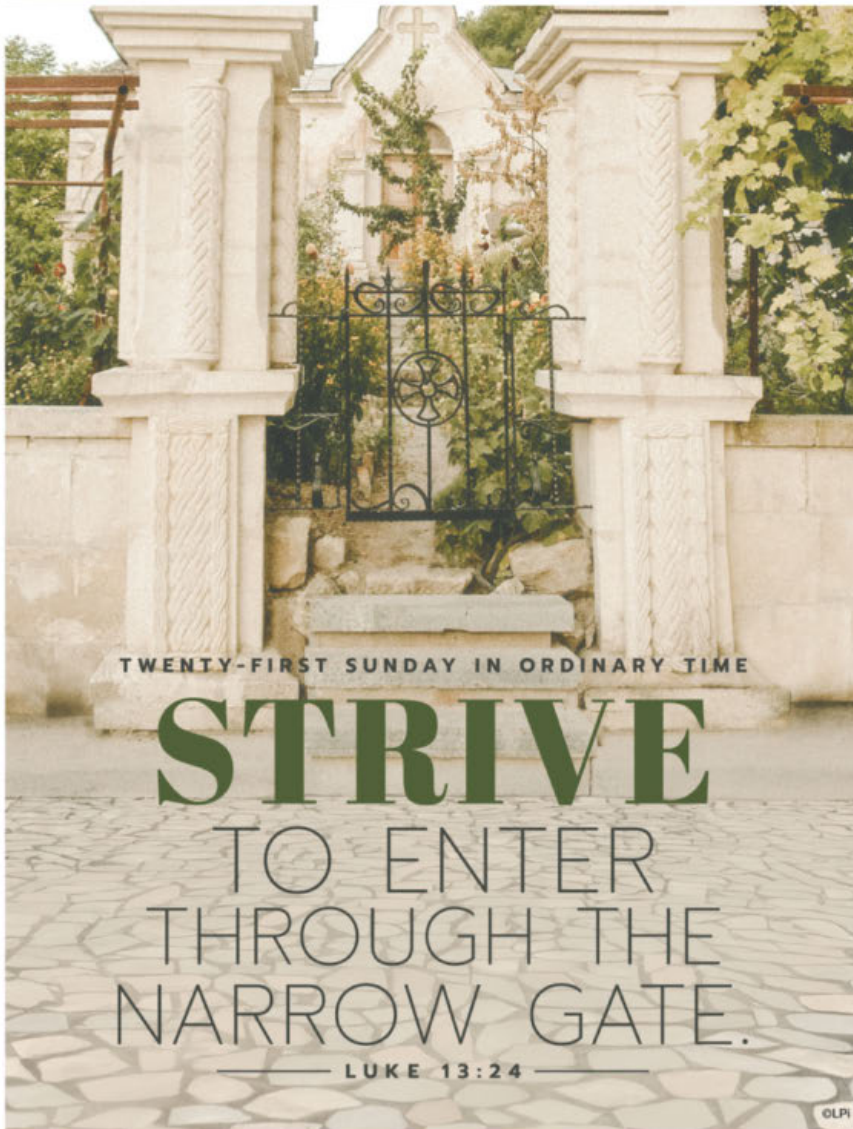


August 24th, 2025
21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

STRIVE
TO ENTER
THROUGH THE
NARROW GATE.

LUKE 13:24

THIS WEEK:

Monday, August 25th
No Scheduled Events

Tuesday, August 26th
8:00 a.m. Mass
6:00 p.m. Finance Council

Wednesday, August 27th
8:00 a.m. Mass
8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Adoration

Thursday, August 28th
8:00 a.m. Mass

Friday, August 29th
8:00 a.m. & 5:30 p.m. Mass

Saturday, August 30th
4:30 p.m. Mass

Sunday, August 31st
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 (SUMMER HOURS)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

August 24, 2025
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Luke 13:22-30

I've been hiking Camelback Mountain in Phoenix, Arizona most of my life. It is a vigorous forty-five minutes to the top. Near the peak, the end suddenly appears much further away, and steeper. At that moment, a descending hiker often offers encouragement: "Keep going! The peak is right there. It's not as far as it looks. You can do it!" It usually works. After another five minute push, you summit and enjoy a glorious panorama of the Sonoran Desert in the Valley of the Sun.

