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**Mass Schedule**

**Saturday at 6:30 PM – St. Ann's**  
**Saturday at 4:00 PM – Sacred Heart**  
**Sunday at 8:30 AM at St. Ann's**  
**Sunday at 10:30 AM at Sacred Heart**

*do all things through Christ who strengthen us.*

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

**Fr. Gary Benz, Pastor**

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**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, Cindy Gjovig, Allen & Jean Raaf, Jim Tkach

**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](mailto:joanconlon59@yahoo.com) Or call the parish office**

Aug 15 Sunday	Mass @ 8:30 AM	Confessions @ 8:00 AM Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Aug 16 Monday		St. Steven of Hungary, Pray for Us
Aug 17 Tuesday	MASS @ 9:00 AM	
Aug 18 Wednesday		First Day of School Drive Careful
Aug 19 Thursday		St. John Eudes, Pray for Us!
Aug 20 Friday	Mass @ 9:00 AM	St. Bernard, Pray for Us! Eucharistic Adoration 9:30 to 5:30
Aug 21 Saturday	Mass @ 6:30 PM	Confessions 6:00 PM
Aug 22 Sunday	Mass @ 8:30 AM	Confessions @ 8:00 AM
Aug 23 Monday	Fr. Gone	St. Rose of Lima, Pray for Us
Aug 24 Tuesday	NO Mass Fr. Gone	St Bartholomew, Apostle, Pray for Us

**FALL DINNERS**

**St. Hildegard's Church in Menoken, ND will be hosting their annual fall dinner on Sunday, Sept 12** from 11 AM – 3 PM. The homemade dinner will feature their traditional sausage, roast beef, pies, buns and all the trimmings! There will be fun for all ages including games, bingo, and sale of home baked goods, fresh garden produce, and religious crafts. The cost of the meal will be \$12 for adults; \$5 for children 4 – 10 years; free for children 3 and under. St. Hildegard's church is located along Highway 10, and only 10 miles east of Bismarck.

**Sacred Heart Oktoberfest – October 3**

Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Wilton, ND will be hosting their annual fall dinner on Sunday, October 3, at the Wilton City Hall. Dinner of roast beef, mashed potatoes, corn, salads, buns, and pies will be served from 11:00-1:30 am. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children age 4-10, 3 and under are free. There will be kid's games, a Chinese Auction, and Bingo. All are welcome!

**St. Bonaventure Fall Supper**—St. Bonaventure Catholic Church in Underwood will be having its annual Fall Chicken Supper on **September 26, 2021**, from 4:30pm-7:00pm. The cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children ages 6-12, and children under 6 eat free. The meal will consist of salad bar, fried chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, corn, buns, and homemade pies and dessert.

**Saturday**  
 St Ann's Mass @ 6:30 pm  
 Sacred Heart Mass @ 4:00 pm

**Sunday**  
 St Ann's Mass @ 8:30 am  
 Sacred Heart Mass @ 10:30 am



**Diocese News**

**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).



**SEARCH** Run by the youth, for the youth, the SEARCH for Christian Maturity is a weekend retreat experience which provides youth a great opportunity to think talk, question and dive deeper into their faith. Be sure to mark your calendar for the upcoming SEARCH weekends. The fall weekends are as follows: Sept 17-19 (for returning Searchers), Oct 8-10 and Nov 19-21. For more information and to register <https://bismarckdiocese.com/search1>

**Drive Careful – School is in session Wednesday, August 18**



**Children's collection**

Each Weekend there will be a Children's collection where they can put their donation in a basket in the gathering space and receive a gift of Thanksgiving after Mass.



**We still have some old windows that were taken out when we put the stained glass windows in.**

Joseph Link Family                      John Link Family  
 Fergitsch Family                         Dr. P.J. Weyrens Family  
 Heick Family                                Mr & Mrs. N Schwartz Jr.  
     Dassinger Family

If anyone knows of these families and can get in touch with them to let them know they can pick up their window contact the parish office

**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)**



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**Rectory: 348-3518**

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

**Facebook: [www.facebook.com/St Ann's Catholic Church](http://www.facebook.com/StAnn'sCatholicChurch)**

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

**Aug. 15 2021 The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

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
<b>August 14 Saturday Mass at 6:30 PM</b>	+Ida Sailer by Joe & Jane Schaaf		Claire & Cal	Ushers: Francis and Tracy Tibor Lector: Chester Brandt Rosary: Chester Brandt Confessions: 6:00 PM Mass at Sacred Heart @ 4:00 PM
<b>August 15 Sunday Mass at 8:30 AM The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>	For the people of the parishes		Addison, Dakota, Dalila	Ushers: Dave & Cheryl Wanner Lector: Dave Wanner Rosary: Ken Duppong Confessions: 8:00 AM Sacred Heart Mass at 10:30 AM
<b>Aug 17, Tuesday Mass @ 9:00 AM</b>	+Gerard Tibor			
<b>August 20 Friday Mass @ 9:00 AM</b>	+Lorraine Berreth by Mary Gietzen			Eucharistic Adoration 9:30 to 5:30
<b>August 21 Saturday Mass at 6:30 PM</b>	+Annette Brandt from Chester & Jane Brandt		Sophia, Brynlee	Ushers: Francis and Tracy Tibor Lector: Irene Wehri Rosary: Chester Brandt Confessions: 6:00 PM Mass at Sacred Heart @ 4:00 PM
<b>August 22 Sunday Mass at 8:30 AM</b>	For the people of the parishes		Elena, Kinsley	Ushers: Dave & Kathy Sardelli Lector: Kathy Sardelli Rosary: Ken Duppong Confessions: 8:00 AM Sacred Heart Mass 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**

