

My dear sisters and brothers,

I am very happy to report on our 2017 Sonshine Youth Camp. We had a large response this year so that we needed two busses instead of one. Our theme was "Passport to Heaven." The kids learned to live not for the moment but for our ultimate destination of heaven and what means we have of reaching that goal and destination. Fr. Fred Harvey was able to assist again as well as Fr. Keith Streifel. Fr. Keith made a comment after confessions. He said, "I hope the parents of these kids know that they want to be good Catholics." Kids are good and want guidance and support to live good and holy lives. I am grateful to the parents who sent their kids to our camp, and I pray God will help all our Catholic parents to make faith a priority in their homes and families.

Have a blest week!

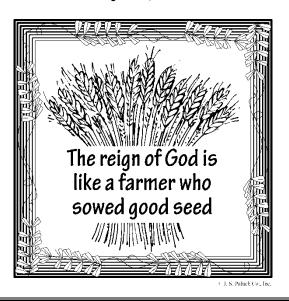
Love, Fr Bruce

Please submit articles for our bulletin by 2:00 pm on Tuesday. Thank you!

VOCATION VIEWS

Good and evil are together in the world. Pray that good may grow and take root in you like a mustard seed that, when full-grown, is the largest of plants. What are you doing to nurture good in our world? (Matthew 13:24-43)

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time July 23, 2017



Liturgical Ministers 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time July 29-30, 2017

4:00 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
Altar Server Ploof, Noelle Thompson, Braya	Altar Server Oswald, Derek Niess, Leonard	Altar Server Rodriguez, Ramiro Loza, Ana
Commentator	Commentator	Commentator
Mathura, Randall	Smith, Les	Avitua, Mary Ann
Eucharistic Minister Mathura, Randall Hall, Perla Mongeon, LaVone Glueckert, Pete Beeter, Kathy Schall, Edith Miller, Laura	Eucharistic Minister Swensrud, Virginia Sipma, Ellen Sitter, Carol Schaeffer, Ruth Benson, Dennis	Eucharistic Minister Ahern, Betty Finley, Bridget Voeller, Matthew Streitz, Sarah Thompson, Angie Sweeney, Mark Sweeney, Danielle
Lector Berntsen, Jayme	Lector O'Brien, Tim	Lector Jantzer, Mark
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Usher Captain Fettig, Herman	Usher Captain Lynch, Tom	Usher Captain Warsocki, Tom
Usher/Greeter Hillerud, Gary Hillerud, Timothy Matteson, Rich	Usher/Greeter Lynch, Stephanie Huff, Nick Huff, Elijah	Usher/Greeter Bachmeier, Doris Wanner, Garnetta Warsocki, Michael

Gift Bearers: July 29-30 4:00 pm: Ed & Lorraine Ziegler 8:30 am: Leonard & Blanche Schaan 10:30 am: Joseph & Sarah Mujule & family

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE

A very special "thank you" to the people who so graciously helped with our parish picnic this past Sunday. Ladies from the Altar Society served the food and cleaned up the dining room. Men from the Knights of Columbus cooked the hamburgers and hotdogs. Teressa Brock, Marian Himmerick, and our youth from the high school youth group took care of the games for the little ones. Several men and women helped with setting up the tents, tables and chairs outside and then putting everything away after the picnic. The bingo went over well with the help of several people calling the numbers and giving out the prizes to winners. People brought salads and desserts to share; so there was plenty of food, and it was very good. We had a very nice picnic, and it was due to each of you who were able to be here and were so willing to help out. God bless each of you!



Adult	. \$8,258.00
Loose	\$1,017.00
Children	\$70.00
Offering Cards	7

Celebrating Our Blessing

Stewardship Thought: Jesus taught about the dangers of

clutching to material possessions and pointed to the real treasures available to us in life.



"LIFT THESE PEOPLE TO OUR LORD IN PRAYER"

To add or remove names from our Prayer list, please call our Parish Office at 839-6834.

Jeff Balentine Penny Bertsch Barbara Bost Pam Breding Linda Lea Brunner Glen & Esther Dove Ramona Ehli Cheryl Eshenko Benedict Feist William & Lorraine Gimble Edna Hansegard Kelly Haugen Richard Heidt Corey Hielden Marge Hogoboom Len Korgel Theresa Krebs James Lochtowe Faith Malsom Mort Pierson Roxanne Reiter Nita Roberts Frank & Ramona Schaan Lisa Schriock Eric Wald Kevin Snodgrass Lee Wieland Don Ziegler

4TH **DEGREE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** meet this Tuesday, July 25, at the KC Hall. Social hour begins at 6:00 pm with meal and meeting at 7:00 pm. Please support your assembly by your presence.

