

ASCENSION

Catholic Church

- October 25, 2020 -



30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“You shall love the Lord,
your God, with all your
heart, with all your soul,
and with all your mind.”
- Mt 22:37

PARISH OFFICE

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OFFICE HOURS

Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 8:30 am-4:00 pm
Friday 8:30 am-12:00 Noon

EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES

Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 8:00, 9:30, & 11:00 am
Tue.-Fri. 8:00 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tues.-Fri. 7:30-7:50 am
Saturday 3:30-4:30 pm

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Msgr. Jim Braaten	Pastor
Doyle Schulz	Deacon
John Paul Martin	Deacon
Beth Kathol	Business Mgr.
Blane Schriock	Faith Formation
Julie Ternes	Music & Liturgy
Jan Sitter	Bookkeeper
Julie Luger	Secretary
Rita Ritter	Secretary
Bob Urlacher	Maintenance

NEWCOMERS

Contact the Parish Office or go online to register. Welcome to the parish!

OUR MISSION

As a people of God, of Ascension Catholic Parish, we are united by Baptism and committed to meeting the needs of our faith community. In union with the whole Church, we will build the Kingdom of God by proclaiming the Good News, worshipping God, creating community, and promoting social justice.

BAPTISMS

Contact the parish office three months in advance to schedule.

WEDDINGS

Call the Pastor nine months prior to the wedding date to make arrangements.

FAITH FORMATION

ENCOUNTERING JESUS IN THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

This week some of our classes of young people will have the opportunity to encounter Jesus in the Sacrament of Reconciliation during their Faith Formation classes. But why should we care about going to Confession? The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops says that when we participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we come face to face with the mystery of God's love. This Sacrament helps us to experience God's forgiveness firsthand. When we encounter Jesus in this Sacrament, we see and experience Jesus' "look of love". How is this love of God manifested in our lives as we receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation?

1. We experience the freedom that comes from bringing our sins into the light of Christ.
2. The Sacrament of Reconciliation helps us to grasp that we are responsible for our lives, for how we think and act.
3. Through the Sacrament of Reconciliation Jesus pours out the Holy Spirit, empowering us to live holy lives.
4. By participating in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we implicitly, if not explicitly, recommit our lives to the Gospel.

YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITIES

We are currently planning Youth Group activities here at the parish. Ascension's Youth Ministry aims to mold our young people into active participants of the parish community and empower them to live as disciples of Jesus Christ, making a difference in this world. Youth Group nights for high-school students grades 9-12 and middle-school students grades 6-8 will be starting sometime in mid-November. Youth Group nights here at the parish may include, but are not limited to:

- community with other Catholic young people and some of our catechists
- games . . . lots of games!
- prizes for competitive games and activities
- movie nights
- food and drinks
- short talks on topics of the Faith
- and so much more!

We most especially want to hear from our youth and their families about what they would like to see in our Youth Ministry programs.

If you have any questions or need more information on Faith Formation, please contact Blane Schriock, Director of Faith Formation, at bschriock@ascensionbismarck.org or call the Parish Office.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS: OCTOBER 31ST & NOVEMBER 1ST: ALL SAINTS DAY

	5:00 pm	8:00am	9:30am	11:00am
Hospitality	Al Wangler** Patti Wangler Aaron Mahlmann Josh Hager	Al Lick** Lori Engleson Judy Ness Brian Schumacher	Val Frank** Gene Jordan Troy Walker Dina Walker	Eric Miller** Margaret Kathol Beth Kathol Blaise Kathol
Lector	Linda Charbonneau	Phyllis Silbernagel	Cathy Hruby	Kaye Anderson
Altar Server	VOLUNTEER	Lainey Kathol	Grace Haider	Mark Seidling
Video/Audio Operator	Leona Kuntz	Nancy Hoselton	Mark Malm	Edmund Peliska

