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St. Ann's – Saturday at 4:30 PM
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 Sacred Heart – Sunday at 9:00 AM July 25
New Mass schedule beginning July 31/Aug 1
 Saturday @ St. Ann's 6:30 PM Sunday @ St. Ann's 8:30 AM
 Saturday @ Sacred Heart 4:30 PM Sunday @ Sacred Heart 10:30 AM
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



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
 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 Or call the parish office

do all things through Christ who strengthen us.

Welcome to St. Ann's Parish!

Fr. Gary Benz, Pastor

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: OFFICE HOURS: will vary, so be sure to call ahead. Thank you

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July 25, 2021 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

If you are a visitor to St. Ann's, please know that we welcome you and we 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 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 25th thru 31 – National Family Planning Awareness /week			Mass at Sacred Heart – 9 AM
July 26, Monday 7 PM Mass St Ann's Feast Day	Special Intention for St. Ann's Parish		Volunteer	Lector: Irene Wehri
July 27 Tuesday Mass @ 11:00 AM	Funeral Mass for Rita Barth			9 AM Mass Cancelled
July 30 Friday Mass @ 9:00 AM	+Bev Thomas by Emil & Sally Vogle			Eucharistic Adoration 9:30 to 5:30
July 31 Saturday Mass @ 6:30 PM NOTE MASS CHANGE	Special Intentions for Dennis Sebastian by Kerry & Brenda Richardson		Sophia, KiAnna	Ushers: Jan & Clayton Carter Lector: Nicole Vogle Rosary: Don Wanner Confessions: 6:00 PM Mass at Sacred Heart at 4:30 PM
August 1, Sunday Mass at 8:30 AM NOTE MASS CHANGE	+Scott Morman by Joe & Diane Wanner		Scarlet, Ava	Ushers: Kevin & Toni Staiger Lector: Kevin Staiger Rosary: Ken Duppong Confessions: 8:00 AM Mass at Sacred Heart at 10:30 AM

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS – Clip and Save

July 24 Saturday	4:30 PM Mass	Confessions at 4:00 PM
July 25 Sunday		Mass at Sacred Heart – 9:00 AM 25th thru 31 – National Family Planning Awareness /week
July 26 Monday	St. Ann's Feast Day SS. Joachim and Anne, Pray for US	Vigil for Rita Barth will be at St. Ann's Church from 4-6 Rosary at 5:00 lead by the Christian Mothers
MASS AT 7:00 PM For Feast Day		
July 27 Tuesday	Mass @ 11:00 AM No 9 AM Mass	Funeral for Rita Barth at 11:00
July 28 Wednesday		
July 29 Thursday		St Martha, Pray For Us!
July 30 Friday	Mass at 9:00 AM	Eucharistic Adoration 9:30 to 5:30 St. Peter Chrysologus, Pray for us
July 31 Saturday	Mass at 6:30 PM	Confessions @ 6:00 pm
Aug 1 Sunday	Mass at 8:30 AM	Confessions @ 8:00 AM
Aug 2 Monday		
Aug 3 Tuesday	Mass @ 9:00 AM	

PARISH EVENTS

St Ann's Feast Day - Monday – July 26

St. Ann's Parish of Hebron celebrates its Patron Feast Day on Monday, July 26, the Feast of Sts. Joachim and Ann. Fr. Gary Benz will **celebrate Mass at 7 PM at St. Ann's** that night to celebrate the Feast.

Contact information for:

Fr. Jeffrey Zwack
 St. Anne's Church 1321 Braman Ave Bismarck, ND 58501

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

Saturday Mass @ 6:30 PM at St. Ann's
 Saturday Mass @ 4:30 at Sacred Heart
 Sunday Mass @ 8:30 AM at St. Ann's
 Sunday Mass @ 10:30 at Sacred Heart



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 hotr.nd.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.

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.



May Rita Barth know heaven's peace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Rita whose Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Tuesday, July 27 at 11:00 AM
 Rosary will be prayed Monday, July 26 at 5:00 PM
 Eternal rest grant unto Rita, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her.
 May she rest in peace. Amen.



We are in Need of Help.

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)

If you can help in any areas please contact the parish office.
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“There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are they for so many.”

When you read the Gospel account of the multiplication of loaves, your first response might be to marvel at the divine power of Jesus; what an amazing miracle! But the second response might be frustration with the apostles of Jesus. What little faith they had in the power of Jesus to perform yet another miracle. Keep in mind that if you follow the chronology of Saint John’s Gospel, by the time of this miracle of the loaves, Jesus had already: turned water into wine; healed a child near death; and given a man (paralyzed for thirty-eight years) the ability to walk again. So, having been witnesses of these great miracles, why did the apostles doubt when another need came before Jesus: the need to feed the multitude. Because time and time again, the apostles of Jesus fell into the trap of the Evil One, who led them to become discouraged, fatalistic, and doubtful in the face of difficulties. He does so to us as well and we fall into this same trap. Do you want a way out? Simply review your life in prayer and remember the goodness of God in your past. If He brought you through some pretty trying times in the past, why would He not do the same today? Never doubt the grace of God; nothing difficult in life is a match for His infinite power to do good.

