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**Weekend Masses in July will be:**  
 St. Ann's – Saturday at 4:30 PM  
 Sacred Heart – Sunday at 9:00 AM  
 New Mass schedule coming August 1

**Weekday Masses at St Ann's**  
 Tuesdays and Fridays at 9:00 AM



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Thank you for your continued support of St. Ann's Parish

Our parish has an Email Prayer Chain Ministry. If you would like to be on the e-mail prayer chain or submit a prayer request of any kind, please email: [joanconlon59@yahoo.com](mailto:joanconlon59@yahoo.com) Or call the parish office

**Contact information for:**

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**New mass schedule starting the weekend of July 31/Aug 1**

**Diocese News**

**The 65th Champion's Ride Saddle Bronc Match** will be held Saturday, August 7 at 1:00 PM (MT) at the Home On The Range Arena. The Champions Ride is a major fundraiser for Home On The Range, a nonprofit organization which helps abused, neglected, and traumatized teenage boys and girls. Bring your blankets and lawn chairs. Take Exit #7 on I-94, west of Medora. Tickets are available at the gate. For more information, go to [hotrnd.com](http://hotrnd.com).

**Corazon**

The diocesan program for troubled marriages called **Corazon** will be available the upcoming **weekend of August 20-22**. Couples who may be in a marriage in crisis are encouraged to attend a weekend. All confidences are kept and privacy for anyone inquiring about or attending a Corazon retreat is a priority. For questions, contact Amanda at 204-7205. For couple registration or additional information, visit [bismarckdiocese.com/corazon](http://bismarckdiocese.com/corazon).

**Save the Date for THIRST 2021 on Saturday, October 30**

at the Bismarck Event Center. This exciting and free event has something for all ages and backgrounds. Watch for more details at [bismarckdiocese.com/thirst](http://bismarckdiocese.com/thirst).



**Something to think about and pray about: as we proceed to a more normal celebration of the Mass and parish life, this is a good time to ask yourself how you can serve the parish: lector, usher, Eucharistic Minister, music ministry, altar server (weekdays and weekends)**



**I ask that you pray about it and listen to the Holy Spirit guiding or nudging you**

If you can help in any areas please contact the parish office. 701-878-4658 or 701-260-6876 or sign up in the gathering space  
 E-mail: [stanns@westriv.com](mailto:stanns@westriv.com)

**Installation of Fr. Gary Benz as our pastor.**

Holy Mass will be held at Sacred Heart on **Wednesday, July 21 at 5:00 PM.**

**All are welcome from all three parishes.**

**Following Mass we will go to the Sacred Heart Center and have a potluck. Please bring a dish to share.**



**CALENDAR OF EVENTS – Clip and Save**

July 17 Saturday	4:30 PM Mass	Confessions at 4:00 PM Novena of St. Ann's begins
July 18 Sunday		Mass at Sacred Heart – 9:00 AM
July 19 Monday		
July 20 Tuesday	Mass @ 9:00 AM	St. Apollinaris, Pray for Us!
July 21 Wednesday	Installation of Fr. Benz Mass @ Sacred Heart/5 PM	St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Pray for us!  All are welcomed for this special Mass with Potluck to follow At the Sacred Heart Parish Center
July 22 Thursday		St. Mary Magdalene, Pray For Us!
July 23 Friday	Mass at 9:00 AM	Eucharistic Adoration 9:30 to 5:30 St. Bridget, Pray for Us!
July 24 Saturday	4:30 PM Mass	Confessions at 4:00 PM
July 25 Sunday	No Mass	Mass at Sacred Heart – 9:00 AM <b>25<sup>th</sup> thru 31 – National Family Planning Awareness /week</b>
July 26 Monday	Mass at 7:00 PM	St. Ann's Feast Day SS. Joachim and Anne, Pray for US Vigil at Funeral Home for Rita Barth at 5 PM
July 27 Tuesday	Mass @ 11:00	Funeral Mass for Rita Barth at 11:00. <b>9 AM Mass is cancelled</b>

"Travelers looking for Mass Times and church locations, go to: [www.MassTimes.org](http://www.MassTimes.org)



**Welcome to St. Ann's Parish!**

**Fr. Gary Benz, Pastor**

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Office hours: OFFICE HOURS: will vary, so be sure to call ahead. Thank y

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**Website: [www.stannshebron.com](http://www.stannshebron.com)**

**July 18, 2021 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

If you are a visitor to St. Ann's, please know that we welcome you and look forward to meeting you. If you would like more information on our parish including Activities, Committees, Outreach and membership, please contact our parish office.

