ST. ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

October 25TH 2026

30TH 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
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Ashley Braem
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David Berger
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Mitch Moszer
Ardelle Tibor
Jim Tibor
Teresa Tibor
Philip Jaeger
Jessica Mattson
Robert Schumacher
Wyatt Wilson
Matthew Tibor
Nicole Wehri
Emersyn Wehri

Mass Intentions

Oct 24th	6:30 PM	+ Denis Sebastian
Oct 25th	8:30 AM	For the People of the Parish
Oct 27th	9:00 AM	++ Jerome & Noreen Tibor
Oct 30th	9:00 AM	For Religious Vocations by Ken & Mary Ann Duppong
Oct 31st	6:30 PM	+ Al Feist by Dorothy Feist
Nov 1st	10:30 AM	+ Steve Schneider

Ministers

October 24TH - Saturday - 6:30 PM
Lector: Nicole Vogle
Ushers: Kerry & Brenda Richardosn
Servers: Felix & Hattie
Rosary: Volunteer

October 25TH - Sunday – 8:30 AM:
Lector: Ken Duppong
Ushers: Don & Deb Wanner
Servers: Easton & Linus
Rosary: Volunteer

October 27TH - Tuesday- 9:00 AM

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

October 31ST- Saturday - 6:30 PM
Lector: David Wanner
Ushers: David & Cheryl Wanner
Servers: Tegan & Talon
Rosary: Volunteer

November 1ST - Sunday –10:30 AM:
Lector: Kirk Peterson
Ushers: Lee & Sara Reinbold
Servers: KiAnna & Kassidy
Rosary: Volunteer

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

Mass will be at 8:30 AM at Sacred Heart and 10:30 AM at St. Anns on November 1st due to St. Anns Dinner & Raffle

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. The second is like it: you shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and prophets depend on these two commandments."

Jesus, in response to the Pharisees, made it clear that the law and prophets in their entirety depended on these two great commandments. The word *depend* is often translated as *hang*, for the word here describes a great weight being suspended by two ropes. The Pharisees understood this; to quote these two commandments was not in itself radical. What did make the Pharisees and everyone else sit up and take notice was the fact that Jesus linked them. They are equally grave and one cannot be followed without observing the other. We cannot claim to love God, nor expect to reign with Him in Heaven, unless we love our neighbor. If we wish to enjoy God's love, we must extend that same love to our neighbor... unconditionally.

The Sacraments and Their Celebration, *Why do Catholics have to come to the Sacrament of Penance? Can't we take our sins directly to God?*

Of all the Catholic Traditions, perhaps none is more foreign to our fellow Christians then the Sacrament of Penance. What is with the dark little closet (the confessional)? Why does the priest have to know your sins? Can't you take your sins directly to God and bypass the middleman? Assuredly, we have had these questions asked of us at some point in time and perhaps we have had these same questions arise in our own minds. If other Christians do not believe in or celebrate the Sacrament of Penance, then why must Catholics do so?

First, as Catholics we have always venerated the Sacred Scriptures. We believe the Sacred Scriptures are not merely a human word, but rather the Word of God, given to mankind for our salvation. The Sacred Scriptures teach us the truths of salvation, especially the Gospels, which are the heart of all the Scriptures. They contain within them the teachings of the Incarnate Word, Jesus Christ. To reverence the Scriptures is to accept them in their entirety, even those passages we find challenging, such as those passages concerning the Sacrament of Penance. In John 19: 22 -23, we read, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven and who sins you retain are retained." How can we gloss over this command of Jesus Christ? We cannot. To be faithful to Jesus Christ is to be faithful as well to the Sacraments He instituted, which are clearly attested to in the Gospels.

Second, the Catholic Church is also a Church of Tradition, meaning we hold true to those teachings and practices which have been with the Church from her very inception, among them, the Sacrament of Penance. Christ instituted the Sacrament of Penance, and it has always been central to the Church's ministry of reconciling Christians with God. Writings such as the *Didache,* dating from the first century, attest to the importance of the Sacrament of Penance in the earliest days of the Church. There may have been changes in the discipline and celebration of the sacrament over the centuries, but its fundamental structure remains the same: we must be contrite (sorry for our sins); we must confess them; and we must make satisfaction (penance). The Sacrament of Penance is indeed a part of Tradition, meaning it is free from error (guided by the Holy Spirit) and has been with the Church from day one. To deny this sacrament is to deny Church history and the work of the Holy Spirit in the Church.

Third, the Sacrum of Penance makes perfect sense in terms of social-psychological wellness. Sin is a burden; it weighs upon us. When we do not tell someone our sins, they eat away at us and the spiritual, mental, and emotional toll can be great. Why not bring them to God in the confessional? It is good to express our sins, our struggles, for the sake of releasing them and seeking the guidance of a confessor. But how much more a benefit to hear the priest say those beautiful words, "Your sins are forgiven, go in peace." We know that it is Jesus speaking to us, offering us His peace and consolation.

Lastly, the Sacrament of Penance is beneficial because it forces us to take responsibility for our own sinfulness. We are good at blaming others for our sins; justifying our sins; or minimizing our sins. In the confessional, we are finally forced to admit that we choose to sin. Our sins are an affront against the goodness and the glory of God. The Sacrament of Penance keeps us honest. To come to individual confession is indeed a lesson in honesty, as well as humility. But more importantly, it is a lesson in forgiveness and mercy. What a loving Father in Heaven who unconditionally forgives our sins every time we seek the grace of the Sacrament of Penance.