When Jesus is asked about how many people are saved, he says: "Strive to enter through the narrow gate" (Luke 13:24). How many? Strive! Focus on your journey. What does heavenly census taking have to do with you or me? How would it help a hiker on a mountain to ask the others coming down, "How many people are going to make it to the top?" A normal response would be something like: "How is that a relevant question? Carry on!"

Jesus links one virtue directly to salvation: perseverance (cf. Matt 24:13; hypomone in Greek). Strive! Endure!

Keep going! The one absolutely necessary virtue is perseverance, to not give up on our journey. The mountain we struggle to climb is often our own weakness, failures, and sins. Persevere in prayer. Keep celebrating the sacraments. Embrace daily duties. With God's grace, you are strong enough to keep going. Perhaps the peak is not as far away as you might fear. Keep going!

— Father John Muir

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 24, 2025

Sunday: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest
Wednesday: St. Monica
Thursday: St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Friday: The Passion of St. John the Baptist
Next Sunday: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY, AUGUST 26TH

The Parish by Kathy LeBlanc

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27TH

+Greg Sauber by JoAnn & Rick Randall

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28TH

+Mike Brunner by Bonnie Brunner

FRIDAY, AUGUST 29TH

+Claire Hope by Debbi Brothers

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30TH

+Dorothea Howey by David & Linda Aleshire

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31ST

8:30 a.m. For the Parish

10:00 a.m. +Louis Zent by Bob & Brenda Artz

+Indicates Deceased

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Attention Knights!



Get ready for our first meeting coming up September 2nd. We will start with rosary in the church at 6:30 then the meeting to follow at 7:00 in the gathering space where we kick off the new fraternal year and will be discussing upcoming events and plans on how we can help out at the parish and in our catholic community, and any gentlemen interested in the knights is more than welcome to join, so if you can make it that would be great! And weather permitting we will enjoy some bbq food, drinks, and fellowship outside in the west parking lot, hope to see you there and godbless!



4TH ANNUAL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PANTRY 2 PANTRY FOOD DRIVE

As the camping season ends, please consider emptying the pantry in your camper, cabin or home and donate any extra items to the local food pantries. Knights of Columbus members from St. Nicholas-Garrison, St. John-Minot, and St. Jerome-Mohall/St. James-Sherwood/St. John-Lansford will gather the donations and distribute them to the local food pantries. Collection trailers will be open Saturday August 30 thru Monday September 1 and will be located at: East of Garrison Dairy Queen, Rice Lake, and Mouse River Park. Strawberry Lake collection trailer will be open Saturday and Sunday September 6-7. A donation box will be located inside St. John the Apostle Catholic Church in Minot, 2600 Central Avenue West.

KC BREAKFAST AT ST. LEO'S

The St. Leo's Knights of Columbus Council 9906 will serve a breakfast on Sunday, August 24 from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm in the St. Leo's Church Basement. Serving: pancakes, sausage, eggs, biscuits & sausage gravy, juice and coffee. Free will offering will support the Saint Gianna & Pietro Molla Maternity Home ! All are welcome!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The first Little Flower KC Breakfast of the season will be held on Sunday, September 14th from 8:30 a.m. to noon.



ST. HILDEGARD CHURCH FALL DINNER

St. Hildegard's Church in Menoken, ND will be hosting their annual Fall dinner on Sunday, Sept 7 from 11 AM – 1:30 PM. The homemade dinner will feature their traditional sausage, roast beef, pies, buns and all the trimmings! There will be fun for all ages including games, bingo, and sale of home baked goods, and fresh garden produce. The cost of the meal will be \$15 for adults; \$8 for children 4 – 10 years; free for children 3 and under. Raffle tickets available for \$5 each, or 5 for \$20, (with over \$10,000 in prizes!) Winners will be drawn at 4 PM. Join us for an afternoon of fellowship and fun for all ages! St. Hildegard's church is located at 17200 Highway 10, Menoken, ND (10 miles east of Bismarck).

