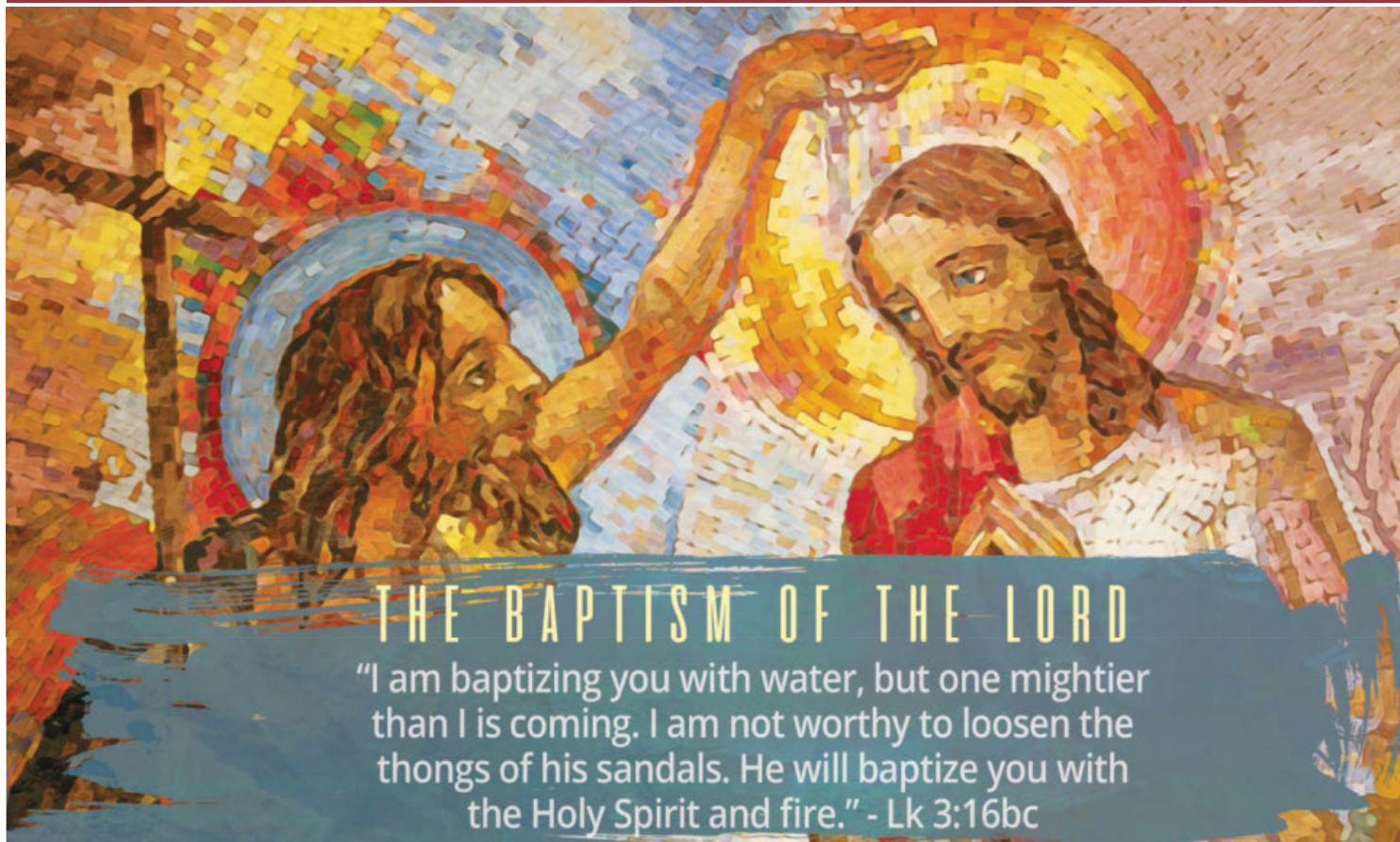


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Catholic Church

- January 9, 2022 -



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

"I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." - Lk 3:16bc

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OFFICE HOURS

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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| Beverly Brintnell | Faith Formation |
| Julie Ternes | Music & Liturgy |
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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 had mentioned we should not exclude ourselves from how Jesus described the people of His generation. It seems to me that some Catholics, contrary to what their own Church teaches with the authority of Christ regarding faith and morals, feel qualified to reject all or parts of that teaching, feel qualified to sit in judgment of the Pope and bishops, as well as their fellow Catholics if what they think and what they want are not agreed with and are not given to them. This attitude has infected our society and the Church and again, it is the not too subtle work of Satan. While it can be fatal for society it will not destroy the Church, but it can destroy those Catholics who do not return to their baptismal vocation of holiness of life.

Ponder the question Jesus asks: "Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye?" (Lk 6: 41ff) Why does Jesus ask this question? He asks because this is one of those subtle temptations of Satan which if not rejected leads to what secular humanism is based on, namely, the individual makes himself/herself the sole arbiter and judge of what is morally right and wrong and ultimately, God has no place in life. This serious moral fault most frequently is manifested by what Jesus took so many to task for – hypocrisy.

Look at what we see today in our society and culture. Society has a definite purpose and that is to respect and defend the dignity of every single person both as an individual and as one who lives with and among other persons with the same dignity. (CCC, 2419-2425) The objective truth of this must be reflected in everything the society does and, if it is not, then justice becomes tyranny and the common good is replaced by that "dictatorship of relativism" so clearly described by Pope Benedict XVI. What happens then is that discrimination among persons rules and ultimately, all persons are considered by society as objects to be used and manipulated and not as subjects to be respected, protected and afforded their God-given rights to life and true freedom."