Difficult moral issues, “What is wrong with in vitro fertilization (IVF)?” [Continued]

Second, in vitro fertilization creates a mindset that every couple has a “right” to a baby rather than the Catholic understanding that a baby is a pure *gift* from God. The Church sympathizes with couples who are unable to conceive a child; this is indeed a heavy cross to bear. Yet married couples must live in the divine will. . . “They will be done.” In prayerful discernment, they must be open to the manner in which God wants to bring children into their marriage. The Lord may bless them with their own child in due time; they must remain patient. Perhaps He is asking them to be adoptive parents; foster parents; or mentoring parents. The Lord may have other plans for their marriage which does not include the raising of children. Maybe they are called to serve a social need in society (serving the poor, the elderly, etc.); they may be called to missionary work (domestic or foreign); or they may have a contemplative calling in the life of the Church, devoting much time in prayer for the salvation of souls. In all things, married couples must not play God by means of in vitro fertilization, but must remain faithful servants of God, seeking always to do His will. God has a plan for all married couples. They must trust always in the loving providence of our Father in heaven, which brings great joy and peace to every Christian marriage.

Third, in vitro fertilization is quite often a form of abortion. The Catholic Church teaches that human life begins at the moment of conception. Therefore, many IVF doctors are technically abortionists, because they destroy embryos not considered viable (likely to implant on the uterine wall) or those excess embryos the parents have decided not to implant because they do not want multiple births (a process called *reduction*). Thus, the IVF doctor commits the grave sin of abortion and the parents are formally involved in this same sin, because they gave their tacit approval. This is tragic, because parents in their desire to create human life actually permit the destruction of human life. In God’s divine plan, parents should welcome children, not extinguish them.

Lastly, in vitro fertilization at times violates the dignity of children by denying them knowledge of their parents. In its early stages, in vitro fertilization was the hope of married couples (husband and wife) who desired children. Times have changed. Now homosexual couples; single parents; and other configurations of “relationships” have had recourse to in vitro fertilization. Quite often, persons outside of these relationships donate eggs and sperm for the IVF procedure. In addition, there is the reality of surrogate mothers as well. Paternity and maternity are quite confusing and sadly, the child may never fully know who his/her biological parents really are. This has a negative effect on a child’s psyche, because we all have an innate desire to know from where we came. In vitro fertilization and the laws of privacy surrounding it reduce a person to a point of time, rather than the grand continuum of one’s heritage.

Contrary to the wisdom of our culture, the Church in opposing in vitro fertilization shows great love and compassion to married couples who want to conceive a child. In vitro fertilization has its moral failings and in addition, it is expensive (\$12,000-\$15,000 per procedure) and has a low rate of success, at best 11%-39%. It is truly heartless to set up couples for a likely failure. Pray that our culture may allow God to be the author of life, for when we allow God to be God, the beauty of human life and human life within marriage will shine forth in all of its awe and splendor.

Moving forward

From the feedback received, I have put together a new weekend Mass schedule for our parishes, which will be implemented on the weekend of **July 31st/August 1st**. It is as follows: Saturday Vigil Mass (4:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart; 6:30 p.m. at Saint Ann’s) and Sunday (8:30 a.m. at Saint Ann’s; 10:30 a.m. at Sacred Heart). We will allow this schedule to get some getting used to before we make some modifications on the weekday Mass schedule. I know there is not a perfect Mass schedule, but we must remember that I schedule my day around the Holy Mass, rather than the Holy Mass be scheduled around my day. Pray for me as I strive to celebrate a busier weekend Mass schedule. I hope I have the strength to do so, strength I *could* find in some food rich in carbohydrates, like homemade cheese buttons (hint, hint).

Some days for youth

I do have a date in mind for a youth activity for our young people in grades 7-12 (including recently graduated seniors): **Friday, August 13th**. We will be going to the Raging Rivers Waterpark in Mandan. Further details will be coming in a letter to each family. In feedback from parents with young children, I was asked if we could do something local. That is fine with me, but I just need some dates in the first two weeks of August and some ideas. [Note: Each parish will have its own youth activity for grades k-6]. I thought we could act out the *Parable of the Weeds* in Saint Matthew’s Gospel by picking weeds in front of Fr. Gary’s rectory. Should children be allowed to have so much fun!