



# CHURCH OF THE *Ascension*

1825 SOUTH 3RD STREET • BISMARCK, ND 58504

*As a people of God, of Ascension Catholic Parish, we are united by Baptism and committed to meeting the needs of our faith community. In union with the whole Church, we will build the Kingdom of God by proclaiming the Good News, worshipping God, creating community, and promoting social justice.*

September 17, 2017

### Parish Office

Phone ..... (701) 223-3606  
Hours (Mon.-Fri.) ..... 8:30 am-4:00 pm  
Education Office ..... 258-5692  
Fax ..... 223-5783  
E-mail ..... [ascension@midconetwork.com](mailto:ascension@midconetwork.com)  
Web ..... [ascensionbismarck.org](http://ascensionbismarck.org)

### Pastoral Staff

Rev. Msgr. Jim Braaten ..... Pastor  
Ray Grabar ..... Deacon  
Tony Finneman ..... Deacon  
Doyle Schulz ..... Deacon  
Jan Sitter ..... Acting Business Manager  
Kathy Lewis ..... Music & Liturgy  
Beth Kathol ..... Faith Formation  
Julie Luger & Rita Ritter ..... Secretaries  
Bob Urlacher ..... Maintenance

### Eucharistic Liturgies

Saturday ..... 5:00 pm  
Sunday ..... 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 am  
Weekdays (Mon.-Fri.) ..... 8:00 am  
Holy Days ..... 8:00 am & 7:00 pm

### Sacraments

#### Reconciliation

Tuesday-Friday ..... Before 8:00 am Mass  
Saturday ..... 3:30-4:30 pm

#### Baptisms

Please call the Parish Office to schedule. If possible, contact the office three months prior to the due date.