MASS MINISTRY SCHEDULES FOR AUGUST 30 & 31

	Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Sunday 8:30 a.m.	Sunday 10 a.m.
Rosary	Varden Lang	Marie Keller	Suzanne Watne
Greeters	Lou Ann Fleck	Bruce & Louise Bogenrief	Bob & Jennifer Feller
Altar Servers	Camden Lee	Frances Olson Calvin Olson	Kirstin Brunner
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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

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FAITH FORMATION AT LITTLE FLOWER

REMINDER: The first day of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is Wednesday, September 3rd starting with a family liturgy service at 5:30 p.m., followed by Atrium ending at 7:00 p.m.

We are looking for volunteers to help set up our CGS Atrium on Wednesdays from 5:30 to 5:50 p.m. If you're interested in helping in this way, please contact our parish office.

Confirmation class will meet for practice following the liturgy service. Confirmation is September 7th, 2025 during the 10:00 a.m. Mass with Bishop David D. Kagan.

BASIC CATHOLIC BELIEFS CLASS

Father Kenneth Phillips will once again offer his Basic Catholic Beliefs Class starting Sunday, September 21st. This class series is free and open to the public. This class is for Catholics and non-Catholics to learn more about what we believe.

Please register for class by filling out the registration form available in the parish office. You can also register online on our parish website under the Faith Formation tab. Classes take place each Sunday at 1PM.

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3rd Annual Blue Mass

A Blue Mass is an opportunity for Catholics and non-Catholics to come together to pray for, and celebrate all active, retired and deceased law enforcement officers, firefighters and emergency medical personnel who serve the community. We also want to offer prayers to God for their continued protection.

The color blue, predominantly worn by the men and women in service, provides the name for the Blue Mass.

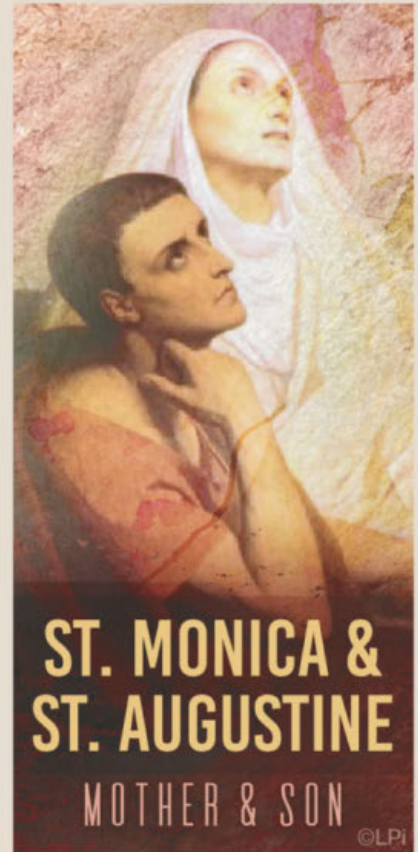
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HOLINESS RUNS IN THE FAMILY

Raising faithful children is no easy task.

For St. Monica, it seemed nearly impossible. Her husband wasn't Christian and often mocked her faith. Their son, Augustine, fell quickly into wild ways. He and his friends drank, stole, and caroused throughout town. Monica never stopped praying for Augustine, no matter how far he strayed. Augustine became swept up in heresy, a false form of Christianity. He lived with a mistress and had a child out of wedlock. All the while, Monica kept praying. Conversion came slowly to Augustine, but at age 32, he was finally baptized. Augustine would go on to become a priest, then bishop, then world-renowned theologian whose works have stood the test of time.

May St. Monica and St. Augustine inspire us to never stop praying for our loved ones.

