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DECEMBER HAPPENINGS

NEW PARISHIONERS

Isaac and Brianne Lang

BAPTISMS

Sophie Tebogo Moilwa
Hadley RayAnn Stone
Carson Kent Gietzen

DEATHS

Ann Heintz
Odelia Landeis

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)



Welcome Fr. Phong Pham

Please welcome Father Phong Pham who will speak at all the Masses on behalf of Cross International Catholic Outreach. Cross International Catholic Outreach was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America. Please be generous in your response to Father's appeal. Brochures will be provided if you wish to support this worthy Catholic ministry.

- They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Mt 2:10-11

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

Daily Mass Readings

Readings for the Week of January 8, 2012

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
 Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11
 Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28 or 1 Sm 1:1-8 and 1:9-20/Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28
 Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Mk 1:29-39
 Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45
 Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Mk 2:1-12
 Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1/Mk 2:13-17
 Next Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/
 Jn 1:35-42 ©Liturgical Publications Inc

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, Beckie Ressler, Lynn Wessels, Venita Doll, Jeannie Taylor, Ben Kraft and Kelvin Kopp.



"The Prayer of a Receptive Heart"

A Day of Recollection for Women: "The Prayer of a Receptive Heart" 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 1

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.

RCIA

RCIA sessions are held on Tuesday evenings at 7pm. The weekly Tuesday sessions are presented by Fr. Chad. Although these sessions are primarily directed to prepare adults to enter into Full Communion with the Catholic Church, everyone is welcome to attend one or all of the sessions. The Tuesday, January 10th session is "Catholic Doctrine". 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.

Life Night

This week we are going to be talking about our own personal faith stories and what goals we have for the new year. Next week come prepared with ideas for service projects you would like to do this semester.

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

This week is our youth group week and we are going to be talking about the New Year and different things we can do to make it a good one. Next week is Faith Formation week and Fr. Chad will be joining us. See you then!

Young Adult

We will be meeting again on the 13th of January at Bone-shaker Coffee House. We will be watching the 4th video of the series on Mary. Bring your friends... this is a really great way to learn about our faith!

Fundraising

We will be having a popcorn cake fundraiser January 21st and 22nd to help with costs of activities we will be doing this spring and summer.

Confirmation

Wednesday, January 11th at 7 pm in the main church is the next Confirmation session. Confirmation candidates, please bring your bibles and folders.

STEWARDSHIP ON THE MOVE

Because of your generosity, 459 people were fed and 118 food baskets were given out through the Spirit of Life Food Pantry during the month of December.

"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 DECEMBER: 1,161

TOTAL NUMBER OF HOURS CONTRIBUTED IN DECEMBER: 1,592.50

"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 31 & January 1.....\$10,116.05
 January 7 & 8.....\$
 January 14 & 15.....\$
 January 21 & 22.....\$
 January 28 & 29.....\$
 Automatic Deposit Donations.....\$



Building on Our Spirit Capital Campaign

Amount Received in December.....\$310.00

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 the Church is also called the Mystical Body of Christ? The Church, the Mystical Body, which exists on this earth, is called the Church militant, because its members struggle against the world, the flesh and the devil. The Church suffering means the souls in Purgatory. The Church triumphant (glorified) is the Church in heaven. The unity and cooperation of the members of the Church on earth, in Purgatory, in Heaven is also called the Communion of Saints.

Catholicism

The 10th and final session "World Without End: The Last Things" of Robert Barron's Catholicism series will be Friday January 13th at 6:30 pm in the Spirit of Life activity center. The session will begin with discussion with Fr. Chad or Fr. Bill, followed by the viewing of the featured Catholicism session on DVD, and will conclude with discussion with one of the priests on the evening's session. Whether you have attended any or all of the sessions, you are most welcome to attend this informative session on Catholicism.

Music Ministry

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.

Church of Saint Martin

Huff, North Dakota
January 15th, 11 am Mass



Mass Intention †
 Reader David Wille
 Eucharistic Ministers John Boehm and Katrina Miller
 Servers Kendra Miller and Clair Graner
 Collections January 1 \$649.22

Church of Saint Anthony

Saint Anthony, North Dakota
January 15th, 9 am Mass



Mass Intention †Frances Urlacher
 Reader Sarah Gustin
 Eucharistic Ministers Bonnie Tomac, Judy Friesz,
 and Mary Himmelspach
 Sacristan Greg Westberg
 Servers Brittnay Barnhardt and Whitney Leingang
 Gift Bearers Bill Schlosser Family
 Prayers S. Himmelspach Family
 Collections January 1 Envelopes \$...Loose \$

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.

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 KFYZ 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.

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.

Second Annual

Mandan Catholic Schools' Breakfast

Sunday, January 22nd Spirit of Life Church will host the Second Annual Catholic Schools' Breakfast from 8 am to 1 pm. Enjoy a homemade breakfast prepared and served by our local Knights of Columbus Councils. The menu includes: pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, fruit and beverages. Proceeds will go to benefit Catholic Education. A free will offering will be accepted.

Business of the Month

HIRSCH
FLORAL &
GIFTS



Mass Schedule

Monday, 1/09

8:00 am Mass

Tuesday, 1/10 through Friday, 1/13

7:00 am Mass

7:30 am Exposition/Morning Prayer

8:30 am Benediction/Reposition

8:40 am Rosary

9:00 am Mass

Friday, 1/13

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

Saturday, 1/14

8:40 am Rosary

9:00 am Mass

9:30 am Exposition/Morning Prayer

3:00 pm Benediction/Reposition

5:00 pm Mass

Sunday, 1/15

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.	1/09	6:30 pm – Matthew-The King and His Kingdom
Tues.	1/10	6:00 pm – Mom's In Touch 7:00 pm – RCIA
Wed.	1/11	9:45 am – Birthday Brunch 7:00 pm – 5th and 6th CCD 7:00 pm – Jr. High CCD 7:00 pm – Confirmation
Thurs.	1/12	11:30 am – Soup Kitchen 5:30 pm – Finance Council Meeting 7:00 pm – Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm – Angel Babies
Fri.	1/13	6:30 pm – Catholicism Series 7:00 pm – GA Meeting
Sat.	1/14	8:30 am – AA Meeting 9:00 am – A Day of Recollection for Womens <i>"The Prayer of a Receptive Heart"</i> 9:30 am – District AA Meeting

Mass Intentions

Mon.	1/09	8:00 am
Tues.	1/10	7:00 am 9:00 am
Wed.	1/11	7:00 am 9:00 am
Thurs.	1/12	7:00 am 9:00 am
Fri.	1/13	7:00 am 9:00 am 5:30 pm
Sat.	1/14	9:00 am 5:00 pm
Sun.	1/15	9:00 am †Donald Stumpf 11:00 am 6:00 pm

Parish Office

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

Hours Monday-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.

Parish Staff

Pastor, Fr. Chad Gion..... frgion@gmail.com

Associate Pastor, Fr. William Ruelle.....

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Liturgical Music Director,

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

Director of Religious Education

Tony Ternes..... tony@myspiritoflife.com

(RCIA, Confirmation/Sr. High)

Young Adult/Youth Ministry

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Religious Education, Sue Helm sue@myspiritoflife.com

(Children's Liturgy/CCD/1st Penance/1st Eucharist)

Outreach Ministry,

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Finance/Business Administrator,

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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

Weekday..... Monday 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.