

Catholic Churches of **Sts. Mary & Luke**

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St. Mary, PO Box 110, 505 Park ST E, Park River, ND, 58270

St. Luke at 14207 63 ST NE, Grafton, ND 58237

July 10-18, 2021

15th Sunday OT/B

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Weekend liturgies:

Saturdays:

Good Samaritan, 9:30 a.m.

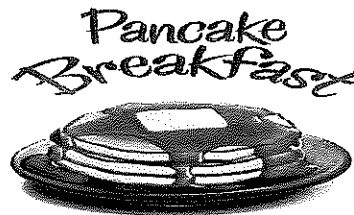
St. Mary, 5 p.m.

Sundays:

St. Luke, 8 a.m.

St. Mary, 10 a.m.

Good Samaritan liturgies: Every other
Wednesday at 2 p.m.



Take your family out
on Sunday, July 18

St. Mary's Catholic Church, Park River

11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Free Will Offering

All proceeds will benefit KC Activities.

Please plan on bringing the entire family, friends and neighbors.

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."



Knights of Columbus

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Any questions or interest in joining the
Knights of Columbus please contact
Greg Bauer at 701.351.0167

Liturgies – July 10-18:

Saturday, July 10

Readings: Gen 49:29—50:26, Matt 10:24-33
5 p.m./St. Mary – Bill Alkofer

Sunday, July 11 – 15th Sunday OT/B

Amos 7:12-15, Eph 1:3-14, Mark 6:7-13
8 a.m./St. Luke – The Parishioners
10 a.m./St. Mary – + Selma Clemetson

Monday, July 12

Readings: Exodus 1:8-22, Matt 10:34—11:1
9 a.m./St. Mary – Jared & Lisa Mountain

Tuesday, July 13

Readings: Exodus 2:1-15, Matthew 11:20-24
9 a.m./St. Mary – Dennis & Frances Skorheim

Wednesday, July 14 – Kateri Tekakwitha

Readings: Exodus 3:1-12, Matt 11:25-27
2 p.m./Good Sam – + Rev. V. Tuchscherer

Thursday, July 15 -- Bonaventure

Readings: Eph 3:14-19, Matthew 23:8-12
9 a.m./St. Luke – + Karen Schommer

Friday, July 16 – Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

Readings: Zachariah 2:14-17, Matt 12:46-50
NO Liturgy Today!

Saturday, July 17

Readings: Exodus 12:37-42, Matt 12:14-21
5 pm/St. Mary – + Msgr. Joe Senger

Sunday, July 18 – 16th Sunday OT/B

Jeremiah 23:1-6, Eph 2:13-18, Mark 6:30-34
8 a.m./St. Luke – + Bob Sobolik
10 a.m./St. Mary – + Selma Clemetson

Donations needed at both parishes!

Cash Flow

**July 3-4
at St. Mary:**

Envs: \$2,015

Plate: \$67

Youth: \$10

Total: \$2,092

Year to date

Actual: \$75,441

Budget: \$75,600

Need:

\$2,800 per week

at St. Luke:

July 4:

Envs: \$135

Plate: \$85

Candles: \$3

Total: \$233

Year to date

Actual: \$11,217.01

Budget: \$18,900

Need:

\$700 per week

Tithing Norm:

**10% of income
back to God:**

Parish: 5-8%

Diocese: 1%

Community: 1-4%

Prayer List:

Sandi Novak, Shelby Arendt,
Brenda Rose, Eileen Vondra,
Randy Irmen & family,
Bill Alkofer, Arlys Miller,
Marlow Simon, Jerry Brezenski,
Beverly Brummond, Remy Bosh,
Loralie Graff, Lucille Passa,
Mary Jergenson, Joe Peterka,
Irene & John Janda,
Jane Zidon, Marla Zidon,
Jane Grzadzielewski,

*Please advise Fr. Bert
when you have improved
at FrBert@polarcomm.com*

Things to Know:

Bulletin Deadline:

Tuesday Noon

Note that anything submitted will
be edited, cut and shortened.

