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Catholic Church

- January 23, 2022 -



*THE SPIRIT OF THE
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- LK 4:18

3RD SUNDAY
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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

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|------------------------|-----------------|
| 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

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 the words of Christ: "Whoever is not with Me is against Me and whoever does not gather with Me scatters." (Lk 11: 23). St. Paul writes of these evils and gives the Church its understanding of its own life as a reflection of Christ's life. "See that no one returns evil to any other; always seek one another's good and, for that matter, the good of all." (1Thes 5: 15) Before all else, Catholics must treat one another with the love and mercy with which Christ treats us. Read the parable of the Pharisee and the Publican. It is an excellent point for each of us to sincerely examine our relationship with God and other Catholics.

To be sure, our present times are very disturbed and certainly misguided, but we are not without hope. We are being tried in the very crucible of our times by God because He loves us, and He seeks to strengthen and refine our faith in Him so that His Gospel will shine brighter than any error or "fable" and that all men and women will be united to Him in His Church.

St. Paul, as he so often does, gives the Church its basis for continuing to proclaim the name of Christ boldly to all. "Yes, Jews demand 'signs' and Greeks look for 'wisdom', but we preach Christ crucified – a stumbling block to Jews, and an absurdity to Gentiles ...For God's folly is wiser than men, and His weakness more powerful than men." (1 Cor 1: 22-25)

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.

DINING IN FAITH

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26TH

4:45 pm to 6:45 pm/Community Room

Join our Faith Formation families and enjoy a meal of spaghetti and garlic toast prepared by the Ascension KC's.



Join your fellow parishioners

on Sunday, January 30th, at 9:00 am

in the Ascension Community Room

for a Rosary prayer service,

hosted by the Knights of Columbus

as part of our council's 5th Sunday Rosary Program.

This program encourages devotion to Mary,

the patroness of our Order,

and emphasizes the importance of prayer

in our community and as a family.



LITURGICAL MINISTERS: JANUARY 29TH AND 30TH, FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

| | 5:00 pm | 8:00am | 9:30am | 11:00am |
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| Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion | Doug Mormann—N** Susan Mormann—S | Renee Jangula—N** Michelle Schmidt—S | Rod Wald—N** Deb Wald—S | Lisa Atkinson—N** Howell Flowers—S |
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ASCENSION CATHOLIC CHURCH

LIGHT OF CHRIST SCHOOL NEWS

ENROLL NOW FOR THE 2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR!

Enrollment is now open to all students (Pre-K to Grade 12) for the next school year. Private tours are now available at all of our schools.

- Pre-K (ages 3-5, full and half day options) through Grade 5 at Saint Anne School, St. Mary's Grade School, Cathedral of the Holy Spirit Elementary
- Grades 6-8 at St. Mary's Academy
- Grades 9-12 at St. Mary's Central High School

Begin the easy enrollment process now to be a SAINT in the next school year!

Online: lightofchristschools.org/enrollment

Email: sindovina@lightofchristschools.org

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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK PRESENTATION

As part of Catholic Schools Week 2022, St. Mary's Central High School is hosting a presentation "Looking From The Outside In" with Sarah Swafford on Monday, January 31st at 7:00 pm at the High School auditorium. Middle school and high school parents are invited to this parents-only evening. Sarah is a national speaker, author, and founder of Emotional Virtue Ministries. She will be speaking about the challenges of being the parent of a teenager and how to create a game plan to best love, support, encourage, pray with, and affirm your child. Admission is free, and childcare will be available.

DIOCESE NEWS

JOB POSTING

Full-time Parish Services Accountant I/Bookkeeper. The duties of this position will be primarily providing support for parishes in the areas of centralized payroll and accounting/bookkeeping related functions. Please go to www.bismarckdiocese.com under About, then Job Openings, for further information.