### ***“Blessed are you among woman and blessed is the fruit of your womb?”***

To Catholics born in the modern era, it may come as a surprise that the dogma of the Assumption of Mary was defined ex cathedra only in 1950. What this means is that this dogma must be accepted in faith by all Catholics; it is necessary for our salvation. So, is it a dogma Blessed Pius XII “invented”, because he had a deep devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary? No, because the understanding that Mary was assumed body and soul into the glory of heaven upon her death has been held in faith by Catholics since the time of Jesus Christ and the Apostles. But why did the Holy Spirit wait until 1950 to move the Church to make this belief a formally defined dogma? Perhaps because this came right after the Nazi era and during the Soviet era. Both totalitarian systems had no regard for the dignity of human life, as the Nazi concentration camps and Soviet gulags proved. The contrary message to these evil regimes was the Assumption of Mary; her body, which allowed our Lord to become man, was sacred and therefore raised up to be forever in the presence of Jesus, her Son and Savior. Like Mary, our bodies are also sacred, because they were created by God and through Baptism and reception of Holy Communion, He made His dwelling within us as well. In this age, where the human body is under attack by vicious ideologies, the Assumption of Mary is again a sign of hope. The intercession of Our Lady will move the world to remember that the body is to be treated with great respect, because like the body of Mary, it is destined for eternal glory in heaven.

### ***Difficult Moral Issues, “Why is the Catholic Church opposed to artificial means of contraception?”***

Some time ago, a family friend (who is Lutheran), welcomed her sixth child into the world. She was amused by the fact that whenever people saw her in public with all her children, the first question she was asked was, “Are you Catholic?” On a positive note, people are acknowledging that the Catholic Church is pro-life and pro-family and considers children to be a great blessing from God. But sadly, on a negative note, large families are an anomaly in a contraceptive society and what people really mean by “Are you Catholic?” is “Don’t you know about birth control?” It seems that the Catholic Church is a lone voice preaching against the moral evils of artificial means of contraception. Why can’t the Church just get with the times? Simply put . . . the Church can’t. She would be violating Tradition (the continuity of Church teaching), the divine law, and the nature of marriage and family life. Artificial means of contraception are evil and the Church must be true to her mission to combat evil.

Many people assume that with Pope Saint Paul VI’s papal encyclical of *Humanae Vitae* (Concerning Human Life) promulgated in 1968, the Church took a stand against the growing usage of artificial means of contraception and a new moral teaching had been formulated. Actually, Pope Saint Paul VI was affirming the Church’s teaching concerning contraception; he was a servant of the Deposit of Faith. Since the apostolic era, the Church has consistently taught the evils of artificial means of contraception. Saint Augustine, a great doctor (teacher) of the Church taught that birth control violated the goods of marriage, for it contributed to infidelity, it diminished sacramental graces, and it portrayed children as a curse instead of a blessing. Saint Thomas Aquinas, in his great theological treatise, the *Summa Theologica*, echoed the same concerns of Saint Augustine. In the modern era, Pope Pius XI in his encyclical, *Casti Connubii* (Of Chaste Wedlock---1930) decried the evils of birth control, for it violated the unitive and procreative aspects of marriage, meaning it served as a barrier to total self-giving love in marriage, with children being the fruit of this love. His successor, Pope Blessed Pius XII, affirmed the teachings of *Casti Connubii* and added that there are times when the births of children can be spaced within marriage if these reasons are legitimate. Yet the body’s natural rhythms must be respected and utilized in the spacing of children. These rhythms were not always accurate or reliable, but God in His loving providence allowed for the discovery of Natural Family Planning (NFP) in the 1950’s by Dr. John Billings of Australia. He discovered the relationship between the changing consistencies of cervical mucous and fertility, thus allowing married couples to space children naturally and with greater accuracy. With NFP, the Church has continued to oppose artificial means of contraception, while offering a moral, healthy, and natural alternative.

The Church has remained faithful to her teachings concerning contraception and she wasn’t always the “lone voice”. The Protestant reformers, namely Martin Luther, John Calvin, and John Wesley also wrote about the evils of contraception. In fact, all Protestant denominations echoed the teachings of the Catholic Church until 1930, when the Anglican Church at the Lambeth Conference allowed married couples to utilize artificial means of contraception within marriage. Since then, virtually every Protestant denomination has followed suit. Only the Catholic Church has remained firm in her teachings on this moral issue, for she is committed to the Truth. But more importantly, the Church is committed to charity, and she knows the great harm contraception can inflict upon God’s people. [*To be continued*]

### ***Go west, middle-aged man***

I will be away from the parishes from **August 23-27**, joining some priest friends to celebrate a belated (two years overdue) 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our priestly celebration. I will be hiking in Glacier National Park so maybe in the coming week, hold off on the heavy German dough dishes for your pastor. I don’t want to be bogged down by those heavy starches if I encounter a grizzly bear; I just need to be able to run faster than my friends. Please pray for me and know that even when away from the parishes, you remain always in my daily prayers.

### ***On the lighter side***

A priest had a heavy foot while driving to his mission parishes. His collar usually got him out of a ticket, but on this particular day, the highway patrolman was adamant. The priest said to him, “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall be shown mercy.” As he slapped the ticket into the priest’s hand, the patrolman smiled and said, “Go, and sin no more.”

**A point to ponder**, “*Christ is not valued at all unless he is valued above all.* [Saint Augustine]