Bulletin boards & Reading tables:

Please submit all items to Fr.
Bert for approval and placement.

Baptisms & Marriages:

Please call Fr. Bert before
you make any plans!!!

Hospital Visits, Communion calls, & Anointing of Sick:

Please make contact with
Fr. Bert (numbers on Page 1)
or at FrBert@polarcomm.com

Reconciliation:

Saturdays: 4-4:30 p.m./St. Mary
Thursdays: 8:30 a.m./St. Luke
Anytime by request.

Baptism Preparation: Thursday, July
15, 7 p.m. If you plan to attend, call
the Parish Office, 284-6165, by Noon
on July 15.

Fall Fundraiser Committee: Monday,
July 19, 7 p.m., Friendship Room, St.
Mary's.

Finance Council: Tuesday, July 20, 6
p.m., Parish Hall, St. Luke's.

Bingo!!! Is returning to St. Mary's on
Sundays, July 25 and Aug. 29, 4 p.m.
\$5 per card; 20 games. Cash and
assorted prizes. Bars & coffee for
concessions. A lite lunch to follow.
Workers: contact the Parish Office.

Knights of Columbus: Tuesday, July
27, 7 p.m., Friendship Room, St.
Mary's. Congrats! on the Field Cross
project!!!

Finance Council: Thursday, July 29,
7 p.m., Friendship Room, St. Mary's.

Lost & Found: A pair of reading
glasses was found near the road at
Calvary Cemetery. If yours, check in
the Parish Office at St. Mary's.

Walsh County Food Pantry: Please bring
food items to Parking Lot West Entrance.
Needs include: canned vegies, mac n
cheese, hygiene products, paper towels,
cleaning supplies. Bring your donated items
to the basket just inside the west parking lot
door to the church. Volunteers will take your
items to the Food Pantry.

Stewardship Moment:

"He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick – no food, no sack, no money in their belts." – Mark 6:8

Imagine taking nothing but a stick when you go on a trip. The Apostles must have really trusted in God's providential care. Think of all the material things "we can't live without" in today's world. We make our life's journey more difficult because of all the material baggage that we drag along. Putting God first in everything and putting our money and possessions second gives us freedom because we don't become "slaves" to wanting to acquire more things.

Putt 4 a Purpose: Bishop Folda's Charity Golf Classic will be held on Monday, Aug. 2, at Rose Creek Golf Course in south Fargo. Brochures are on the table at the West Parking Lot Entrance. This fundraiser was initiated by Archbishop Aquila during his leadership of the Diocese of Fargo.



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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

By now you may have heard that the Diocese of Lansing, Michigan, after an investigation, found accusations of sexual abuse of minors by Bishop James Sullivan, the sixth Bishop of Fargo, to be credible. The accusations allege that these events took place several decades ago when Bishop Sullivan was a priest of the Diocese of Lansing. There have been no allegations made against Bishop Sullivan during his time as Bishop of Fargo or after his retirement. Bishop Sullivan died in 2006, and obviously cannot respond to these allegations.

As a result of these allegations, the Diocese of Fargo has added Bishop Sullivan's name to its list of clergy who served or ever lived in the Diocese of Fargo and who are on the list of another diocese or religious order. Sullivan Middle School in Fargo was named after Bishop Sullivan. Due to this situation, Sullivan Middle School has been renamed Sacred Heart Middle School.