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

| WEEK | COLLECTIONS | BUDGET |
|---------------------|--------------|--------------|
| January 16, 2022 | \$8,142.50 | \$14,061.00 |
| Fiscal Year to Date | \$429,153.67 | \$407,769.00 |

MASS INTENTIONS

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| Monday 8:00 am | January 24 Communion Service |
| Tuesday, 8:00 am | January 25 †John & †Mary Vetter by Joe & Berna Vetter |
| Wednesday, 8:00 am | January 26 †Vicki Ripplinger by Glenn & Judy Thiel |
| Thursday, 8:00 am | January 27 †Judy Krance by Ben & Jan Sitter |
| Friday, 8:00 am | January 28 Special Intention |
| Saturday, 5:00 pm | January 29 †Don & †Shirley Heck & †Jeannie Dunten by Family |
| Sunday, 8:00 am 9:30 am 11:00 am | January 30 People of the Parish †Elias J & †Alvina Nagel by Family John & Jeanne O'Reilly by Walt & Lorene Krygier |

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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| Monday, 8:30 am | January 24 Eucharistic Adoration |
| Tuesday, 7:00 pm | January 25 Stewardship Committee meeting |
| Wednesday, 4, 5:30, 7 pm 4:45-6:45 pm | January 26 Faith Formation Classes <i>Dining in Faith/Community Room</i> |
| Sunday, 9:00 am | January 30 KC Rosary/Community Room |

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Develop your talents to the fullest so that you can use them to benefit your church and community. Your abilities will grow with use; unused they may wither away.

VOCATION MESSAGE

Through the power of the Spirit Jesus proclaimed his mission. How are you carrying on that mission today? Ponder the possibility of being a deacon, priest, brother, or sister.

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.

The second bouquet of altar flowers last weekend were donated by Terry & Judy Kringstad in loving memory of her parents, Elias J and Alvina Nagel.

ST. MARY'S CARNIVAL

FEBRUARY 4, 5, AND 6

VOLUNTEER!

Ascension needs your help at the Carnival in several areas. Our parish is responsible for seven Midway Games: Chicken Soup, Ping Pong Toss, Duck Pond, Blackie the Horse, Road Racer, Ring the Bottle, and 5-Pin Bowling. We are also responsible for helping with set up Wednesday, in the dining room on Friday, the kitchen on Saturday, and take down on Sunday. Please help if you are able! This is great opportunity for service hours! Please sign up online at <https://www.lightofchristschools.org/carnival-volunteers> or use the sign up sheets in the Gathering Space.

CAKE, BOOKS, AND MORE CAKE!

We need your favorite baked goods such as, breads, pies, cookies, cupcakes, fudge, candies, etc. for our BAKED GOODS room. You can also bring in previously enjoyed books to sell in our BOOK ROOM. And finally, what's a Carnival without a CAKE WALK! Over 300 cakes are needed and can be dropped off in Room 203. We even have cake pans available for your use (one cake mix makes two 9x9 pans). Please contact Rita at 226-2882 by texting or calling and she will get them to you or stop by the parish office.

Also, contact Rita if you need items picked up.

RAFFLE TICKETS

The grand prize this year is a 2022 Toyota Camry. Be sure to sell the **green tickets** to help Ascension earn proceeds back for educational programs.



CARNIVAL

The 71st Annual St. Mary's Carnival is back in 2022!

February 4-5-6

Traditional Carnival Location - St. Mary's Academy - 1025 N 2nd Street

BUY A \$5 RAFFLE TICKET!

GRAND PRIZE:

2022 AWD Toyota Camry

Raffle Drawing - Sunday, Feb. 6 at 2pm



MIDWAY

All of your favorite Carnival midway games will be back!

Friday: 5:30pm - 9:30pm

Saturday: Noon - 9:30pm

(Kiddie Carnival: 1-3pm)

Sunday: 10am-12:30pm

BINGO

Pull-Tabs

Cake Walk

Silent Auction

Book Room

Concessions

Try to win a goldfish - it is a Carnival tradition!



MEALS

To-go meals also available!

Friday - Turkey Dinner

4:30pm - 7pm Shuttle Service: 4pm-10pm

Saturday - Chicken Dinner

4:30pm - 7pm Shuttle Service: Noon-10pm

Sunday - Brunch

9am - 1pm Shuttle Service: 9am-2pm

NEW THIS YEAR! Saturday Night Social & Live Auction

Social at 7pm - Live auction at 7:30pm - Live Music by "The Rule" before & after the auction



Learn more at lightofchristschools.org/carnival

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