ST. ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 12th 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
Ann Kitzan
Shane Focht
Natalie Sutto
Torin Hedley
Jamie Kouba
Daryl Wanner
Gail Walls
LuAnn Woeste
Ashley Braem
David Berger
Ardie Krueger
Mitch Moszer
Ardelle Tibor
Jim Tibor
Teresa Tibor
Philip Jaeger
Jessica Mattson
Robert Schumacher
Ellevon Aracena
Wyatt Wilson
Matthew Tibor

Mass Intentions

Sep 12th	6:30 PM	+Francis Tibor
Sep 13th	8:30 AM	Special Intentions for Ken & Mary Ann Duppong Family
Sep 15th	9:00 AM	+ Sherry Zeece
Sep 16th	6:00 PM	+Mary Ann Wolf by Dorothy Feist
Sep 18th	9:00 AM	+Gerard Tibor
Sep 19th	6:30 PM	Well-being of Joe Schaaf Family
Sep 20th	8:30 AM	+Diane McKiernan

Ministers

September 12TH - Saturday - 6:30 PM
Lector: Nicole Vogle
Ushers: Kerry & Brenda Richardson
Servers: Jovie & Levi
Rosary: David Johnson

September 13TH - Sunday – 8:30 AM:
Lector: Ken Duppong
Ushers: Don & Deb Wanner
Servers: Easton & Linus
Rosary: Ken Duppong

September 15TH - Tuesday- 9:00 AM

September 16TH - Wednesday- Adoration 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM; Mass at 6:00 PM

September 18TH - Friday- Mass at 9:00 AM; Adoration 9:30 AM to 5:30 PM

September 19TH - Saturday - 6:30 PM
Lector: David Wanner
Ushers: David & Cheryl Wanner
Servers: Tegan & Talon
Rosary: David Johnson

September 20TH - Sunday – 8:30 AM:
Lector: Kirk Peterson
Ushers: Lee & Sara Reinbold
Servers: Isla & Olivia
Rosary: Harvey Tibor

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

"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'".

In the time of Jesus, numbers had far greater significance and meaning. So, when Jesus told Peter that he was to forgive his brother seventy-seven times, He was not telling Peter to stop forgiving at *seventy-eight* times. Two sevens place together in Jewish numerology signified infinity, therefore Jesus was telling Peter that forgiveness is given continually, because mercy has no end. We should keep this in mind because at times we are tired of the unkindness and lack of charity that others inflict upon us. We just want to move on and eliminate them from our lives. We tell ourselves that we have forgiven them way too many times and we finally have had enough. But again, today's gospel reminds us that forgiveness is about mercy, not math; we should not keep score but should always be willing to forgive others. To help us in this difficult effort, we should contemplate the mercy and love of Jesus. Christians must always remember that our Lord constantly forgives the massive weight of our own sins and therefore if we claim the title of Christian, we must do the same in our lives.

The Sacraments and Their Celebration

Why does the Catholic Church oppose outdoor wedding ceremonies?"

Some Catholic couples have the perfect place in mind for their wedding ceremony: the backyard of their parents' home; a favorite city or state park; a wooded region; or on a ranch or farm. But then along comes the Church, who puts a wrench in their plans by insisting that couples get married in a church, chapel, or an oratory. Why can't couples get married at the location of their choice? Why does it have to be in a place of public prayer and worship? Well, there are a number of reasons for this liturgical practice.

First, the Church agrees that the whole earth is sacred; natural settings provide a worthy place for praise and worship of God. Yet, a church building has pride and place for liturgical celebrations, because Christians construct churches solely for the purpose of divine worship. These visible structures are not simply gathering places, but rather they become the dwelling place of God. In this House of God, Heaven and Earth meet; God is present and active by grace in this sacred place. The visible church is thus a symbol of the Father's house (Heaven), toward which the newlywed couple is journeying.

Second, the Rite of Marriage is truly a beautiful ceremony. Yet this beauty is often lost at outdoor weddings because there exist a multitude of factors over which one has little control: insects, birds and other animals, rain, wind, wind-born particles, passing automobiles, onlookers, etc. These variables serve as great distractions and can turn a beautiful marriage ceremony into a virtual circus. Why put up with the hassle? Why lose the beauty of the marriage ceremony because of the battle against a multitude of undesired factors? The church building is sacred and allows for greater control over these factors, which take away from the sacred nature of that special day.

Lastly, marriage builds upon the foundational sacraments the couple has previously received, especially the Sacrament of Baptism. On the day of their Baptism, the bride and groom had become children of God and heirs to His everlasting Kingdom. In Baptism they were called to Heaven and now in their marriage, they are called to serve as spiritual guides to one another as they make their lifelong journey to eternal life with God. How appropriate it is to gather at the church once again on the day of their wedding. Their life in Christ began at the baptismal font of the church and on the day of their wedding, the bride and groom return to the church to receive the graces to remain faithful to God, and to each another, so that one day, the gift of Heaven will be theirs.