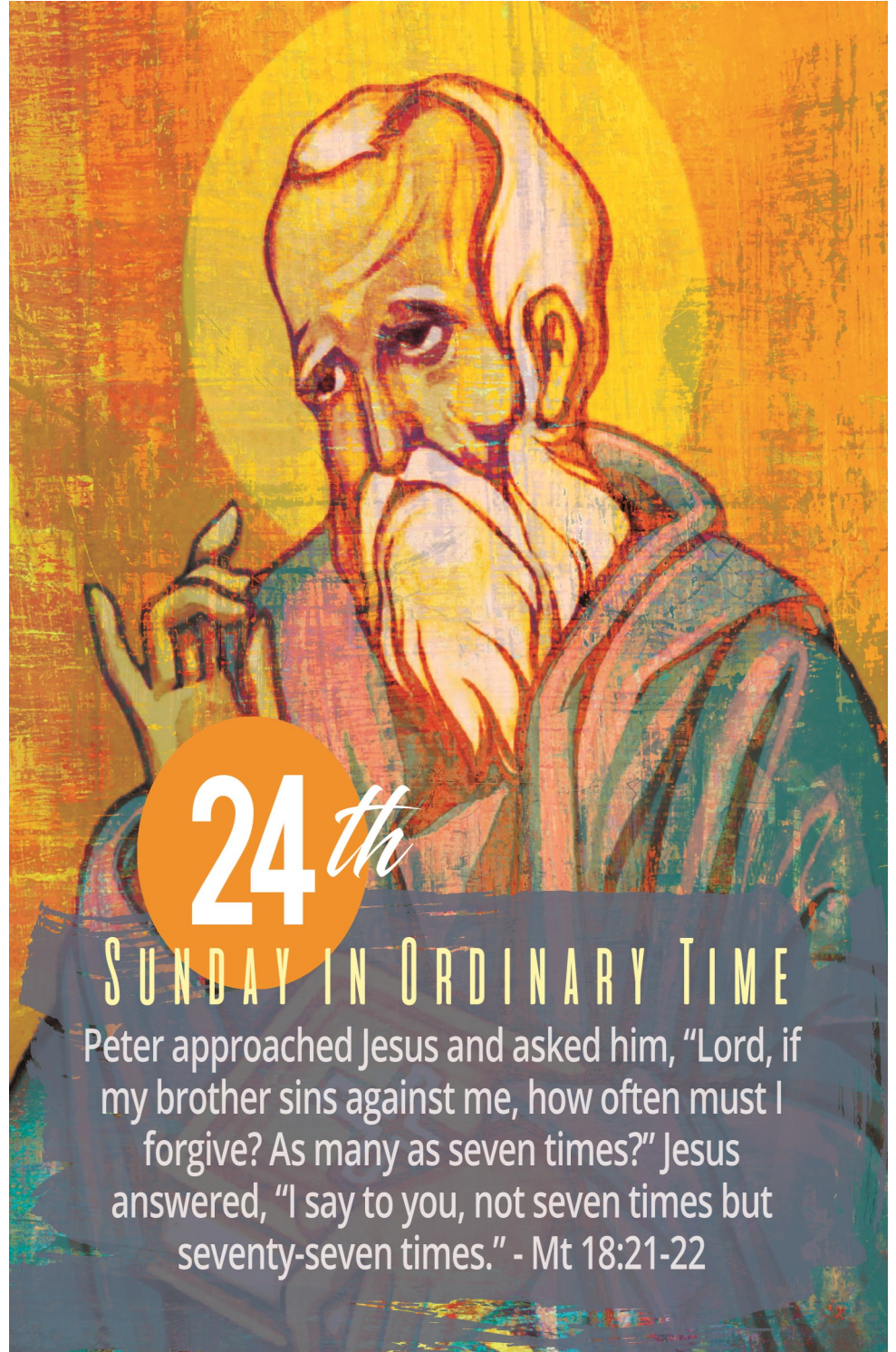
#### Marriage

Arrangements are to be made with the Pastor at least nine months prior to the wedding.

### Newcomers

Welcome to the Parish!

Contact the Parish Office to register.



24<sup>th</sup>

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times." - Mt 18:21-22

## PARISH BUSINESS MANAGER OPENING

**JOB  
OPENING**

Church of the Ascension is seeking a Business Manager that can serve as a team member and leader in a small-office environment. The right person for the job must be able to work with staff, leading and encouraging them toward excellence. This person supports the Pastor in the management and stewardship of the parish's physical, financial and personnel resources. A strong commitment to service, and an ability to foster collaboration among staff and volunteers are required.

Qualifications: A four-year Business Administration or accounting degree with at least three years of management experience. Individual must be computer literate, knowledgeable in office procedures, with experience in church accounting software and communication products preferred. Individual must be organized and capable of meeting regular monthly deadlines, have the ability to organize and implement procedures as they relate to the church environment. Above average oral and writing skills are also necessary.

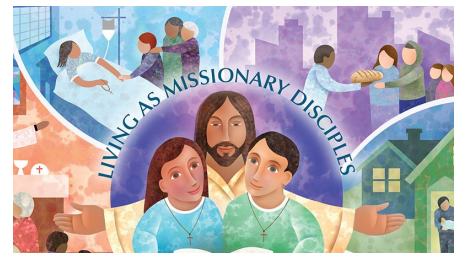
This person is to possess a keen appreciation of the Catholic faith and complete a background check as required by the Diocese of Bismarck.

Please submit a cover letter and resume to: Search Committee, Church of the Ascension, 1905 South Third Street, Bismarck ND 58504.

## FaithFormationNews

### CATECHETICAL SUNDAY - 2017

This weekend, parishes across the country will honor those who share in the evangelizing and teaching mission of the Church through a special rite of commissioning and blessing. Here at Ascension Parish, the following catechists and small group leaders will receive a special blessing to share the faith of the Church with the children, youth and adults of our parish.



LINDA CHARBONNEAU

ANDREA LEFTWICH

LOUISE SELKOWE

CARISSA PIETERICK

JANELLE WALISER

MONICA HOYNES

DEB WEIGEL

NANCY HAMMERSCHMIDT

JESSICA GABRIEL

ANNETTE SIMEK

COLE WILZ

HEATHER MCCOY

SONIA MULLALLY

ASHLEY SPOTTS

JULIE SPOTTS

COURTNEY SIBLA

NICOLETTE DEROSIER

BECKY MASTEL

MARY BACHMEIER

SUE MOCK

NELLIE KELLER

DEB SCHON

TROY SCHON

JEFF SIMEK

JOHN PAUL MARTIN

KAELEE HEIDT

DAVE CHARLES

BEV CHARLES

***We are still looking for a few more catechists this year.*** Please prayerfully consider serving in this vital ministry! Our catechists are offered a \$7/class stipend or a waived registration fee for their enrolled children (new this year!).

