

My dear sisters and brothers,

At our Sonshine Youth Camp, Fr. Keith Streifel led the Monday Mass and preached. The topic of his homily was "Giving God our Attention." He made an analogy to a young child who is trying to get the attention of someone who is busy with other things. The child may go right up to the person and take that person's face in his or her little hands and direct the face into the child's little face to make sure you look at him/her and so the child knows he/she has the other's full attention. God does not get that forceful with us but is just as eager to have our full attention. We might resist this and tend to ignore God just because we think we have more important things to focus on.

Have a blest week!

Love, Fr Bruce

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

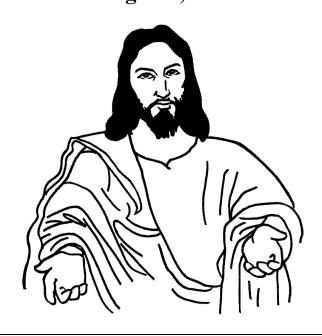
VOCATION VIEWS

"Come to me heedfully, listen, that you may have life. I will renew with you the everlasting covenant." Trust God's promise. God nourishes us abundantly.

(Isaiah 55:1-3, & Matthew 14:13-21)

ROSARY LEADER-AUGUST 13: LEONARD NIESS

The Transfiguration of the Lord August 6, 2017



Liturgical Ministers 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time August 12-13, 2017

4:00 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
Altar Server	Altar Server	Altar Server
Volson, Jenna	Ronning, Sabryn	O'Connor, Sean
Volson, Justin	Ronning, Sienna	Streitz, Kristian
Commentator	Commentator	Commentator
Beeter, Kathy	Ronning, Janae	Sweeney, Mark
Eucharistic Minister Novlesky, Corrine Mogard, Lindsey Anderson, Shirley Ridl, Ed Kassner, Diane Johnson, Sharon Hoffart, Ann	Eucharistic Minister Kenney, Marie Ronning, Stephen Benson, Dennis Schiele, Sierra Pritschet, Dorothy	Eucharistic Minister Ahern, Betty Simonson, Susan Bengson, Doug Muus, Dick Mercer, Mary Larson, Oley Kapfer, Sharon
Lector	Lector	Lector
Senger, Jean	O'Brien, Tim	Sweeney, Danielle
Usher Captain	Usher Captain	Usher Captain
Woiwode, David	Varberg, Darlene	Udekwe, Anthony
Usher/Greeter	Usher/Greeter	Usher/Greeter
Underdahl, Jan	Schweyen, Jim	Udekwe, Chinaza
Miller, Laura	Mitzel, Joe	Udekwe, Chinelo
Hoff, Dorothy	Wieland, Lee	Minister Needed

Gift Bearers: August 12-13 4:00 pm: Dave & Jean Senger 8:30 am: Ryan & Erin Hertz & family 10:30 am: Oley & Liz Larsen

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE

A special "thank you" to those people in our parish who help with liturgical ministries (usher/greeters, Eucharistic ministers, altar servers, and readers) during the summer! Some people who help with liturgical ministries are gone from our parish during the summer and are not able to help. That is understandable, and we appreciate their help when they are here. Some of the people who help in the summer end up helping often during the summer, sometimes every weekend. Also, quite often they are asked as they come into our church if they would be able to fill in for someone who is not able to be there that day. To these people who are so good about helping, we are very grateful! Our parish could not be the special parish it is without many parishioners helping out when they are asked. If you would like to help as a liturgical minister, please let Deacon Steve know. We would be very happy to have you help.



Adult	\$10,326.00
Loose	\$865.00
Children	\$85.55
Offering Cards	11

Celebrating Our Blessing

Stewardship Thought: Do not think that it is a waste of time to

feed the hungry, to visit and take care of the sick and the dying, to open and receive the unwanted and homeless; for this is our love of Christ in action.



"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.

