

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

(ANY CHANGES, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE.)

Stacey Rinde, Jack Peterson, Mason Palmiseno, Judy Hultin, Jim Dunnigan, Patty Durand, Lori Hill, Lucy Rieger, John Christianson, Pauline Dusek, Patricia Rodvold, Marla Zidon, Rex Grill, Heidi Gustafson, Adriane Wellman, Isabelle Copeland, Tracy Letzring, Kelly Morrison, Jody Deibert, Allison Bleick, Dale Hultin, Bob McCartney, Susie Dimsha, Sherry McDonald, Shelbie Goodoien, Oliver Goodoien, Brent Collins, Merle Larson, Robert O'Toole, Ruth Rieger, Melanie Fischer, Ruth Ivesdahl, Carol Smith, Mary Louise, Bernard & Aletha Schommer, Brianna Fernandez, Brett & Rick Letzring, Jane Grazadzieleski, Rick Kilichowski, Donald Denault, Gary Olson, Fr. Finnestad, Joan Kerian.

ST PATRICK ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Pray the Rosary: Sun at 8:00 am. **Adoration with Confessions:** Sat at 8:00 am. **More Confessions:** Sun 8:00 am. **Oct Church Cleaners:** Don & Laurie Z; Duane & Linda D; Kaci Sharp. **Collection:** Deidre & Dianne (Oct 10); Clay & Jim (Oct 17). **Reader:** Burrell (Oct). **Sanctuary Lamp:** Nick & Molly Wild (Oct 10); Barbara Larson (Oct 17). **Sacristan:** Duane (Oct 10); Scott (Oct 17). **Rosary:** Mary T (Oct 10); Mary S (Oct 17). **Breakfast:** Sign up sheet in back of the church for all who want to volunteer to help.

ST BRIGID ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Pray the Rosary: Sun at 10:00 am. **Adoration with Confessions:** Wed & Fri at 11:00 am; **More Confessions:** Sat 4-5:00 pm, Mon 5-5:15 pm. **Oct Church cleaners:** S-W. **Collection:** Lynette & Cathy (Oct 10); Doug & Gary (Oct 17). **Readers (Oct):** Sat-Ryan; Sun-Trevor. **Rosary:** Larry C (Oct). **Sanctuary Lamp:** Mahar Family (Oct 10); Jill Sandison (Oct 17).

Bishop Folda requests that we contact our federal legislators and urge them to keep the Hyde Amendment intact. The Hyde Amendment is a pro-life amendment which prevents the use of federal funds to pay for abortion. It has saved 60,000 lives per year. You can also visit this website: <https://www.notaxpayerabortion.com/>

Year of St. Joseph Prayer: "Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen"

Job Posting: The Diocese of Fargo is looking for a Director of Evangelization. Contact: Barbara.Augdahl@fargodiocese.org

Family Faith Formation continues on *Wednesday, Oct 13th with Chapter Three!* The high school meets at St. Brigid!

Meals On Wheels needs your help! "For I was hungry and you gave Me food." (Matthew 25:35). Serve Jesus, by serving those in need. Please contact Rose Winkler if you can help: 265-4430.

Calling all Catholic Men! Mark your calendars. Men's conference: Nov 15 & 22, 6-8 pm St. Brigid. "We have a serious crisis: one in three Catholic men have left the faith. God has a plan for your life, but so does Satan." (From: "Into The Breach")



This week on "Formed"

Learn more about **St. Teresa of Avila** (feast: Oct 15) & **St. Margaret Mary Alacoque** (feast: Oct 16)!
Sign-up at formed.org



Pastor: Fr. Charles LaCroix
charles.lacroix@fargodiocese.org

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
St Brigid & St Patrick
October 10, 2021

PO Box 280
Cavalier ND 58220
Phone: 701-265-8877

October: Respect Life Month
(Part 2 of a Series : Building a Culture of Life)



It seems only proper to identify what contraception really is. It is destructive. It is *fatal* in two ways: it is **fatal to the true faith**; and it is **fatal to the eternal life** which our faith promises. First we shall see how the practice of contraception *inevitably* leads to the loss of the true faith. Then, we shall look at *how* contraception leads to eternal death.

(This is Part 2 in a *four-part series*, identifying four attacks against the "Culture of Life." Last week, we looked at **abortion**. This week, we analyze **contraception**.)

Contraception Is Fatal to the Faith. What do we mean by this statement? We mean that professed Catholics who practice contraception **either** give up the practice of contraception **or** they give up their Catholic faith. We affirm in this article that the deliberate practice of contraception between husband and wife is objectively a **mortal sin**.