**4:00 Session - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**5:30 Session - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

To volunteer or for more information, contact Beth Kathol, Director of Faith Formation, at [bkathol@ascensionbismarck.org](mailto:bkathol@ascensionbismarck.org) or call the Parish Office at 223-3606.

## RCIA – THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process used for forming and welcoming adults who wish to be initiated into the Catholic Church or to simply learn more. If you have been thinking about becoming Catholic, have never been baptized, are a Catholic who still needs to receive the sacraments of First Communion and/or Confirmation, or are a practicing Catholic who wants to learn more about their faith...then RCIA is for you! Meetings typically begin in September on Tuesday evenings. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Deacon Doyle Schulz at 223-0287.



## THIRST MEN'S CONFERENCE

Gentlemen, don't forget to register for the THIRST 2017 Men's Conference on Saturday, Sept. 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 three years. Register and see the event schedule online now at [www.bismarckdiocese.com/thirst2017](http://www.bismarckdiocese.com/thirst2017). Sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information, please contact Keven Wanner at 701-204-7187 or [thirst@bismarckdiocese.com](mailto:thirst@bismarckdiocese.com). Spread the word!



## JobPostings

### DIOCESE PART-TIME COOK

The Diocese of Bismarck has an opening for an experienced part-time cook. This position would be responsible for planning, preparation, serving and clean-up of the evening meal (dinner) two days a week (Tuesday and Thursday preferable) and occasional special events. Anticipate 2-6 average attendance at each meal. 10-20 hours per week. If you enjoy planning and preparing meals, this may be the perfect position for you. Five plus years experience is preferred. Please send cover letter, resume and three references to Denise Jordan, PO Box 1575, Bismarck, ND 58502, or [djordan@bismarckdiocese.com](mailto:djordan@bismarckdiocese.com).

### LIGHT OF CHRIST SCHOOLS

- Head Girls Tennis Coach for the Spring 2018 season
- Head Girls Soccer Coach for the Spring 2018 season
- Asst. Boys Basketball Coach (Freshman & Sophomore)
- Technological Support Specialist
- Childcare Provider for LaMere Learning Center
- After-school Program Aides for elementary schools
- Kitchen Assistant

Apply online at [www.lightofchristschools.org/employment](http://www.lightofchristschools.org/employment) or contact Kate Bleth at 425-0793 for more information.

*The flowers near the altar  
have been donated by  
Mary Fornshell,  
in memory of her husband, James.*



### Serving the Assembly September 23rd and 24th, 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	5:00 PM	8:00 AM	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
<b>Count Offering</b>			Team #1	
<b>Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion</b>	Hannah Cahoon–Plate Ken Johnson–Plate Tammie Johnson–Plate Carol Preskey–Plate Ellen Holt–Cup** Meredith Holt–Cup** Renee Jangula–Cup	Phyllis Silbernagel–Plate* Mark Weigel–Plate** <b>VOLUNTEER</b> –Plate Wayne Hatzenbuhler–Cup	Bobbie Grassel–Plate Linda Haider–Plate Scott LeBlanc–Plate LaRae Nelson–Plate Danita Deichert–Cup Mike Luger–Cup** Berna Vetter–Cup**	Lynn Burgard–Plate Rosie Dingus–Plate Howell Flowers–Plate <b>VOLUNTEER</b> –Plate Grady Martin–Cup** John Paul Martin–Cup** <b>VOLUNTEER</b> –Cup
<b>Hospitality</b>	Joletta Kern Michael Kern Kendall Preskey	Kelvin Kosse Dorothy Kosse Judy Ness	Tanya Hopfauf Andy Schaffner Shirley Schaffner	Genny Berg Steve Berg Levi Bitz
<b>Lector</b>	Hannah Cahoon	Phyllis Silbernagel	Jean Kraft	Celia Vetter
<b>Altar Server</b>	Katrice Kern Matthew Volk	Milla Weigel	Madison Hopfauf Eric Krug	Austin Martin Noelle Martin
<b>Video/Audio Operator</b>	Brenda Muscha	Leona Kuntz	Dan Hopfauf	Kiaya Schwab
<b>Music Ministry</b>	Ken Steckler Group	Julie Ternes	<i>Raising Praise</i>	<i>Cheneniah</i>



