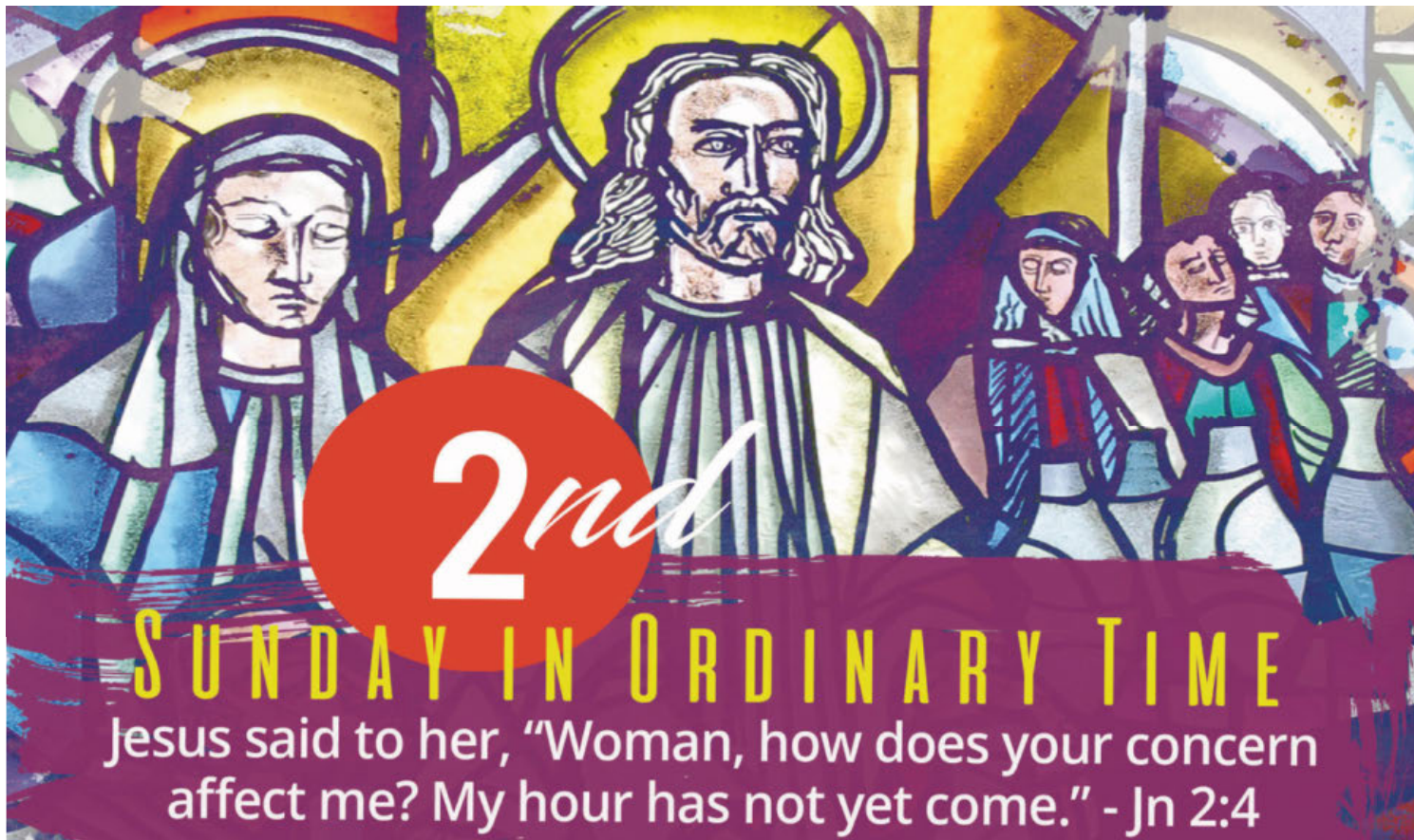


ASCENSION

Catholic Church

- January 16, 2022 -



SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." - Jn 2:4

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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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John Paul Martin	Deacon
Beth Kathol	Business Mgr.
Beverly Brintnell	Faith Formation
Julie Ternes	Music & Liturgy
Jan Sitter	Bookkeeper
Julie Luger	Secretary
Rita Ritter	Secretary
Bob Urlacher	Maintenance

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**

"...Within the Church this temptation to the hypocrisy Jesus condemned usually takes the form of what I call a "neo-Pharisaism" and a "neo-Sadduceism". The former style themselves to be the true and faithful Catholics and everyone else who does not agree with them as far as Catholic teaching and practice are not truly Catholic. However, what they do is choose only the teachings and Church discipline they like and the rest they feel free to reject or just ignore. These persons rely almost exclusively on the internet to spread their "traditional catholicism" and they openly criticize everything which does not comport with their contrived version of the Catholic faith and Catholic life and discipline. It spans the spectrum from doctrine, liturgy, morality and social teaching to involvement in society.

