

FROM FATHER GENE... This is a very special week: it's Catholic Schools Week. Throughout the country, including here in our community, we take this week to highlight and celebrate the important role our Catholic schools have in our parish and community. You know that I see our school (and all our Catholic schools in town) as being a vital part of our parish family. Through it our children and young people are taught faith – not just the basics of our Catholic, Christian faith but also how to have a relationship with God. We strive through academics to help each student reach their potential. And we see service, taught and modeled on Jesus, the great Servant, to be key to our faith and a well-rounded education. I thank our parents for choosing Catholic school education, often making great sacrifices to make that happen. I thank Tony Fladeland, our teachers and staff for their commitment and dedication to our students, parents and parish. And I thank the parish family for their continued support – I pray that will continue. We are truly blessed to have a Catholic school!

PARISH EVENTS



YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

See the insert in this weekend's bulletin. For More Information. 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.

SMCHS CARNIVAL

SMCHS Carnival, Feb. 3-5.

Carnival Tickets should be brought to the parish no later than noon, Feb. 5.

Bring: ♦ silent & live auction items ♦ baked goods/ candies (breads, angel food cake, pies, fudge, etc.) ♦ white elephant ♦ rummage sale items & books to SMCHS.

For questions or items to be picked up call Rita, 258-9141 or 226-2882.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun. Jan. 29

10 Fellowship after Mass
4:30 pm Appreciation Banquet, Msgr. Feehan Hall
7:30 pm Youth Group, Dwelling Place

Tues. Jan. 31

7 pm Mass

Wed. Feb. 1

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

Thurs. Feb. 2

Fellowship after Mass
10 Registration for Prayer Day at UMary
11 Speaker for Prayer Day at UMary

Fri. Feb. 3-Sun. Feb. 5

SMCHS Carnival, SMCHS Gym

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 PM. FMI, please contact Diane, St. Mary's Parish, 223-5562 or dianeh@stmarysparishfamily.net.



We hope you had a good time at the Tri-Parish Youth Group Fun Night, there were over 100 Jr Hi youth in attendance. A special thanks to Alvina & Jeff Reichert, Josie Glatt & Jhon Cerna for your help planning and chaperoning. It wouldn't have been such a success without you!

Our next Jr Hi Youth Group will be Sun., Feb. 12, 12-2:30PM, Dwelling Place. Invite your friends to come! High School youth grades 9-12, come this Sunday again to St. Mary's Parish, 7:30-9 PM. We will be talking about the issues that interest you most. If you have an idea for a youth group topic, let Melissa know! Starting February, we will meet at St. Anne's in the "Coop"

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

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Mon.	01/30	- 9:00	Communion Service
Tues.	01/31	- 7:00 pm	✦ Raymond Geffre & Erma Geffre Latusus
Wed.	02/01	- 9:00	Communion Service
Thurs.	02/02	- 9:00	✦ Bernie Smith
Fri.	02/03	- 9:00	Ed Wesolowski Family
The Terrace		- 11:00	✦ Fr. John Kuhn
Crescent Manor		- 1:30 pm	✦ Charlotte Gustin
Sat.	02/04	- 10:00	Special Intention, Patterson
		- 4:30 pm	✦ Elizabeth Ann Gilbertson
Sun.	02/05	- 9:00	St. Mary's Parishioners
		- 11:00	✦ Richard Kupperschmidt
		- 6:30 pm	✦ Joe & Magdalen Wangler

WITH SYMPATHY



Timothy Dietlein, brother of Mary (David) Monroe, **Nick Reis**, brother of Charlotte Keller & Bob (Becky) Reis. Pray for family & friends who grieve their loss. May the fullness of life be theirs.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

70% of women in a recent Redbook survey said they would rather have chocolate than intercourse? Hmm. Does one have to choose?"What puts your beloved in a romantic mood? Candles? Sweets? Try reading the Song of Songs."

PARENTING POINTERS

Is it possible to over-compliment a child? Yes. Sure, praise your child when warranted but make sure it's true and specific. Too many loose compliments like "Good job!" (for merely showing up or doing what's expected anyway) can weaken the impact of the genuine compliments. Affirm effort, attitude and virtue.



...Empowering women from the inside out. An outreach ministry of the Sisters of St. Benedict, St. Paul's Monastery. www.stpaulsmonastery.org.

Invites you to...

- ▶ give yourself time to slow down
 - ▶ get in touch with your 'sacred self'
 - ▶ experience a warm & welcoming environment
 - ▶ 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-Weeks begins Feb. 20-April 9, 6-8 p.m. FMI call Alison Black, 426-3637 or Shelly Vecchia, 222-8244.

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT

TIME & TALENT CARDS

Parish Service	4
Community Service	0
Prayer Hours	6
Electronic Giving	2

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Jesus reminds us that material things, even something as basic as water, can never satisfy us for long. When we build our lives around material possessions we always want more. True satisfaction only comes when we follow Jesus.

1083 HOUSEHOLDS

Adult Envelopes (210)	\$ 8,847
Electronic Contributions	\$ 665
Youth Envelopes(70)	\$ 61
Plate Collection	\$ 998
Total Received Jan. 22	\$ 10,571

Youth Envelope Winner: Maya Archuleta

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday, Jan. 30

2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday, Jan. 31

2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30:19:3/Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday, Feb. 1

2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday, Feb. 2

Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 Sir 47:2-11/Mk 6:14-29

Friday, Feb. 3

Saturday, Feb. 4

1 Kgs. 3:4-13/Mk 6:30-34

Sunday, Feb. 5

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

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



COMMUNITY EVENTS

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.

