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HOLY FAMILY SUNDAY

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

St. Bridget Sunday 8:30am
St. Elizabeth Sunday 10:30am
Sacred Heart Saturday 5:00pm

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday 5:00 pm St. Bridget Parshall
Thursday 9:00 am St. Bridget Parshall
Friday 9:00am St. Bridget Parshall

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD SUNDAY

Plaza 5:00PM Thursday, December 31
Parshall 10:00AM Friday, January 1st, 2021

WOULD YOU LIKE TO DONATE

If you would like to donate a poinsettia in memory of someone, it could be done either way.

FLOWERS: You would bring the flower to St. Bridget, On a piece of paper, write your name, and who the flower is in memory of. Drop in the collection basket or give info to Joyce Waldock. After Christmas, you could take the poinsettia home or leave for St. Bridget Church.

DONATE: Towards a poinsettia or poinsettias. Put your name, "in memory of", and money or check in an envelope. This envelope could be put in the collection basket on a Sun. or brought to the church office.

Thank you for your gift to St. Bridget Church; it will be acknowledged in the Jan. bulletin

MASS INTENTIONS

One of the greatest acts of charity is to pray for the living and the dead, and the greatest and most powerful prayer we have is the Mass. For this reason, all are encouraged to have a Mass offered for loved ones who have died, or even for the living who have some need.



THE HOLY FAMILY

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom;
and the favor of God was upon him. - Lk 2:40

FACEBOOK PAGE

ParshallPlazaMakotiCatholicChurches
Fr. Terry will be live streaming Masses to the Facebook page beginning this weekend.

JESUS IS REAL

True story— Last year, a 7yr. old grandson said to his Grandma, “No, I won’t pack Jesus away in a box.” “Why not?” You said, “Christmas should be in our lives all year. That has inspired me to do one free drawing on Christmas Day, postage paid by me, for a 10 in. wooden Holy Family Nativity scene. Only if you promise to leave this up, in a prominent place in your home all year, then type “YES” with your number or address to enter the drawing, please no name. Leave “YES” and your info at jawaldock@yahoo.com or text 701-898-0080. Jesus is real; this is real!

BULLETIN INFORMATION

If you have anything for the bulletin please email me by Monday evening to get into the weekly bulletin. Always looking for something new to publish.

Thank you! Bobbi.Shegrud@k12.nd.us 701-720-3998

COVID-19 GUIDELINES

We would like to share a few reminders with you per the Diocese of Bismarck Directives.

*Stay home if you are feeling ill.

*Hand Sanitizer is always available at the entrance. Please sanitize your hands as you enter the building.

*Face Masks are not required to enter the building or to attend Mass, but we strongly encourage you to wear one for your safety and the safety of others around you.

*Social Distancing guidelines are still in effect, and we ask that you do not congregate in the Pews or Gathering Spaces after Mass.

*Communion may be received either in the hand or on the tongue. Hand Sanitizer will be used by the priest after each communicant receives on the tongue.

*Confessions will be heard behind the screen.

*The dispensation from the Sunday obligation remains in effect.

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Christ is born! When we say something very routinely, it often runs the risk of becoming void of meaning. When greeting someone, the usual question of, "how are you?" rolls immediately off our tongues. Do we really care about how the person is or is this simply a casual, somewhat insincere, greeting? A person can be absolutely miserable and claim that they are fine. The exclamation of "Merry Christmas" runs this same risk. There is meaning behind those words, but we may not be in sync with their depth. God becoming one like us is a cause for great merriment and joy! Do we find ourselves in that place today? We will gather at the homes of family and friends, share a meal, open gifts and spend the day in celebration. We will greet them with the common greeting of "Merry Christmas." Those words can flow from our tongues "just because" that's what we're supposed to say, or they can flow from our tongues because of the profound, life-changing specialness of what we celebrate today. Christmas can easily get preoccupied with the sights and sounds as if they were ends in and of themselves: the decorations, lights, presents, gatherings, food, music, and traditions. But, rather than being ends, all of these things are really pointers to a greater truth that has dawned upon us. Christ our Savior has come to us and changed our lives. This is truly the time to be merry! Merry Christmas!

