

Prayers for the Sick

Please help us keep the list of the sick updated. If you would like to be on the email prayer chain or want to submit a prayer request of any kind please email joanconlon59@yahoo.com:

Carol Sebastian
Cody Jacobsen
William Kelley
Ernie Schantz
Blake Kuntz
Laurie Hauser
Ashley Braem
Harper Wetzel
Paul Wehri
Lee Ann Hoff
Jesse and Bud Woeste
Jenny Funk
Peter Remboldt
Lane William Joshua
Rick Wiege
Terry Schantz
Marty Kettering
Mike Hosman
Sharon Ornelas
John Wanner
Zach Dittus
Aaron Morman
Jim Wanner
Ann Kitzan
Julie Petersen
Katie Goetz
Brady Thompson
Ty Gietzen
Raliegh Miller
Joan Geiger

Mass Intentions

Dec 2 nd	6:30 PM	+ Mary Schantz by Joe & Diane Wanner
Dec 3 rd	8:30 AM	For the People of the Parish
Dec 5 th	9:00 AM	+ Al Feist by Dorothy Feist
Dec 8 th	5:30 PM	For the People of the Parish
Dec 9 th	6:30 PM	+ Jean Wanner by Levi & Vanessa Hoff
Dec 10 th	8:30 AM	For the People of the Parish

**** Confessions Half an Hour before Mass****

Ministers

December 2nd - Saturday- 6:30 PM:

Lector: Kevin Staiger
Ushers: Kevin & Toni Staiger
Servers: Ava, Isla & Olivia
Rosary: Volunteer

December 3rd - Sunday- 8:30 AM:

Lector: Kirk Peterson
Ushers: Volunteer
Servers: Easton, Simon, Linus
Rosary: Ken Duppong

December 5th - Tuesday- 9:00 AM

December 6th - Wednesday- Adoration at 5:00 PM; Mass at 6:00 PM

December 8th- Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception - Friday-5:30 PM NO MORNING MASS

Lector: Ty Wehri
Ushers: Clayton & Jan Carter
Servers: Scarlet, Felix & Hattie
Rosary: Volunteer

December 9th - Saturday- 6:30 PM:

Lector: Nicole Vogle
Ushers: Kerry & Brenda Richardson
Servers: Jovie & Levi
Rosary: Volunteer

December 10th - Sunday- 8:30 AM:

Lector: Kirk Peterson
Ushers: Volunteer
Servers: Elena
Rosary: Ken Duppong

**If you are unable to fulfill your ministry,
including Altar Servers,
PLEASE FIND SOMEONE TO FILL IN FOR YOU.**

St. Ann's is going to start a 7 Sisters group in the Parish. We will need 7 women to commit to praying for our parish Priest for one hour a week. Each woman would pick a day to pray so the week is covered. You can do it in church or you can do it anywhere as long as it's the same time each week. The commitment is for one year. You can look it up online for more information. If you are interest contact Connie Tibor, 701-290-1532. Thank you!

RELIGIOUS CLASS SCHEDULES:

CCD K-6TH: 3:30 PM TO 5PM EVERY WEDNESDAY

CYO 7TH & 8TH: 7PM TO 8PM EVERY WEDNESDAY

POST CONFIRMATION- EVERY 1ST, 3RD & 5TH WEDNESDAY- 7PM TO 8 PM

Mass Schedule – Central Time

Masses at St. Ann's

Saturday 6:30 PM

Sunday 8:30 AM

Tuesday & Friday 9:00 AM

Masses at Sacred Heart:

Saturday 9:00 AM & 4:00 PM

Sunday 10:30 AM

Thursday 9:00 AM

Parish Office Hours are 10 AM TO 1PM

Tuedays and Fridays

Stewardship of Treasure

Adult: \$ 1055

Loose: \$63

Kids: \$ 1

Fall Collection: \$100

Food Pantry: \$1210

Poinsettias: \$70

FIRST, THIRD AND FIFTH WEDNESDAYS THERE WILL BE EUCHARTISTIC ADORATION FROM 5 TO 6 FOLLOWED BY MASS.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

***Attention:** There are packets of the parishioners mailing addresses in the gathering space. IF your contact information is incorrect please write down the correct information and put it into the blue box provided. IF you are a new member of the parish please put your contact information in the box as well! Thank you for your help!

*** KC Brunch-** Sunday, December 3rd- 9:30 AM to Noon. Free will offering going to Seminarian Anthony Wanner

*** Christian Mothers Christmas Raffle-** Tickets are available for purchase! If you would like to donate any items for the raffle please bring them to the gathering space by noon on December 14th. The drawing will be on December 14th at the Christian Mothers meeting. Thank you!

*** Poinsettias-** if you would like to donate money to help with the purchase of our poinsettias for Christmas, please donate in honor of a loved one. We will list the names in the Christmas Bulletin, Thank you!

*** Bookstore-** There are Christmas and Advent items in the Bookstore for purchase!

***Post Confirmation Class-** Will be volunteering at the soup kitchen in Bismarck on December 2nd from 11 AM to 1 PM.

*** Bible Study-** Wednesday nights at 7 pm

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“What I say to you, I say to all, ‘Watch!’” Although some people are the victims of random acts of violence, most crime victims actually knew their perpetrator. Sadly, other people tried to warn them about worrisome traits they saw in a friend, a fiancé, or a partner, but they ignored them and suffered greatly, at times barely escaping with their lives. This is Jesus’ message in today’s Gospel. In our world today, with all of its anxieties and worries, people are listening to self-proclaimed prophets and seers, who claim to know of the end times and the signs that will proceed them. Don’t follow them, because they speak on their own authority and often contradict Sacred Scripture and Tradition. Instead, listen to the voice of the Lord speaking through His Church, which will always lead us to Christ and our final end. The wisdom of Saint Augustine comes to mind: “We must accept the Church as teaching for the Lord, or He will not be the Lord at all in our lives.”

