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December 8, 2019

Second Sunday of Advent



Mass Schedule & Intentions for Dec 9 - Dec 15

Mon, Dec 9:7:00 am Mass at St. Joseph: †Ken Ziman by Cindy Ziman
.....5:00pm Mass at St. Martin: Parishioners

Tues, Dec 10:.... 5:00 pm Mass at St. Martin: Dick and Kathy Eckert Family from Tom and JoAnn Beery

Wed, Dec 11:.....7:30 am Mass at St. Joseph: †Clarence Schumacher by Steven and Sylvia Dschaak
9:00 am Mass at KRCC:

Thurs, Dec 12:...10:00 am Mass at St. Martin: †Kay Schettler by Gordon and Mary Robson

Fri, Dec 13:..... 8:30 am Mass at St. Joseph: †Evelyn Wilson by Ray and Shirley Hipfner

Sat, Dec 14:..... 5:00 pm Mass at St. Martin: †Jim Rahn by Tim and Jane Schwab

Sun, Dec 15:.....8:00 am Mass at St. Martin: †Steve and Coleta Hoepfner by Hoepfner Family
.....10:00 am Mass at St. Joseph: Parishioners

ST. MARTIN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Confessions- 4:00-4:50 before Saturday Mass; 7:00-7:50 before 8 am, Sunday Mass; 9:30-9:50 before 10 am Sunday Mass
New to the Parish – Please call the church office to register- 748-2121 (Tue & Thur 8:30 am- 2:30 pm, Wed 8:30-11:30am)
Ministry to the Sick- If you are sick & would like Communion at home please call Sylvia Lorenzono (748-5597)
Baptism- Contact Fr. Phillips or call the Church Office - **Prayer Chain**- For special prayer needs- LuAnn Woeste at 748-2300
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December	Last Week	Monthly	YTD Collection	YTD Budgeted
	(Nov 28– Dec 6)	(Dec 1- Dec 6)	(July 1- Dec 6)	(July 1- Dec 6)
Adult Collection	\$ 1,725	\$ 1,725	\$ 36,344	\$ 41,033
EFT Collection	\$ 735	\$ 660	\$ 11,290	\$ 10,229
Loose Collection	\$ 117	\$ 117	\$ 4,471	\$ 5,040
Total Income:	\$ 2,577	\$ 2,502	\$ 52,105	\$ 56,302
Youth Collection	\$ 32	\$ 32		
Dec . Expenses:	\$ 82	\$ 2,549		

Serving the Assembly:

- Sat, Dec 14: (5 pm) Lector:** Sylvia Lorenzono ~ **Eucharistic Ministers:** Rick Volk and Connie Langowski
Altar Servers: Brandon Snyder, Brayden and Aubrey Haack
- Sun, Dec 15: (8 am) Lector:** John Weinand ~ **Homebound:** Carleen Campbell (880-0136)
Altar Servers: Lucas Lemer, Austin and Anna Roth
Eucharistic Ministers: Carleen Campbell and Tena Weinand

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Upcoming Events:

- Sun, Dec 8:** Beulah K of C pancake and Sausage Breakfast, 9am -12:00 noon
- Mon, Dec 9:** Adoration, StJ 3-6 pm, 5pm Mass, Immaculate Conception
- Tues, Dec 10:** Adoration 4:00 – 7:00 pm, StM
- Wed, Dec 11:** RE classes meet, No Confirmation
Confessions at StM, 4-5:30 and 6:30 -8:00 pm

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Ladies of St. Martin, **Holiday treat sales** are right around the corner! All treats will sell for \$3! **Sunday December 8th:** months April, May, and June please bring your cookies to the fellowship hall before Mass at 10 am. **Saturday, December 14th:** July, August and September please have your cookies to the hall before 5pm Mass. **Sunday, December 15th:** October, November, and December please have your cookies to the hall before 8 am Mass. **Sunday December 22nd** is the last cookie sales: months January, February and March please have your cookies to the hall before 10am Mass. One lady from each circle needs to plan to help on their designated Sunday. If you are unsure of the month you are in, check the bulletin board for the Altar Society work group list. **Thank you.**

Decorating: We will begin **decorating for Christmas** after the 10:00 am Mass on December 22. Everyone is invited to stay and decorate.

