

**From Fr. Gene...**For many years now, on or around January 22nd (the anniversary of the Supreme Court's decision legalizing abortion) people throughout our country gather at Masses, prayer services, walks, etc. as a witness to the value, dignity and the right to life of all, including the unborn. It's been our tradition here to walk in procession from St. Alexius Medical Center, praying the rosary, to the church where a Mass will be celebrated. Under the leadership and organization of the Knights of Columbus this will take place Monday (January 23rd) beginning at 6:30 PM. We'll meet at south entrance of the medical center. Join us as we continue to witness to the value and dignity of all human life, including the unborn.

## PARISH EVENTS

### APPRECIATION BANQUET DOOR PRIZES

Thanks to the hundreds of volunteers who bring life to St. Mary's Parish Family. January 29 we'll gather to express our Appreciation for your dedication to St. Mary's. If you have a new item to share as a Door Prize for our gathering bring it to the Rectory or drop it off in the sacristy after Mass.

### YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!



Sun. Feb. 5 is not only **Super Bowl Sunday**, a day for parties, food & football fun, it has also been designated as the "**Souper Bowl of Caring**", a day of caring for others! As you're out shopping for your Super Bowl party, be sure to think of those in need and pick up some extra non-perishable groceries (especially soup!) & paper products to drop off here at St. Mary's Parish during Super Bowl weekend. Our faithful Confirmation Candidates will collect & distribute the food to the Bis. Emergency Food Pantry. Thanks for sharing your gifts with others!



We offer child care here at St. Mary's during various programs and activities and our toy bins could use a facelift! If you can donate any new or used toys or games please bring them to the Gathering Space during the next 2 weekends. Used toys and games should be in "good as new" condition and complete. No stuffed animals please.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Sun. Jan. 22

10 Fellowship after Mass  
7:30 pm Youth Group, Dwelling Place

### Mon. Jan. 23

7 pm Right to Life Mass, Church

### Tues. Jan. 24

7 pm Cemetery Mtg, Rectory

### Wed. Jan. 25

5 pm Faith Formation Sessions  
6:30 pm Faith Formation Sessions

### Thurs. Jan. 26

Fellowship after Mass

### Fri. Jan. 27

9 Mass with Bishop Zipfel

### Sat. Jan. 28

**NO RECONCILIATION AT 3 PM**

Blood Pressure Screening  
5 pm SMGS Family Fun Night

### Sun. Jan. 29

Blood Pressure Screening

### SMALL CHURCH COMMUNITIES

Would you be interested in joining one of our Small Church Communities? Meeting regularly to pray, share faith, and study the Bible or the Mass with other St. Mary's parishioners? Our groups are beginning to meet again so this would be a good time to 'jump on board' with this effective means of growing in faith & community. Blue registration forms can be found in the pamphlet rack in the back of church, or contact Steve Braus, 223-5562 or [steve@stmarysparishfamily.net](mailto:steve@stmarysparishfamily.net) to explore how a Small Church Community might be a tool in your growth in the Lord.

### DO YOU WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

Were you baptized Catholic but have not received First Eucharist and/or Confirmation? Are you already Catholic, but would like a "refresher course?" Is your spouse Catholic and you would like to investigate joining the Catholic faith? If you answered yes, then RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) might be for you! These adult education sessions are currently on Monday evenings at 7:00 PM. If you are interested in participating or FMI, please contact Diane, St. Mary's Parish, 223-5562 or [dianeh@stmarysparishfamily.net](mailto:dianeh@stmarysparishfamily.net)

# LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Mon.	01/23	- 9:00	Communion Service
Tues.	01/24	- 7:00 pm	Communion Service
Wed.	01/25	- 9:00	Communion Service
Thurs.	01/26	- 9:00	Communion Service
Fri.	01/27	- 9:00	✙ Rose & Bill Huschka
Sat.	01/28	- 4:30 pm	✙ Karen Geffre Bashus
Sun.	01/29	- 9:00	St. Mary's Parishioners
		- 11:00	✙ Sebastian & Johanna Schweitzer
		- 6:30 pm	✙ Eric Brown

### WITH SYMPATHY



**Gerald Axtman and Corrine Feist**, daughter of Rose Feist & sister of Dianne (Frank) Haney. Pray for family & friends who grieve their loss. May the fullness of life be theirs.

### NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING CLASS SERIES

A series of classes for the sympto-thermal method of Natural Family Planning will be held on the following Sundays at 1:30pm at Spirit of Life Catholic Church in Mandan: Feb. 19, March 18 & April 22. FMI 471-1549. To register, go to [www.ccli.org](http://www.ccli.org)

### MARRIAGE MOMENTS

"Laugh together." (Michele Obama) You may not be married to a president but healthy married couples find things to laugh about together. Try to make your spouse laugh today.

### PARENTING POINTERS

"Then Simeon blessed them and said to Jesus' mother, Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed.'" (Lk 2:34) What fears do you have for your child?

