ST. ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

AUGUST 30TH 2026

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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
Jenny Funk
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Mitch Moszer
Ardelle Tibor
Jim Tibor
Teresa Tibor
Philip Jaeger
Jessica Mattson
Robert Schumacher
Ellevon Aracena
Wyatt Wilson
Matthew Tibor

Mass Intentions

Aug 29th	6:30 PM	+Al Feist
Aug 30th	8:30 AM	For the People of the Parish
Sep 1st	9:00 AM	+ Poor Souls in Purgatory by Ken & Mary Ann Duppong
Sep 2nd	6:00 PM	++John and Rosa Kearnes
Sep 4th	9:00 AM	+Bob Tibor
Sep 5th	6:30 PM	+Peter Berger
Sep 6th	8:30 AM	+Mamie Amundson by the Hoff Family

Ministers

August 29TH - Saturday - 6:30 PM
Lector: Nicole Vogle
Ushers: Volunteer
Servers: Ava & Violet
Rosary: Volunteer

August 30TH - Sunday – 8:30 AM:
Lector: Ken Duppong
Ushers: Don & Deb Wanner
Servers: Easton & Linus
Rosary: Ken Duppong

September 1st – Tuesday - 9:00 AM

September 2nd- Wednesday- Adoration 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM; Mass at 6:00 PM

September 4TH- Friday- Mass at 9:00 AM; Adoration 9:30 AM to 5:30 PM

September 5TH - Saturday - 6:30 PM
Lector: David Wanner
Ushers: David & Cheryl Wanner
Servers: Cambri, Brynlee & Cade
Rosary: David Johnson

September 6TH - Sunday – 8:30 AM:
Lector: Kirk Peterson
Ushers: Lee & Sara Reinbold
Servers: Isla & Olvia
Rosary: Ken Duppong

Father Gary and Father Bruce will be gone for a Fall Conference September 7th- September 10th

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

"Whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."

In a recent homily at our weekend Masses, I spoke of the martyrs of our day, including some Missionary Sisters of Charity, who were killed in Yemen. These sisters wanted to help people who were suffering. They were concerned about their safety, but nothing could stop them from doing their beautiful work for the poor in a nursing home they had founded in the capital city of Aden. The sisters were warned that their lives were in danger, but they refused to leave the people they served. Sadly, one day, armed bandits killed them in their nursing home. These charitable and compassionate sisters were willing to risk their lives to help other people. They reflected the message of today's Gospel, for in losing their lives, they found it . . . the glory of life eternal in Heaven. These good sisters remind us that following Jesus means that we will have to suffer. Are we ready to put ourselves out there and endure hardships, even losing our lives, for love of Jesus? If we are, we will find Jesus in this life and in the life to come.

The Corporal Works of Mercy, *Bury the Dead*

Definition**:** It is an act of love to show respect for the bodies of the dead, since during life, they were temples of the Holy Spirit and received the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ in Holy Communion.

Scriptural reference: Tobit, 1:17-19,

Applications: 1) Be faithful about attending funeral vigils (wakes) and the funeral Mass.

2) Spend time visiting and consoling widows, widowers, and grieving families.

3) Participate in a bereavement ministry in your parish or community.

4) Take time to visit cemeteries and bring family and friends with you who are elderly and unable to get there on their own.

5) Support families who may be unable to afford a funeral for one of their deceased family members; funerals can be very expensive.

6) Offer daily prayers and Mass intentions for those who have died.

7) Send Mass cards to families of those who have lost loved ones.

8) Treat cemeteries with respect and offer to assist in the maintenance of cemeteries, perhaps even "adopting" a cemetery that has been neglected and not properly cared for.

9) Instead of always bringing artificial flowers to the graves of loved ones, on special occasions, bring real flowers or a real Christmas wreath at the holidays.

10) Ensure that the body of a deceased loved one is properly buried and in a timely manner. The Church does not allow for the broadcasting of cremains (i.e., spreading the ashes of a deceased person) or keeping them in one's home.