Penny Bertsch
Pam Breding
Glen & Esther Dove
Cheryl Eshenko
William & Lorraine Gimble
Kelly Haugen
Corey Hjelden
Len Korgel
James Lochtowe
Mort Pierson
Frank & Ramona Schaan
Kevin Snodgrass
Lee Wieland

Barbara Bost Linda Lea Brunner Ramona Ehl Benedict Feist Edna Hansegard Richard Heidt Marge Hogoboom Theresa Krebs Faith Malsom Nita Roberts Lisa Schriock Eric Wald Don Ziegler

"THANK YOU" to everyone who celebrated my birthday with me. You are special! Thank you! Verona Ferderer

FELLOWSHIP SERVERS: August 13 8:30: Leonard & Gloria Niess 10:30: Catherine Hegre, Rose Weisenburger



It is with joy that we welcome **Saige Marie Stammen**, daughter of Dylan and Jaycey, to our family at Our Lady of Grace Church.



We remember **Barb Koble**, sister of Jim and John Burckhard, **Anna Schatz**, grandmother of Ricky Aberle, and **Linda Rottering**, cousin of Leo Schaeffer. We pray for their families and friends who grieve their loss. May the fullness of life be theirs.



IN REMEMBRANCE

We remember those who passed away one year ago in August: Ernestine Belgarde, Thomas Stockert and Andrew Wald.

ADULTS, COME AND JOIN US!

Do you want to learn more about your Catholic faith? Are you interested in joining the Catholic Church? Were you baptized Catholic but didn't receive the Sacraments of Eucharist, Reconciliation and/or Confirmation? Beginning in October, our parish is offering adult formation sessions for:

- 1) Those who are unbaptized or members of other Christian faiths. The sessions will give information about the Catholic faith and prepare individuals who are ready to take that step to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church.
- 2) People who were baptized Catholic but did not complete their initiation through the sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist, and/or Confirmation.
- 3) People who are Catholic but want to know more about their faith or refresh their memories!

We invite you to join us in this adventure. There is no commitment on your part to become Catholic. You may want to just come and join us to learn more about the faith of your spouse and/or children. For information, contact Deacon Steve at 839-6834.

Next Week's Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

Gospel Reflection: There are really two stories in this Gospel. One is about Jesus; the other, about Peter. As the Gospel begins, Jesus is alone in prayer. His disciples are in a boat crossing the Sea of Galilee. In the dark of night, a storm threatens the boat. Just as the boat is about to be swamped, Jesus comes to rescue His disciples. He is walking on the water! The second story tells how Peter's faith is put to the test. He thinks that he can join Jesus, walking on the stormy waters. But when Peter is out of the boat, surrounded by the menacing waves, he has second thoughts. In his fear, he begins to sink. After saving Peter, Jesus asks him why he doubted and did not trust Him.

Discussion Points for Gospel: When life seems tough and you are afraid, how will you turn to Christ with trust?

CHANGE TO PHONE NUMBERS: Fr. Bruce can be reached for emergencies on his cell phone, which is 701-240-0470. He no longer has a private land phone line in the rectory. Deacon Steve can be reached directly at the church at 701-839-7766. By calling this number for Deacon Steve, it will help to give our receptionist more time for other work she is doing. Deacon Steve will return your call. Thank you!

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.

STUDY OF THEOLOGY OF THE BODY

A series of DVD's entitled "into the Heart" will be presented on Wednesday's at 9:45 am in the parish dining room beginning September 13. The series consists of sixteen 30-minute presentations by Christopher West, who is known as a foremost pro in St. John Paul's Theology of the Body. He speaks in common lay man's language despite the profound nature of the material. Spread the word. All are welcome to come to learn the good news of how Jesus came to redeem our broken image of ourselves as created in the divine image as male and female.