Of course, we are all saddened at this report about Bishop Sullivan. I ask that we all join in prayer for healing and continue in our resolve and efforts to protect those who are served by the Church, especially children and young people. May God bless you and your families.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
+John T. Folda
Bishop of Fargo

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July 2021

St. Mary/St. Luke
Rev. Bert F. Miller, Pastor

One Minute Meditations

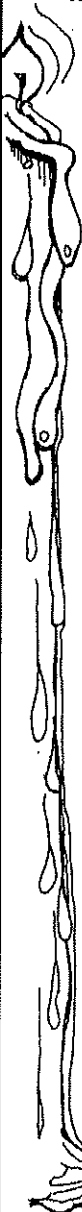
God is the current of life

"Each one of us is merely a small instrument. When you look at the inner workings of electrical things, often you see small and big wires, new and old, cheap and expensive lined up. Until the current passes through them there will be no light. That wire is you and me. The current is God."
Mother Teresa

Saying "no" is not a sin

Saying "no" is hard for many of us. Not wanting to let anyone down, we say "yes" until we are overburdened, frustrated, and unhappy. Remember it is not a sin to say "no." God needs workers, but He wants the willing, joyful kind. Our "yes" should come from a heart enthusiastic about doing His work.

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment" (Matthew 22:37-40).



Love one another, especially those who are different

In a time of widening political and cultural divides, it can be easy to lose sight of the dignity of people different from ourselves. Yet, as Catholic Christians, we know that Jesus asks that we see everyone as family. *"Love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honor"* (Romans 12:10).

Treat others with kindness, not because they are kind, but because you are. It's easy to be kind to those we love and respect. It's critical to be kind to people we don't like or don't know. Kindness is best offered when nothing is expected in return.

Don't build yourself up by making others look small. No one is impressed

by a bully. Treat all of God's children with honor, love, and respect.

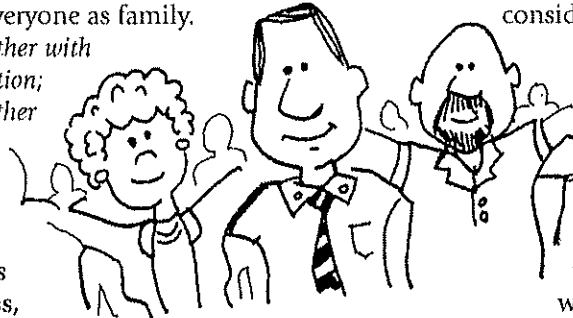
Practice empathy. People's reactions tend to reflect their circumstances. Avoid judging and instead offer the consideration you'd like to receive.

Meet in person instead of online.

Social media makes it easy to stay in touch but it's also the quickest way to damage

relationships. Choose to meet in person when possible. In person or online, we must be wise in the words we use.

Forgive those who have hurt you, help those who need you. Treat all people – including yourself – with love and compassion. When we treat people the way we want to be treated, life will instantly get better.

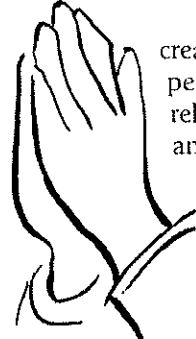


Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics pray?

Prayer is our response to God's invitation: "Whether we realize it or not, prayer is the encounter of God's thirst with ours. God thirsts that we may thirst for him" (Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC), #2560).

That encounter is our connection to God, who



created us and wants to have a close, personal relationship with us. Our relationship with Him is nurtured and strengthened through prayer - raising our hearts and minds to God ..." (CCC, #2559).

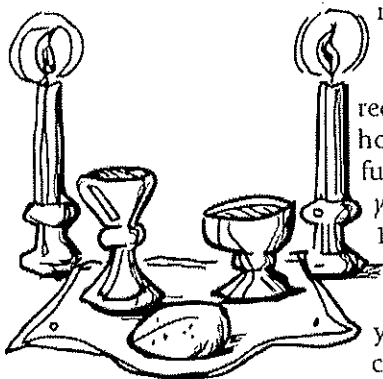
It is through prayer and in prayer that we come to know and love Him best.

Welcome back to Mass!

Now that many dioceses across the country have reinstated the obligation to attend Mass, we once again honor Sunday as a celebration of the living presence of Jesus in the midst of His people.

Meet Him in the flesh. The Eucharist is the body, blood, soul and divinity of Jesus Christ. There is no substitute for taking Him into our bodies to feed our souls.