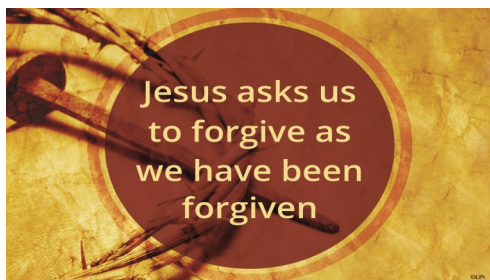
John W. Bitz, Mildred Schall, Marjorie Bitz,  
 Jerry Feist, Larry Sackman, Don Hopfauf,  
 Erna Jacobchick, Michelle Niska, Viola Bitz,  
 Bill Feist, Jolene Klein, Dennis Conklin, Tim Heidt,  
 Richelle Knudson, Dennis Barnhardt

**Prayer Line**

Call the Parish Office at 223-3606 or Pauline Mueller at 226-9471. The Prayer Line is a group of parishioners who pray for requested intentions. The names of those requests and/or the intentions are not made public. Names of people listed in the bulletin have given permission to use their name.

**TimeTalent&Treasure**

The theme throughout today’s readings from Holy Scripture has to do with forgiveness. We must always appreciate that forgiveness is a two way street. We need to seek forgiveness as all of us are likely to do. However, forgiveness is also something we need to grant to others. Some scholars consider Matthew’s Chapter 18 from where our Gospel Reading comes today as perhaps among His most personal teachings to His disciples and others as spiritual leaders. There is no question that the Lord is in the process of preparing His followers for the time when they (we) must continue His Kingdom without His physical presence. He is trying to build up the sense of fellowship and cohesion among His flock. Thus, He focuses on how to build up cooperation and unity in those who work to build His Kingdom. He makes it clear that for us to accomplish that requires forgiveness and reconciliation. The lesson for us is quite basic: we need to know and appreciate and understand the grace of Jesus and respond by learning how to forgive our sisters and brothers (all sisters and brothers in our Christian and Catholic fellowship). Christ always forgives us if we come to Him with a humble and repentant heart, and He expects the same from us. We need to forgive others just as we are forgiven. As Jesus warns us in today’s Gospel: “So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother (and sister) from your heart.”



**FINANCIAL BLESSINGS**

WEEK	COLLECTIONS	BUDGET
September 10, 2017	\$17,263.54	\$13,002.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$135,385.26	\$143,022.00

**ParishCalendar**



**Monday, September 18**  
 8:00 am Communion Service

**Tuesday, September 19**  
 8:00 am †Maury Krance by Lil Krance

**Wednesday, September 20**  
 8:00 am †Al Bortke by Linda Bortke

**Thursday, September 21**  
 8:00 am Ladies of Ascension by LOA

**Friday, September 22**  
 8:00 am †Rubin Wagner, Jr. by Bob & Tammy Wagner

**Saturday, September 23**  
 5:00 pm †Anton and Anna Bren by Irene Howard

**Sunday, September 24**  
 8:00 am People of the Parish  
 9:30 am †Robert Kuntz by Leo & Bernie Vetter  
 11:00 am Mia Steffes by Becky Mastel

**Weekly Schedule**

**Monday, September 18**  
 8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration

**Wednesday, September 20**  
 4:00, 5:30, 7:00 Faith Formation Classes

**Readings for the Week of September 17:**

**Sunday:** Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103:1-4, 9-12/  
 Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

**Monday:** 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7-9/Lk 7:1-10

**Tuesday:** 1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-3ab, 5-6/Lk 7:11-17

**Wednesday:** 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-6/Lk 7:31-35

**Thursday:** Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-5/Mt 9:9-13

**Friday:** 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-10 17-20/Lk 8:1-3

**Saturday:** 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-5/Lk 8:4-15

**Sunday:** Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18/  
 Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK**