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.


FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE

- **Wednesday, January 12th**/Classes for all grades, except, 7th graders, who will have a retreat from 6:00 to 8:30 pm at the Church.
- **Wednesday, January 19th**/Classes for all grades.
- **Wednesday, January 26th**/Classes for all grades. *Dining in Faith* from 4:45 pm to 6:45 pm in the Community Room for all families

LITURGICAL MINISTERS: JANUARY 15TH AND 16TH, SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

| | 5:00 pm | 8:00am | 9:30am | 11:00am |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|--|--|
| Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion | Alice Ternes—N Bonnie Sanders—S** | Lisa Atkinson—N Michelle Schmidt—S** | Erik Hanson—N** Kim Hanson—S | Margaret Kathol—N** Howell Flowers—S |
| Hospitality | Layne Volk** Tori Volk Eric Loh | Al Lick** Greg Power Larry Slabik | Gene Jordan** Tim Kaiser Joan Kaiser | Elsie Seeberg** Bill Bryan Pam Bryan |
| Lector | Linda Charbonneau | Laura Mastel | Denise Jordan | Al Dolajak |
| Altar Server | Jenny Celley Morgan Celley | Aksel Johnson Easton Mastel | Gabe Hanson Miles Hanson | Brady Prokop Chase Wanner |
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ASCENSION CATHOLIC CHURCH



Ascension Catholic Church
extends our prayers and sympathy
to the families of
**Rick Doll, Angeline Weichel,
and Anton Piatz.**
May they rest in eternal peace.

PARISH NEWS

2ND QUARTER POOR FUND DISTRIBUTIONS

| | |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| Abused Adult Resource Center | \$2,250.00 |
| Aid Inc | \$2,250.00 |
| Community Action | \$2,250.00 |
| Meals on Wheels | \$1,500.00 |
| Ministry on the Margins | \$3,000.00 |
| Society of St. Vincent dePaul | \$3,750.00 |
| TOTAL DISTRIBUTED: | \$15,000.00 |

Your generous monthly contributions to our Poor Fund (blue envelope) resulted in the following distributions in the second quarter of 2022 (October, November, December).

