empty promises today as all before us have done and have left us an example to follow."

The entire letter can be found on the Diocese of Bismarck website.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 8:00 am	December 20 Communion Service
Tuesday, 8:00 am	December 21 †Marion Sitter by Ben & Jan Sitter
Wednesday, 8:00 am	December 22 †Bernhard & †Katie Weigel by Joe & Berna Vetter
Thursday, 8:00 am	December 23 †Joseph Johs by Gene & Judy Krebs
Friday, 4:00 pm 10:00 pm	December 24 †Alex & †Leona Friedt by Family †Judy Fleckenstein by Family
Saturday, 9:30 am 11:00 am	December 25 †Theresia Horner & †Jessica McCormick by Steve & Kelly McCormick †Anton & †Anna Bren by Irene Howard
Sunday, 8:00 am 9:30 am 11:00 am	December 26 †Joseph Kuntz by George & Leona Kuntz †Annette Wetzel by Margo Wetzel People of the Parish

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday, 8:30—6:15 pm 6:15 pm	December 20 Eucharistic Adoration O'Antiphons Reflection
Wednesday, 4:00 pm 6:00 pm	December 22 Prepare Treat Bags for Christmas Eve Dinner Set up Dining Room for Christmas Eve Dinner
Thursday 4:00 pm	December 23 Environment Committee/Decorating Church
Friday 12:00 pm 5:30-7:00 pm	December 24 Office Closes Christmas Eve Dinner

If you or someone you know in our parish community is ill or has a family member or friend who could use our prayers, please call our parish office at 223-3606 or Pauline Mueller at 226-9471. Our Prayer Line is a group of parishioners who pray for requested intentions.

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

WEEK	COLLECTIONS	BUDGET
December 12, 2021	\$13,302.43	\$14,061.00
Immaculate Conception	\$1,669.00	
Fiscal Year to Date	\$335,297.19	\$337,464.00

Advent 2021 Confession Schedule

Bismarck Catholic Parishes

Church of the Ascension

Regular Confession Schedule:

Tuesday through Friday: 7:30 am to 7:50 am

Saturday: 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Cathedral of the Holy Spirit

Regular Confession Schedule:

Sunday: 7:15 am to 8:00 am

Monday through Friday: 7:15 am to 8:00 am

Saturday: 7:15 am to 8:00 am, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm and 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm

Additional Times for Advent and Christmas:

Wednesday, December 15th: 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm

Wednesday, December 22nd: 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm

Friday, December 24th: 7:15 am to 8:00 am

Saturday, December 25th: 7:15 am to 8:00 am and 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm

Church of Corpus Christi

Regular Confession Schedule:

Monday through Friday: 11:30 am to 12:00 pm

Saturday: 3:00 pm to 3:45 pm

Additional Times for Advent:

Monday, December 20th through Thursday December 23rd: 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

Monday, December 20th: 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Church of St. Anne

Regular Confession Schedule:

Wednesday through Friday: 7:30 am to 7:50 am

Saturday: 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Additional Times for Advent:

Sunday, December 19th: 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Wednesday, December 22nd: 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Pro-Cathedral of St. Mary

Regular Confession Schedule:

Monday through Friday: 7:30 am to 8:00 am

Saturday: 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm





Ascension Catholic Church CHRISTMAS EVE DINNER

FREE Turkey Dinner

5:30-7:00 PM

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24TH

COMMUNITY ROOM

Ascension Catholic Church

1911 S. 3rd Street, Bismarck

Call Taxi 9000 (223-9000) to receive a free ride if you don't have transportation.

Ascension Parish Families

Donated Necessities and Gifts Are Needed

Necessities for our Santa's Workshop include toothpaste, toothbrushes, soaps, towels/washcloths, lotions, hair care, shaving cream/razors, laundry detergent, paper towels, facial tissues, and toilet paper.

All those in attendance are able to "shop" in Santa's Workshop.

Gift ideas for adult men and women, teenage boys and girls, and younger children include small gift cards to restaurants or stores, such as Target, Walmart, or grocery stores. Other ideas could include caps/gloves/scarves, puzzle books, sweatshirts, and any other fun items. Of course, the smaller children would appreciate a toy.

Everyone, who attends the dinner, receives a gift.

Many volunteers are needed! Sign up ONLINE at

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