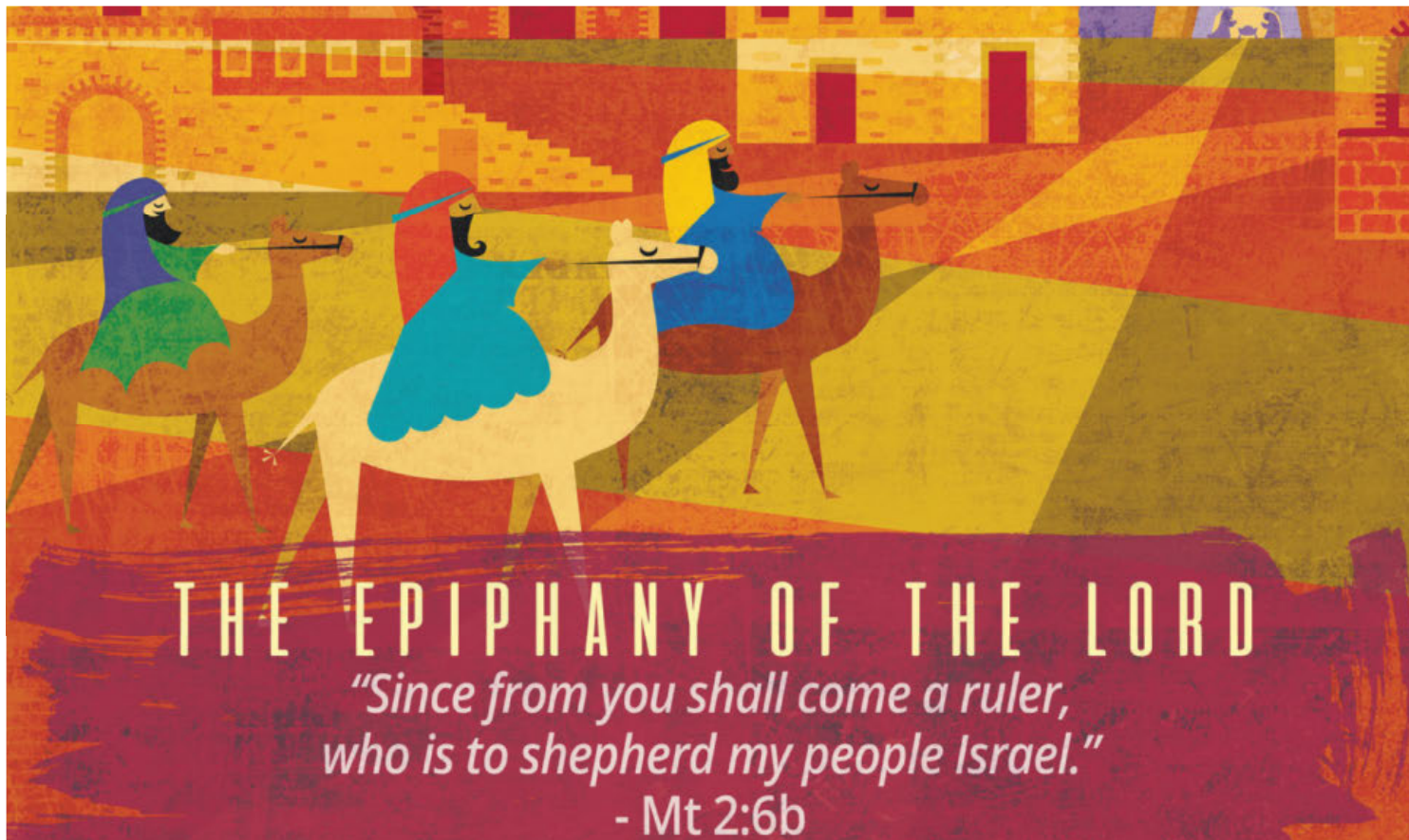


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EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES

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

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

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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

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**

"As I mentioned earlier, I will list some of the more glaring secular social and cultural errors being promoted and imposed as truth when, in fact, they are all lies meant to undermine the real common good and substitute for it the "dictatorship of relativism". Let me say at the outset that each of these errors is grievously sinful. The first error is the most glaring error, that is, abortion. This is not a Catholic issue in and of itself, but it is a human rights issue that it seems only the Catholic Church understands and resists. The second error is any and all means of artificial contraception. These means directly and intentionally frustrate the plan of God, the Author of all life human and divine, for the human race. These means separate what no human is qualified to do, that is, the unitive and procreative aspects of marriage. These means objectify the spouses in an essential way which leads them to use each other and not respect and love each other as they are loved by God.

The third error is the idea that human beings can redefine what they did not create and is not theirs to manipulate, that is, the reality of a true marriage between one man and one woman for as long as they live. This defies all human reason and no government or group or circumstance can change the reality of what a real and true marriage is. A fourth and related error is the fact of civil divorce. The culture has made this into a good and a right and, of course, divorce is neither. It is a human intervention in what humans did not create.

