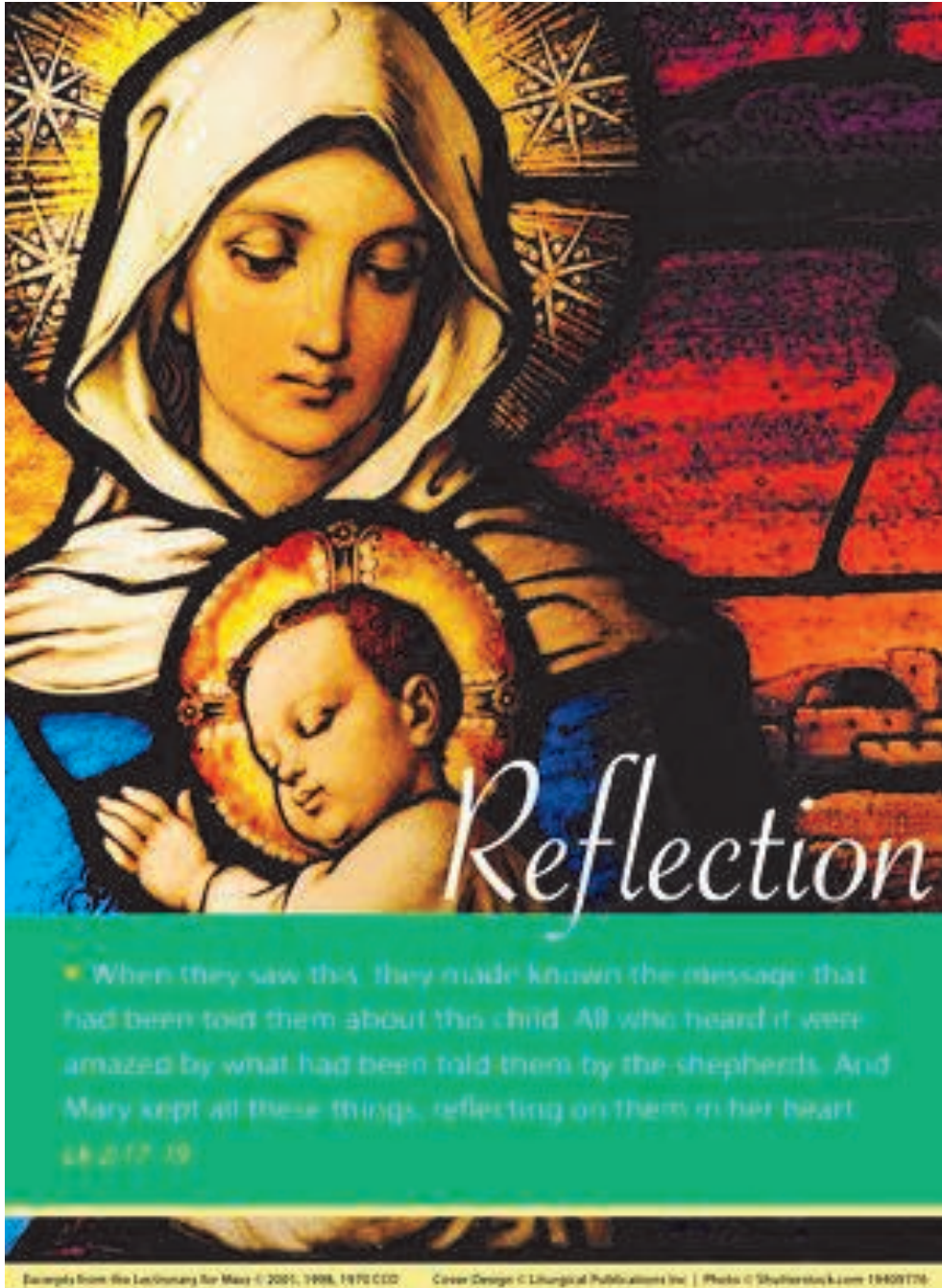




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Music Ministry exists to worship God and to bring Christ's message to our parish family through liturgical music

Music is an integral part of our worship. We intend that our music program:

- ♪ Glorifies God by using our musical skills
- ♪ Leads and supports the assembly at worship
- ♪ Grows in musical quality and skills
- ♪ Involves more people in building vibrant, prayerful music.

We invite you to consider sharing your talents for God and your parish! Is this the time for you to become involved in Music Ministry? Please consider offering your time and talent to this important ministry!

