WEEKLY LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday (Vigil of Sunday) ..................4:00 p.m.  
Sunday ..................  8:30 & 10:45 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.  
Spanish Mass (3rd Sunday) .................. 3:00 p.m.  
Monday ..................................12:10 p.m.  
Tuesday .......................... 12:10 & 5:30 p.m.  
Wednesday-Friday .............. 7:00 a.m. & 12:10 p.m

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
Tuesdays (12:45-3:15 p.m.); Thursdays (7:00 p.m.)

MISSION STATEMENT
As disciples of Jesus, we live our faith through Word, Sacrament, and Service.

Rev. Paul D. Becker, Pastor .......... 255-4600 (ext. 203)  
Rev. Raphael Obotama, Parochial Vicar 255-4600 (ext. 211)  
Rev. Terry Wipf, Parochial Vicar .......... 255-4600 (ext. 218)  
Tracy Kraft, Parish Manager ............ 255-4600 (ext. 212)

PASTORAL MINISTERS
Cindy Anderst, Pastoral Care .......... 255-4600 (ext. 205)  
Jennifer Braun, Music Ministry ........ 255-4600 (ext. 209)  
Melanie Konieczka, Faith Formation ...... 255-4600 (ext. 219)  
Sr. Idelle Badt, Pastoral Care .......... 255-4600 (ext. 207)  
Sr. Ivo Schoch, Outreach Ministry .......... 255-4600 (ext. 208)

DEACONS: Michael Fix, Lonnie Grabowska, Rex McDowall

PARISH SUPPORT STAFF
Loretta Arntz, Bookkeeper .......... 255-4600 (ext. 201)  
Jane Bosch, Kitchen Manager .......... 255-4600  
Niel Heinze, Maintenance Technician .......... 255-4600  
Bridget Johnson, Administrative Secretary ........ 255-4600  
Kathy Silbernagel, Receptionist .......... 255-4600

SACRAMENTS
Reconciliation is offered:  
Saturdays: 3:00 p.m. (until completed)  
Mondays-Fridays: 11:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  
Tuesdays: 5:05-5:20 p.m.  
Wednesdays-Fridays: 6:35-6:50 a.m.

If you are unable to make these times, you can call the pastor at 701-255-4600 for an appointment.

Baptism - The Baptism Preparation Program and Schedule are by arrangement. Please call the office at 255-4600 to register prior to your delivery date and the program director will return your call. Parents must be registered at Corpus Christi or have permission from their parish.

Marriage - Couples planning to be married should call the parish office at 255-4600 at least 12 months in advance. Completion of required paperwork and taking the FOCCUS premarital inventory is also needed this early. The March FOCCUS will be on March 26th at 7:00 p.m.

Natural Family Planning Classes are offered by the Bismarck Diocese. The methods offered are Billings Ovulation Method, Creighton Model Fertility Care System, Marquette Model and Sympto-Thermal Methods. If you have questions about NFP please contact the Diocese of Bismarck at 222-3035 or www.bismarckdiocese.com/nfp.

RCIA Classes - Persons wishing to learn more about the Catholic faith may call Tracy Kraft at 255-4600.

PARISH BULLETIN DEADLINE: Articles must be received by noon on Wednesdays (typed format).

PRAYER TREE: 255-4600
Save the difficult questions for heaven. Why do bad things happen to good people? When a business fails, illness strikes, or even at an unexpected death, we all ask some pretty tough questions. Believers for centuries have sought to find a balance between our free will to act and the consequences, between God’s mercy and His judgment. If we’re honest, each of us will admit to struggling with the subject. We look at each of the speed bumps along life’s highway and ask God, “how come?” We want an explanation for each bit of suffering that occurs, even seeking desperately for some sin that caused this “punishment”. And how frighteningly easy this is to do when we’re analyzing the tragedy in someone else’s lives. How easy it is then to spot that “sin”, that the sufferer did to “deserve it”. In the end, all this mental exercise too often ends with us blaming God, calling Him indifferent or vengeful, instead of looking to Him for answers. If we turned these troublesome topics over to the discerning Holy Spirit who lives in us, we would find greater wisdom, or perhaps it’s best that we lean on God’s love, and in the meanwhile, save our most difficult questions for heaven.

**SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING** will be offered at the 4:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, March 28th. This sacrament is held as part of a Eucharistic Celebration once each year as a means of providing grace of strengthening, peace, and courage to overcome the difficulties that go with the condition of serious illness and the frailty of old age. Those with serious illnesses and frailty in old age are invited to be anointed after the homily, during the Mass. During the anointing, we invite all to join in prayer for those receiving the anointing. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered from 3:00 - 3:30 p.m. that afternoon.