Receive His protection. Divine love and protection are showered on God's children through the supernatural gift of grace. The



more open we are to it – by actively participating in Mass – the more we enjoy the benefits.

Love Him back. The Third Commandment requires that we designate Sunday as our day to honor God. Mass is the most important way we fulfill our obligation to show gratitude to God. *"If you love me you will keep my commandments"* (John 15:15).

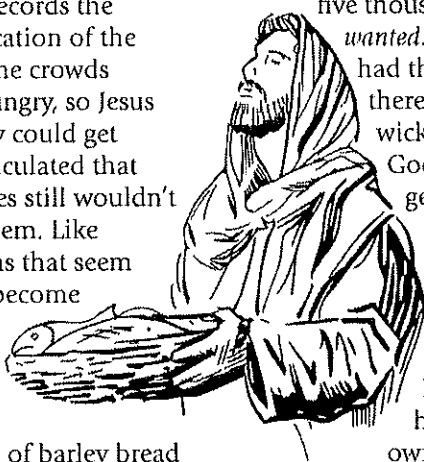
If you are worried about your exposure to disease in church, consult your physician and your pastor for advice on extra protections you can take.

from Scripture

John 6:1-15; Loaves and fishes

This Gospel passage records the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes. The crowds following Jesus were hungry, so Jesus asked Philip where they could get enough food. Philip calculated that two hundred days' wages still wouldn't buy enough food for them. Like Philip, we face problems that seem too big for us and can become intimidated.

The Apostle, Andrew, went a step further than Philip; he found the boy with five loaves of barley bread and two fish. The boy, in turn, offered to Jesus what little he brought – all of it. What a surprise when Jesus fed the



five thousand *"as much...as they wanted."* Even after they'd had their fill of bread, there were still twelve wicker baskets left over! God can't be outdone in generosity.

When we are faced with many problems at once, it can be overwhelming. It's easy to react like Philip and give up hope. While on our

own, we may not have much to offer, if we offer what we have to God, He can do something amazing with it.

Q What is expected of Catholics?

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Every household has basic ground rules: "Be respectful," "Clean up your messes," etc. This way, everybody benefits. Like every family, the Catholic Church has "house rules" as well:

Come home every weekend: "You shall attend Mass on Sundays and on holy days of obligation and rest from servile labor." God wants to see us back in person – often!

Take responsibility: "You shall confess your sins at least once a year." Since we are prone to sin, we're obligated to reconcile with God at least once a year.

Reconnect: "You shall receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season." In the Eucharist, Jesus nourishes us with his Body and Blood at every Mass!

Practice detachment: "You shall observe the days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church." Fasting helps us free our hearts for God's love.

Help around the house: "You shall help to provide for the needs of the Church." Whether we donate money, time or resources, every little bit helps. (CCC, #2042-2043)

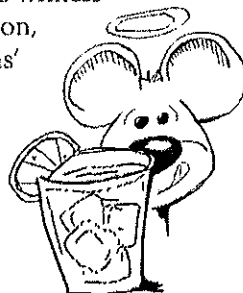
Feasts & Celebrations

July 16 – Our Lady of Mount Carmel (1251). Carmelite tradition holds that Our Lady appeared to St. Simon on Mount Carmel and gave him a scapular. Wearing one has become a popular way to honor the Blessed Mother.

July 22 – St. Mary Magdalene (1st century). Mary Magdalene was the woman from whom Jesus expelled seven demons in St. Luke's gospel (Luke 8:2). She helped to support Jesus' ministry out of her own money and stood by the Cross of Jesus with his mother. Known as the "Apostle to

the Apostles," Mary was the one who first informed the Apostles of Jesus' Resurrection.

July 25 – St. James (1st Century). When Jesus called St. James and his brother, John, to become apostles, they left their father in a fishing boat on the Sea of Galilee. St. James was one of three apostles to witness Jesus' transfiguration, the raising of Jairus' daughter, and the agony in Gethsemane. St. James was the first of the apostles to be martyred.



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