## ST MARY'S LAMERE LEARNING CENTER

Is seeking full time toddler caregiver. Apply in person at 214N 9<sup>th</sup> St or call Mariah, 223-0103.

# WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT

### TIME & TALENT CARDS

Parish Service	.....	1
Community Service	.....	1
Prayer Hours	.....	7
Electronic Giving	.....	2

### STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Develop your talents to the fullest so that you can use them to benefit the church & community. Your abilities will grow with use; unused, they may wither away.

### 1083 HOUSEHOLDS

Adult Envelopes (197)	.....	\$ 7,652
Electronic Contributions	.....	\$ 1,788
Youth Envelopes(79)	.....	\$ 69
Plate Collection	.....	\$ 1,478
Total Received Jan. 15	.....	\$ 10,957

**Youth Envelope Winner: Madeline VerDouw**

### DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

<b>Monday, Jan. 23</b> 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Mk 3:22-30	<b>Tuesday, Jan. 24</b> 2 Sm 6:12b-15,17-19/Mk 3:31-35
<b>Wednesday, Jan. 25</b> Acts 22:3-16/Mk 16:15-18	<b>Thursday, Jan. 26</b> 2 Tm 1:1-8/Mk 4:21-25
<b>Friday, Jan. 27</b> 2 Sm 1:1-4 a, 5-10a/ 13-17/Mk 4:26-34	
<b>Saturday, Jan. 28</b> 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Mk 4:35-41	
<b>Sunday, Jan. 29</b> Dt 18:15-20/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28	

## KC NEWS

### RIGHT TO LIFE MARCH/MASS

Jan. 23. Meet by 6:30 pm at St. Alexius South Entrance to pray the Rosary as we walk with the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knights to St. Mary's Church for Mass at 7 pm. Sponsored by KC Council # 1804.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Conversations at BSC** Sun., Jan. 22, 3 pm., a free humanities program, will focus on Thoreau's Walden. Clay Jenkinson & Dr. Larry Skogen will converse about a book that has a significant place in literature & has great meaning to them personally. BSC's Sidney J. Lee Auditorium in Schafer Hall. Free. FMI, call 224-5600 or visit bsctalk.com.

**National March for Life** Mon. Jan. 23, 10 am CDT on EWTN. A bus is taking a large delegation from this area to walk in the march. There will be many good speakers before the 39th annual march. The Roe vs. Wade decision legalized abortion in the US. FMI call 258-5379.

**Pancake & Sausage Breakfast & Carnival**, Sun., Jan. 29, 9-12, St Joseph School cafeteria, 410 Collins Ave, Mandan. The carnival will be held from 11:30-3:30 in the SJS Gym. Silent Auction, bingo, cake walk, \$500.00 raffle drawing, concessions, fun & games for all.

### PARISH COUNSELOR

Dr. Ray Napierkowski provides counseling services in the areas of grief, bereavement & other issues. All sessions are confidential & free of charge. FMI or an appointment call Ray, 255-2821.

## VOCATION VIEWS

The reign of God is now. Are you willing to drop what you are doing to follow Jesus' call? Believe that God will give you what you need. (Mark 1:14-20)



## FROM THE DIOCESE

### WORD OF LIFE MESSAGE

The potential benefits of adult stem cell research are very considerable, since it opens up possibilities for healing chronic degenerative illnesses by repairing damaged tissue and restoring its capacity for regeneration. The improvement that such therapies promise would constitute a significant step forward in medical science, bringing fresh hope to sufferers and their families alike. For this reason, the Church naturally offers her encouragement to those who are engaged in conducting and supporting research of this kind, always with the proviso that it be carried out with due regard for the integral good of the human person and the common good of society.

~Pope Benedict XVI, Address to the Participants in the "International Conference on Adult Stem Cells: Science and the Future of Man and Culture," November 12, 2011

**CATECHESIS FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS** There is a present need to address the topic of catechesis for children with special needs – that is children with cognitive, sensory, physical or social disabilities. Although some Parish Religious Education Programs (PREP) absorb these children in their regular religion classes, this is not always best in every situation. The Diocesan Office of Faith Formation & Education is forming a committee of interested persons to provide insights, information, support & assistance in planning & determining the best approach to take. If you are willing to serve on such a diocesan committee call Betty Greff, 222-3035. All children are entitled, by reason of their baptism, to learn about God & experience His love.

### NEED HELP PLANNING YOUR WILL?

Go to the Diocese Planned Giving website [www.dobgift.org](http://www.dobgift.org). New updated information is added each.

