

ST. ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

AUGUST 16TH
2026

20TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY
TIME

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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:

Blake Kuntz	David Berger
Jenny Funk	Ardie Krueger
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Shane Focht	Ardelle Tibor
Natalie Sutto	Jim Tibor
Torin Hedley	Teresa Tibor
Jamie Kouba	Philip Jaeger
Daryl Wanner	Jessica Mattson
Gail Walls	Robert Schumacher
LuAnn Woeste	Ellevon Aracena
Ashley Braem	Wyatt Wilson
	Matthew Tibor

Mass Intentions

Aug 15 th	6:30 PM	+Mark Gietzen
Aug 16 th	8:30 AM	For the People of the Parish
Aug 18 th	9:00 AM	++ Victor & Ann Tibor by Denis & Sarah Tibor
Aug 19 th	6:00 PM	++ Leo & Eleanor Hoff by the Hoff Family
Aug 21 st	9:00 AM	Members of ++Hilda & William Duppong Family
Aug 22 nd	6:30 PM	+Julius Emmanuel Berger
Aug 23 rd	8:30 AM	For the People of the Parish

Ministers

August 15TH - Saturday - 6:30 PM

Lector: David Wanner
Ushers: David & Cheryl Wanner
Servers: Tegan & Talon
Rosary: Volunteer

August 16TH - Sunday - 8:30 AM:

Lector: Kirk Peterson
Ushers: Lee & Sara Reinbold
Servers: Scarlet, Felix & Hattie
Rosary: Ken Duppong

August 18TH - Tuesday - 9:00 AM

August 19TH- Wednesday- Adoration
5:00 PM to 6:00 PM; Mass at 6:00 PM

August 21ST - Friday- Mass at 9:00
AM; Adoration 9:30 AM to 5:30 PM

August 22ND - Saturday - 6:30 PM

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

August 23RD - Sunday - 8:30 AM:

Lector: Kathy Sardelli
Ushers: Dave & Kathy Sardelli
Servers: Simon, Ambrose & Ignatius
Rosary: Ken Duppong

**** Confessions 30 minutes before Mass****

**First, third and fifth Wednesdays
there will be Eucharistic Adoration
from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM
followed by Mass**

Mass Schedule – Central Time

Masses at St. Ann's

Saturday 6:30 PM

Sunday 8:30 AM

Tuesday 9:00 AM

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

Tuesdays and Fridays

The Church is open from

7:30 AM TO 7:30 PM Everyday

ST. ANNS IS AN EMERGENCY STORM SHELTER

FOR THOSE IN NEED

DOORS WILL REMAIN OPEN DURING STORMS

Daily Readings

Aug. 16: *Isaiah 56:1, 6-7*

Psalms 67:2-3, 5-6, 8

Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

Matthew 15:21-28

Aug. 17: *Ezekiel 24:15-23*

Deuteronomy 32:18-21

Matthew 19:16-22

Aug. 18: *Ezekiel 28:1-10*

Deuteronomy 32:26-28, 30, 35-36

Matthew 19:23-30

Aug. 19: *Ezekiel 34:1-11*

Psalms 23:1-6

Matthew 20:1-16

Aug. 20: *Ezekiel 36:23-28*

Psalms 51:12-15, 18-19

Matthew 22:1-14

Aug. 21: *Ezekiel 37:1-14*

Psalms 107:2-9

Matthew 22:34-40

Aug. 22: *Ezekiel 43:1-7ab*

Psalms 85:9-14

Matthew 23:1-12

Upcoming Events:

Parishioner raffle letters available in the gathering space!

Please let Eve or Father Gary know if you would like to donate a prize to the raffle ASAP so that we are able to start selling raffle tickets!

Bible Study for Beginners

June 1- August 24, Mondays at 7:00 PM

Our Father's Plan video presentations followed by half-hour discussion.

We will begin an 8-week study of the New Testament letter to the Hebrews on Aug 31. All are welcome! Workbooks (\$29) are optional, if you would like one please contact Robin or the office.

Knights of Columbus

There will be no meetings in the months of July and August. Meetings will resume in September. Thank you!

HELP US GROW FAITH AT ST. ANN'S

The Christian Mothers invite you to participate in our new **Faith Formation Giving Board**.

Visit the display in the gathering space, choose one or more book or apple ornaments, and return your ornament with your donation to the Christian Mothers donation box.

Every gift helps provide faith formation resources for our CCD students and supports the teachers who faithfully share Christ with our children each week.

St. Clements

The memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be celebrated Saturday, August 22, 2026, at St. Clement's Oratory of Haymarsh with the Most Holy Sacrifice of the Mass beginning at 8:00 am (Central Time). This year's celebrant will be Father Colton Steiner, parochial administrator of Saint Anne Parish and Chaplain of St. Mary's Academy in Bismarck. All are welcome.

Stewardship of Treasure:

Adult: \$1700

Loose: \$206

Thank you for your donations!

“He said in reply, ‘It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs.’”

