

Newsletter



Office of
Family Ministry
& Respect Life
and
Office of
Catechesis
& Youth

Encouragement to Parishioners Returning to Mass after Dispensation

With the Sunday Mass obligation reinstated, it is important we accompany parishioners transitioning back to celebration of the sacraments within our parishes. To assist you in engaging, encouraging and reinviting parishioners to come and worship the Lord, feel free to utilize these resources: [The Veil Removed](#) (short film on the Eucharist); [Father Mike on Motivation to Go to Mass](#); [Sample Letter Inviting Back to Mass](#) (to be updated to reflect appropriate liturgical season); [Guide to Returning to Mass](#) (to copy, paste, modify for parish population); and [Come Home to Hope](#) (short video inviting back to Mass).

Summer Conference Trips

Registration for the Benedictine College Youth Conference (BCYC) Encounter and Steubenville Rochester will open **Thursday, March 11**. For more information on BCYC Encounter and to register, [click here](#). For more information on Steubenville Rochester and to register, [click here](#). Additionally, a mailing including posters will soon arrive at your parish. Contact Chris at ckraft@bismarckdiocese.com with any questions.

Corazon Retreat

Additional Corazon dates have been made available and added to the diocesan website—**April 3-May 2** and **August 20-22**. Please encourage any of your parishioner couples who may be in marriages in crisis to attend a weekend. All confidences are kept and privacy for anyone inquiring about or attending a Corazon retreat is a priority. Brochures are available and if more are needed from the diocese, please contact Amanda. If couples have questions that the brochure doesn't answer, they can contact Amanda at 701-204-7205. For registration or additional information, please visit bismarckdiocese.com/corazon.

Search

The final Search retreat of the academic year is scheduled for the weekend of **April 16-18**. Youth and young adults age 15+ are welcome to join their peers and search for authentic Christian maturity found in loving communion with the Lord our God. For more information and to register, [click here](#).

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Second Marriage Seminar

The Office of Family Ministry offers a program titled the Second Marriage Seminar. This seminar is for couples who are entering a second marriage. Any couple in which one or both have lost a spouse to death or have completed the annulment process and has received a document of Freedom to Marry are able to attend. The Second Marriage Seminar is designed to prepare couples to enter the sacramental union of matrimony with themes likely present in a second marriage, such as blending families and step-parenting. Couples can attend the Second Marriage Seminar in place of the Pre-Marriage Seminar. Brochures and answers to questions can be obtained by contacting Amanda at 701-204-7205. Dates, more information and registration are available at bismarckdiocese.com/secondmarriage.

Max's Mission

Max's Mission boxes are available at the diocesan Center for Pastoral Ministry for anyone who may need more. Please be sure to hand these out to couples experiencing miscarriage or infant loss. For more information about the Max's Mission program, visit bismarckdiocese.com/maxsmision or call Amanda at 701-204-7205.

DRE/YM Virtual Luncheon

The next virtual luncheon will be **Wednesday, March 17** at 12:15 p.m. CT. Please RSVP by by the end of the day **Friday, March 12** to receive the meeting link. Feel free to contact Chris at ckraft@bismarckdiocese.com with any questions.

USCCB March Resources

Each month the USCCB publishes *This Month in Ministry* providing free resources to continue strengthening their ministry and families. This month's edition highlights bulletin inserts and social media posts through Holy Week, resources to celebrate the Year of Saint Joseph and his upcoming feast day, plus more. To view the March resources, [click here](#).