**We thank you for worshipping with us today; we hope you will return**

Faith Formation Classes – Contact Sally Vogle – 701-878-4492

**Council Members:** Don Wanner- Chairperson Irene Wehri, Bob Tibor, Karen Lewis, Marge Focht

Date & Time Mass/Events	Mass Intentions	EM	Servers	Lector, Ushers
July 17, Saturday Mass @ 4:30 PM Begin Novena to St. Anne	+Clifford Koehler by Andrew and Monica Jacobson		Callaghan, Ava	Ushers: Kerry & Brenda Richardson Lector: Irene Wehri Rosary: Don Wanner Confessions: 4:00 PM
June 18, Sunday	NO MASS			Mass at Sacred Heart – 9 AM
July 20 Tuesday Mass @ 9:00 AM	+Al Feist by Dorothy Fesit			
July 23, Friday Mass @ 9:00 AM	+Vince Barth by Dave & Robin Johnson			Eucharistic Adoration 9:30 to 5:30
July 24, Saturday Mass @ 4:30 PM	Special Intention by Emil & Sally Vogle		Elena, Brynlee	Ushers: Shawn & Karen Lewis Lector: Karen Lewis Rosary: Don Wanner Confessions: 4:00 PM
July 25 Sunday	NO MASS			Mass at Sacred Heart at 9:00 AM
July 26, Monday 7 PM Mass St Ann's Feast Day	Special Intention for St. Ann's Parish		Volunteer	Lector: Volunteer

**If you are unable to fulfill your ministry, including Altar Servers, PLEASE FIND SOMEONE TO FILL IN FOR YOU.**

**You might consider trading with someone.**

**The parish bulletin is online on our website <http://www.stannshebron.com> & on our myParish App**

**Please pray for the following individuals who are in need of God's grace.** Father Jeff Zwack,

Dennis & Carol Sebastian, Katie Kautzman, Marie Hauser, Mallory Mims (Granddaughter to Ardelle Tibor) Daryl Wanner, Cody Jacobsen, Ross Kuntz Fr. Charlie Heidt, Elaine Herz, Johnny Conlon, William Kelley, Vernon Peterson,, Shelley Sailer, Larry Tibor, Mary Cooper, Linda Gartner, Ben Herrly, Nick Halter.

**Please help us keep this list of the sick updated. If there is a name that needs to be removed, please call the parish office.**

**Pray for All Military Members and their families and Seminarians**



**“When He disembarked and saw the vast crowd, His heart was moved with pity for them.”** A recent survey of millennial Catholics was quite discouraging: only 7% go to Mass on a given Sunday. What is even more discouraging is that the majority of millennials claim no faith in organized religion or even God. I don’t claim to be a trained sociologist, but I do see a tragic correlation: as the level of faith goes down in our nation, the magnitude of social problems goes up. As a pastor now for over two decades, I have found myself visiting more and more young people in prisons, drug rehab centers, and in mental health units. They have tried to live their lives without Jesus Christ and the grace of the Sacraments offered by His Church, but it has proven to be disastrous. Like Jesus in His day, our hearts should be moved by the plight of the vast crowd of hurting people in our day. Before I as pastor may encounter them, you will likely encounter them in the world, and you will be their first encounter with the Lord. Don’t be afraid to speak to them of Jesus and His love for them; the need for them to pray; and the importance of going back to the Holy Mass to receive the graces of a devout Confession and the graces of the Holy Eucharist. A sign of a deep faith is a willingness to share it with others, especially those who have been broken by this world’s empty promises. Reach out to lost souls with the heart of Jesus. I am convinced that deep down, all they want is an invitation to come back home.

