ST. ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 6TH 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
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Torin Hedley
Jamie Kouba
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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 5th	6:30 PM	+Peter Berger
Sep 6th	8:30 AM	+Mamie Amundson by the Hoff Family
Sep 11th	9:00 AM	+Kevin Halter
Sep 12th	6:30 PM	+Francis Tibor
Sep 13th	8:30 AM	Special Intentions for Ken & Mary Ann Duppong Family

Ministers

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

September 7th – September 10th
Father Gary and Father Bruce will be gone for the Fall Conference

September 11TH Friday- Mass at 9:00 AM; Adoration 9:30 AM to 5:30 PM

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

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

“Jesus said to His disciples, ‘If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone.’”

A woman was referred to a specialist by her doctor. When the specialist checked her, he found her condition vastly improved. The woman went back to her doctor, who admitted that he was stunned by the report. He asked her, “Did anything unusual take place since I last saw you?” Yes,” the woman replied, “I reconciled with someone with whom I had been feuding for years.” Modern medicine is starting to document what the Scriptures imply, that forgiveness is not only good for the soul, but also for the body. Perhaps bitter feelings against others may have more to do with how often we get sick as compared with genetics, diet, or environment. Who do I need to forgive so that I can be healed?

The Sacraments and Their Celebration

May a divorced Catholic who has not remarried receive Holy Communion?

The pain and suffering of divorce is a heavy burden for a divorced Catholic. This lamentable situation becomes more burdensome when divorced Catholics assume that the divorce excommunicates them from the Church and her treasured gift of Holy Communion. They presume that their divorce negatively affects their status in the Church and that without a declaration of nullity (an annulment), they are excluded from the reception of Holy Communion at Mass. But this is a great misconception: a divorced Catholic is free to receive Holy Communion.

Divorce only impacts an individual’s status in civil law; it has no impact upon one's status in Church, or Canon law. The state dissolves the civil contract of marriage with divorce, thus rendering the party's civil law status as single. However, the Church holds that a marriage is a valid union until proven otherwise in a Church court, a marriage tribunal. A divorced couple remains married to each other in the Church, though they are obviously living apart after their civil divorce. Their status in the Church remains that of married persons. Since the divorce does not impact one's status in Church law, a divorced Catholic is free to approach the Holy Eucharist at Mass. In fact, anyone who is divorced should be encouraged to find strength through the reception of Holy Communion. Such a person has probably lived through some traumatic experiences and most likely, painful separation from his or her spouse. So long as the divorced person has not remarried outside of the Church and he or she is not conscious of any mortal sin, that person can and should receive Holy Communion. In the Holy Eucharist, they will find the peace, the consolation, and the strength they need to make it through the pain of divorce. Pray for those who are divorced and in the name of Jesus, invite them back to the Holy Mass to be healed.

Away for a Spell: This coming week, from Monday afternoon until Thursday evening, I will be away from our parishes for the annual fall clergy conference in Medora. If an emergency should arise, please feel free to call me on my cell phone and I will get back to you before or after our theological formation sessions. When we priests gather for the Divine Office and the Holy Mass, be assured of our prayers for you and please keep us in your prayers as well. While in Medora, I may mosey on down to the Badlands Saloon, of course merely for evangelization. A priest's work is never done.

One More Fall Dinner: On Saturday, September 19th, Saint Joseph's Parish of Rural Grant County will be having a free will offering event, for continued parish restoration projects. We 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, Glen Ullin,

North Dakota. Entertainment will be provided that evening as well. We look forward to seeing you there.

Thank You for Your Generosity: Thank you to everyone who so generously donated raffle prizes for the raffles for the fall dinners for Sacred Heart Parish and Saint Ann's Parish. I hope that we can make a concerted effort to sell raffle tickets, because this is the facet of our fall dinners that raises the most funds and these funds help us to continue capital improvement projects in our parishes. If you wish to donate a basket for the Chinese Auction, know that there is still time to do so. Again, God bless all of you for your efforts in making our fall dinners such a great success. The people who come from far and wide enjoy these fall dinners and are impressed by the wonderful meals, the wide variety of Chinese Auction baskets, and above all by our hospitality. May God reward you for making all this possible.

An Update on the Sacred Heart Rectory: Some weeks ago, the parish council of Sacred Heart Parish and a committee formulated to deal with the concrete issues in the rectory basement met to assess the problem. That evening, it was decided that the project should go ahead and that the compromised concrete should be removed and new concrete should be laid down. We are still working on estimates for this project, and we will keep you informed in the weeks and months to come.

On the Lighter Side, *Facts of Life*:

- You are getting old when you get the same sensation from a rocking chair that you once got from a roller coaster.
- You are getting old when you think of exercise and you lie down until the thought goes away.

A Christian Point to Ponder: *Never deprive someone of hope; it might be all they have.*

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 6 *Ezekiel 33:7–9*
Psalms 95:1–2, 6–7, 8–9
Matthew 18:15–20
Romans 13:8–10
September 7 *First Corinthians 5:1–8*
Psalms 5:5–6, 7, 12
Luke 6:6–11
September 8 *Micah 5:1–4*
Psalms 13:6, 6
Matthew 1:1–16, 18–23
September 9 *Isaiah 58:6–11*
Psalms 1:1–4, 6
Matthew 25:31–40
September 10 *First Corinthians 8:1–7, 11–13*
Psalms 139:1–3, 13–14, 23–24
Luke 6:27–38
September 11 *First Corinthians 9:16–19, 22–27*
Psalms 84:3, 4, 5–6, 8, 12
Luke 6:39–42
September 12 *First Corinthians 10:14–22*
Psalms 116:12–13, 17–18

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.

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: $925
Loose: $143
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.