Family Eucharistic Adoration Bring your family & your prayer intentions before Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration every First Monday of the month, Christ the King Church, 7 PM. Everyone is welcome; this is a kid-friendly hour of prayer & meditation.

Catholic Daughters meeting Tues. Feb, 7 PM at Cathedral. Speaker will be from Catholic Charities. Guests are welcome.

Put Life First Tues., Feb. 14... FirstChoice Clinic is privileged to be a part of this 1 DAY online fundraising event presented by Dakota Medical Foundation hosted by Impact Give Back. **No internet access?** Come to FirstChoice Clinic – West’s Open Houses in Bismarck, Feb. 14, 9-5 p.m. Our staff will assist you with your donation. Save & change lives... go to www.impactgiveback.org.

“A Morning of Reflection: The Eucharist, the Source & Summit of our Faith”. The Catholic Daughters of Mandan invite all women to our annual retreat. Mark your calendar for Feb. 18 & plan to attend, St. Joseph Parish, Mandan. Watch FMI or call Mary Ann, 663-8911 or maryann@eckroth.com.

Coping with Loss A non-denominational Christian ministry for those suffering the loss of a spouse through divorce, separation or widowhood will begin their 10-week spring session on Mon. Feb 20. The group will meet at 6:30 pm at Charity Lutheran Church, 120 Aspen Ave, Bismarck. Please use the northeast door; fee: \$20. Please call Barb, 26-7719 or Roger, 204-2063 or go to beginningexperienceofwesternnorthdakota.org.

FROM THE DIOCESE

WORD OF LIFE MESSAGE

HHS’s new mandate for contraception/sterilization coverage ... includes an incredibly narrow exemption for “religious employers” that protects almost no one. For example, a Catholic institution serving the poor and needy would have to fire its non-Catholic staff, refuse life-affirming care to non-Catholic people in need, and devote itself instead to “the inculcation of religious values” to qualify for the exemption. Individuals, insurers, and the sponsors of non-employee health plans (e.g., student health plans in Catholic schools) would have no exemption at all. This effort to corral religion exclusively into the sanctuaries of houses of worship betrays a complete ignorance of the role of religion in American life, and of Congress’s long tradition of far more helpful laws on religious freedom. ~Cardinal Daniel DiNardo, Archbishop of Galveston-Houston & Chair of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life.

ORGANIZE YOUR PLAN

Do you feel like you need to make plans for the future but don’t know where to begin? Here is another way that we can help. Our Wills Guide is an easy-to-use, fill-in-the-blank booklet that can help you organize all of the information an estate planning attorney will need to create your will or trust plan. We are offering this guide as our gift to you because we believe it will help you create a successful and satisfying future. To request your free copy, please call, click or email the Diocese Office of Planned Giving at 877-405-7435; 701-222-3035; mkiedrowski@bismarckdiocese.com, www.dobgift.org.

VOCATION VIEWS

God chooses ordinary people to speak his message. Can you perceive the voice of God in those around you? If you hear God’s voice, harden not your heart. (Deuteronomy 18:15-20)

Ministers Schedule

Feb. 4/5

SATURDAY: 4:30 PM
USHERS: GROUP 1
READERS: ALVINA CAMPBELL
 ASHLEY COUGHLIN
SERVERS: ERIC HORNER
 MARK HORNER
GIFTS: JAY & LAURIE SCHEPP
 FAMILY
EUCH: B1. SHAWN MORLOCK
 B2. DEBBY MARBACK
 B3. DEACON TERRY
 C1. WAYNE MORLOCK
 C2. LAURIE SCHEPP
 C3. ART/LAURA ARCHULETA
 C4. CASSIE MORLOCK
MUSIC: CHRIS, KEYLEE & MARY CAY
WORD: KELLY B & JENNY N

SUNDAY: 9 AM
USHERS: GROUP 2
READERS: JULIE SKARET
 JUDY DEWITZ
SERVERS: RACHEL HUCK
 LANE TERNES
GIFTS: LYNN PROUTY
 WAYNE PRUSE
EUCH: B1. PAM SEIFERT
 B2. JUDY JOHS
 B3. DEACON MICHAEL
 C1. ANGIE TERNES
 C2. JANNA TERNES
 C3. LOREN DEWITZ
 C4. GARY TERNES
MUSIC: CHOIR
WORD: ERIN S, MADELINE & SARAH

SUNDAY: 11 AM
USHERS: GROUP 3
READERS: CASSANDRA BECKER
 BRIAN SEILER
SERVERS: ALEXIS KERZMAN
 JAKE KERZMAN
GIFTS: KIM & DIANE MARTIN
 FAMILY
EUCH: B1. ROSEMARY WANGLER
 B2. DIANE MARTIN
 B3. DEACON MICHAEL
 C1. KIM MARTIN
 C2. VONDA HORNER
 C3. COLLEEN STOCKERT
 C4. RAMY WANGLER
MUSIC: BRENDA & MICHAEL
WORD: BRANDI H & MCKENZIE R

SUNDAY: 6:30 PM
USHERS: GROUP 14
READER: JOEL GUSTAFSON
SERVERS: VICTORIA WINDSOR
 JOHN WINDSOR
GIFTS: MARY NESPER
NEED SOMEONE
EUCH: B1. DEACON HARVEY
 C1. MARY LUDWIG
 C2. JOEL GUSTAFSON
MUSIC: DIANE