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Welcome to St. Ann's Parish!

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Website: www.stannshebron.com

Aug. 1 2021 18th 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 31 Saturday	NO MASS			Mass at Sacred Heart @ 4:30 PM
Aug 1 Sunday Mass at 9:00 AM	For the people of the parishes		Scarlet, Ava	Ushers: Kevin & Toni Staiger Lector: Kevin Staiger Rosary: Ken Duppong Confessions: 8:30 AM
Aug 3 Tuesday Mass @ 9:00 AM	Well Being of Dennis Sebastian by Kerry & Brenda Richardson			
July 6 Friday Mass @ 9:00 AM	++Nicklaus & Magdalene Feist by Dorothy Feist			Eucharistic Adoration 9:30 to 5:30
August 7, Saturday	NO MASS			Mass at Sacred Heart @ 4:30 PM
August 8, Sunday Mass at 9:00 AM	For the people of the parishes		Calaghan, Levi, Felix	Ushers: Don & Deb Wanner Lector: Nicole Vogle Rosary: Ken Duppong Confessions: 8:30 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!

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 Herry, 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



"Travelers looking for Mass Times and church locations, go to:

www.MassTimes.org



Aug 1 Sunday	9:00 AM MASS	Confessions @ 8:30 AM
Aug 2 Monday		
Aug 3 Tuesday	MASS @ 9:00 AM	
Aug 4 Wednesday		Parents & Youth Activity 1:00 to 4:30- Meet at church. St John Vianney, Pray for Us
Aug 5 Thursday		
Aug 6 Friday	Mass @ 9:00 AM	Eucharistic Adoration 9:30 to 5:30 Transfiguration of the Lord Office Closed
Aug 7 Saturday	NO MASS	Mass at Sacred Heart @ 4:30 PM Home On The Range Rodeo Office Closed
Aug 8 Sunday	Mass @ 9:00 AM	Confessions @ 8:30 AM
Aug 9 Monday		Office Closed
Aug 10 Tuesday	Mass @ 9:00 AM	Office Closed

Contact information for:

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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.

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.



PARENTS AND YOUTH ACTIVITY



Father has scheduled our Kindergarten to 6th grade Activity Day **FOR ALL parents and students for Wednesday, August 4.**

We will meet at church and go to Joe and Jane Schaaf for a movie at 1:00 PM followed by going to the church grounds to have some Ice cream and toppings and play some outside games.

We will conclude at 4:30 PM

Knights of Columbus

The KC's will be meeting Wednesday, Aug 4 at 8 PM at Sacred Heart Meeting room.

FT Director of Finance and Administration

St. Paul's Newman Center (bisonCatholic) in Fargo, ND is currently accepting applications for a full-time Director of Finance and Administration. The successful candidate will manage all finances, payroll, and will lead and develop an internal team to support the following areas: maintenance, Faith Based Housing, and the bC Coffee shop. The Director of Finance and Administration will play a critical role partnering with leadership in strategic decision making and operations as the Newman Center continues to enhance its faith-based programming and build our capacity to serve the student body of NDSU and the tri-college community. This is a tremendous opportunity for a finance and operations leader to maximize and strengthen the internal structure of a well-respected, high impact faith-based organization. Submit cover letter, resume and three references to Rev. James Cheney at frcheney@bisoncatholic.org. Apply immediately, position open until filled.

Parish Office Closed

The office will be closed Friday, Aug 6 thru Thursday, Aug 11

If you need to contact me: call 260-6876



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.

701-878-4658 or 701- 260-6876 or sign up in the gathering space

E-mail: stanns@westriv.com



“I am the Bread of Life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst.”

In the 1800’s, an immigrant family spent almost all of its money for boat tickets to the United States. To save the little money they had left, they remained in their cabin and ate hard bread, rather than go to the ship’s dining room with its more expensive food. When they docked in New York they were famished, only to find out that the ship’s meals were free; they were included in the ticket price. In some regards, this describes many Catholics’ voyage through life. We starve “spiritually” rather than eat the Bread of Life, offered to us by our Lord at every Holy Mass. We may ask, “What is my experience of the Lord’s Supper at this point in my life? What might I do to deepen and enrich this experience?” As Pope Saint Leo the Great once taught, the effect of our sharing in the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ is to change us into what we receive.

Difficult Moral Issues, “Why does the Church oppose euthanasia?”