REAL PRESENCE RADIO. What is keeping you from becoming Catholic? This is the theme of a call-in show hosted by Dr. David Anders, catechist, speaker, writer, and former Protestant historian who now embraces the riches of the Catholic Church. "Called to Communion" answers questions about the Catholic faith and is very informative for non-Catholics as well as Catholics who want to learn more about what the Church believes and teaches. Tune in Monday -Friday at 1:00 p.m. CT on 91.7/91.3 (Bismarck/Mandan), 104.1/89.1 (Williston), 91.1 (Minot), 101.9 (Dickinson).

Faith Formation

QUESTIONS? Please contact Tanya at 839-6834 or education1@olgminot.org or text 701-219-3194.

A NEWSLETTER regarding Faith Formation classes and Youth opportunities, along with a registration form, were mailed this week to all families who are registered members of our parish and have children ages 3 through high school. Forms and other information are also available on the Faith Formation page of our website. There is a \$5 discount per student for those who register and pay for Faith Formation by August 31 and no Faith Formation fee for those who volunteer and are approved as full-time Catechists/Teachers or Aides.

IN OUR PARISH, STUDENTS USUALLY ATTEND CONFIRMATION CLASSES AS 9TH GRADERS and are confirmed in the fall of their 10th grade year; so we ask that all 9th grade students, including those attending Bishop Ryan Catholic School or home school, please register for the Confirmation/High School Faith Formation class. If your child is older than that and has not yet been confirmed, please enroll him or her in the class as well. If your child was confirmed at an earlier age in a different diocese, we also invite him or her to enroll in the class as a refresher and to join with other teens in learning more about their faith. The required orientation meeting for Confirmation/High School Faith Formation students and their parents is on Sunday, September 10, from 1:30-3:30 pm in the dining room. If you cannot attend, the make-up orientation meeting is Thursday, September 14, from 6:30-8:30 pm.

STUDENTS WHO WERE IN CONFIRMATION CLASSES LAST YEAR have **two final classes** this fall before the October 14, 12:30 pm rehearsal, and October 15, 2:00 pm Confirmation Mass. The classes are on two Wednesdays, September 13 and 20, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm in the dining room.

THE HELP OF SEVERAL VOLUNTEERS is needed to be able to offer our Faith Formation and Youth activities. Please contact Tanya to learn about the many opportunities.

FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH CALENDAR

Thu., 8/31: Deadline for the \$5 discount per student for the Faith Formation fee

Sun., 9/10: Required orientation meeting for students and parents enrolling in Confirmation/High School Faith Formation at 1:30 pm (9/14 make-up orientation at 6:30 pm)

Wed., 9/13 and 9/20: Final classes for 2nd-year Confirmation students, 7:00-8:30 pm

Wed., 9/20 and Sun., 9/24: First Faith Formation classes of the year (Preschool classes begin October 8)

Respect Life News

PRO-LIFE REFLECTION

Since the early '90s, over half of the freestanding abortion facilities in the United States have closed. Abortionists admit that one of the key reasons is that fewer doctors are willing to do abortions. Despite all their money and influence, the abortion advocates have not succeeded in removing the stigma from abortion.

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.

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.

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.

Area Happenings

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!

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 August 6, August 20, etc. Come join us.

This Week in our Parish

	THIS WEEK III		
Sunday, Aug 6			
Monday, Aug 7			
Tuesday, Aug 8			
Wednesday, Aug 9			
Thursday, Aug 10	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	9:30 am- 12:00 Midnight	Blessed Sacrament Chapel
	Catholic Enrichment Group	11:30 am – 1:00 pm	Dining Room
	Prayer Group	7:00-9:00 pm	Classroom 1
	Women's Ultreya Group	7:30-8:30 pm	Classroom 4
Friday, Aug 11	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	12:01-7:30 am	Blessed Sacrament Chapel
Saturday, Aug 12	Men's Group	7:15-9:45 am	Dining Room
	Rosary for Peace	9:00 am	Blessed Sacrament Chapel
Sunday, Aug 13	Spanish Mass followed by reception	3:00 pm	Main Church/Dining Room

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