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Weekend Liturgles

Saturday 5:30 PM Sunday 8:30 & 10:30 AM

Weekday Liturgles

Monday - NO Mass Tuesday - 12:10 PM Wednesday - 12:10 PM Thursday - 8:00 AM Friday - 8:00 AM

Reconciliation

6-6:45 PM Wednesdays (when RE classes) 9:30 AM TO 10:30 AM Saturdays: Half hour before Saturday 5:30 PM & Sunday 8:30 AM weekend Masses or by appointment.

Baptism - Contact parish office.

Marriage - Contact parish office 6 months in advance.



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. - Lk 3:21-22a

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Dear Brothers and Sisters:

I want to thank Fr. Robert McAleer for joining us this weekend, and I invite you all to generously support the good work of Unbound (unbound.org) if you are able. I plan to return to the parish Tuesday evening. I wish to thank Alyce Stokke for organizing the Organ Show-

case being held Sunday afternoon. Please join us for some wonderful music to wrap up the Christmas season.

Bishop Folda is asking all the parishes in the diocese to hold a parish-wide "listening session" meeting in preparation for a Synod to take place at the Vatican. There are numerous topics and questions for us to consider so that we can provide the kind of feedback the Diocese is looking for.

I have scheduled this meeting for Monday, January 17th beginning at 6:30 PM in the Church basement. I am looking forward to a productive discussion, but this will only occur with your contributions. Everyone is welcome to attend.

God Bless You! Father James Gross St. Mary's Parish Office will be CLOSED Monday, January 17th Martin Luther King Jr. Day



Observances for the week of January 9, 2022

Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord

Monday: Monday of the First Week in

Ordinary Time

Tuesday: Tuesday of the First Week

in Ordinary Time

Wednesday: Wednesday of the First

Week in Ordinary Time

Thursday: Thursday of the First Week in Ordinary Time / Memorial of Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the

Church

Friday: Friday of the First Week in

Ordinary Time

Saturday: Saturday of the First Week

in Ordinary Time

Next Sunday: Second Sunday in Ordi-

nary Time

Liturgical Assistants:

Saturday, January 15th at5:30 PM

Altar Servers: Evelyn Sperle, Joshua

Sperle, Zack Nygaard

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy

Comm: Jane Hutzol Lector: Judy White Sacristan: Don Votava

Sunday, January 16th at 8:30 AM

Altar Servers: Molly Bibow, Fisher

Haman, Anna Bibow

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy

Comm: Nicholas Korynta Lector: Michael Bibow Sacristan: Tony Scheett

Sunday, January 16th at 10:30 AM

Altar Servers: Lily Kennelly, Paisley

Worden, Reagan Hodny

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy

Comm: Aida Wakefield Lector: Annella Winger Sacristan: Virginia Esslinger St. Mary's News

Food Offerings for St. Joseph's Food Pantry

Please remember when grocery shopping that your Food Offerings for the St. Joseph's Food Pantry can be placed on the altar steps, or given to children to do the same for the weekend of January 16th. Thank you for your caring participation.





Catholic Daughters Court Marquette #677 Meeting

CDA Court Marquette #677 will meet Sunday, January 16th at 2:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Social Area. We will be collecting items for the Women's Pregnancy Center. All women are welcome to ioin us.

Special Parish Meeting

Ella Colleen Kosowski

A Special Parish Meeting will be held on Monday, January 17th at 6:30 p.m. in the Church basement. This meeting is to provide feedback for the upcoming Synod of Bishops. The Synod of Bishops is an organ of the Holy See tasked with providing consultation to the Holy Father regarding particular issues. For more information visit:

www.fargodiocese.org/synod.

PRAYER OF ST. HILARY OF POITIERS

For Perseverance in Faith

Father, keep us from vain strife of words. Grant to us constant profession of the Truth! Preserve us in a true and undefiled faith so that we may hold fast to that which we professed when we were baptized in the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, that we may have Thee for our Father, that we may abide in Thy Son and in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit. Through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

St. Mary's Church Baptisms			
Name	Parents	Baptized	
Abigail Ann Amundson	Michael & Kelsey Amundson	05/16/2021	
Frances Mae Finzen	Adam & Rachel Finzen	05/12/2021	
Amelia Kendall Hansen	Jordan & Kaci Hansen	06/13/2021	
Ada Margaret Rugroden	Brent & Jennifer Rugroden	08/14/2021	
Santino Anvel Munoz	Pierre & Mikayla Munoz	08/14/2021	
Bentley Alan Shablow	Byron & Tiffany Shablow	10/10/2021	
Hazel Ann Hutson	Cameron & Kristin Hutson	10/16/2021	
Rowan Louis Romo	Felix Romo III & Dara Thumb	11/27/2021	
Londyn Isley Romo	Felix Romo III & Dara Thumb	11/27/2021	

Please keep these newest members of our Parish Family and their families in your prayers. Congratulations to them.

Ryan & Kristin Kasowski

12/05/2021

NEWS & NOTES

The Second Annual North Dakota March for Life - will be held in Bismarck on Friday, January 21^{nd} . There will be Mass at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit with Bishop Kagan at 10:30 a.m. followed by a march to the Capitol where there will be a rally from 12:30-1:00 p.m.

The link to the Bismarck Diocese's website with more information and to RSVP for the event:

https://bismarckdiocese.com/events/north-dakota-march-for-life

CATHOLIC MAN NIGHT will be Thursday January 20th. The purpose of Catholic Man Night is to better know Jesus and imitate Him in our daily lives. To build a relationship with Jesus using a very simple formula that works:

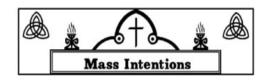
- 6 pm we gather to meet Jesus in Adoration
- At St. Michael's Catholic Church
- A talk teaches us about Jesus
- We can receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Adoration
- We share a man-food meal
- We discuss how to better know and imitate Jesus in our daily lives
- Done at 8pm.