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

| WEEK | COLLECTIONS | BUDGET |
|---------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Christmas | \$15,490.07 | - |
| December 26, 2021 | \$20,028.40 | \$14,061.00 |
| New Years Day | \$1,210.02 | - |
| January 2, 2022 | \$11,979.00 | \$14,061.00 |
| Fiscal Year to Date | \$405,824.99 | \$379,647.00 |

REPAIR & MAINTENANCE FUND

December 2021 Collections \$5,731.00

POOR FUND DONATIONS

December 2021 Collections \$4,353.00

MASS INTENTIONS

| | |
|------------------------------|--|
| Monday 8:00 am | January 10 Communion Service |
| Tuesday, 8:00 am | January 11 †Mary Nicolini by Leo & Bernie Vetter |
| Wednesday, 8:00 am | January 12 †Maury Krance by Lil Krance |
| Thursday, 8:00 am | January 13 †Jerome Jaeger by Phil & Pam Moormann |
| Friday, 8:00 am | January 14 †Bob Krogen by Dianne Krogen |
| Saturday, 5:00 pm | January 15 †Art Mueller & †Eva Heisler by Pauline Mueller |
| Sunday, 8:00 am | January 16 Special Intention |
| 9:30 am | †Leonard Boehm by Glenn & Judy Thiel |
| 11:00 am | People of the Parish |

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

| | |
|---------------------------------|--|
| Monday, 8:30 am | January 10 Eucharistic Adoration |
| Tuesday, 7:00 pm | January 11 KC Meeting |
| Wednesday, 8:30 am | January 12 Ladies of Ascension meeting |
| 4, 5:30, 7 pm | Faith Formation Classes |
| Sunday, 8:45-12:45 pm | January 16 KC Breakfast |

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Give of your time, talent, and treasure until your heart knows that you have done something for God.

VOCATION MESSAGE

Like Jesus, you are called God's beloved. Renew your baptismal commitment and pray for those discerning a call to priesthood or religious life. (Luke 3:15-16, 21-22)

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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Email: sindovina@lightofchristschools.org

Call: 701-354-7067

ND MARCH FOR LIFE

The second annual ND March for Life will be taking place at the North Dakota State Capitol on January 21st. To begin the event on January 21st, Bishop Kagan will celebrate Mass at 10:30 am at Cathedral of the Holy Spirit. Following Mass, groups are welcome to march (or drive) to the Capitol grounds for a program beginning at 12:30 pm to include a keynote speaker and a period of silence for the 62+ million lives who have been silenced by abortion in the United States since 1973. For more information on how you can participate, go to www.bismarckdiocese.com/ndmfl.

IT'S IN THE BAG – A SOLUTION TO HUNGER

Tote bags are available in the foyer with our parish name on them. Please take a bag, place food items in it, and return to the church. Items should include non-perishable food. Paper products are also welcomed. Approximately, once a month, items are delivered to the Food Pantry at Corpus Christi Church.

FREE RIDES TO MASS

If you or your loved ones need a ride to Mass, Ascension Parish offers free transportation through Bis-Man Transit.

To take advantage of this service, please contact the Parish Office at 223-3606.

A STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

for the New Year

Good and gracious God,
a new year of grace is upon us,
giving us impressions of
crisp beginnings,
new goals, a fresh sense of hope
even in these uncertain times.

Though we cling to our own
expectations
for the year ahead,
we know you alone
are the sovereign of our future,
Lord of our lives, and the source
of whatever good we may do.

We thank you, O Lord,
for the gift of the days and weeks
you have entrusted to us.
Teach us to be good stewards
of our time ahead,
that we go about our days
keeping you
at the center of our lives.

In the midst of the current pandemic
and the suffering it brings,
focus our eyes on the needs of others;
help us respond with compassion
to the poor;
and open our hearts
to a suffering world.

We ask for a year of peace,
a year that brings an end
to hatred, polarization,
and the health crisis;
and a year where we find
a deeper joy
that can only be found in you.

We ask this through Christ your Son
who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit,
God, forever and ever.

Amen



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PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Please join us on **Sunday, January 16th** after all
Sunday Masses from 8:45 AM – 12:45 PM

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