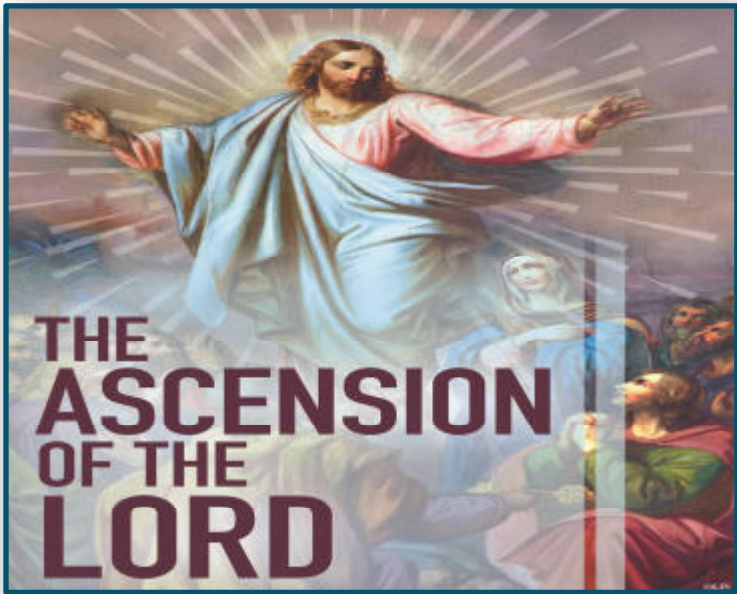


Ascension of the Lord

7th Sunday of Easter

May 24th, 2020



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Weekend Liturgies

Saturday 5:30 PM
 Sunday 8:30 & 10:30 AM

Weekday Liturgies

Monday – NO Mass
 Tuesday - 12:10 PM
 Wednesday–12:10 PM
 Thursday & Friday - 8:00 AM

Reconciliation

6-6:45 PM Wednesdays (when RE classes)
 9:30 AM TO 10:30 AM Saturdays:
 Half hour before Saturday 5:30 PM &
 Sunday 8:30 AM weekend Masses or by
 appointment.

Baptism - Contact parish office.

Marriage — Contact parish office 6 months in advance.



Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Christ the Lord is risen as he promised! Alleluia!

This weekend we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord Jesus into Heaven. This feast was originally celebrated on a Thursday, 40 days after Easter. Some years ago, groups of Bishops in the United States were given the option of moving this feast to what had been called the Seventh Sunday of Easter. Those in certain parts of the country, such as ours, chose to do so, while others did not. Our hymnals publish different sets of readings for this reason, to accommodate everyone.

The Apostles and their fellow Christians spent the time after the Ascension in prayer until the Holy Spirit filled their hearts on the day of Pentecost. Since then, the Church has imitated this gesture in a nine-day period of prayer called a “Novena.” Now is a great time to pray the original Novena, asking the Holy Spirit to bless our families and our community.

It is also Memorial Day weekend. We gratefully remember all of our faithful departed, especially the men and women who have served our country in the armed forces on land, in the air, or at sea. Everyone is invited Monday to the 10 AM Mass at Calvary Cemetery North, as well as a prayer service at Calvary Cemetery South at 7 pm. May their souls rest in peace. Amen.

God Bless You!
Father James Gross

“FIND your joy, and
SHARE it with others!”

St. Mary's News

“I am praying for them...” JOHN 17: 9

Note: Please return the
Women's Pregnancy Cen-
ter's "Baby Bottles" by
Monday, June 1st.

Thank you to all who do-
nated to this good cause.
Remember in your prayers
the young mothers and
babies that come to the
Pregnancy Center for help,
support and direction.

Liturgical Assistants:

Saturday, May 31st @ 5:30 PM

Altar Servers: Please check in with
the Sacristan.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy

Comm: Only Father distributes

Lector: Jane Hutzol

Sacristan: Vicki Schreiner

Sunday, May 31st at 8:30 AM

Altar Servers: Please check in with
the Sacristan.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy

Comm: Only Father distributes

Lector: Michael Bibow

Sacristan: Laurel Ann Dukart

Sunday, May 31st at 10:30 AM

Altar Servers: Please check in with
the Sacristan.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy

Comm: Only Father distributes

Lector: Scott Wahlstrand

Sacristan:

Prayer is the foundation of our Faith and the foundation of Stewardship. Pray in good times and in bad. Prayer is always the first best option in any situation, not just the last resort. Pray for friends and family and for those that don't treat you very well. Pray to give praise, to thank and to ask God for help. Pray to see what God wants you to do with the gifts He has given you.