You can just show up or Contact Dcn John Bredemeier - john.bredemeier@stmichaelsgf.com - Text or call 701.314.0207

Pilgrimage to the East Coast Shrines with Bishop Folda, September 10-14, 2022

Join a Pilgrimage to Washington D.C, Emmitsburg and Philadelphia with Bishop Folda, September 10-14, 2022. Travel with the bishop to some of his favorite shrines in the USA! Sites include the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land, The Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, St. John Paul II National Shrine, Elizabeth Ann Seton Shrine, and the saints in Philadelphia; St. John Neumann and St. Katherine Drexel along with many other historical sites. Pilgrimage cost based on double rooms: \$2195.00. Deadline to register is January 20, 2022. Visit Fargodiocese.org/events for more details and registration link. Or call the Diocese of Fargo for registration forms, 356-7900. Organized by Peter's Way Tours.

St. Mary's Parish Family: Please notify the Parish Office if you: change your phone number (example: drop your landline); get a new cell phone number; get a new/change e-mail address; change of address; etc. * call (701) 775-9318 or * e-mail: stmarysgfnd@yahoo.com or * complete this form and place in collection basket NAME: ADDRESS CHANGE: LAND LINE PHONE #: CELL PHONE #: E-MAIL ADDRESS: MISC. INFO:



Monday, January 10th: NO MASS

Tuesday, January 11th:

12:10 P.M † Jerry Gefroh

by Sherry Gefroh

Wednesday, January 12th:

10:00 A.M. † Fr. Chuck Leute

by Fr. James Gross

(At Parkwood Place)

12:10 P.M † Helen Daucsavage

by St. Mary's Knights of Columbus

Thursday, January 13th:

8:00 A.M. † Rosaline & N.W. Badran

by the Badran & Wakefield Families

Friday, January 14th:

8::00 A.M. † LuVerne Olick

by Tony & Joan Scheett

Saturday, January 15th:

5:30 P.M. † Kirsten Lents

by Mike & Amy Lents

Sunday, January 16th:

8:30 A.M. † John & Aggie Cook

by Mary Skinner

10:30 A.M. For the Parishioners

********** Sacrificial Giving

Received December 24th & 25th:

Envelopes	\$1,937.00
Loose	\$1,110.00
Total	

Received December 25th & 26th:

Envelopes	\$43,116.00
WeShare	\$1,357.00
Loose	\$440.54
Children	\$49.75
Total	\$44.963.29

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Received January 1st & 2te:

Envelopes	\$3,779.00
WeShare	\$3,425.00
Loose	\$322.60
Children	
Total	\$7,527.77

Weekly Collection budget \$ 5,206.00



Readings for the week of January 9, 2022

Sunday: Is 42:1-4,6-7/Ps 29:1-2.3-4.3.9-10/Acts 10:34-38/Cf. Mk 9:7/Lk 3:15-16,21-22

Monday: 1Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13,14-17,18-19/Mk 1:15/Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: 1Sm 1:9-20/1Sm 2:1,4-5,6-7,8abcd/1Thes 2:13/Mt 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1Sm 3:1-10,19-20/Ps 40:2,5,7-8a,8b -9,10/Jn 10:27/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11,14-15,24-25/Mt 4:23/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1Sm 8:4-7,10-22a/Ps 89:16-17,18-19/Lk 7:16/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1Sm 9:1-4,17-19; 10:1/Ps 21:2-3,4-5,6-7/ Lk 4:18/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2,2-3,7-8,9-10/1Cor 12:4-11/2Thes 2:14/Jn 2:1-11



Job Postings

Preschool Teacher

Holy Family - St. Mary's Catholic School is hiring a preschool teacher to start January 3rd, 2022 and complete the remainder of the school year. You must hold an associate's or bachelor's degree in early childhood education or be working towards one. This is a salary paid position with benefits. If interested, please send the following documents to Katie Mayer via email.

kmayer@hfsmschool.org

- 1. Resume
- 2. Letter of interest
- 3. 2 letters of recommendation

Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

St. Mary's Church has a hearing loop system for the hearing impaired!

The hearing loop system allows church members to hear a speaker or the choir through the microphone system directly in their ear, while sitting anywhere in the church. There are two options for hearing on the loop system.

** Using hearing aids or a cochlear implant that contains a telecoil component which is normally used for phone conversations.

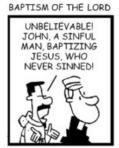
** Using a loop receiver that the church has available for people who don't have hearing aids.

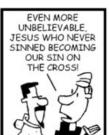
HOW DO I USE MY HEARING AIDS FOR LOOP RECEPTION? Ask your hearing aid provider if your hearing aid has a telecoil component. If so, have your provider program your hearing aid and assist you on how to operate your hearing aids for loop reception.

- If you have in-the-ear hearing aids that do not have a telecoil, ask your provider if it is possible to have it installed in your hearing aids.
- ** Also the **hearing assistance headsets** that were used at St. Mary's prior to our "loop system" are still available. When you would like to enhance your hearing ask an usher for a headset.

Stewardship Moment - The Baptism of Our Lord"John answered them all, 'I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming...he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit... (Luke 3:16)

The Catholic Catechism states that "Jesus' immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God's will." In other words, as baptized Catholics there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus – the gift of ourselves. Surrender yourself to God, place your trust in Him and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you for the greater glory of God.











Christmas gifts were delivered to Valley Woodside Village from St. Mary's Social Concerns (donated by St. Mary's Parishioners) by Nicholas & Shawn Holweger and Gina & Mary Jo Esslinger.



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