ASCENSION CATHOLIC CHURCH

PARISH NEWS

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

The Mass of Remembrance will be celebrated **Monday, November 2nd** at 7:00 pm. Parishioners who have died in the past year will be remembered in a special way. All parishioners are invited to join in praying for those who have died. Also, the Table of Remembrance will be set up in our church foyer during the month of November. Please bring any pictures and/or items of remembrance to be included.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Join us or online at www.CatholicCharitiesND.org to celebrate Catholic Charities this weekend, October 24-25. This year there has been an increased need for our charity care and other services, and so we especially need your support! Watch our video to learn how we are adapting to reach those in need during the pandemic and increasing outreach by adding a new guardianship program for the elderly and mental health issues, starting telehealth for our counseling services, and expanding our AASK program and adding ND Post-Adopt services! You can help by letting others know about these exciting changes, and assisting your neighbors in need with a generous donation! Learn more, watch the new video, and give by using the envelope enclosed in this bulletin or securely online at www.CatholicCharitiesND.org. Together let's celebrate "US" – United and Strong!

PROTECTING OUR CHILDREN

The Diocese of Bismarck is firmly committed to the health and protection of our children, young people and vulnerable adults. With the hope of healing the pain and suffering from sexual abuse in the Catholic Church, we encourage anyone who has suffered from this abuse to please come forward. To report allegations of sexual abuse, please contact Dale Eberle, Chancellor, Diocese of Bismarck, PO Box 1575, Bismarck ND 58502. Dale's phone number is 223-1347 or 1-877-405-7435. The complaint form and policies can be found on the diocesan website at <http://www.bismarckdiocese.com>.

CODE OF PASTORAL CONDUCT

The Catholic Church must be exemplary: clergy, staff, whether diocesan or parish, and volunteers are held accountable for their behavior. To enable the highest level of accountability, there must be a clear and unambiguous definition of appropriate behavior. To this end, this Code of Pastoral Conduct is defined for the Diocese of Bismarck and it provides a foundation for implementing effective and enforceable standards for all personnel. View the Code of Pastoral Conduct at www.bismarckdiocese.com.

COMMUNITY NEWS

JOB OPPORTUNITY

St. Joseph Catholic Montessori School in Mandan seeks an assistant to our food coordinator. The position is for up to four hours per day, five days a week. This is an hourly, part time position that pays \$14/hour. The assistant will help the coordinator to organize meals for breakfast and lunch, as well as cleanup. We exist to help children to become prepared to live faithfully in this world and ultimately for friendship with God in the next. Candidates will need to demonstrate support for our Catholic mission and identity. Saint Joseph Catholic Montessori School is a parish school operated by the parish of Saint Joseph Catholic Church. If interested, please send cover letter and resume to school@sjsjmandan.org or call 701.663.9563 for an application.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA

The Bismarck/Mandan Catholic Daughters will meet on Tuesday, November 3rd at the Cathedral of Holy Spirit at 7:00 pm. Our speaker will be Fr. Wayne Sattler, who will speak on his new book, "And You Will Find Rest". Guests are welcome. For more information call Marella at 255-0599 or visit the CDA website bismarckcda.org.

MASS FOR DECEASED CLERGY

The public is invited to attend the annual Mass for Deceased Bishops, Priests and Deacons celebrated by Bishop Kagan on Tuesday, November 3rd at 11:00 am at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit in Bismarck. This Mass honors members of the clergy who have passed away in the previous year. This year, we remember in our prayers: Deacon Ray Jilek (3-16-20), Brother Llewelyn Kouba (3-22-20) and Deacon John Tharaldson (7-14-20).

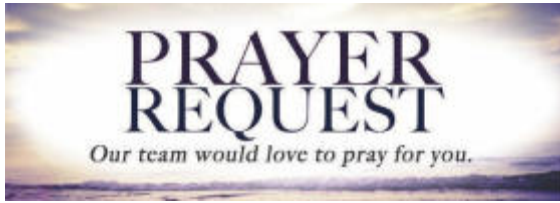
MINI RETREAT WITH FR. SATTLER

Fr. Sattler will be leading a mini retreat on his new book "And You Will Find Rest" on Tuesday, November 10th at St. Anne's. The event will begin at 6:30 pm, with Fr. Sattler talking about what God does in prayer and what St. John of the Cross and St. Teresa of Avila teach on this topic. No registration is needed.