### Ministers Schedule

Jan. 28/29

**SATURDAY: 4:30 PM**  
**USHERS:** GROUP 10  
**READERS:** 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE  
**SERVERS:** JENNY NAGEL  
 ANDREW NAGEL  
**GIFTS:** 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE  
**EUCH:** B1. DAN/TARA BROOK  
 B2. JASON/KELLY BARTSCH  
 B3. DEACON HARVEY  
 C1. PENNY GOEBEL  
 C2. TOM NAGEL  
 C3. CLADIA NAGEL  
 C4. LEO VOIGT  
**MUSIC:** BRENDA & MICHAEL  
 MARY CAY  
**WORD:** TARA B & 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

**SUNDAY: 9 AM**  
**USHERS:** GROUP 11  
**READERS:** 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE  
**SERVERS:** CAMERON MILLER  
 MATTHEW MILLER  
**GIFTS:** 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE  
**EUCH:** B1. GAIL MASON  
 B2. LES MASON  
 B3. DEACON HARVEY  
 C1. DONNA BLOOM-HIPFNER  
 C2. BLAINE HIPFNER  
 C3. STEFFANIE FIX  
 C4. DUANE FRIEDIG  
**MUSIC:** CHOIR  
**WORD:** TRISH M & 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

**SUNDAY: 11 AM**  
**USHERS:** GROUP 12  
**READERS:** 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE  
**SERVERS:** FAITH HAMMER  
 ALLISON SCHUMACHER  
**GIFTS:** 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE  
**EUCH:** FAMILY  
 B1. GARY HERTZ  
 B2. BEV TYRAKOSKI  
 B3. DEACON HARVEY  
 C1. LYNN HEINERT  
 C2. PAT HEINERT  
 C3. SUE ACKERMAN  
 C4. WANDA AGNEW  
**MUSIC:** CHRIS & HAYLEY  
**WORD:** CARMEN K & 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

**SUNDAY: 6:30 PM**  
**USHERS:** GROUP 13  
**READER:** JENNIFER DEFOREST  
**SERVERS:** KENDRA SCHLOSSER  
 DAVID JOHS  
**GIFTS:** CHAD PORSBORG  
 FAMILY  
**EUCH:** B1. DEACON HARVEY  
 C1. CHAD PORSBORG  
 C2. **NEED SOMEONE**  
**MUSIC:** SUSAN & STEVE



We hope you all had fun on Friday for the Jr High Youth Group Fun Night. Our next Jr High Youth Group will be Sun., Feb. 12, 12-2:30PM in the Dwelling Place.

Our first Tri-Parish Sr High Youth Group was a success with a great turnout! Come this Sunday to St. Mary's Parish, 7:30-9 PM. If you have an idea for a youth group topic, let Melissa know, 989-0196 or [triparish.youthministry@gmail.com](mailto:triparish.youthministry@gmail.com)

The Tri-Parish Youth Ministry will be taking two groups on a ski trip to Bottineau ND, High School grades 9-12, Feb. 18-20 & Jr High grades 6-8, Mar. 9-11. Cost: yet to be determined. Watch the bulletin FMI.



Ministry of Mothers Sharing...Empowering women from the inside out. An outreach ministry of the Sisters of St. Benedict, St. Paul's Monastery. [www.stpaulsmonastery.org](http://www.stpaulsmonastery.org)

Invites you to...

1. give yourself time to slow down
2. get in touch with your 'sacred self'
3. experience a warm and welcoming environment
4. meet other women to share & support each other in the joys & challenges of life

Welcome Gathering & Information for women of all ages & stages of spiritual growth. Feb. 6, 6-8 p.m., South Multipurpose Room. 8 Week Session begins Feb. 20-April 9, 6- 8 p.m. FMI call Alison Black, 426-3637 or Shelly Vecchia, 222-8244.

## SMCHS

### SWEEPSTAKE TICKETS

We have 1 week left to sell our Sweepstakes Tickets and return them to the parish.

### SMCHS CARNIVAL AUCTION ITEM DONATIONS REQUESTED

SMCHS Carnival, Feb. 3-5. The carnival auctions (live & silent) provide a large share of the carnival revenue for SMCHS. Donations of new items for the auctions are helpful. If anyone can donate items such as use of a time share or other new items to the SMCHS Carnival live or silent auction please call one of the following auction committee members; Ramona Ehli, 258-8421, Dick Heidt, 223-1960, Harold Neameyer, 223-5603 or Tony Chap, 425-6591.

### LADIES ACTIVITIES

Bakers needed to donate baked goods & candies to the Carnival, Feb. 3-5. We are counting on all of you to keep our Baked Goods room supplied all weekend. Items in demand: breads, angel food cake, pies, fudge, etc.

We are also in need for the White Elephant/Rummage Sale rooms. These items should be clean & in working order. Books are needed for our book room.

Drop off your white elephant items & books, Sun, Jan. 29 at noon in Room 206 (NE door) & throughout the week. Drop off baked goods Fri, Feb. 3 at noon & continue throughout the weekend.

If you have any questions, or need items picked up, please be sure to call me, Rita Ritter, at 258-9141 or 226-2882.

**Weekly Carnival Ticket Winners ~ Wayne Friesz**