FELLOWSHIP SERVERS: July 30 8:30: David Woiwode 10:30: Debbie & Alexis Leier

Parish Stewardship Needs



Additional people are needed to lead communion services at the Assisted Living Facilities. These services are conducted weekly. If you would be able to help once or twice a month, that would be a big help. The dates and times of these services vary according to each Assisted Living Facility.

Additional people are needed to take communion to parishioners' homes. This is done weekly. The dates and times can vary according to your schedule and that of the parishioner(s) you are visiting.

These are two wonderful opportunities to give the Body of Christ to those who are unable to attend our weekend Masses. Training will be provided.

If you are interested in performing this ministry for our parish, please contact Deacon Steve at 839-6834.

Be doers of the word, and not hearers only.



We extend our best wishes to **Clint Ellis** & **Erica Simonson**, who committed themselves to each other in marriage.



It is with joy that we welcome **Owen Michael Schlegel**, son of Matthew and Jessica, to our family at Our Lady of Grace Church.



We remember **Joseph "Gary" Vicha**, husband of Kay. We pray for his family and friends who grieve his loss. May the fullness of life be his.

Next Week's Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

Gospel Reflection: Matthew's Gospel stacks one parable of the Kingdom on another. He wants Christians to understand that seeking, working, and praying for the Kingdom of God is the heart of Jesus' Good News. When we seek the Kingdom before all else, we are like a merchant who sells everything to buy a pearl of great price. Like Jesus, we value God's love and God's will above any earthly treasure.

Discussion Points for Gospel: How will the parables in today's readings help you to seek God's Kingdom?

NOW HIRING: We are seeking a part-time Music Director. This position would be good for those wishing to use their talent while working limited hours. Applicants must be dependable, have musical experience/training, and have the ability to inspire and recruit others for this important ministry. For more information, contact Deacon Steve at admin@olgminot.org or 839-6834.

Dear Parishioners:

I am writing first to thank you for your participation in our parish's online giving program. Your generous giving is appreciated by so many and helps our church thrive and reflect the Kingdom of God in our parish.

To help us maintain and grow our mission, our parish is in the process of transitioning to a new online giving tool—WeShare. WeShare makes it easier than ever for you to manage your online contributions and will save our church time and money.

To make this transition as seamless as possible and to ensure our records are up-to-date, we need a few minutes of your help. Please visit our parish website, click the ParishPay link, and log into your online giving account. Review your contact information, address, payment method, and current giving for accuracy. Make any necessary changes and that's it. If you run into any issues accessing your account, please contact Customer Service at 1-800-950-9952, Option One.

Thank you again for your help and for your commitment to our parish. We appreciate everything that you do for our parish.

In Christ, Fr. Bruce

Beautiful collection of hand carved olive wood religious articles from the Holy Land are for sale this weekend, July 22-23, in our parish dining room. The profit goes to support 27 Catholic families who made these articles in Bethlehem and Jerusalem. Please stop by and support our suffering Catholic families in the Holy Land.

SONSHINE CAMP was very successful. Thank you for your prayers and generosity. We were blessed to have Fr. Bruce, Fr. Fred Harvey, and Fr. Keith Streifel at camp to help the kids on their journey with our theme of "Passport to God's Kingdom". Please check the Our Lady of Grace Facebook page to view the photos of the different activities that took place. We had a total of 39 campers and 19 counselors. A special thank you to Mark Vickerman and his kitchen crew (Jeremy, McKenna, & Colleen Finley, Luke Rotunda, and Darel Harrington), Jim Vitko on activities, Julia Koble teaching God's word, Nancy Vitko as camp nurse, Christine Aberle on crafts, and Brent, Liza, and Dani Renaud helping wherever needed. Thank you to our bus drivers Ken Jundt, Kevin Streitz, and Mark Vickerman. Finally, thank you for blessing me with the opportunity to be the director of the Sonshine Camp. Each year your children have given me the opportunity to grow as I journey toward "God's Kingdom". God bless you all! Paulette Streitz, Director.

NOTICE ON RECYCLING AT OUR CHURCH

Due to the fire at Earth Recycling Inc., we are no longer able to accept paper and cardboard. Please do not set these items next to a dumpster or building because they blow around and make quite a mess. Aluminum cans are still accepted in our container by the parish garage. Thank you! Deacon Steve

Respect Life News

PRO-LIFE REFLECTION

Pro-abortion politicians will say to us, "My office does not deal with abortion." But their position on abortion tells us what they think of government: does it protect rights that come from God, or does it give those rights itself? Whether one will vote on abortion is beside the point. Before we cast our vote for our leaders, we need to know what kind of authority they think we are giving them.