### **Faith formation: where to start?**

As I pondered where to begin with our weekly faith formation series in the bulletin, I decided to start where the Catholic Faith is most questioned and sadly, most disregarded: Catholic moral teaching. If there is any area in need of affirming the Faith, it is this one. Do you want proof? Look at all the “Catholic” politicians who are for the destruction of children in the womb by abortion and then have no qualms about receiving the Lord in Holy Communion. Catholic moral teaching is under attack and therefore, we need to reinforce it with sound teaching. In this and subsequent bulletins, we will address some difficult moral issues and I pray that when you encounter people who attack them, you will be willing to defend them.

#### *What is wrong with in vitro fertilization?*

Catholic married couples desire the gift of children, the visible sign of the invisible love of husband and wife. Children are a great blessing to each and every marriage and their conceptions and births are a source of great joy and happiness.

Sadly, many married couples are unable to conceive a child, for a number of reasons: advanced maternal age; damaged or blocked fallopian tubes; endometriosis; male infertility (i.e., decreased sperm count); or other unknown causes. Such couples desperately desire a child and are told that in vitro fertilization (IVF) can compensate for the above factors and provide them with the child for which they long. The IVF procedure follows a number of stages: powerful drugs are given to the woman for the ovulation of multiple eggs; the eggs are joined with the man’s sperm (fertilization) in a laboratory dish, hence the name *in vitro* (in the glass); a decision is made as to which embryos are most healthy and likely to successfully implant on the uterine wall; the embryo is then implanted; and excess eggs are frozen for later usage or destroyed. To

many, this seems like a reasonable medical procedure, offering couples the hope of welcoming life into their marriage. But the Catholic Church considers in vitro fertilization to be morally wrong and couples who take part in it are committing a mortal sin. To many, this seems cruel on the part of the Church, which appears to show little sympathy for the plight of the infertile couples. Why would the Church deny them the gift of children? We should rejoice in couples who want to bless their marriages with children. The Church agrees that children enrich marriage, but there are grave moral dangers to in vitro fertilization, which inflicts great harm upon children and married couples. IVF is indeed an attack on the beautiful Gospel of Life.

First, in vitro fertilization degrades the dignity of human life by separating the sexual act of husband and wife from the creation of human life. Couples who practice Natural Family Planning (NFP) can almost pinpoint the date of the conception of their child. What an awesome blessing! On that day, the unitive love of parents created a new human life; the parents served as co-creators with God by means of the sublime plan of procreation envisioned by God when He created the first man and woman and encouraged them to be fruitful and multiply. In vitro fertilization destroys the creation of human life by reducing conception to a lab technician’s “daily work” . . . just another task for someone who has no connection to the child. Rather than a unique creation of the parent’s unitive love, the child is just a mere commodity, produced outside of the womb in a sterile laboratory environment. What a sad degradation of the human person. [*To be continued*]

### **Mark your calendars**

I know it is in the middle of the week, not the most opportune time, but Bishop Kagan will be coming to our parishes on **Wednesday, July 21<sup>st</sup>**, for my installation as pastor at a **5:00 p.m.** Mass that day. All are welcome from all three of our parishes and the Holy Mass that day will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Church in Glen Ullin. As part of the Installation Mass, Bishop Kagan asks that the trustees, parish council members, and finance council members of our parishes be present, because the rite calls for questions to be asked of these individuals. They are not difficult questions, such as, “Do you promise not to skimp on heavy cream when you prepare the weekly kuchen allotment for your pastor?” I will prepare you a study guide . . . and a selection of the flavors of kuchen I like.

### **Thank you for the input**

I appreciate the feedback for the new Mass schedule and the youth activities to take place before the school year begins. We hope to begin our new Mass schedule on the first week of August (July 31<sup>st</sup> & August 1<sup>st</sup>). If some parents would also be willing to help organize and chaperone these youth activities, please contact Fr. Gary within the next week. I thought the suggestions for youth activities were all wonderful, especially this one: “Have fun in the sun by having the children wash Fr. Gary’s vehicle and Armor All the tires.” What a great idea; sounds like fun!