Jesus seemed a little harsh in His response to the Canaanite woman, who had humbly asked Him to heal her daughter from a demon. Jesus disregarded her plea and then proceeded to insult her as well, with His reference to “dogs,” a Jewish term of contempt for Gentiles, (i.e., non-Jews). It appeared that Jesus accepted the Jewish belief of His time that there was little hope of salvation for Gentiles. But the Canaanite woman persisted, which was the real intent of Jesus’ seeming insult. He did not want to demean her but wanted instead to test her faith. In curing her child, Jesus sent a clear message: salvation is not only for the Jewish people, but for all people of faith. God wants all people to be saved. After all, He is our Creator, so why would He destroy any of His prized creation? God does not judge people as good or evil, rich, or poor, native or foreigner, Christian or non-Christian. He extends His mercy to all people. The challenge is for us to do the same.

The Corporal Works of Mercy, *Visiting the Sick*

Definition: Assisting sick people is an act of mercy and charity, in imitation of Jesus Christ, who had a special place in His heart for the sick and suffering in His public ministry on earth.

Scriptural references: Matthew 25:36

Applications: 1) Spend quality time with those who are sick and homebound.

2) Take time to call, send a card, text, or e-mail someone who is sick.

3) Volunteer at a hospital or a nursing home.

4) Volunteer to drive patients to medical appointments and treatment facilities.

5) Assist those who are full-time caregivers for family members, that they may occasionally have downtime, so as to avoid burnout.

6) Cook and deliver meals to the sick and the home bound.

7) Run errands for the sick and the elderly.

8) For the sick and the elderly with vision problems, take time to read to them.

9) Volunteer to bring Holy Communion to the homebound and those in nursing homes and hospitals.

10) Do minor repairs or yard work for the elderly and shut-ins.

11) Offer Mass intentions, light votive candles, and pray before the Blessed Sacrament on behalf of the sick.

12) Volunteer for hospice and spend time praying with and comforting those who are dying.

Thank You for the Feedback

I appreciate everyone who offered some input in the past week concerning our *Saint Ann’s Knoephla Soup & Sausage Dinner*, which will now be a fall dinner, on **Sunday November 1st**. Apparently the concern is not about making the soup, but the serving of the soup and the cleanup afterwards. Unfortunately, those who made the soup were also primarily those who served the soup and cleaned up afterwards as well. A great burden was placed upon just a few people. Therefore, in the next few weeks, please take note of the sign-up sheets in the entryway of the church for the various committees for our fall dinner. I make a special plea to our younger parishioners to step up to the plate and assist with our fall dinner. Last year as I looked in the kitchen, a number of people in their 60s, 70s, and 80s were bustling about serving the meal while a number of those in their 20s, 30s, and 40s were *being* served by their elders. There is something wrong with this scenario. I know this may be an unfair generalization, because many of our young families worked hard at the *Knoephla Soup & Sausage Dinner*, but they were in the minority. I therefore encourage people of all ages to make an effort to ensure that our parish fall dinner is a great success. As they say, many hands make light work.

A reminder as well that if you want to donate a raffle prize or a Chinese auction basket, we need to know the value of the raffle prize and the value of the Chinese auction basket contents so that we can apply for the permit from the City of Hebron and then prepare the raffle tickets. We are hoping to finalize our application for the city permit by **September 1st**. Thank you for your cooperation in this great effort and for your generosity of spirit.

How to Thank the Lord

Despite the heat and the lack of rain this summer, God has still provided a modest harvest for our farmers, and we are grateful for His divine goodness. How do we thank the Lord for the gift of the harvest? The best way is to make sure that we continue to honor Him and to worship Him at Sunday Mass. It seems to me a bit of a contradiction to be in a combine while Mass is being celebrated. Is this how we thank God for the harvest? I know it is one hour less of harvest time, but when you honor the Lord on His day, He will bless your efforts during the harvest season.

On the Lighter Side: God wants spiritual fruit, not religious nuts.

A Christian Point to Ponder: *Suffer all, and you will conquer all.*



August is National Make-A-Will Month!

Protect what matters to you most – create your own will today!

Did you know that August is National Make-A-Will Month? It's an annual observance that emphasizes the importance of creating your own will. There are several important reasons why you might want to complete this important task.

Security: Creating your own will and estate plan allows you to communicate important financial and healthcare decisions so you are prepared for whatever the future may hold.

Peace of mind: A will allows you to provide for the people and pets you love, so you know that no matter what, they will be supported, the way you want them to be supported

In less than 20 minutes, write or update your will for free!

The Bismarck Diocese has a partnership with **FreeWill**, an online service that makes it simple, cost-free and accessible to create your own will. Nearly 67% of American adults do not have an estate plan, missing a crucial element of Catholic stewardship. Here's how it works:

1. From the convenience of your home, log in at FreeWill.com/bismarckdiocese.
2. Select a username and password.
3. Begin typing your information.
4. Once completed, your free will is ready to print.
5. You sign and notarize with a local notary public. *
6. DONE!

Takes about 20 minutes to complete. **It's easy and 100% FREE!**

If your circumstances should ever change, it's easy and FREE to log back into FreeWill and change your will, then print the updated copy and have it notarized again.

**In the state of N.D., for a will to be legal, you MUST sign your will in front of a notary public. Most banks, insurance offices, investment offices and public libraries have notary publics who can witness your signature.*

For more information, contact Ron Schatz at (701) 204-7202 or rschatz@bismarckdiocese.com or Bryan Winterberg at (701) 415-0399 or bwinterberg@bismarckdiocese.com.