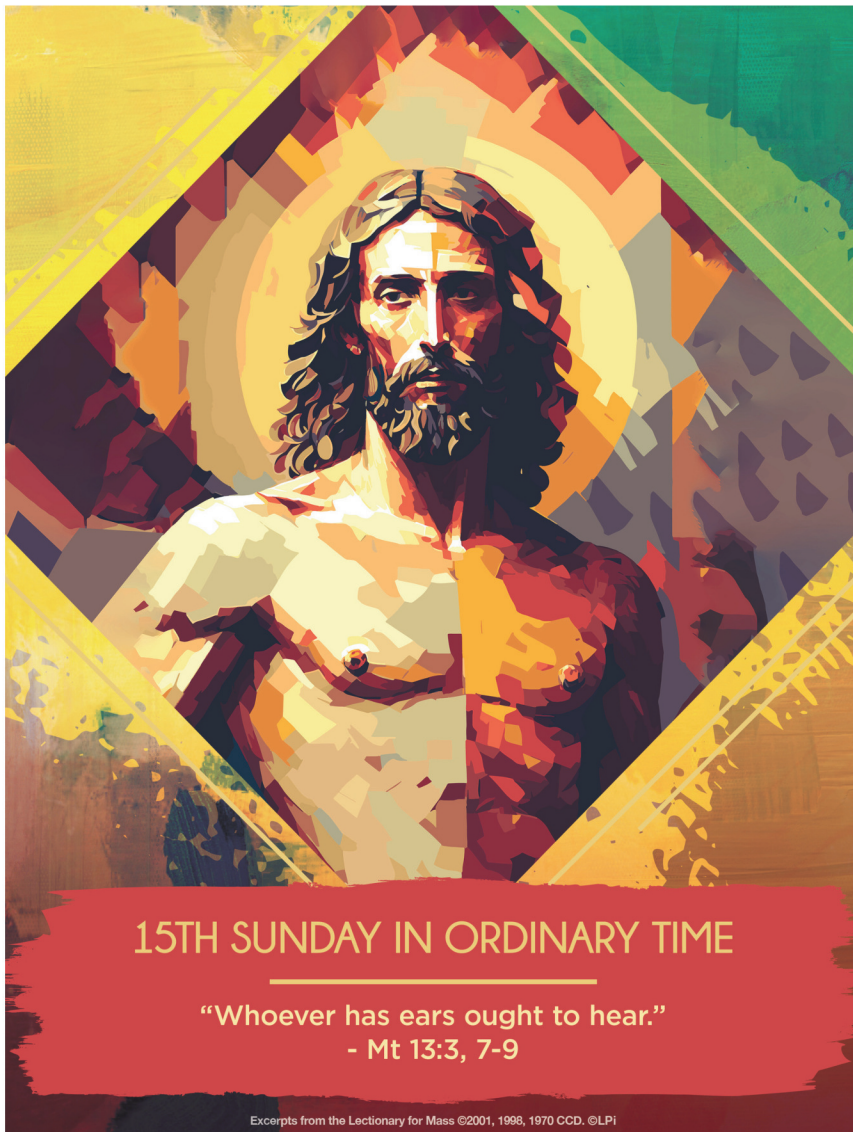


JULY 12TH, 2026
15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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THIS WEEK:

Monday, July 13th

No Scheduled Events

Tuesday, July 14th

NO DAILY MASS

Wednesday, July 15th

NO DAILY MASS

No Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday, July 16th

NO DAILY MASS

Friday, July 17th

NO DAILY MASS

Saturday, July 18th

4:30 p.m. Mass

Sunday, July 19th

Mass: 8:30 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

DAILY MASS: TUES-FRI 8AM

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS: 4:30PM

SUNDAY MASS: 8:30AM & 10AM

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: WEDNESDAYS 8:30AM-4PM

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

July 12, 2026
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 13:1-23

Sometimes I feel capable of absorbing almost anything except God's Word. My mind soaks up song lyrics, sports trivia, and endless online content. But what was the reading at Mass this morning? I struggle to recall. That realization discourages me, and it leads to an uncomfortable question. What is my heart really for? Is it shaped for constant information and distraction, or is it truly designed for God? Am I capable of deeply receiving His Word?

Jesus speaks directly to this today with a simple image. "The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it." By comparing the Word of the Kingdom to a seed, Jesus reveals something hopeful about us. The human heart is made for that seed. Soil and seed belong together. No matter how compacted, rocky, or overgrown the ground has become, the Sower never stops sowing.