CORAZON RETREAT HAS RETURNED

Have you lost hope in your marriage? You are not alone! For couples in crisis, the Corazon (Spanish for heart) program can help you begin to put the pieces back together again. The diocese is offering a Corazon weekend on December 11-13. For more information or to register, visit bismarckdiocese.com/Corazon or call Amanda at 701-204-7205.

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PRAYER LINE

Call the Parish Office at 223-3606 or Pauline Mueller at 226-9471. The Prayer Line is a group of parishioners who pray for requested intentions. The names of those requests are not made public. Names of people listed in the bulletin have given permission to use their names.

Marjorie Bitz Richelle Knudson
Dennis Barnhardt Lorie Hopfauf Viola Bitz

A PRAYER FOR THESE TRYING TIMES

Lord,
I admit I fear the unknown.
I fear how others will act
during this time of uncertainty,
how long this will last,
and not knowing what the world
will look like for my children
when this is over.
Father, calm my heart.
Help me to trust you.
Please keep my children safe from this virus.
Please allow me to stay healthy
so that I can take care of them.
Help me to rest at night,
so that I have energy and clarity of mind.
Keep me focused on you,
so that I can fill my children
with encouragement and not panic.
Help us to not grow weary of one another
while we're home together
for who knows how long.
Show me how to make the most of this time
and disciple my children with a new urgency.
Amen

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

WEEK	COLLECTIONS	BUDGET
October 18, 2020	\$7,536.56	\$14,343.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$188,854.29	\$229,488.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, 8:00 am	October 26 Communion Service
Tuesday, 8:00 am	October 27 †Lucy Bosch by Family
Wednesday, 8:00 am	October 28 †Shirley Heck by Ben & Jan Sitter
Thursday, 8:00 am	October 29 †Loretta Nagel by Kevin & Lori Gross
Friday, 8:00 am	October 30 †Lisa Wagner by Robert Wagner
Saturday, 5:00 pm	October 31 †Clarence & †Pauline Schmitz by Family
Sunday, 8:00 am	November 1 †Bert Schumacher by Steve & Rita Ritter
9:30 am	†Margaret Geigle by Andy & Shirley Schaffner
11:00 am	People of the Parish

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday, 8:30 am	October 26 Eucharistic Adoration
Tuesday, 7:00 pm	October 27 Stewardship Committee meeting
Wednesday, 4, 5:30, 7:00 pm	October 28 Faith Formation Sessions
7:00 pm	<i>Six Weeks with The Bible</i>
Thursday, 8:30 am	October 29 <i>Six Weeks with The Bible</i>

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Adults: In a practical sense, what is one thing that would change in your life if you loved your neighbor as yourself?

Kids: Why is it hard sometimes to love your neighbor?





Happy Fall from the Social Concerns Committee!

For our Fall Project, we are sponsoring a BLANKET DRIVE.

FOR WHO: Dakota Children's Advocacy Center.

They are in need of fleece blankets for kids age 3-18.

The blankets are given to children as a source of comfort during treatment.

WHAT: Please bring a new hand-tied fleece or purchased blanket to the church foyer and place in the bin.

WHEN: The weekends of Oct 24/25th or Oct 31/Nov 1.

****If you are unable to complete the blanket but still want to participate, we are accepting donations of new fleece, 1½ yards.**

Questions: Please contact Tina 701-226-1458, Heather 701-391-6124 or church office 223-3606.

What is the Dakota Children's Advocacy Center?

The purpose of Children's Advocacy Centers (CACs) is to coordinate the response of agencies like law enforcement, child protective services, prosecutors' offices, advocates, mental health and medical professionals when there has been an allegation of abuse against a child. CACs help ensure that when a child discloses abuse, they are not re-victimized by the very systems designed to protect them. CACs help coordinate care and investigation from first report to conviction and beyond, while keeping the child at the center of everything the team does.

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