Memorial Day Mass: Permission has been granted by Bishop Folda to celebrate Masses publicly, including the celebration of Mass outdoors. All celebrations must take into account the communities provisions for social distancing along with proper precautions to inhibit the spread of the virus. Sacred Heart parish is the host this year. If inclement weather, Mass will be at Sacred Heart Church in East Grand Forks. Mass will be celebrated at Calvary North Cemetery on Memorial Day, May 25th at 10am. Calvary Cemetery North is located at the corner of North Columbia Road and Gateway Drive. Please bring a lawn chair. Flowers, wreaths, or other decorations may be placed on the graves beginning on May 19 but must be removed before June 2nd. Your cooperation is needed as these items affect our ability to keep all areas mowed and looking beautiful. Thank you in advance. Questions? Contact Darlyne at 701-772-7911. Calvary Cemetery Association.

Father Gross will have the Stations of the Cross and the Divine Mercy chaplet at Calvary South Cemetery at 7:00 PM. Please bring a lawn chair.

St. Mary's office will be closed on Monday, May 25th, Memorial Day.

Summer hours for St. Mary's office beginning

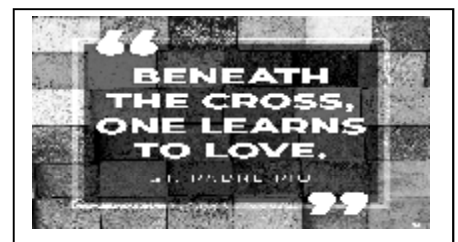
Friday, May 22nd are:

- ◆ Monday through Thursday: 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM
- ◆ Fridays 8:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

Congratulations and welcome to Taylor Narlock and Mark Robles, Jr who were Confirmed and received into the Catholic Church last weekend (Sunday, May 17th). Remember them and their families in your prayers.

“When you can't put your
prayer into words,

God Hears Your Heart. ”



NEWS & NOTES

Pray.....that we learn to pray not only in bad times, but also in good times. Pray for family, friends and those that may not treat us well.

St. Paul's Newman Center at NDSU has an opening for a FT Campus Minister Position. The Campus Minister is a member of the pastoral staff whose responsibilities encompass the spiritual, educational and social needs of the Newman Center. The Campus Minister is accountable to the Pastor of St. Paul's Newman Center and collaborates with all the staff at weekly staff meetings and all other Newman Center related activity. Duties include oversight of the Peer Ministry program and Student Advisory Board, coordinating Liturgical planning, Event planning, Religious Education and execution of a media plan. Preferable candidate will be proficient in MS Office, Graphic design and Web design, and have the ability to be part of a team. Compensation dependent on experience. Send cover letter, resume and a list of three references to frcheney@bisonCatholic.org – for more information call 701-235-0142 or visit www.bisonCatholic.org. Apply immediately; position open until filled.

Question: Why do we kneel at Mass?

Answer:

Since the beginnings of the Church, kneeling has been a key posture of prayer. We see Sts. Peter and Paul in the Acts of the Apostles kneeling in prayer. Early in the 4th century, the Council of Nicea prohibited kneeling on Sundays and special feasts. Kneeling began more as a posture of penance for our sins, but in the history of the Church, it has become more a posture of reverence and solemn prayer.

You will notice that the times we kneel at Mass are tied to the consecration of the holy Eucharist. We kneel in both anticipation of what will occur and then in awe of what has taken place: Jesus Christ becomes truly present to us under the guise of bread and wine. The profoundness of this event has over time led the Church to mandate in the current General Instruction of the Roman Missal that kneeling is the only posture allowed during this time. The sheer awesomeness of the holy Eucharist leads us to fall to our knees in wonder and thanksgiving.

Moses and the Red Sea: Nine-year-old Joey was asked by his mother what he had learned in Sunday School. 'Well, Mom, our teacher

told us how God sent Moses behind enemy lines on a rescue mission to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. When he got to the Red Sea, he had his army build a pontoon bridge and all the people walked across safely. Then he radioed headquarters for reinforcements. They sent bombers to blow up the bridge and all the Israelites were saved.' 'Now Joey, is that really what your teacher taught you?' his mother asked. 'Well, no, Mom. But, if I told it the way the teacher did, you'd never believe it.'