A fifth error is the promotion of the false notion that a person can and has the right to decide his or her gender and not to accept the gender of one's birth. Again, this defies all right reason but more to the point, it is a pathological delusion which needs to be addressed with serious therapy, not by subverting the objective truth and the scientific fact of one's physical gender.

I could continue to list more of these social and cultural errors being promoted as goods and absolute rights but that is not my intention. These will suffice as examples and in each case the Catholic Church continues to teach the truth of the Gospel in addressing these errors. While every Catholic is to be involved in what the Church does it falls in a particular way to the Catholic lay faithful to take the lead in our society and culture in these matters. This is what the Church teaches: "The faithful should 'distinguish carefully between the rights and the duties which they have as belonging to the Church and those which fall to them as members of the human society. They will strive to unite the two harmoniously, remembering that in every temporal affair they are to be guided by a Christian conscience, since no human activity, even of the temporal order, can be withdrawn from God's dominion'." (CCC, 912)

The entire letter can be found on the Diocese of Bismarck website: <https://bismarckdiocese.com/letter> or in the kiosk in back of church gathering space.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS: JANUARY 8TH AND 9TH, THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

	5:00 pm	8:00am	9:30am	11:00am
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion	Josh Hager—S Ellen Holt—N**	Adriel Vetter—S** Jean Kraft—N	Mark Dosch—S** Ann Bortke—N	Rosie Dingus—S** Grady Martin—N
Hospitality	Bernie Ficek** Char Ficek Eric Loh	Brian Schumacher** Steve Ritter Greg Power	Bernie Vetter** Leo Vetter Virgil Case	Eric Miller** Beth Kathol Sue Mock
Lector	Chuck Wolfgram	Bryan Kostelecky	Hannah Cahoon	Noreen Peliska
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FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE

- Wednesday, January 5th**/Classes for all grades. There will **not be Safe Environment Training**, as indicated on the schedule. The training was completed in October.

Grades 6-9: From 7:00 to 8:15 pm, Sister Mary Joseph, of the Saint Mary's Sisters, will be speaking and teaching the students how to pray. Parents are welcome! Please meet in the church.
- Wednesday, January 12th**/Classes for all grades, except, 7th Grade, who will have a retreat from 6:00 to 8:30 pm at the Church.

BISMARCK CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

Bismarck Catholic Daughters will meet on Tuesday, January 4th at 7:00 pm at the Cathedral. Doors open at 6:30 pm; guests are welcome. For info, contact Marella at 255-0559 or bismarckcda.org.

PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS

Let us pray for the seminarians of the Diocese of Bismarck: Paul Gardner, Logan Obrugewitch, Grant Dvorak, Jake Magnuson, Ben Wanner, Josh Hill, Dustin Johns, Steven Vetter, Ryan Martire, Isaiah Fischer, Eric Artz, Colton Steiner, Wyatt Nagel, Benjamin Frohlich, Isaiah Jilek, Joseph Richter, Charles Reichert, Joseph Schon, and Benjamin Weigum.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

When have you been jealous or fearful of another person?
When are such feelings harmful?

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

WEEK	COLLECTIONS	BUDGET
December 26, 2021	Numbers not Available	\$14,061.00
Fiscal Year to Date	Numbers not Available	\$365,586.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 8:00 am	January 3 Communion Service
Tuesday, 8:00 am	January 4 †Jason Bosch by Roy Bosch & Leanne Holzer
Wednesday, 8:00 am	January 5 †Marlene Bechhold by Adeline Thomas
Thursday, 8:00 am	January 6 †Justin & †Eric Sellers by Mike & Julie Luger
Friday, 8:00 am	January 7 †Lorraine Martin by Lil Krance
Saturday, 5:00 pm	January 8 †Eric Sellers by Pauline Mueller
Sunday, 8:00 am	January 9 People of the Parish
9:30 am	†Ed McCarty by Betty Teske
11:00 am	†Virgil Kathol by Family

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday, 8:30 am	January 3 Eucharistic Adoration
6:30 pm	Social Concerns Committee meeting
Wednesday, 4, 5:30, 7 pm	January 5 Faith Formation Classes
Thursday, 11:30 am	January 6 Circle of Friends at the Ramkota
Friday, 8:30 am	January 7 First Friday Fellowship/Community Room

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

"Everyone must give according to what he has inwardly decided, not sadly, not grudgingly, for God loves a cheerful giver." (II Corinthians 9:7)

VOCATION MESSAGE

The light of Christ shines upon you. How will you share that light with others? Consider the gift of a Church vocation.

PRAYER REQUEST
WE ARE HERE TO PRAY FOR YOU



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.



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Thank you to all who made donations toward the Christmas Flowers. They add beauty to the church during this Christmas season. May God Bless you.

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