Join us for a Ladies Christmas gathering Monday, December 16th at 6:00 pm social with 6:30 pm meal in St. Joseph’s Fellowship Hall for all women of St. Martin and St. Joseph parishes. Please bring an appetizer or any light fare dish to share. We will be having a gift exchange so please bring a wrapped \$5-10\$ gift. Join us for food, Walking With Purpose video, and fellowship! Sign-up sheets are located at the entrances at both parishes.

The March for Life Pilgrimage: Registration deadline is December 13. For more information, visit www.bismarckdiocese.com/march or call Jessie at 873-5820. There will be fundraising opportunities held to help with the cost of this pilgrimage.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS for St. Joseph and St. Martin parishes; Please turn them into the parish office no later than **December 19, 2019.**

Catholic For A Reason begins January 2, 2020 at St. Martin! - Recent statistics have shown a significant rise in the number of people who claim no particular religion. Moreover, only 20-25% of Catholics regularly attend Mass. "Catholic For A Reason" aims to explain *what* Catholics believe and, perhaps more importantly, *why*. Topics will include why it is reasonable to believe in God, the relationship between faith and science, contemporary moral topics, miracles, and more. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith, please join us on Thursday evenings from 6:30- 7:30 pm for these informative classes. Registration forms are attached to this week's bulletin and can also be found in the entrances of the church. You may also register online at www.saints2b.org. Fr. Grafsgaard's **Catholic For A Reason** class is free and open to the public. We ask that you register so the appropriate number of materials will be made available for participants.

Volunteers needed at St. Joseph and St. Martin: The poinsettias will be available for pick up at Plant perfect in Bismarck the week of December 16th. We are looking for volunteers to help get them to the parish before December 20th. If you are interested in helping get them to the parish, please contact the office.

Matthew Stevenson, the Executive Director of the Catholic Foundation of Western North Dakota, will be presenting at **St. Martin's in Hazen on Tuesday, December 17th at 3:00 pm.** There will also be a presentation at **St. Joseph's in Beulah at 6:00 pm.** There will be refreshments. The presentations will be about the Foundation, St. Martin's Parish Endowment Fund, St. Joseph's Parish Endowment Fund, and the North Dakota State Tax Credit. There will be time following the presentation for questions. Please RSVP for this event by contacting the parish offices, or email Liz at stjbeulah@midconetwork.com or stmhazen@westriv.com by Monday, December 16.

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Monday, December 9, 2019 – Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Usually a Holy Day of Obligation but is not in 2019. The USCCB explains, "Since December 8, 2019, is the Second Sunday of Advent, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is transferred to Monday, December 9, 2019. The obligation to attend Mass, however, does not transfer."

Mass WILL be held at 7:00 am at St. Joseph with our **Lector** being Rosie Schumacher, **Eucharistic Ministers** being Rosie Schumacher and Carmy Bren.

Mass at St. Martin will be held at 5:00 pm with our **Lector** being Bud Woeste, our **Eucharistic Ministers** being Wayne and Deb Helvik.

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ADVENT Reconciliation: Father Grafsgaard will be assisted by two priests from the Abbey to hear confessions on **Wednesday, December 11th at St. Martin.** Reconciliation times are **4:00 to 5:30 pm** and **6:30 to 8:00 pm.** Father Grafsgaard also hears confessions prior to daily and weekend Masses or by appointment.

Did you know.....

Violet is a liturgical color during the seasons of Advent and Lent. In the ancient world, the dye used to make violet clothing was from the Murex shellfish. Also called "Tyrian Purple" after the city of Tyre in Lebanon, obtaining the dye required a significant amount of time and labor. As a result, purple clothing was very expensive and was worn mainly by royalty. The color of violet during Advent reminds us that we await the coming of the King of Kings.