**Adult:** When someone hurts you, how do you forgive them?

**Youth:** When have you forgiven someone who treated you unfairly?

**Check out our website at**  
[www.ascensionbismarck.org](http://www.ascensionbismarck.org)

## **CATHOLIC CHARITIES SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23-24**

Catholic Charities Sunday is the one day each year all parishes are asked to come together to celebrate and support the "Social Arm of the Church." This year Catholic Charities North Dakota Sunday has been set by our Bishops for the weekend of September 23-24 in both the Bismarck and Fargo Dioceses. The past two years have seen increases in demand for and use of our services. While more people are becoming aware of our programs through Catholic Charities Sunday and other efforts, it is more important than ever to continue raising awareness to reach out to the suffering in our state. Families have decided to adopt a child after seeing our video. Others found courage to seek the counseling they desperately needed. Your gifts ensure we can help!



## **LIGHT OF CHRIST CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**

On **Saturday, September 23rd**, the SMCHS Steel Drum band will be playing at Applefest at Buckstop Junction. The concert will be at 12:00 Noon.

## **Community News & Events**

### **JUNIOR CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS**

The next Junior Catholic Daughters meeting will be held **today, September 17th** at 4:00 pm at Cathedral of the Holy Spirit. The meeting will be held in Room 3, Lower Level.

### **REAL PRESENCE RADIO**



How has Catholic Radio affected your life? Let the Lord show you the gifts He has in store for you when you support one of the most effective evangelization tools available today! Coming Sept 20th, 21st and 22nd, you will have the chance to become an integral part of the driving force that keeps Real Presence Radio alive and growing in your listening area. We will be here live to answer your call on 91.3/91.7FM (Bismarck/Mandan). Thank you for your prayers and support. Call 1-877-795-0122 or send your gifts to PO Box 13703, Grand Forks, ND 58208.

### **BISMARCK-MANDAN CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS GROUP**

Please join the Bismarck-Mandan Catholic Young Adults group on **Thursday, September 21st** starting at 6:30 pm with volleyball and games. The event is at Optimist Park, 2098 N 16th Street in Bismarck. Please bring your families, drinks, food, and wear outdoor clothes! Please check *Catholic Young Adults* Facebook page for a location change if the weather is bad. The event is hosted by Mike and Brianna Weisbeck and we welcome members of all parishes and faith traditions who desire to live a good and holy Christian/Catholic life. Please spread the word about this wonderful opportunity for fellowship and fun. If there are any questions or you'd like updates on future events, please visit our Facebook Page: *Catholic Young Adults*, or contact Bri Weisbeck at 426-0456.

### **BREAKFAST OF CHAMPIONS FUNDRAISER**

Capital Ice Synchronized Skating invites you to enjoy the Breakfast of Champions Fundraiser on **Sunday, September 24th** from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Bismarck Elks Lodge. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$5 for ages 4-12, and free for ages 3 and under. Tickets are available from a skater or at the door. Proceeds raised benefit all synchro teams for the 2017-2018 season.

### **SPAGHETTI SUPPER/BOOK FAIR AT ST JOSEPH SCHOOL IN MANDAN**

St. Joseph School, Mandan, will hold its 14th Annual Back-to-School Night Spaghetti Supper, **Thursday, September 28th**. Serving will be held in the school cafeteria from 5-7 pm. A meal of spaghetti and meat sauce, lettuce salad, garlic toast, milk or coffee, and dessert will be served. Price is \$6.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children 4-11 and 3 and under are free. Advance tickets are available at St. Joseph School or Parish. Tickets will also be sold at the door. Profits go to the St. Joseph School PTO. The schools' Annual Book Fair will also be held that day for the public from 4:30 to 8:00 pm at the school. Come eat and shop! Books make wonderful birthday and Christmas gifts. Scholastic offers a nice selection of quality books and products at affordable prices. Something for every age. Remember books make great gifts! Please mark your calendars for **Thursday, September 28th**.