Contact Nancy Darling at 663-5830 or Kate Bleth at 663-0719

Vocation Views

Families need blessings of patience, forgiveness, gratefulness, and love. What will you do to show your love for your family? Ask for the grace to be holy. (Colossians 3:12-21)

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

Daily Mass Readings

Readings for the Week of January 1, 2012

Sunday: Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
Monday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:29--3:6/Jn 1:29-34
Wednesday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Jn 1:35-42
Thursday: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Jn 1:43-51
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 2:1-11
Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

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Lord Hear Our Prayers...

Please pray for the following parishioners who are struggling with illnesses:

Heidi Gress, Pat Monplaisir, Helen Bullinger, Austin Hettich, Lynne Jacobson, Margaret Weigel, Don Fischer, Tienne Anderson, Loretta Doll, Judy Sabin, Anna Hannel, Laura Wehri, Tony Mosbrucker, Peggy Peterson, Sherwood Nutz, Kelly Berger and Beckie Ressler, Lynn Wessels, and Venita Doll.



★Reminder★

In observance of the New Year Holiday, the parish office will be closed January 2, 2012. Happy New Year!

“The Prayer of a Receptive Heart”

A Day of Recollection for Women will be held at Spirit of Life on Saturday, January 14, 2012, from 9 am – 4 pm. For further information and/or to register, please call the parish office at 663-1660.

Lord Teach Me to Pray Prayer Series: Part I

A three part prayer series for women based on Ignatian Spirituality.

Part 1 – “Praying Christian Virtues”, (12 week sessions) will be offered again starting January 17, 2011 at 7 pm. Praying Christian Virtues teaches women how to listen, how to further develop their prayer life, what to do for dryness and obstacles in prayer, and how to meditate and contemplate using the methods of prayer devised by St. Ignatius of Loyola. Small groups of women will meet with their facilitators for-2 hours, once a week. .

To register call The Church of Spirit of Life at 663-1660 or email office@myspiritoflife.com. For more information there is a flyer in the gathering space that you can take with you or visit www.lordteachmetoprayer.com. For questions call Marlane at 426-9276 or Cheryl at 663-1660.

Lord Teach Me to Pray Prayer Series: Part 2

Part 2 – The second half of Part 2 will resume on January 17, 2012 in Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at 7 pm on Tuesday evenings. This is only for those who started the first half of Part 2 in September 2011.

Life Night

We will not be having Life Teen on the 1st, have a Happy New Year! Next week, the 8th, we will be talking about our own personal faith stories.

Jr. High/Edge: (7th & 8th Grades)

The 4th of January we are back from vacation with Faith Formation, please bring your Bibles and YouCat’s. Next week is Youth Group.

Young Adult

If you are 19–30 years old or know someone who might be interested in coming, come check it out. It’s a great way to learn more about your faith and the coffee is DELICIOUS! We will be meeting again on January 13th at Boneshaker’s.

Catholicism

The 9th session “The Fire of His Love: Prayer and Life of the Spirit” of Robert Barron’s Catholicism series will be Friday January 6th at 6:30 pm in the Spirit of Life Activity Center.

Being “Christ” for One Another

Thank you Spirit of Life Family! The food, gifts and money you shared with struggling individuals, children and their families were breathtaking. The tears of joy and gratitude are priceless! For some this was the Christmas miracle needed to trust their Savior Jesus Christ came for them!

Love, Alison–Outreach Ministry

STEWARDSHIP ON THE MOVE

Because of your generosity, 69 (35 adults & 34 children) people were fed through the Spirit of Life Food Pantry during the month of November.

“The promotion of the practice of stewardship is important for the mission of the Church and for the spiritual well-being of each individual Christian. Everyone benefits from the sacrificial gift one makes of his time, talent and treasure.”

His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI

TIME: Adoration, saying the Rosary, praying for others in need, help with funerals, assisting homebound, funeral lunches, hospital or nursing home visits, soup kitchen

TALENT: Parish committees, office help, music

SERVICE: Altar Server, Eucharistic Minister, Hospitality, Ushers, Music, Educational Ministries

TOTAL NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS IN NOVEMBER: 1,036

TOTAL NUMBER OF HOURS CONTRIBUTED IN NOVEMBER: 862.50

“As each one has received a gift, use it to serve on another as good stewards of God’s varied grace.” A Disciple’s Response

Weekly Contributions

December 3 & 4.....\$9,617.66
December 10 & 11\$8,251.97
December 17 & 18\$9,084.93
December 24 & 25\$13,496.92
Automatic Deposit Donations.....\$3,370.00



Building on Our Spirit Capital Campaign

Amount Received in December.....\$1,867.00

Contributions made to the building fund will be used for building maintenance.

Thank you for your generosity and continued support of this important ministry!

Did You Know...