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FROM THE UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS:

History was recently made when Planned Parenthood and other big abortion businesses were banned from receiving federal Medicaid dollars for one year. Planned Parenthood immediately sued in a federal court and the judge swiftly granted part of a preliminary injunction, requiring the abortion giant's taxpayer funding to continue. Otherwise, children's lives could be saved every day. Americans should not be forced to pay for the killing of preborn children or fund the clinics that kill them. The USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities is inviting Catholics to join a focused effort of prayer to stop taxpayer funding of the abortion industry. In particular, we will invoke the intercession of St. Joseph, Defender of Life with this prayer:

Dearest St. Joseph, at the word of an angel, you lovingly took Mary into your home. As God's humble servant, you guided the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem, welcomed Jesus as your own son in the shelter of a manger, and fled far from your homeland for the safety of both Mother and Child. We praise God that as their faithful protector, you never hesitated to sacrifice for those entrusted to you. May your example inspire us also to welcome, cherish, and safeguard God's most precious gift of life. Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life —especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things. Amen.

We ask Catholics to offer this prayer daily, from now until October 1, the beginning of Respect Life Month. Free online and print versions of the prayer can be found at www.respectlife.org/prayer-to-st-joseph. Thank you for responding to this invitation to pray and for your support in protecting innocent children and their vulnerable mothers from the evil of abortion. St. Joseph, Defender of Life, pray for us!

MINOT BUYBB EVENT

Catholic Charities North Dakota is in need of gently used baby items for their Bundle Up Your Baby Bump Event being held on Saturday, September 13, 2025, from 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. at St. John the Apostle Church. This is a free event for parents to "shop" for needed baby supplies. Clothing sizes newborn – 5T, bottles, toys, strollers, books, bouncers, crib sheets, towels, or anything else a baby/toddler may need can be dropped off at the Catholic Charities North Dakota office, 216 South Broadway, Suite #202, from August 18, 2025, to September 11, 2025. Volunteers are needed, it takes a lot of hours to set up and run this event. If you can help, please contact Kristie at 701-561-8244 or kurness@catholiccharitiesnd.org. Thank you very much for your support of our local moms! If you have any questions or want to learn more, please visit our website at: www.CatholicCharitiesND.org or call 701-852-2854.

ND MARCH FOR LIFE OCTOBER 10TH

Take the opportunity to stand up for the unborn at the N.D. March for Life on Friday, Oct. 10. The day begins with Mass celebrated by Bishop Kagan at 10 a.m. at the Bismarck Event Center (use door A1). This is a new location to accommodate a larger-size crowd. After Mass, all are invited to march to the N.D. capitol building south mall (off Boulevard Avenue) for a rally. The rally is set to begin at 12:30 p.m. The North Dakota March for Life is an annual event in October to coincide with Respect Life Month. Bishop Kagan will lead a holy hour on the eve of the N.D. March for Life on Thursday, Oct. 9 beginning at 7 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit. The public is invited to attend.

BISMARCK DIOCESE JOB OPENING

The Bismarck Diocese is seeking to fill the full-time position of Coordinator of Priests' Services. Responsibilities include serving as a resource to all diocesan priests as it relates to healthcare, insurance (healthcare, Medicare and long-term care), retirement planning and other benefits available to the priests of the Diocese, as well as coordinating the needs of diocesan retired priests, including the priests who reside at Emmaus Place (priest retirement home). The position is also responsible for coordinating the housing contracts and apartment assignments at Emmaus Place, as well as assisting Emmaus Place residents, if requested, with medical appointments and consultations, transportation needs and other appointments or needs that may arise. A licensed nurse with experience in eldercare is required. Competitive salary and generous benefits package provided. A detailed job description can be found at www.bismarckdiocese.com under the "Job Openings" tab. Please submit cover letter, resume, three references and diocesan application for employment (also found under the "Job Openings" tab) to Denise Jordan, PO Box 1575, Bismarck, ND 58502, or email to djordan@bismarckdiocese.com.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MESSAGE

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us to "strive to enter through the narrow gate." Our call to be disciples and to follow Jesus demands that we learn to live for the sake of others. In the month of August, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist multiple families, providing for things such as food, utility and rent bills, etc. Thank You

SVdP meetings are held in St. Leo's Catholic Church basement on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month beginning with a rosary at 5:10 PM followed by the meeting at 5:30 PM. If you would like to attend a meeting, please call Janel at (701) 557-3919 for assistance in entering the church as the doors of St. Leo's are locked except for Mass times.

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