The spectacle of *broken families, broken homes, divorce, abortion and the mania of homosexuality* – all of these have their roots in the acceptance of contraception on a wide scale. We see the devastation to the Catholic Faith. By divine ordinance, those who call themselves Catholic **must** subscribe to the moral teachings of the Catholic Church, the only church that Jesus founded. This Catholic Church now stands alone in the world as the one universal authority which condemns contraception as contrary to the will of God. Before 1930, all Protestant denominations condemned contraception. Now, the Catholic Church stands alone.

Infallibility means that God protects the Church from error in its 2000 years of teaching that contraception is a grave sin against God. *Irreversibility* means that this teaching will **never** be reversed. Contraception will remain a grave sin until the end of time. Contraception as a general practice is a *recent* innovation in the western nominally Christian society. Its rise is partly explained by the medical discovery of drugs which either prevent conception, or which destroy the unborn child in its mother's womb.

(*Note:* According to the patient package inserts that accompany any brand of birth control pill, hormonal birth control has *three* modes of action; that is, it can work in one of three ways. **One way** it acts is to prevent the embryonic human being from implanting in the uterine wall. Therefore, if a woman ingests hormonal contraception, and fertilization has taken place, this mode of action can occur. The lining of the uterus can be altered causing the woman's body to reject the living human embryo, making implantation impossible, and the child will die. This result is called a **chemical abortion**. Hence, birth control pills can actually kill a little, human being.)

Contraception Is Fatal to Eternal Life. What can this possibly mean? It means exactly what it says. The practice of contraception is a **grave sin**. Those who indulge in the practice are in danger of losing their immortal souls. Difficult or intolerable as the language may seem, it is the truth. The *one, holy, Catholic and apostolic* Church has always held, holds now, and always will hold, that contraception is a serious offense against God. Unless repented, it is punishable by eternal deprivation of the vision of God, which we call eternal death.

Paul VI appealed to the conscience of the world when he warned about "*the consequences of practicing artificial birth control.*" His warning was **prophetic**. What have been the consequences of contraception in one once-civilized nation after another? Fornication; Adultery; Sterilization; Homosexuality; the Breakdown of the family; and the Murder of the unborn.

Abortion follows contraception like the *law of gravity*. Respect for human life requires **selfless love** of human beings. As a nation is nurtured on contraceptive self-indulgence, it becomes a nation that kills innocent children – if they are an *obstacle* to the self-gratification of those who brought them into existence.

The Church will survive **only among those** who believe that contraception is deadly to both Christianity and the promise of a heavenly reward. "*If you love me,*" Jesus said, "*keep my commandments.*" The **single most** tested commandment of the Savior today is that contraception is fatal to the true faith and to eternal life.

The **single most** crucial need to stem this hemorrhage from the Catholic Faith is for all Catholics to stand behind the teachings of Christ and the teachings of His Church, in proclaiming the Church's two millennia of teaching that no marital act can be separated from its God-given purpose to conceive and procreate a child; nor can the **two-fold purpose** of the marital act, the *procreative* purpose and the *unitive* purpose, ever be separated.

(excerpts from *The Real Presence Association*)

Mon	St John XXIII	Oct 11	5:15 pm	St Brigid	+Rita Zaharia
Tue		Oct 12	8:00 am	St Patrick	+Deceased Parents
Wed		Oct 13	Noon	St Brigid	+Vernice DeMars
Thur	St Callistus I	Oct 14	8:00 am	St Patrick	+Sam Givand
Fri	St Teresa of Jesus	Oct 15	Noon	St Brigid	Karsen Yelle
Sat		Oct 16	9:00 am	St Patrick	St Brigid & St Patrick parishes
			5:00 pm	St Brigid	+Duane Indridson
Sun	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Oct 17	8:30 am	St Patrick	+Jim Cameron
			10:30 pm	St Brigid	St Brigid & St Patrick parishes

Stewardship (as of 10-3-21)	St Brigid	St Patrick		St Brigid	St Patrick
Adult Envelope	1540.00	1757.86	St Patrick's Care Collection Oct		140.00
Plate	45.00	00.00	Cemetery	4,415.00	4,931.69
Weekly Total	1585.00	1757.86	St Anthony Cemetery \$1605.00		
Yearly Actual Total	90,684.26	35,752.02	St Brigid Gods Gift Goal: \$23,485.48	13,188.00	
Monthly Envelope Building Fund	2532.00	3115.00	St Patrick Gods Gift Goal: \$9,103.15		6,230.00
Assumption	285.00	65.00	St Helen Cemetery \$2575.00		
St Patrick Sidewalk Final Cost \$18,000	Collected so far	\$14,000	St Bernard Cemetery \$262.00		