The latter style themselves as Catholic but in fact do next to nothing to manifest that they are Catholic and take seriously their faith and its practice. They, too, are very selective of Church teaching and practice and adhere only to what they think supports an ideology they agree with or a relatively easy norm for them to follow but only when it is convenient. These Catholics reject the Church's true discipline as an imposition on what they call freedom which, in fact, is not true freedom but something much more like license. They too revert to the internet these days to try to spread their brand of "progressive catholicism" and like their counterparts are very critical of anyone or anything not in full agreement (more like complete submission) with their contrived version of the Catholic faith and Catholic life and discipline.

In both cases the hypocrisy is easily seen and understood by everyone except them; in both cases they reveal a fundamental lack of Christ-like charity and display within the Church an imitation of the secularized society. In both cases their actions belie their words. What they lack in Christ-like charity also reveals the superficial nature of their faith and that glaring lack of the obedience of faith which is the hallmark of the members of the Communion of Saints. We need to examine our own consciences in this regard and if we find we have any inclinations toward one or both of these false notions of Catholicism, we must rid ourselves of them in the Sacrament of Penance and reattach ourselves to Christ, the one true vine on which we are to be His fruitful branches."

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 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 22ND AND 23RD, THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

	5:00 pm	8:00am	9:30am	11:00am
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion	Ellen Holt—N Jan Sitter—S**	Jean Kraft—N** Ellen Klein—S	Sharon Malm—N Mary Neigum—S**	Meghan Salyers—N** Howell Flowers—S
Hospitality	Patti Wangler** Al Wangler Josh Hager	Bernie Ficek** Char Ficek Brian Schumacher	Eric Vetter** Audrey Vetter Brandon Vetter Paula Vetter	Pam Bryan** Bill Bryan Sue Mock
Lector	Chuck Wolfgram	Jean Kraft	Kyle Wanner	Noreen Peliska
Altar Server	Hutch Hager Beckham Hager	Peyton Dehne Nickolas Hagel	James Wanner Cooper Weidner	Deacon Kathol Lainey Kathol
Video/Audio Operator	Brandon Holt	Brenda Muscha	Mark Malm	Blaise Kathol

ASCENSION CATHOLIC CHURCH



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.

Bismarck/Mandan Right to Life invites you to our long standing annual March for Life on Sunday, January 23rd. Meet on the Capitol steps at 2:00 pm for a program and march. A reception will follow at Zion Lutheran Church at 413 E Ave D. Use the south door. For more info contact Virginia @momofsixls@yahoo.com or 258-5379.

DIOCESE NEWS

SERRA MASS FOR VOCATIONS

How important is passing on your Catholic faith to your children and grandchildren? The Church needs our help to secure our future seminarians, postulants, priests and sisters. Join the Bismarck-Mandan Serra Club for a Mass for Vocations on January 22nd at 8:00 am at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit and stay for fellowship afterwards in the Gathering Space.

JOB POSTING

Full-time Parish Services Accountant I/Bookkeeper. Please go to www.bismarckdiocese.com under About, then Job Openings, for further information.

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

WEEK	COLLECTIONS	BUDGET
January 9, 2022	\$15,186.18	\$14,061.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$421,011.17	\$393,708.00

MASS INTENTIONS

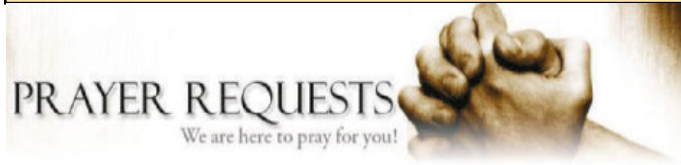
Monday 8:00 am	January 17 Communion Service
Tuesday, 8:00 am	January 18 †Victor Klein by Erin Klein
Wednesday, 8:00 am	January 19 †Eric Sellers by Family
Thursday, 8:00 am	January 20 †Joseph Johs by Gene & Judy Krebs
Friday, 8:00 am	January 21 †Lorraine Martin by Linda Bortke
Saturday, 5:00 pm	January 22 †Michael Horner & †Darlene Wolfgram by Hilda Horner
Sunday, 8:00 am	January 23 †John Gross & †Brandon Krehlik by Medy Gross
9:30 am	People of the Parish
11:00 am	†Bruce Schatz by Hatzenbuhler Family

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

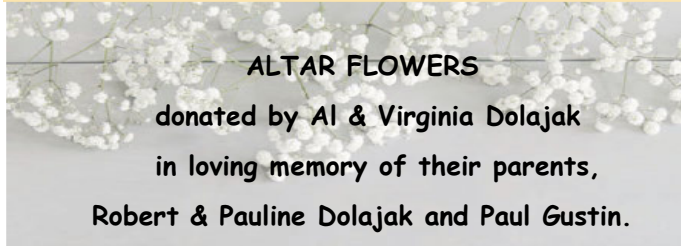
Monday, 8:30 am	January 17 Eucharistic Adoration
Wednesday, 12:00 Noon	January 19 Finance Council meeting
4, 5:30, 7 pm	Faith Formation Classes

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT
Whatever time we have is a gift from God and we are asked to use it wisely, to serve God and others.