Mass Intentions

Monday, May 25th: NO MASS

Tuesday, May 26th:

12:10 P.M. † Adella Spale
by Julie & Ron Spale

Wednesday, May 27th :

10:00 A.M. NO MASS
(At Parkwood Place)

12:10 P.M † Clarence Curran
by Don & Theresa
Goering & Chris
Wasylow

Thursday, May 28th:

8:00 A.M. † Gerry Ruder
by Ruder Kids &
Grands & Great

Friday, May 29th:

8:00 A.M. † John LaMoine
by St. Mary's Knights
of Columbus 10837

Saturday, May 30th:

5:30 P.M. † George Sattler
By Julie & Ron Spale

Sunday, May 31st:

8:30 A.M. † Ronald Mack
by Mary & Jeff Skinner
10:30 A.M. For the Parishioners

Sacrificial Giving

Received May 16th & May 17th

Envelopes.....	\$4,897.00
WeShare.....	\$1,347.00
Loose.....	\$140.00
Children.....	\$.00
Total.....	\$6,384.00

Weekly Collection budget
\$ 6,913.46

Scripture Readings

Readings for the week of May 24, 2020

Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/
Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-
23/Mt 28:16-20

7th Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:12-
14/Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8 [13]/1 Pt 4:13-
16/Jn 17:1-11a

Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-
3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab [33a]/Jn 16:29-
33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-
11, 20-21 [33a]/Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps
68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab
[33a]/Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/
Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11
[1]/Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-
2, 11-12, 19-20ab [19a]/Jn 21:15-
19

Saturday: Morning: Acts 28:16-
20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7 [cf.
7b]/Jn 21:20-25

Next Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or
Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14
or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-
28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/
Jn 7:37-39.

Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ps
33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Ex 19:3-
8a, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 53, 55, 56
[52b] or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Ez 37:1-
14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [1]/Jl
3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28,
29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn
7:37-39.

Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-
30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]/1 Cor 12:3b-7,
12-13/Jn 20:19-23

“The Lord answers ALL our needs.” Psalm 20

Mulligan Classic: This is our second year returning with the golf scramble. Teams will participate in an 18-hole golf tournament at the beautiful King's Walk course on Thursday, May 28th from 12:30 PM-8:00 PM. Golf contests and prizes will be available for participants! Register now through May 25th as an individual golfer or as part of a 4-person team. Sponsorship packages are available. *Teams can register through our website or more information can be found on our Facebook [event page](#).

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“A man went to the doctor, concerned about his wife's hearing. “Go back home and say something to her,” the doctor suggested. “Tell me how close you are when she hears you.” The man went home and saw his wife in the kitchen, cutting carrots. From 15 feet away, he said, “Honey, what's for dinner?”

Nothing. He walked halfway to her and repeated the same question. Nothing. Concerned, he stood right behind her and asked again, “What's for dinner?” She turned around and exclaimed, “For the third time, beef stew?”

Congrats

.....to all of our St. Mary's Graduates,

Pre-school

Kindergarten

5th Graders,

High School

College

To all who are making the change in their lives to walk down a new road. They are our promise and hope for the future. May God bless them and their families. We, St. Mary's Parish Family will keep them and remember them in our prayers.



“Your name is written on the palm of His hand.”

“Have courage for the great sorrows of life and patience for the small ones; and when you have laboriously accomplished your daily task, go to sleep in peace.”
Victor Hugo

Thank you to all of St. Mary’s Parish family that have been supporting St. Mary’s. It would be appreciated that you continue to do so. We are living and dealing with many challenges in our homes, cities, states and our country. Let us use prayer as a support and guide and keep all that are walking this path with us no matter where they live, work, in our prayers as well. We can make a difference whether we are young or mature. As the words of a young boy from a movie said: “God bless us everyone.”

Last weekend, May 16 and May 17 was **St. Joseph’s Food Pantry** weekend at St. Mary’s. Food donations from St. Mary’s and also those delivered to St. Josephs from St. Mary’s totaled, 460 pounds. If you were unable to bring a food donation feel free to drop them off any time during the week. Thank you for your kindness. Reaching out to others to help them brings blessings to the giver.

St. Mary’s FUTURE, Friends United Toward Urban Religious Education, would like to thank the following individuals for their recent donations in memory of Dan Scheett: Dave and Bonnie Andrys, Denny and Mary Sue Johnson, Dan and Connie Korynta, Delores Leshuk, Dale and Marianne Rivard, Diane Rothschild, Mark and Molly Soeby, and St. Joseph’s Parish family.



Donations to FUTURE are used to support the education of our Parish children in their Catholic Faith. If you would like to join FUTURE or make a donation (all tax deductible), please pick up an envelope near one of the church entrances, complete it, drop it in the collection basket, mail, or bring it to the Church office. You may also use the on-line FUTURE donation portal found on the Parish web site. Thank you!



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