God loves our hearts. He sees them as a farmer sees his fields, full of potential. Human hearts can indeed "understand the Word." Understanding does not mean mastering information. It means letting the Word sink in, interacting with it, and giving it a home. It means trusting that, beneath the surface, God is at work in quiet and hidden ways.

When we allow the Holy Spirit to loosen the soil of our hearts through prayer, repentance, and simplicity, the same Word that created the universe begins to bear fruit in us, 30, 60, even a hundredfold.

Lord Jesus, Sower of life, soften the soil of my heart. Let Your Word take root in me again, and bring forth the fruit You desire. Amen.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 12, 2026

Sunday: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Henry
Tuesday: St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin
Wednesday: St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Thursday: Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Saturday: St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest
Next Sunday: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY, JULY 14TH

+Kathleen Froeber by Beatrice Petersen

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15TH

+Marilyn & Lowell Kartes by LouAnn Fleck

THURSDAY, JULY 16TH

+Ted Schweyen by Duane Howey

FRIDAY, JULY 17TH

+Mary Dangel by Deacon Bob Dangel

SATURDAY, JULY 18TH

Katie Snyder by Joshua Snyder

SUNDAY, JULY 19TH

8:30 a.m. +Tom Hanson by Janet Hanson
10:00 a.m. For the Parishioners

+Indicates Deceased



PLEASE NOTE: Father Phillips will be on vacation July 13-24. There will be no Daily Mass or Adoration while he is gone. Intentions will be said privately.

Questions of the Week

1ST READING

Isaiah encourages us to trust in the reliability of God's word and purposes. When do you find yourself trusting in the Lord?



2ND READING

Paul places his hope in God's promised future, when both people and creation itself will be freed from corruption and decay. Is there something you or your family have been hoping for lately?

GOSPEL READING

Jesus teaches his disciples to be open (be "rich soil") to the often mysterious meaning of the parables about the kingdom of Heaven. Are you someone who is open to new or different ideas?

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Monday-Thursday 8:30AM-3PM

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Minot Area Catholic Adults

Spirits and Truth



5 Part Series: The Second Vatican Council

Part I: What was Vatican II?

Thursday, August 6th, 2026

-Food and Fellowship @6:00pm

-Talk by Fr. Eric Artz @6:45pm

Location: Mi Mexico
3816 S Broadway
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Welcome

Welcome to the newest member of our parish:
Jordan Will

ADORERS NEEDED

We are looking for more Adorers for Eucharistic Adoration. Please let us know if you would be available for an hour on Wednesdays on a regular basis. **Current hours are: 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

HOSPITALIZATION INFORMATION

If you or a loved one are admitted to the hospital, please remember to clearly indicate your religious affiliation and church name at the time of admission.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MESSAGE

In today's Gospel, we hear the story of the sower and we know that "some seed fell on rich soil, and produce fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirty fold." This week by making a gift to the St. Vincent de Paul, know that together they will produce fruit a hundred fold.

St. Vincent de Paul meets on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. If you would like to attend a meeting, please call Janel at 701-557-3919 for the meeting location.

MASS MINISTRY SCHEDULES FOR JULY 18 & 19

	Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Sunday 8:30 a.m.	Sunday 10 a.m.
Rosary	Janet Murphy	Dione Bohl	Brenda Artz
Greeters	Varden Lang Bea Grasmoe	Ron & Korie Huettl	Bonnie Brunner
Altar Servers	Max Stenberg	Mick Minter Joseph Minter	Dane Brunner Maizey Brunner
Lector	Michelle Wright	Jacob Mulcahy	Jaimie Brunner
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ANOINTING OF THE SICK

If anyone is preparing for surgery or is hospitalized or wishing to receive the anointing of the sick, please call the parish office (701-838-1520) or rectory (701-837-5943) to set up an appointment. You can receive this sacrament more than once. Please notify Fr. Phillips upon admission of a family member to the hospital.