**CONTRIBUTIONS (GENERAL FUND) - (2,337 households)**
- Adult Envelopes (326) .................. $16,343.90
- Youth Envelopes .................. $  141.01
- TOTAL RECEIVED (March 8) ............... $16,484.91
  - 1st Sunday ................................ $16,273.86
  - Electronic Contributions (140) ........ $14,518.68
  - 2nd Sunday ................................ $16,484.91
  - 3rd Sunday ................................ $  0
  - Spanish Mass ................................ $  0
  - Electronic Contributions .................. $  0
  - 4th Sunday ................................ $  0

We appreciate your generosity which is part of being faithful stewards of Corpus Christi.

**Praise & Worship - Go After God with All Your Heart.**
Corpus Christi Youth Ministry is sponsoring another “Praise & Worship Night” on Thursday, March 19th. Join us from 7:00-8:00 p.m. as we sing contemporary Christian praise songs, pray together, and participate in Eucharistic Adoration. This night is open to all interested parishioners. Bring your whole family! Contact the parish office with questions or to share your talents.

**Weekly Mass Intentions**
- **Monday, Mar. 16** - Phyllis Smith (12:10 p.m.)
- **Tuesday, Mar. 17** - Mary Fisher (12:10 p.m.)
- **James Hammes** (5:30 p.m.)
- **Wednesday, Mar. 18** - Ignatz & Eva Horner (7:00 a.m.)
- **Phyllis Lentz** (12:10 p.m.)
- **Thursday, Mar. 19** - Kenneth Deeter (7:00 a.m.)
- **George Volk** (12:10 p.m.)
- **Friday, Mar. 20** - Judy & Jerome Feist (7:00 a.m.)
- **George Volk** (12:10 p.m.)
- **Saturday, Mar. 21** - Leonard Combs (4:00 p.m.)
- **Sunday, Mar. 22** - Donald Jorgensen (8:30 a.m.)
- **Giles Jantzer** (10:45 a.m.)

**K.C. Breakfast at Corpus Christi**
Sunday, March 15th
(9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.)
Serving pancakes, sausage and eggs.
Proceeds will benefit Corpus Christi Food Pantry.

**Your stepping stones back into life...**
SOS (Sounds of Silence) is a suicide support group which provides compassionate support and grief education with the hope that family members and friends will find guidance on the path of healing. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 17th, at 7:00 p.m. at Parkway Funeral Service, 2330 Tyler Parkway. The topic will be: Dealing with our Fears - “Are we cursed?”

**FLU SEASON**
We encourage you to remain healthy at this time by taking the following precautions.
- **Stay home if you are feeling ill.**
- **Use the hand sanitizer that is available at all Church entrances.**

**Check out the bulletin board in the Lower Gathering Space to see what’s going on during Lent in our Community.**
Fish Fries will run every Friday through April 3rd. This is an excellent fundraiser for our youth ministry programs and is also a great way to participate in meaningful ministry for the parish. Sign-up sheets for working Fish Fries are located on the table in the lower gathering space of the church. Shifts are usually 5:00-8:00 p.m. each Friday. The cost is: **Adults $9, Children $5, Family $30. All are welcome.**

**Marriage Moments:** "In their thirst for water, the people grumbled against Moses." (Ex. 17:3) Jesus said to the Samaritan woman, "Give me a drink" (John 4:7) Water is a universal human need. Each time you drink water this week, may it remind you to refresh your love.

**Parenting Pointers:** Thursday, March 19th will be the Spring Equinox, when we have nearly equal light and dark. It’s all about balance and equality. Is your family satisfied with the balance of chores that each person contributes to the household?

**LENTEN LUNCHEONS**

Our Lenten lunches are Monday through Friday after our 12:10 p.m. daily mass. We will be serving lunches through Wednesday, April 8th.

**Cybersecurity Fraud Lounge and Learn**

Cybersecurity is in the news every day - data breaches, identity theft, and social media scams. Companies are under attack 24/7, but so are you! Learn how North Dakota and its residents are under attack. Real world examples will be given, even events that have occurred in our state. Learn how to keep your information safe and how to be more online savvy with your smartphone, tablet and computer. Hear from Tony Aukland, a cybersecurity analyst with the ND Information Technology Department, and learn how to keep your personal information as safe as possible. There is no cost to attend, but registration is required. There will be a presentation on **Monday, March 30th**, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the Ramkota Hotel, 800 S. 3rd St. in Bismarck. You can register by calling AARP North Dakota at 1-877-926-8300.