VOCATION MESSAGE
God's Spirit is given to each person for the common good. What are your gifts? Are you willing to share them for the good of others? (1 Corinthians 12:4-11)



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.



St. Mary's Carnival 2022

The 71st Annual St. Mary's Central High School Carnival is rapidly approaching. This year's carnival is scheduled for **February 4, February 5, and February 6, 2022**. The **Church of the Ascension Parish Coordinators** would like to take the time to help everyone understand the role our Parish plays in the success of each carnival. Our goal is to inform all our parishioners about the specific responsibilities that **Church of the Ascension** has for the upcoming carnival.

NEW THIS YEAR: ONLINE SIGN-UP

Besides signing up after church, you are now able to sign up for Carnival activities on Sign Up Genius. Simply go to www.lightofchristsschools.org/carnival Then click on the Carnival Volunteers tab on the right side of the page. Find the area and time you would like to volunteer. Click on the "Sign Up" box and then click on "Submit and Sign Up" on the bottom of the page. Make sure you only have one "Sign Up" box checked at a time. Then fill out the required information. You can continue to sign up for multiple times and activities if you wish.

Or, utilize this QR code to take you to the Carnival page:



Below are the areas of responsibility for Ascension. If signing up online, simply click on the Midway Booths tab to sign up for any of the Midway Games, Dining Room tab to help with Friday or Saturday evening meals, Saints Drive for the Book Room, Cake Walk or Kiddie Carnival. If you would like to help set up the Carnival on Wednesday or help tear down the Carnival Sunday, click on General/Miscellaneous.

Church of the Ascension Parish Duties & Responsibilities For The Carnival

SWEEPSTAKES TICKETS: This is the biggest fundraiser for the carnival. All of the Parishes work together to sell or purchase these sweepstakes tickets in order to make the carnival a success. Raffle tickets are \$5.00 each and you should have already received them in the mail. If you need more tickets, contact one of the Parish Coordinators.

MIDWAY GAMES: Ascension is responsible for running several games in the Midway including: **Chicken Soup, Ping Pong Toss, Duck Pond, Blackie the Horse, Road Racer, Ring the Bottle, and 5-Pin Bowling.** We need 2 people per shift to work for each game, and there are many different shifts throughout the weekend. This is a great opportunity for service hours for all students, 7th grade and up!

BAKED GOODS/CANDY: All of the parishes are responsible for supplying baked goods and candy to sell at the carnival. **Try and bring items on Friday.** However, if it is more convenient for you to bring it one of the other days of the carnival, that is fine. *If you can't deliver your items to the school, please call one of the Parish Coordinators to arrange to have your baked goods picked up.*

KITCHEN & DINING ROOM: Ascension is responsible to work in the dining room on **Friday night** during the evening meal. This includes helping to seat people, re-set tables, bus dishes, etc. We are also responsible for helping in the kitchen for the **Saturday night** meal. This includes the washing of dishes and assisting with the clean-up of the kitchen. Shifts for these areas are **4:00-7:30 pm** both nights.

SILENT AUCTION: The **Silent Auction** is the second biggest fundraiser for the carnival. If you or someone you know would be interested in donating an item to the Silent Auction, please let us know. If you have new item(s)/certificates you would like to donate to the Silent Auction or would like to help, contact one of the Parish Coordinators for more information.

OTHER ACTIVITIES: Ascension is responsible to help supply workers to operate other various activities throughout the carnival. This includes **Set Up** help on Wednesday and **Tear Down** help on Sunday, balloon sales and helping with the shuttle.

WHO TO CONTACT: **Carrie Meyer and Sonia Mullally** are serving as Parish Coordinators. If you are interested in helping in any of the above-mentioned activities and would like additional information, their contact information is below. **Please be sure and sign up on the sign-up sheets at church located in the Gathering Space or sign-up online:**

Parish Coordinators:	Carrie Meyer (320) 766-7317 or carriemeyer@midco.net Sonia Mullally (701) 208-0456 or mullally4@yahoo.com
Parish Office:	Rita Ritter (701) 223-3606 (parish office) (701) 226-2882 (cell) rritter@ascensionbismarck.org

The **St. Mary's Central High School Carnival** is a tremendous challenge that draws our Parish family closer together. It is important that several people commit their time and talent to ensure the success of this year's carnival. Your commitment will enable our young people to continue to receive a quality Catholic education. **All proceeds generated from all Carnival activities are used to help subsidize the operation of the Light of Christ Catholic Schools.**

We hope this information has helped give you a better understanding of the carnival and specifically what we at **Ascension** are responsible for to assure a successful carnival. **THANK YOU** for your contributions of time and talent. We gladly welcome all of you back to this year's carnival who have volunteered in the past! If you have never volunteered for the carnival--**Please Volunteer This Year If You Can! We are only asking for a couple of hours of your time! And, you'll have a fun time!**

******SERVICE HOURS ARE AVAILABLE!******

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