ST. ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 20th 2026

25TH 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
Jenny Funk
Ann Kitzan
Shane Focht
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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 19th	6:30 PM	---
Sep 20th	8:30 AM	+Diane McKiernan
Sep 22nd	9:00 AM	+Francis Tibor by Shirley Tibor
Sep 25th	9:00 AM	+Pius Halter
Sep 26th	6:30 PM	Well-being of Joe Schaaf Family
Sep 27th	8:30 AM	++ Matt & Barbara Kuntz

Ministers

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

September 22ND - Tuesday- 9:00 AM

September 25TH - Friday- Mass at 9:00 AM; Adoration 9:30 AM to 5:30 PM

September 26TH - Saturday - 6:30 PM
Lector: Kevin Staiger
Ushers: Kevin & Toni Staiger
Servers: Felix & Hattie
Rosary: David Johnson

September 27TH - Sunday – 8:30 AM:
Lector: Kathy Sardelli
Ushers: David & Kathy Sardelli
Servers: Simon, Ambrose & Ignatius
Rosary: Harvey Tibor

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

"Each of them got the usual wage." The parable of the workers in the vineyard is difficult to understand and to accept. Why should those who worked for just a brief period of time receive the same amount of pay? We may admire this act of generosity, but if this happened to us, we would be jealous and quite angry. We have been taught that those who work more should earn more. So, we apply the same attitude to our lives as Christians. The more faithful we are, the more we should be blessed. This is why Catholics can be a bit resentful when someone comes back to the Church shortly before their death and receives all the graces of the Church on their deathbed. How unfair! A faithful Catholic works all their life to attain Heaven and here a wayward sinner receives the graces of the Church near the point of death, after a lifetime of denying Christ in their words and actions. How unjust! Well, God is just, but more importantly, He is merciful. Like God, we lament a sinful life, yet we rejoice when lost souls find Him and humbly ask for forgiveness... a fundamental condition for entrance into the Kingdom of Heaven. Therefore, rejoice when the lost are found and rejoice as well in the mercy of our loving Father in Heaven, which is always available to those who seek it.

The Sacraments and Their Celebration

Is the priest or deacon the minister of Christian marriage?

Married couples are often asked, "Which priest married you?" The correct response would be, "No priest married us. We married each other." It is important to keep in mind that the bride and groom are ministers of the Sacrament of Marriage. The man gives the sacrament to the woman, and the woman gives the sacrament to the man with the light of grace. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church states, *"In the Latin (Roman Catholic) Church, it is ordinarily understood that the spouses, as ministers of God's grace, mutually confer upon one another the Sacrament of Matrimony by expression of their consent before the Church"* (1632).

Despite this theological belief, most people think that the priest or deacon is the minister of the sacrament. He is often called the "minister," but this is incorrect. Rather, he is an official witness of the Church. Along with the best man and maid of honor, he is one of the three individuals who witness what the two ministers, the man and the woman, are doing on the day of their wedding. The confusion is understandable because normally the priest or deacon is the minister of a sacrament, for example Baptism, the Holy Eucharist, etc. In addition, the wedding ritual implicitly suggests that he is the minister. For instance, during the wedding ceremony, the priest extends his arms in blessing over the couple. However, this is not the moment of conferral. The Sacrament of Marriage comes about when the bride and groom exchange their vows. As soon as the exchange of vows has happened, the sacrament has come into existence. The priest's blessing merely confirms the sacramental act of the couple, now united by Jesus Christ as husband and wife.

Good Food and Entertainment: This **Saturday, September 19th, Saint Joseph's Parish of rural Grant County** will be having a free will offering meal, for continued parish restoration projects. They will be serving pulled pork sandwiches from **5:00 PM to 6:30 PM** after the 4:00 PM Mass at Sacred Heart Church. The meal will be held at the Sacred Heart Parish Center. Entertainment will also be provided throughout the evening. We look forward to seeing you there and thank you for assisting us in maintaining the beauty of our country church.

Sacred Heart Fall Dinner. . . Coming Soon: In a matter of weeks, **Sacred Heart Church** will be hosting its annual **Fall Dinner** on **Sunday, October 11th**, Serving from **11:30 AM to 2:00 PM**. The meal includes roast beef, ham, cheesy potatoes, assorted side dishes, and pie for dessert. If you want to donate to this effort, we are in need of donations for the foodstuffs for the meal along with pie for dessert; there is a sign-up sheet in the back of church. If you want to donate to the General Store that day, we welcome any fall produce, homemade preserves and jellies, pickled foods, handcrafted items, kitchenware, or anything that you would find in a good old fashion country general store. I look forward to our Fall Dinner, and it will be a great time to enjoy great food and hospitality, something lost in our busy modern world.

Dates Needed: I ask that the parents and students of our post-Confirmation class offer me an open Saturday in the month of October, when we can begin our apostolic works, charitable deeds done in the name of Jesus. I have some ideas in mind, such as helping at a soup kitchen in Bismarck, assisting with projects at the homeless shelter in Bismarck, and raking leaves for a

kind gentleman who lives in a brick ranch home on the bypass in Glen Ullin (near Cenex). Please offer me some dates so that I can plan our activity accordingly. God bless you parents and thank you for allowing your sons and daughters the opportunity to share their faith and Christian charity with others in need.

On the Lighter Side, *Hear Some Evil*: An elderly gentleman had serious hearing problems for a number of years. He finally went to the doctor to be fitted for some hearing aids. After some tests, the doctor was able to have him fitted for a set of hearing aids that allow him to hear at 100%. The elderly gentleman went back in a month to the doctor, and the doctor said, "Your hearing is perfect. Your family must be really pleased you can hear again." The gentleman replied, "Oh, I have not told my family yet. I just sit around and listen to the conversations. I have changed my will three times already."

A Christian Point to Ponder: *It is hard to stumble when you are down on your knees*.

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 20 *Isaiah 55:6–9*
Psalms 145:2–3, 8–9, 17–18
Matthew 20:1–16
Philippians 1:20–24, 27
September 21 *Ephesians 4:1–7, 11–13*
Psalms 19:2–3, 4–5
Matthew 9:9–13
September 22 *Proverbs 21:1–6, 10–13*
Psalms 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44
Luke 8:19–21
September 23 *Galatians 2:19–20*
Psalms 127:1–5
Matthew 16:24–27
September 24 *Ecclesiastes 1:2–11*
Psalms 90:3–4, 5–6, 12–13, 14, 17
Luke 9:7–9
September 25 *Ecclesiastes 3:1–11*
Psalms 144:1–2, 3–4
Luke 9:18–22
September 26 *Ecclesiastes 11:9–12:8*
Psalms 90:3–4, 5–6, 12–13, 14, 17
Luke 9:43–45

Upcoming Events:

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CATHOLIC CHARITIES SUNDAY-
September 26th and 27th

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: $1220
Loose: $116
Thank you for your donations!

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE DIOCESE AND OTHER PARISHES

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.