**DAILY SCHEDULE DURING LENT**

**Monday-Friday:** Mass - 12:10 p.m.  
(Both 12:10 p.m. Mass is followed by lunch)

**Wednesday-Friday:** Mass - 7:00 a.m.

**Tuesday:** Mass - 5:30 p.m.

**Stations of the Cross**  
Thursday - 7:00 p.m. (with Adoration)  
Friday - 5:30 p.m. (followed by a fish fry)

Please call Tracy at the Parish office to help with station, lights or the carrying of the cross.

**Stewardship Thoughts:** Stewardship is not job-oriented or project-minded. It is a way of life for a lifetime.

**Vocation Views:** A surprise encounter can turn our lives around. God offers us living water. Come and drink. (John 4:5-42)

**Spanish Mass**

**Sunday, March 15th**

3:00 p.m.

All are Welcome.
Welcome! Thank you for choosing to worship with us today and we hope you will return often. If you do not belong to a parish, please consider choosing Corpus Christi as your church home. You may call the parish office at 255-4600 to register.

The Holy Father Speaks... According to the Gospel's account of the Transfiguration when Jesus revealed His glory to the Apostles Peter, James, and John; Jesus takes the disciples and goes up a high mountain, a symbol of His closeness to God, to open them to a fuller understanding of the mystery of His person, who must suffer, die, and then rise again. Through the wondrous event of the Transfiguration the three disciples are called to recognize in Jesus the Son of God shining with glory. The choice of Peter, James, and John to witness the Transfiguration was not made according to human criteria: Peter, in fact, would deny Jesus during the passion; and James and John ambitiously sought the first place in Jesus' kingdom. Instead, Jesus chose them according to His plan of love. It is a free, unconditional choice. A free initiative, a divine friendship that asks for nothing in return. We are called in the same way to be witnesses of Jesus. That is, our calling is a gift that we have not deserved; and although we may feel inadequate...we cannot back out with the excuse of our incapacity. Although we have not seen with our own eyes the face of Jesus shining like the sun, we must nonetheless be prepared to bear witness to Christ. Despite the burdens and worries of everyday life, we must not forget that the Baptism and Confirmation we have received have made us witnesses, not because of our capacity, but as a result of the gift of the Spirit. We pray that in the favorable time of Lent, the Virgin Mary might obtain for us that docility to the Spirit which is indispensable for setting out resolutely on the path of conversion.

Can you help? The blank spaces mean we need more help in that ministry. Please come to the ushers room and sign in on the schedule to help. Thank You.
2020 AFRICAN MISSION APPEAL

Thank you for generously supporting our Mission Team with your prayers and gifts to the 31st Annual African Mission Appeal last weekend. Your gifts will help Fr. David Morman as he ministers on our behalf to our brothers and sisters in Kisii, Kenya, East Africa. You are also encouraged to follow our missionaries in action at https://www.facebook.com/BismarckCatholicMission. If you are interested in serving as a member of the Diocesan Mission Team or would like more information, you can call the Diocese at 701-222-3035.

SIMPLE LENTEN RETREAT FOR MEN

There will be Simple Lenten Retreat for Men on Saturday, April 4th at the Church of St. Anne in Bismarck from 8:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. The featured speakers will be Fr. Wayne Sattler and Dr. James Link. The cost is $35 and pre-registration would be greatly appreciated. To register and pay online, go to bismarckdiocese.com and click on the “Events” tab. Or, send your check to Simple Lenten Retreat for Men at PO Box 1137, Bismarck, ND 58501. Call John at 701-319-8602 with questions.

LIFE IS WORTH LIVING - Fulton J. Sheen

Join us in watching select episodes from "Life is Worth Living" with Bishop Fulton J. Sheen on Thursday, March 26th from 1:30-3:00 p.m. in the Community Room on the lower level of the Church.

Popcorn will be served. All are welcome.

If you have questions, please contact Cindy Anderst in the parish office at 701-255-4600.

LENTEN RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE:

Lenten resources are available at each of the entrances of the church. Please stop by and pick up the Word Among Us or the Little Black Book for daily readings or reflections. We also have the 2020 Living Lent Activity Calendar for children. We have prepared a Lenten Calendar filled with wonderful Lenten experiences. This calendar includes Lenten and Holy Week Mass schedules as well as the Penance Service schedule.

LENTEN ALMSGIVING 2020

Participate in almsgiving this Lent by bringing food to help fill the shelves of the food pantry. Your donations can be placed in the boxes in the upper and lower gathering spaces of the church.