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Last year we waited much too long to buy our Christmas trees. We usually have one in the living room and then one by the large window in our room that sits at the front of the house. Essentially, there is one for us to see and then one for all the neighbors walking their dogs in the December cold. If you wait too long to buy a fresh tree you might just not find a tree. But last year I found one tree lot I had not bought from in the past. Luckily, they had some great trees. The price was a little higher than I was used to, but a tree would be mine no matter what. What I found interesting at the lot was a group of about nine young people sitting around a fire, laughing and drinking coffee. I wondered, "All of these people for a tree lot late at night and this late in the season?" What I found out was that these weren't paid workers. These were recovering drug and alcohol addicts. This was their rehab's tree lot, and this was their service and group therapy. I spoke to a couple of them and found they were the nicest people around. They were full of joy for the new life they had found and thankful for the people who helped bring them through the trial of their lives. Suddenly, that tree they sold me seemed more beautiful and majestic than it had when I first drove up. This Christmas may the Lord that slept in a manger provide for your rest. May the God that gives many gifts to all of us bless you abundantly. And may the Prince of Peace help you to find true gratitude for the gift of life. May you and yours feel the joy of the season, like a group of recovering addicts around a campfire on a cold December night.

MEMORARE

Bishop Kagan asks of us to pray this daily for an end to the Corona Virus.

REMEMBER, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

December 25, 2020 The Nativity of the Lord

If the salutation, "Merry Christmas," is more than just the expected greeting we use today, then what is the "more" really all about? Today is a sacred day and the birth of Christ has changed not only history but how human beings perceive and relate with God. God has become one with humanity in the Person of Jesus Christ. All of these truths remain just pious sentiments unless they take flesh in the heart and soul of each one of us. We need to absorb and immerse ourselves in what is meant by these truths so that we can be changed by them. Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord! A woman once recounted her journey with poverty and how she went from "doing" for the poor to "being with" the poor. It's transforming and life changing. It's easy to simply give alms to those in need, and yet another thing to be with them in their poverty and become poor ourselves. A change of the axis from vertical to horizon puts a whole new twist on things. Our souls understand the experience in ways that our minds simply cannot. Christmas requires this same change of axis. It is one thing to sing out the words, "Joy to the World," and quite another to experience that joy ourselves. Many have not experienced the full impact of that first Holy Night because they choose to keep the manager at a distance rather than make a home with the Holy One who resides there. The birth of Christ levels the playing field of life and we have to allow ourselves to be leveled. There is no way to truly be human unless we understand that God is with us and blesses every fiber of the human experience. We cannot be truly human unless we listen to the words of the Word Made Flesh and work so that justice and peace can be realized by all, and God's sacred earth cared for and nurtured. The axis of Christmas begins to shift when we realize it's not about, "I and me," but, "we and us," and there's an order and purpose to how God fashions and sustains things. The world hasn't really given Christ a full shot yet to understand that Truth has been born in our midst. We pick and choose what suits us in the message and leave the rest behind. What needs to change about you so that Christ can truly be born in you?

**LET US REMEMBER OUR PRIESTS
NOT ONLY WITH CHRISTMAS CARDS BUT IN
OUR PRAYERS**

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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

Harlan & Janene Lee	December 26th	Plaza
Josh & Steph Johnson	December 31st	Plaza

DECEMBER

Kathy Johnson	December 13th	Plaza
Vonda A. Rensch	December 15th	Makoti
James J. Rensch	December 22nd	Makoti
Thomas A. Schneider	December 22nd	Parshall
Allen Dyke	December 26th	Plaza



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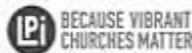


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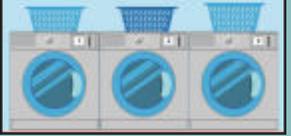
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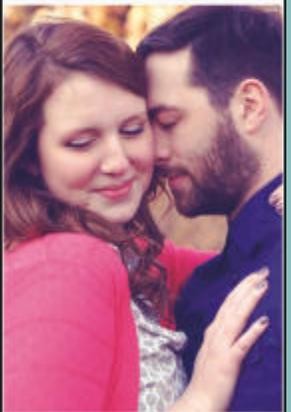
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