Saint of the Week: Saint Nicholas of Myra (270-343)

Feast day: December 6th

Patron: bakers; children; pawnbrokers; and sailors

Saint Nicholas (aka, Santa Claus) of Myra was the only child of devout Christian parents. Already in his youth, he displayed a deep faith, fasting on Wednesdays and Fridays, and spending long hours in prayer in the family’s parish church. Tragically, both of his parents died during an epidemic when he was a young man, leaving him with a substantial inheritance, which he determined would be devoted to the poor and he prayed for the Holy Spirit’s guidance on this matter.

An opportunity arose when a resident of the city of Patara had lost all of his money and needed to support his three daughters, who could not find husbands because their family could not offer the prescribed wedding dowries. The father, a man with no scruples, decided upon another path for his daughters: he would force them into a life of prostitution. When Saint Nicholas was informed of this, he took a bag of gold coins and threw it into the window of the man’s house at night. This provided for the wedding dowry of the eldest daughter and she was duly married. He did the same for the second and third daughters and the last time, the father was on the watch. When he realized that the benefactor was Saint Nicholas, he showered him with gratitude and appreciation. His daughters were spared from a life of ill repute and misery because of the kindness of this holy man of God.

Once when Saint Nicholas came to the city of Myra (in modern day Turkey), the clergy and the people were in session to elect a new bishop. Saint Nicholas was indicated by God as the man they should choose. This was no welcome role, because at the time, the Roman Empire was in the midst of the final, and quite severe, persecution of Christians under the Emperor Diocletian. But Saint Nicholas humbly and courageously accepted the election as bishop and shortly afterwards was arrested by the local magistrate; thrown into prison; and

tortured mercilessly. He survived this horrible ordeal and when released from prison, he returned to Myra to continue serving as a holy and orthodox bishop.

But now, he had to face enemies *within* the Church, with the Arian heresy (the insidious work of a priest, Arius), which asserted that Jesus was not divine; He was merely a great preacher and a worker of wonders. At the Church Council of Nicaea in 325 AD, called to discuss the divisions in the Church caused by Arianism, Saint Nicholas was so angered by Arius’ denial of the divinity of Christ that he went up to him and slapped him in the face! So much for Jolly Old Saint Nicholas! The council fathers reprimanded him and deprived him of his episcopal insignia and sent him to prison, but Jesus and the Blessed Mother appeared to him there and restored him to both his liberty and office.

Saint Nicholas died and was buried in his episcopal city of Myra, which a few centuries later, fell under the control of the Muslim invaders. The Catholic Italian cities did not want to see the remains of this holy man desecrated, so they acquired the relics of Saint Nicholas and transported them to the city of Bari and a new church was built to shelter the precious relics. Devotion to Saint Nicholas spread quickly throughout the West and many miracles were attributed to his powerful intercession. The love and admiration for Saint Nicholas made its way to the New World through the Dutch colonists of modern-day New York. Their *Sint Klaes* became our *Santa Claus*, who showers presents upon good boys and girls, as well as lovable parish priests. Saint Nicholas/Santa Claus reminds all Christians of the admonition of Jesus, “It is better to give than to receive.”

O Come Let Us Adore Him: The Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve (4:00 p.m.): Sacred Heart; *Christmas Eve* (6:30 p.m.): Saint Joseph’s; *Midnight Mass* (12:00 a.m.): Saint Ann’s; *Christmas Day* (8:30 a.m.): Sacred Heart; and *Christmas Day* (10:30 a.m.): Saint Ann’s. [*Incense* at Midnight Mass at Saint Ann’s; Christmas Eve Mass at Saint Joseph’s; and Christmas Day at Sacred Heart]

Mary Mother of God (New Year’s Eve/Day)

Vigil Mass (New Year’s Eve) at 4:00 p.m. at Saint Ann’s and *Mass of the Day (New Year’s Day)* at 10:30 a.m. at Sacred Heart.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 11:00 p.m.-Midnight at Sacred Heart on New Year’s Eve.

The Beautiful Gift of God’s Mercy

This coming **Sunday, December 10th**, Fr. Bruce Krebs and I will be offering the Sacrament of Penance, an essential spiritual preparation

of one's soul for the celebration of Christmas. We will offer this Sacrament of God's mercy at **Sacred Heart from 2:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m.** and at **Saint Ann's from 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.** May God bless you as you seek His grace, to be freed from the burden of sin, so that you may welcome Jesus Christ with great joy at Christmas.

What to Get That Special Priest

People often wonder what to get the priest for Christmas. Well, if it's something with lard, cream, or sugar, you can't go wrong. But, on a more serious note, how about these gifts for the pastor: 1) Be faithful to Sunday Mass; 2) Go to Confession at least once a month; 3) Visit the sick and the lonely as often as you can; 4) Pray a Rosary every day with your family; 5) Adore the Lord in Eucharistic Adoration when you are able to do so; 6) Give to the poor as your means allow; 6) Welcome someone you know back to the Church; and 7) Forgive someone who has hurt you.

Some may still want to offer a material gift, but I don't expect it. Yet, if you do, I have just one condition: please support your home town with gift cards or gift certificates from our local businesses. Thank you for supporting our good people who make their livelihood right here in Glen Ullin and Hebron.

A Fitting Gift for the Lord

Thank you to *Andrew & Monica Jacobson* for the beautiful gift of the antependiums for the ambo at Saint Ann's. These four brocaded tapestries, with Catholic symbols, will add so much beauty and solemnity to the Holy Mass. May God reward you!