CONFESSION TIMES

TUES-FRI: 7:30AM-7:50AM

SAT: 3:15PM-4:15PM

SUNDAY: 7:30AM-8:15AM; 9:30AM-9:50AM

Confession can be heard anytime outside of listed times
by appointment: 837.5943

BISHOP RYAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

St. Andrew's Call Scholarships Do you have a student entering 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th or 10th grade who may be interested in attending Bishop Ryan Catholic School? For the 2026–2027 school year, a limited number of St. Andrew's Call Scholarships will be available for new, accepted families. This two-year scholarship provides each student:

- \$2,000 toward tuition in the first year
- \$1,000 toward tuition in the second year
- For more information about the St. Andrew's Call Scholarship or the application process, please contact Megan Selk at 701-838-3355 or mselk@brhs.com.



Is God calling your family to Catholic education? Now enrolling preschool through grade 12 for the 2026–2027 school year. For a tour or more information contact Megan Selk at 838-3355.

Would you like to share your love of Chess or stringed instruments? Bishop Ryan Catholic School is looking for mentors to work with our Lion students who are interested in learning more about the game of Chess or playing stringed instruments including violins, violas, and cellos. If you're interested in learning more about these opportunities (from a paid or volunteer standpoint), please contact principal Tanya Steckler at (701) 838-3355 or tsteckler@brhs.com.

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FELLOWSHIP AT THE 2026 BIG SMOKE BBQ COMPETITION

An exciting spirit of faith, fellowship, and community gathered on June 21st at the Flickertail Garden for the 9th annual Big Smoke BBQ Competition. Hosted by the Serra Club of North Central North Dakota, the event brought together priests, pitmasters, and parishioners united in a common mission to support the formation of our diocesan seminarians.

Competing Teams and their Parishes: Little Flower Smokers, Little Flower Church, Minot led by Fr. Ken Phillips; Burning Bush, Our Lady of Grace, Minot led by Fr. Adam Maus; St. Nicholas Smokers, St. Nicholas Church, Garrison; St. John Replacements, St. John the Apostle Church, Minot; Northern Light Smokers, St's. Jerome, James & John, Mohall, Sherwood, & Lansford led by Fr. Greg Luger; St. Leo's Smokin' Saints, St. Leo the Great Church, Minot; St's Thomas, Michael, & James Smokers, Tioga, Ray, & Powers Lake led by Fr. Corey Nelson; Smoke-N-Beers, Little Flower Church, Minot led by the Johnson Family; Meat Your Maker's Mark, Bishop Ryan School led by the Brunner Family.

After hours of barbecuing, tasting, and scoring, the atmosphere became electric as the final votes were tallied. A wave of anticipation was felt until it was finally time to announce the 2026 Big Smoke Champions.

Competition Honors went to:

- People Choice: 1st: Little Flower Smokers, Little Flower Catholic Church; 2nd: Burning Bush, Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church
- Judges Choice: 1st: Burning Bush, Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church; 2nd: Meat Your Maker's Mark, Bishop Ryan.
- Sauce Master: St. Leo's Smokin Saints, St. Leo the Great Catholic Church; 2nd: St. Jerome's, Mohall

Photos and a full article will be in August DCA.

BISMARCK DIOCESE JOB OPENING

The Bismarck Diocese has an opening for a full-time Accounting Manager. Primary responsibilities will be accounting and payroll functions for the Fiscal Department and assisting and supporting the staff of the Parish Services Department in parish accounting and payroll. The position provides a competitive wage and generous benefit package. For further information, see the Bismarck Diocese website at Job Openings | Bismarck Diocese | Bismarck, ND

MARRIAGE RETREAT: BECOMING ONE - AUGUST 21-22, 2026

Come away with your spouse and deepen your love in Christ.

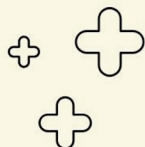
Join retreat Leaders, Peter & Theresa Martin, for a powerful weekend retreat designed to help married couples step away from the busyness of everyday life and invest intentional time in their relationship and spiritual life together. Through inspiring talks, guided couple dialogue, prayer, and fellowship, couples will explore St. John Paul II's 'Rule for Marriage' and discover practical ways to grow in deeper love and unity. Location: Christ the King Parish Life Center 505 10th Ave NW, Mandan, ND 58554 Space is limited—register today! Cost per couple: \$200 (Early Bird: \$150 through July 21) Questions? Call or text 701-527-0607 or visit JP2Rule.com

SCAN TO REGISTER:





12TH ANNUAL NATHAN ARTZ MEMORIAL BLOOD DRIVE



Friday, August 7th, 2026

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Time
9:00 a.m. -
3:00 p.m.



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