### **BISMARCK MANDAN RIGHT TO LIFE CHAIN**

The Bismarck/Mandan Right to Life is sponsoring a Life Chain on **Sunday, October 1st** from 1:30 to 2:30 pm. Meet us at 6th St. and Boulevard Ave. in Bismarck. Signs will be provided. It is a one hour peaceful, prayerful chain to defend the unborn. This will be held in 1600 cities across the US and Canada. Families are welcome. For more information call Virginia at 258-5379.



### **FRIENDS OF THE POOR WALK-RUN**

Save the date for the 3rd annual St. Vincent de Paul 5K Walk-Run on **Sunday, October 1st** at Sertoma Park! Register online at [www.svdpbismarck.org](http://www.svdpbismarck.org) or at the event. The Cathedral Society of St. Vincent de Paul would like to thank all sponsors for their support, especially Gold Sponsors (\$500+): Dakota Eye Institute, Goebel Pediatric Dentistry, and Atlantis Industries, Inc.

### **FUNDRAISER FOR SKY STEVENS**

Sky is four years old and has a DIPG brain stem tumor, which she has been fighting for 2 1/2 years. She is the daughter of Jason and Julie. Julie is a PreKindergarten teacher for Light of Christ Schools. Due to Sky's needs, Julie is unable to work at this time. The fundraiser will be at Pizza Ranch in Mandan on **Monday, October 2nd**, from 4:30 to 8:00 pm. All tips and 20% of sales will go to Sky and her family for medical expenses.

### **ST. MARY'S YOUTH GROUP**

St. Mary's Youth Group Rummage Sale will be **Saturday, October 21st** from 10 am to 4:00 pm and **Sunday, October 22nd** from 10 am to 1:00 pm in the Grade School Gym/Msg. Feehan Hall. Donations will be accepted starting Thursday, October 19th from 5:30 to 8:30 pm and on Friday, October 20th from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. Only furniture or large items that have been approved to be donated may be left. For more information contact Austin 223-5562.



## **Fall Festival**

#### **St. Anthony in Linton**

**Date/Time:** Today, September 17th from 4:00 to 6:45 pm

**Menu:** Fried chicken, ham, hamburger rice, mashed potatoes, and a variety of desserts, along with all the trimmings

**Cost:** Adults \$12, children 6-12 years \$6, and 5 and under free

**Includes:** Silent auction, bingo at the parish center at 5:00 pm and raffle drawing at KC Hall at 8:00 pm

#### **St. Bonaventure in Underwood**

**Date/Time:** September 24th from 4:30 to 7:00 pm

**Menu:** Fried chicken, salad bar, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, dessert and beverage

**Cost:** Adults \$10, children 6-12 years \$5, and 5 and under free

#### **Sacred Heart in Wilton**

**Date/Time:** October 1st from 11:00 am to 1:30 pm

**Menu:** Homemade roast beef dinner, mashed potatoes, corn, salads, buns and pie

**Cost:** Adults \$10, children 4-10 \$5, children 3 and under free

**Includes:** Pumpkin walk, Chinese auction, and bingo starting at 1:30 pm

#### **St. Anthony in St. Anthony**

**Date/Time:** October 1st, beginning at Noon

**Menu:** Fried chicken, roast beef, potatoes, kuchen and trimmings

**Cost:** Adults \$10, children 3-12 \$5, children under 3 free

**Includes:** Verein Hall activities from 12:30 to 4:00 pm of bingo, silent auction, paddle wheel and other games, ending with drawings for parish and Christian Mothers raffles

#### **St. Mary's in Richardton**

**Date/Time:** October 1st from 11:00 am to 1:30 pm MT

**Menu:** Ham, homemade potato salad, candied carrots, homemade knoephla soup, and apple pie

**Includes:** Craft booth, cake walk, bingo, raffle, games, lottery wheel

#### **Sts. Peter & Paul in Strasburg**

**Date/Time:** October 1st beginning at 4:30 pm

**Menu:** Fried chicken, country style sausage, rice dressing with all the trimmings, homemade pies and desserts

**Cost:** Adults \$12, children grades K-6 \$6, preschool \$2

**Includes:** Parish marketplace, bingo, raffle