Come to the Feast: Saint Ann's Parish welcomes you to their annual ***German Sausage & Knoephla Soup Dinner*** **on Sunday, November 1st**. Serving begins at **11:30 AM** and continues until **1:00 PM**. The cost is $10 per person and children under six eat for free. The menu also includes Assumption Abbey breads and homemade kuchen for dessert. There will be a Chinese Auction that day and a raffle as well. A reminder that the Mass

schedule will be changed that weekend to accommodate St. Ann's fall dinner. The 8:30 AM Mass will be at Sacred Heart Church and the 10:30 AM Mass will be at Saint Ann's Church. Thank you for your understanding. By the way, when you visit the monks at Assumption Abbey, thank them for allowing us to include their wonderful breads in our German meal. Their breads are so wonderful that they *knead* applause.

Happy Halloween to Our Kids: A number of the women of Sacred Heart Parish are sponsoring once again ***Trunk or Treat*****,** a safe and wholesome environment for our kids to celebrate the joy of Halloween. Bring your children that day to enjoy lots of candy at the various stations; some door prizes; and a hearty meal. The celebration will take place on **Sunday, October 25th**, at the **Sacred Heart Parish Center from 3:00 PM until 5:00 PM**. Thank you to the sponsors of this festive celebration and to the many individuals, families, and organizations that set up stations throughout the parish hall. I look forward to seeing these stations every year because they are so creative and fun. I asked one of our young parishioners if he was going to dress up as something scary that day, like a werewolf, a vampire, or a zombie. He replied, "No, I am going to dress up as something far scarier. I am going to dress up as Fr. Gary." How insulting!

Halloween Humor: What did the skeleton, serving as a waiter, say to the restaurant patrons when he brought their meal to the table? Answer: *Bone Appetit!* [Permission to groan]

A Christian Point to Ponder: *Grace carried me here, and by grace I will carry on.*

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 STORM

Daily Readings
October 25 *Exodus 22:20–26*
Psalms 18:2–3, 3–4, 47, 51
Matthew 22:34–40
Thessalonians 1:5–10
October 26 *Ephesians 4:32–5:8*
Psalms 1:1–2, 3, 4, 6
Luke 13:10–17
October 27 *Ephesians 5:21–33*
Psalms 128:1–2, 3, 4–5
Luke 13:18–21
October 28 *Ephesians 2:19–22*
Psalms 19:2–3, 4–5
Luke 6:12–16
October 29 *Ephesians 6:10–20*
Psalms 144:1, 2, 9–10
Luke 13:31–35
October 30 *Philippians 1:1–11*
Psalms 111:1–2, 3–4, 5–6
Luke 14:1–6
October 31 *Philippians 1:18–26*
Psalms 42:2, 3, 5
Luke 14:1, 7–11

Upcoming Events:

THANK YOU
Thank you to everyone who generously donated to our Faith Formation fundraiser! Together, we raised **$840** to help support our students and teachers. We are so grateful for your kindness and continued support! ~ St. Ann's Christian Mothers

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY
Envelopes available in the gathering space.

RAFFLE TICKETS
Available in the gathering space- please look for your envelope with your family's name!

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!

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.

Men of St. Anns, Sacred Heart and St. Josephs second Wednesday of each month at Sacred Heart Parish, at 7:00 PM. We will be using a DVD and book series produced by the Knights of Columbus, *That Man is You*, which promises becoming a man after God's own heart.

MASS CHANGE
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Stewardship of Treasure:
Adult: $ 885
Loose: $ 190
Thank you for your donations!

More News at St. Anns and Other Parishes

Trunk or Treat, Sunday, October 25th

Trunk or Treat at Sacred Heart: Trunk or Treat will be Oct. 25th from 3:00 5:00pm at the Parish Center. If you want to volunteer or donate to this event please contact, Kim Kobilansky at 701-391-5497.

Women's Silent Retreat Friday, October 30th and Saturday, October 31st

There will be a silent retreat open to the women of all parishes hosted by the Troops of St. George on Friday, October 30, 4:30PM-10:00PM and
Saturday, October 31, 7:45AM-4:30PM, at St. Anne's Catholic Church in Bismarck.
There will be the opportunity for communal and individual prayer, as well as opportunities for adoration, confession, spiritual direction and conferences given by Fr. Gregory Crane.
The cost of $60, including meals, may be paid at the start of the retreat. Register by October 23rd by contacting christinacollins7@gmail.com or 701-595-0058. Nursing infants welcome.

St. Mary's of New England Fall Festival —November 7th & 8th

November 7th : 5:00pm Mass
6:00pm KC Burger meal at Memorial Hall
$10 Adults $5 kids—ALL ARE WELCOME!
7:00pm Casino Night—$50 advance tickets
Live & Irish Auction—Clergy Calcutta
November 8th : 10:30am Mass
11:00am—1:00 pm Turkey Meal
2:00 Bingo—2 sessions—$250.00 Blackout
4:00 pm Raffle Drawing