Did you know that on every January 1st we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God? Eight days after we celebrate the birth of Christ, we remember the Blessed Virgin Mary by celebrating her divine motherhood. As the Mother of God, Mary is known as Theotokos, which means the "God-Bearer". It is fitting to honor Mary as Mother of Jesus, following the birth of Christ. When Catholics celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God, we are not only honoring Mary, who was chosen among all women throughout history to bear God incarnate, but we are also honoring our Lord, who is fully God and fully human. Calling Mary "Mother of God" is the highest honor we can give her.

RCIA Enrollees and Interested Adults

For those who would like to deepen their knowledge, have questions, or just simply want to become more familiar in a certain topic in regards to their Catholic faith, the RCIA sessions have formally begun on Tuesdays evenings at 7 pm. The weekly Tuesday sessions, presented by Fr. Chad, are open to anyone would like to attend. Although these sessions are primarily directed to prepare adults to enter into Full Communion with the Catholic Church, the sessions are very informative and the topics well covered. Everyone is welcome to attend one or all the sessions. This week's session is on "History of the Church". The entire RCIA schedule with each week's session is posted on the Spirit of Life website: www.myspiritoflife.com. Any questions, please contact Tony Ternes at 663-1660.

Soup Kitchen Resumes on January 5th

Please remind friends, Soup Kitchen will resume January 5, 2012. The luncheon is open to all people of all faiths on Thursdays from 11:30 am to 1 pm. Praise the Lord for days and seasons and years. God bless each of you in the New Year of 2012!

Church of Saint Martin

Huff, North Dakota
January 8th, 11 am Mass



Mass Intention † Paul Miller
Reader Mary Graner
Eucharistic Ministers Joe Bauer and Leona Heinert
Servers Kendra Miller and Sidney Graner
Collections December 25 \$397.00

Church of Saint Anthony

Saint Anthony, North Dakota
January 8th, 9 am Mass



Mass Intention † Carl Miller
Reader Dennis Gustin
Eucharistic Ministers Patty Berger, Julie Ellingson,
..... and Shawn Berger
Sacristan Benita Meyer
Servers Tylor Rebenitsch and Cody Marohl
Gift Bearers Dennis Gustin Family
Prayers Randy Berger Family
Collections Dec. 25 Envelopes \$165.00...Loose \$136.25

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS



Banquet Fundraiser

Real Presence Radio announces annual banquet fundraiser in two locations: Feb. 2, 2012, at Ramada Plaza Suites in Fargo and Feb. 3, 2012, at Ramkota Inn in Bismarck with guest speaker and host of Catholic Answers Live: Patrick Coffin.

The event is a fundraiser for the network of 5 Catholic radio stations extending across North Dakota and into Minnesota. Attendees can host a table and invite friends, underwrite the cost of a table of 8 for \$250, or attend on their own. Attendees must RSVP by January 15, 2012 by calling 1-877-795-0122. Catholic Answers Live airs Monday through Friday from 5 pm to 7 pm on your local Catholic radio station.

Help for Hurting Marriages

Retrouvaille is an intense weekend experience for couples in a hurting marriage. There will be a Retrouvaille weekend held January 20-22, 2012 in Bismarck with aftercare sessions provided. Registration is limited. All participants must pre-register with a \$100 nonrefundable deposit, and the location of the weekend is given at that time. For information on Retrouvaille go to www.retrouvaille.org or www.bismarckdiocese.com. To register for the weekend call Joyce at Office of Family Ministry 1-701-222-3035 or toll free 1-877-405-7435.

Now Available on DVD

The Ordination & Installation Mass of Bishop David D. Kagan, the 7th Bishop of the Bismarck is now available on a DVD. The live telecast of the historic celebration, made possible by the University of Mary and KFJR TV, is attractively labeled in a plastic case and features commentary by Fr. Patrick Schumacher and Monica Hannan. The DVD can be ordered by contacting Jane Longtin, Diocese of Bismarck via email at jlongtin@bismarckdiocese.com, or by calling 222-3035 in Bismarck or toll-free at 1-877-405-7435. The cost of each DVD is \$10. Please send your check along with the mailing instructions to Jane Longtin, Diocese of Bismarck, PO Box 1137, Bismarck, ND 58502-1137.

Celebrate Sanctity of Human Life

During the month of January...be part of 'The Largest Baby Shower'. NEW baby items are needed for FirstChoice Clinic's 'Earn While You Learn' parenting program: diapers (size NB, 2, 3,4), wipes, clothes (0-18 months) crib sheets, baby books, toys, bibs, pacifiers, bottles, baby brushes, combs, thermometers, and gift cards. Drop offs at Cash Wise & Central Market. Sponsored by KNDR 104.7 FM and FirstChoice Clinic West. Questions? Call FirstChoice Clinic - 701-751-4575 or go to www.teamfirstchoiceclinic.com.