Thank you for Passing on the Gift of Our Faith

Next Sunday is *Catechetical Sunday*, that time of the year to publicly thank our religion teachers in our parish CCD programs. At the 8:30 AM Mass at Saint Ann's and the 10:30 AM Mass at Sacred Heart, we will offer a blessing and a spiritual gift to our religion teachers. It is a small way to show our great gratitude for their desire to hand on the treasured gift of our Catholic Faith to the next generation. Our CCD teachers spend a lot of time preparing their lessons, teaching the lessons in the classroom, and helping with youth fundraisers. May God bless you CCD teachers and know that we are grateful for your important ministry in the life of our parishes. *Saint Charles Borromeo, patron saint of Catholic catechists... pray for them.*

Calling All Men of Faith

This coming fall, every second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM at Sacred Heart Parish, we will be offering a faith formation class for the men of our parishes. We will be using the amazing series produced by the Knights of Columbus, ***That Man is You***, which

offers a series of video presentations and reflections to help men grow in holiness, become more virtuous, and be transformed into better husbands and fathers. We will begin on **Tuesday, October 13th.** We hope to see you there!

On the Lighter Side, *Advantages of Aging:* 1) Your secrets are safe with your friends because they can't remember them either; 2) There is nothing left to learn the hard way; 3) Your joints are more accurate than the National Weather Service; 4) In a hostage situation, you are likely to be released first.

A Point to Ponder: *The average human heart beats 100,000 times each day. Make those beats count.*

First, third and fifth Wednesdays
there will be Eucharistic Adoration
from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM
followed by Mass
CCD K-6 Every Wednesday 3:30 PM TO 5:00 PM
CCD 7-8 Every Wednesday 7:30 PM TO 8:30 PM

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

September 13 *Sirach 27:30–28:7*
Psalms 103:1–2, 3–4, 9–10, 11–12
Matthew 18:21–35
Romans 14:7–9
September 14 *Numbers 21:4–9*
Psalms 78:1–2, 34–35, 36–37, 38
John 3:13–17
Philippians 2:6–11
September 15 *Hebrews 5:7–9*
Psalms 31:2–3, 3–4, 5–6, 15–16, 20
John 19:25–27
September 16 *First Corinthians 12:31–13:13*
Psalms 33:2–3, 4–5, 12, 22
Luke 7:31–35
September 17 *First Corinthians 15:1–11*
Psalms 118:1–2, 16–17, 28
Luke 7:36–50
September 18 *First Corinthians 15:12–20*
Psalms 17:1, 6–7, 8, 15
Luke 8:1–3
September 19 *First Corinthians 15:35–37, 42–49*
Psalms 56:10–12, 13–14
Luke 8:4–15

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 Chinese auction! Raffle prizes have already been submitted and approved!

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.

Stewardship of Treasure:
Adult: $1410
Loose: $ 135
Thank you for your donations!

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE DIOCESE AND OTHER PARISHES

St. Clements Oratory

The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross will be celebrated Monday September 14, 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 Dustin Johns, pastor of St. Anthony parishes of New Town and Mandaree. The oratory is located approximately 7 miles north of I-94 at Exit 108, north of Glen Ullin, ND. All are welcome.

Job Opening

Home On The Range is seeking an enthusiastic and compassionate faith leader to work with youth who have experienced trauma. The Youth Minister supports the Catholic mission of Home On The Range while respecting the diverse religious backgrounds of the youth we serve. Full-time position, starting salary $47,760 DODE, full benefits including fully paid family health insurance and 7% retirement plus more! Contact John at johno@hotrnd.com, 701-872-3745, ext. 7114, or apply on-line at hotrnd.com.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Fr. Thomas Wordekemper, OSB from St. Mary, Richardton is leading a pilgrimage to the Holy Land March 1-10, 2027. Seats are still available. If interested, please contact Marianne Hoffman (St. Thomas, Gladstone) at 701 260 1591 or visit the link to Nativity Pilgrimages at nativitypilgrimage.com/fr-thomas for more information. Highlights include Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Sea of Galilee, Capernaum, Jericho and Dead Sea. There will also be a question/answer session Sept. 13 at St. Mary Social Center (332 2nd St. North), Richardton at 1:00 PM.

Corazon

Corazon weekend September 25-27th. Are you or someone you know struggling in a marriage? The diocesan program for troubled marriages called Corazon (Spanish for heart) is available the weekend of Sept. 25-27. Couples who may be in a marriage in crisis are encouraged to attend a weekend. All confidences are kept and privacy for anyone inquiring about or attending a Corazon weekend is a priority. For questions, contact Amanda at 701-204-7205. For couple registration or additional information, visit bismarckdiocese.com/corazon.