ESSENTIAL ITEMS NEEDED ARE: Week 3: Spaghetti Noodles and Pasta Sauce

OPERATION RICE BOWL

Meet Yvone from Kenya? She learned proper nutrition and hygiene practices to help keep her healthy and in school. Yvonne now has a chance to dream and the strength to follow those dreams. How can you ensure that young people in your community receive proper nutrition? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

Newcomers Welcome Breakfast will be held on Sunday, March 22nd from 9:30-10:30 a.m. If you are new to the parish in the past year, you and your family are welcome to join the staff as we welcome you to our parish. RSVP to the office at 701-255-4600 if you are able to attend.
Sunday, Mar 15, 2020
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT; FIRST SCRUTINY OF THE ELECT

Great expectations
The view from today is limited. From here, some things may look irreparably broken, from personal relationships to global ones. Yet Jesus promises a future of hope available to anyone who reaches out for it. A Samaritan woman at a well had endured a loop of failure and disappointment that seemed impossible to transcend. When Jesus invited her to step out of it, she did—and was reborn as an apostle to her people. Today, we pray for our Elect (those in the process of joining the Catholic Church) as they choose the way of rebirth and hope. Let’s choose the same, with them!

TODAY’S READINGS: Exodus 17:3-7; Romans 5:1-2, 5-8; John 4:5-42 (28). “But the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshippers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth.”

Monday, Mar 16, 2020
LENTEN WEEKDAY
Stand with the prophets
Prophets have never had an easy time of it. It’s been pointed out that we often assassinate prophets when they speak out too forcefully, and then once they are safely silenced and buried, we might later build a monument to honor them (or perhaps to flatter ourselves for honoring them?). Jesus saw all this and yet continued to speak out despite the resistance and hostility he often faced from his own people. Not all of us are gifted prophets, but each of us can do our best to recognize the prophets in our midst and stand with them when they speak the truth, even against the angry mob.


Tuesday, Mar 17, 2020
MEMORIAL OF PATRICK, BISHOP
A feast of merriment and mercy
How odd it seems that the feast of Saint Patrick falls during Lent. But despite the merriment of the day, Patrick’s story is a serious one—one of captivity and freedom, of cruelty and forgiveness—starting with his teen years as a slave to his escape and return to the Emerald Isle where he became a shepherd to his people and shared the Good News. Patrick even set out on a mission of mercy and forgiveness to see his cruel former master. Join Patrick by reciting his lorica (prayer of protection) against the dark forces we battle during Lent, asking “God’s host to secure me against snares of devils, against temptations of vices, against inclinations of nature, against everyone who shall wish me ill.”

TODAY’S READINGS: Daniel 3:25, 34-43; Matthew 18:21–35 (238). “Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive him?”

Wednesday, Mar 18, 2020
MEMORIAL OF CYRIL OF JERUSALEM, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH
People come first
Saint Cyril (c. 318-386) was between a rock and a hard place. A severe food shortage was afflicting Jerusalem and the people were starving. As bishop he had to do something. So he sold church treasures, in violation of the rules, to buy food for his people. That got him into trouble with church higher-ups, and he was deposed for a time as punishment. Jesus taught that the rules are there for the sake of people, not people for the rules. Cyril understood that. It’s good for us to be mindful of it as well.

TODAY’S READINGS: Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9; Matthew 5:17-19 (239). “Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets.”

Thursday, Mar 19, 2020
SOLEMNITY OF JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF MARY
Watch for signs
There are times in all of our lives when we face dilemmas or challenges: How to help a child struggling with tantrums. How to guide a teen who is making bad friend choices. How to recognize and act on the need to make a job change. How to listen to a friend who is negative about so much of life. How to support a spouse who is unhappy and grumpy. God is present in all things and will help us if we ask and pay attention to the signs that are sent our way.

TODAY’S READINGS: 2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22; Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Luke 2:41-51a (543). “When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had directed him.”

Friday, Mar 20, 2020
LENTEN WEEKDAY; DAY OF ABSTINENCE
Go where no (wo)man has gone before
Mother Catherine Spalding, who died on this day in 1858, was a pioneer in every sense. Not only did she live on the Kentucky frontier, but she was elected to lead a new community, the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth—at a time when female leaders, especially young ones, were almost nonexistent. To top it off, she broke ground bringing education to girls and healthcare and social services to those who received none. Her legacy, alive in her sisters and in groups who do the same work, now spans the globe. Where do you see unfulfilled needs, and how can you blaze new trails to meet them?

TODAY’S READINGS: Hosea 14:2-10; Mark 12:28-34 (241). “You are not far from the kingdom of God.”

Saturday, Mar 21, 2020
LENTEN WEEKDAY
Walk humbly
Truly humble people know that in the scheme of life, they have a unique role to play that is theirs alone—but it is no more significant than that of any other human being. Scripture tells us to bring that spirit of humility to prayer, comparing ourselves to no one. We may use words. We may sit in silence. We may tell God what we are thinking, or trust that God knows. We may ask for help or express gratitude. We may share our feelings of sorrow, frustration, contentment, anger, or joy. The most important step is to show up with head bowed. There God awaits you with a crown of love and forgiveness.