Evening Pray & Reception with Bishop Kagan

You are invited to join Bishop Kagan for Evening Prayer and a reception to meet and welcome him as he begins his ministry as the Seventh Bishop of Bismarck. The dates and locations are:

- Jan. 17, 2012 - Church of St. Joseph, Williston Deanery
 - Jan. 19, 2012 - Church of Christ the King, Bismarck/Mandan Deaneries
 - Jan. 24, 2012 - Church of St. Wenceslaus, Dickinson Deanery
 - Jan. 26, 2012 - Church of St. Leo, Minot Deanery
- Evening prayer begins at 7 pm (local time). Please join us.

Mass Schedule

Monday, 1/02

8:00 am Mass

Tuesday, 1/03 through Friday, 1/06

7:00 am Mass

7:30 am Exposition/Morning Prayer

8:30 am Benediction/Reposition

8:40 am Rosary

9:00 am Mass

Friday, 1/06

5:30 pm Mass in Extraordinary Form *(Latin)*

Saturday, 1/07

8:40 am Rosary

9:00 am Mass

9:30 am Exposition/Morning Prayer

3:00 pm Benediction/Reposition

5:00 pm Mass

Sunday, 1/08

9:00 am Mass of the Lord's Day

11:00 am Mass of the Lord's Day

6:00 pm Life Teen Mass

Weekly Schedule of Events

Mon.	1/02	Parish Office Closed Today
Tues.	1/03	6:00 pm – Mom's In Touch 7:00 pm – Hope & Healing 7:00 pm – RCIA
Wed.	1/04	7:00 pm – 2nd, 3rd, 4th CCD 7:00 pm – Jr. High Youth
Thurs.	1/05	11:30 am – Soup Kitchen 6:30 pm – Us Too Prostate Support Group 7:00 pm – KC Meeting
Fri.	1/06	6:30 pm – Catholicism Series 7:00 pm – GA Meeting
Sat.	1/07	8:30 am – AA Meeting



2012 Calendars

Calendars for 2012 are available in the Gathering Space of the church. Please help yourself to a calendar.

Mass Intentions

Mon.	1/02	8:00 am	
Tues.	1/03	7:00 am 9:00 am	
Wed.	1/04	7:00 am 9:00 am	
Thurs.	1/05	7:00 am 9:00 am	
Fri.	1/06	7:00 am 9:00 am 5:30 pm	
Sat.	1/07	9:00 am 5:00 pm	†Lawrence Goroski
Sun.	1/08	9:00 am 11:00 am 6:00 pm	†Richard Muth and †Ann Hopfauf †Raymond Kuhn David Novacek

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Phone..... (701)663-1660

HoursMonday-Friday 8:00 am-5:00 pm

Staff attends Mass from 9:00-9:45 am.

Website..... www.myspiritoflife.com

Prayer Chain

Call the parish office at 663-1660 for Prayer Line.

Hospitalized or Homebound

Call Mari Jo of Outreach Ministry at 663-1660.

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Clayton Marcellais..... clayton@myspiritoflife.com

Director of Religious Education

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Kathy Volesky/Sandy Marcellais ... office@myspiritoflife.com

Maintenance, Bob Pope, Tom Stastny & Tim O'Keefe

Deacon, Joel Melarvie..... 663-8185

Trustees, Terry Millner and Karen Rohr

Eucharistic Liturgies

Weekend.....Saturday 9:00 am and 5:00 pm

.....Sunday 9:00 am, 11:00 am and 6:00 pm

WeekdayMonday 8:00 am

.....Tuesday-Friday 7:00 am & 9:00 am

.....Mass in Extraordinary Form, Friday 5:30 pm

Please refer to the inside of the bulletin for

Possible changes in Mass times.

Adoration

Tuesday-Friday

7:20-8:40 am: Adoration & Benediction

8:40 am: Rosary in the Chapel

Monday-Friday

4:00-5:00 pm: Adoration & Benediction

Saturday

8:30 am: Rosary in the Chapel

9:30 am-3:00 pm: Adoration

Sacraments

Reconciliation: Saturday 8:40-8:55 am & 3:30-4:30 pm,

Sunday: 8:00-8:30 am or call for an appointment.

Tuesday thru Friday: 8:40-8:55 am

Baptism: Contact the parish office at 663-1660.

Marriage Preparation: Contact the parish office at least 12 months, but no less than 6 months, prior to wedding date.

See parish website for Wedding Ceremony Guidelines.