In the pro-life effort, it seems that the greatest danger to human life is abortion, which affects millions of women and families each year. This may have been true in the past, but the greatest attack on the sanctity of human life may now be the challenge of euthanasia, or so called “mercy killing”. Euthanasia advocates demand that individuals be given control over their dying process, whether they be terminally ill, chronically ill, or disabled. They believe people should have autonomy over their bodies, including the right to die whenever and however they wish. In their minds, if *quality* of life is lacking (pain, loss of bodily functions, dependence on others, etc.) then people should be allowed to end their lives. This belief in the right to determine one’s time of death used to alarm most Americans, Catholics included. Remember the apprehension towards Dr. Kevorkian and his assisted-suicide machine in the 80’s and 90’s? But the “death with dignity” movement has had great success in changing the hearts and minds of Americans and Catholics have bought into their arguments as well.

As a pastor, I hear more and more from parishioners about their belief in the right to die at one’s hands or with the assistance of others when one’s situation in life becomes difficult. It is stated in various ways: “I don’t want to be a burden on my family”; “I don’t want to endure pain or have my family see me in pain”; “Don’t resuscitate me, put me on a feeding tube, or put me on a respirator”; or “Just let me die.” These statements are not Catholic, for they have a very negative attitude towards pain, suffering, and death. We have to challenge these views, because they deny the beauty and goodness of the death and dying process, as properly understood from a Christian perspective.

First, pain is not a reason to ask for death, especially in developed nations. Never in human history have we been so able to treat physical pain. Great progress has been made in developing drugs and therapies (palliative care) that alleviate most physical suffering. Relieving the physical and psychological pain of others is important. In fact, it is our Christian duty, for in doing so, we imitate Jesus Christ, who spent much of His earthly ministry healing the pains that caused so much misery to many. In fact, if one is terminally ill, the Church allows for liberal usage of palliative care, even if it may hasten death. People don’t have to suffer inordinately while they are dying; the fact that they are dying and must bid farewell to those whom they love dearly is suffering enough. [*To be continued*]

Time out on Mass times

As I mentioned at Mass this past weekend, we will allow for more time and input to determine the new Mass schedule for our parishes. I should have set a specific date for the process to come to a close, so that we can begin our new schedule before the start of the school year and the start of CCD classes. That said, lets shoot for

Tuesday, August 10th at noon as the last date for feedback on a new Mass schedule. What I do want to avoid is the concern is that in proposing a new Mass schedule, I am “favoring” one parish over the other. I don’t buy into politics, but always try to do what’s best for of the needs of all of our parishioners. Could I be bribed with

peach kuchen? Perhaps, but I would muster the strength not to fall into this trap (even if it was kuchen prepared with fresh Georgia peaches, right off the truck . . . yum!). Another way to look at it is that we now have four options for Masses for the weekend, which is better than two. I am willing to make for myself a busier weekend, so I pray that all of us can make some sacrifices as well. *Most Sacred Heart of Jesus . . . have mercy on us. Saint Joseph and Saint Ann . . . pray for us.*

Combining faith & fun

A reminder to our youth in grades 7-12 (including recent graduates) that we need to know if you plan on coming to Raging Rivers Waterpark on **Friday, August 13th**. Please contact Lisa Staiger or Fr. Gary so that we can plan accordingly for transportation. For the youth in grades k-6, we will be gathering the next two Wednesdays for an activity for you as well. On **Wednesday, August 4th**, the youth of Saint Ann’s will meet at the home of Jane & Joe Schaaf at 1:00 p.m. for a movie and then head over to Saint Ann’s Church for ice cream and some outdoor games. On **Wednesday August 11th**, the youth of Sacred Heart and Saint Joseph’s Parishes will meet at Sacred Heart Church (the CCD chapel) at **1:00 p.m.** for a movie and then have ice cream in the parish center, followed by games outside. We are hoping to have some parents serve as chaperones on these days, so please contact Fr. Gary if you are willing to assist in this capacity. I look forward to these youth activities, a great opportunity to get to know the youth of our parishes and their families. My only regret about going to Raging Rivers is that they just have slides and a lazy river . . . no diving boards. I wish they did, because I could relive the glory of the ‘96’ Olympics, when I got the silver in diving. Those were the days!

Thank you for a beautiful celebration

Thank you to everyone who came to my Mass of Installation as pastor of our parishes and for those who provided for the wonderful potluck after the Mass. I am grateful to serve as your pastor and I humbly ask for your continued prayers; be assured of my daily prayers as well.