Bishop Ryan Catholic School

BISHOP RYAN "DREAMS CAN COME TRUE" RAFFLE TICKETS are available for purchase at the Bishop Ryan business office, in the Parish offices and after weekend Masses. Tickets are \$100 each, and only 1200 tickets will be sold. Drawing will take place Aug. 22nd and you need not be present to win. Prizes include: \$20,000 Cash, \$15,000 I Keating Shopping Spree, Yamaha "Zuma X" 50cc Scooter, Patio Set & Gas Fire Table, Family of Bicycles, Traeger Grill, groceries at Marketplace Foods (X2), \$500 Scrip, \$250 Gas Card.

REGISTER NOW FOR THE 2017-18 SCHOOL YEAR AT Are you considering Catholic BISHOP RYAN! education for your children? Registration is now open at Bishop Ryan Catholic School for students in Preschool through 12th grade. Preschool openings include half-day classes (morning or afternoon) that meet two days, three days or five days each week, or a full-day, five-day class. (Preschool registration is age dependent and classes are filled on a first-come, firstserved basis.) Students who will be entering Grades K-12 are also invited to register; come tour the school and find out how we are laying the foundation for happiness through education in virtue. For more information or to receive a registration packet, please call Jaimie at (701) 838-3355.

NEED GIFT IDEAS? Scrip gift cards make the best gifts. Close to 90 local businesses participate in the Scrip program offering a large selection of cards, in addition to the hundreds of national cards available by special order. Local cards are available after the weekend Masses at the four parishes and weekdays in our parish office, and the business office at Bishop Ryan. A national list is available on the Bishop Ryan website www.bishopryan.com under Scrip. National (special) orders must be prepaid and are ordered Monday mornings by 10:00 am at Bishop Ryan.

Area Happenings

NATHAN ARTZ MEMORIAL BLOOD DRIVE will be Thursday, August 10, from 10:00 am - 4:30 pm at Little Flower Catholic Church. Contact Brenda Artz at (701)263-7531 to schedule an appointment.

A CATHOLIC WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY for Catholic women in their 20's and 30's is meeting at Classic Rock Coffee (1408 2nd Ave SW) at 5:30 pm every other Sunday. We are meeting July 23, August 6, etc. Come join us.

THIRST 2017 MEN'S CONFERENCE

Gentlemen, don't forget to register for the THIRST 2017 Men's Conference on Saturday, September 23. This FREE event will be hosted at the new Lumen Vitae University Center at the University of Mary. Get ready to hear impactful presentations by Tim Staples from Catholic Answers and our own Msgr. Tom Richter from Cathedral of the Holy Spirit. Come and enjoy a day to spiritually "recharge" - with time for confessions, Eucharistic adoration, a Vigil Mass with Bishop Kagan, and holy conversation with other men. Dads, plan to bring your sons of high-school age and older along with you, as this event happens only every 3 years. Register and see the event schedule online now www.bismarckdiocese.com/thirst2017. **Sponsorship** opportunities are available. For more information, please contact Keven Wanner at 701-204-7187 or thirst@bismarckdiocese.com. Spread the word!

COUNCIL #9839 ANNUAL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS GOLF SCRAMBLE. Open to all golfers of any ability – teams or individuals. Will be held Saturday, August 5, at the Wildwood Country Club. Check-in: 9:00 am-10:00 am. Mixed scramble format. Please preregister by calling Mike Brunner at 721-1969.

JOYFUL SPIRIT RETREAT FOR GIRLS

Girls, ages 8-14, are invited to Annunciation Monastery, 7520 University Dr., Bismarck, for a "Joyful Spirit" retreat on Friday, July 28, from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm. Join the sisters for a fun-filled day of activities: prayer, games, crafts, prizes and lots of laughs. There is no cost to attend. Please pre-register by calling Sister Hannah at 701-425-9734 or email: hvanorny@gmail.com.

This Week in our Parish

Sunday, July 23	Religious Articles for sale	3:30-5:30 pm	Dining Room
Monday, July 24			
Tuesday, July 25	Adult Enrichment Committee Meeting	7:30 pm	Parish Office
Wednesday, July 26	Theology of the Body Series	9:45 am	Dining Room
Thursday, July 27	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	9:30 am- 12:00 Midnight	Blessed Sacrament Chapel
	St Vincent de Paul Society Meeting	6:30-8:30 pm	Dining Room
	Prayer Group	7:00-9:00 pm	Classroom 1
	Women's Ultreya Group	7:30-8:30 pm	Classroom 4
Friday, July 28	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	12:01-7:30 am	Blessed Sacrament Chapel
Saturday, July 29	Rosary for Peace	9:00 am	Blessed Sacrament Chapel
Sunday, July 30			

The Breaking Bread missalettes and our bulletins are provided by Thompson Larson Funeral Home. Thank you!