11) Remember anniversaries of death and send a note of condolence to families who continue to grieve the death of departed loved ones.

12) Visit cemeteries on Memorial Day and All Souls Day.

[NB: This Includes our series on *The Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy.* Next week we will begin a new series, *The Sacraments and Their Celebration*].

You Can't Replace a Devout Mom & Dad

In a matter of days and weeks, our parishes will begin the new CCD year, the religious formation of our young people in the Catholic Faith. We invest a lot of time, effort, and resources in this important endeavor, because we want our young people to know, love, and serve Jesus Christ in this life so that they can reign with Him in the eternal life of Heaven. But a recent study confirmed what we all know: young people who retain their Faith and practice it into adulthood accredit faithful parents for this reality. Despite all the efforts of a parish CCD program, it still boils down to a mom and dad who love and live their Catholic Faith and provide a holy witness of faith to their sons and daughters. I hope and pray that our parents pray daily in the home with their children; bring them faithfully to Sunday Mass for worship; serve charitable needs outside of family life to live the commandment of love; and talk about faith around the supper table or wherever the family gathers for fellowship. Our Savior Jesus Christ was so blessed to have faithful parents who modeled holiness, charity, and fidelity to God in the home at Nazareth. My prayer is that our young people will receive these same beautiful gifts from their parents in their home life as well. *Jesus, Mary, and Joseph... pray for our families, that they may be rooted in the depths and beauty of our Catholic Faith.*

On the Lighter Side: The substitute CCD teacher was struggling to open a lock on the resource supply cabinet.

She had been told the combination but couldn't quite remember it. Finally, she went to the pastor, Fr. O'Reilly, and asked for help. When the pastor began to move the dial, he paused after the first couple of numbers and stared blankly. Finally, he looked heavenward and his lips moved silently. Then he looked back at the lock, turned to the final numbers, and clicked open the hasp. The teacher was amazed and said, "I am in awe of your faith Father O'Reilley." "It's really nothing," he responded, "The numbers are on a piece of tape on the ceiling."

A Point to Ponder: *It isn't difficult to make a mountain out of a molehill... just add a little dirt.*

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

August 30: *Jeremiah 20:7–9*
Psalm 63:2–6, 8–9
Romans 12:1–2
Matthew 16:21–27
August 31: *1 Corinthians 2:1–5*
Psalm 119:97–102
Luke 4:16–30
September 1: *1 Corinthians 2:10b–16*
Psalm 145:8–14
Luke 4:31–37
September 2: *1 Corinthians 3:1–9*
Psalm 33:12–15, 20–21
Luke 4:38–44
September 3: *1 Corinthians 3:18–23*
Psalm 24:1–6
Luke 5:1–11
September 4: *1 Corinthians 4:1–5*
Psalm 37:3–6, 24–18, 39–40
Luke 5:33–39
September 5: *1 Corinthians 4:6b–15*
Psalm 145:17–21
Luke 6:1–5

Upcoming Events:

MINISTRIES SCHEDULE AVAILABLE IN GATHERING SPACE

ST. ANN'S KNOEPHLA SOUP & SAUSAGE DINNER & RAFFLE, Sunday, November 1st
-NEW SIGN-UP SHEETS available in the gathering space with **times!**
-Confirmation students and parents are encouraged to sign up for serving and cleaning!
-Please let Eve or Father Gary know if you would like to donate a prize to the raffle by **September 1st!**

CCD
First day of religious classes will be **Wednesday, September 2nd.**
Grades K-6 from 3:30PM to 5:00 PM Grades 7-8 from 7:30 PM to 8:30 PM.

BIBLE STUDY
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.

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.

FALL FESTIVAL Saturday, September 12th
St. Anns will be walking again in the parade and throwing candy! All ages welcome to come represent our parish! There will be a signup sheet in the gathering space for the parade!

Stewardship of Treasure:
Adult: $1115
Loose: $137
Thank you for your donations!

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.