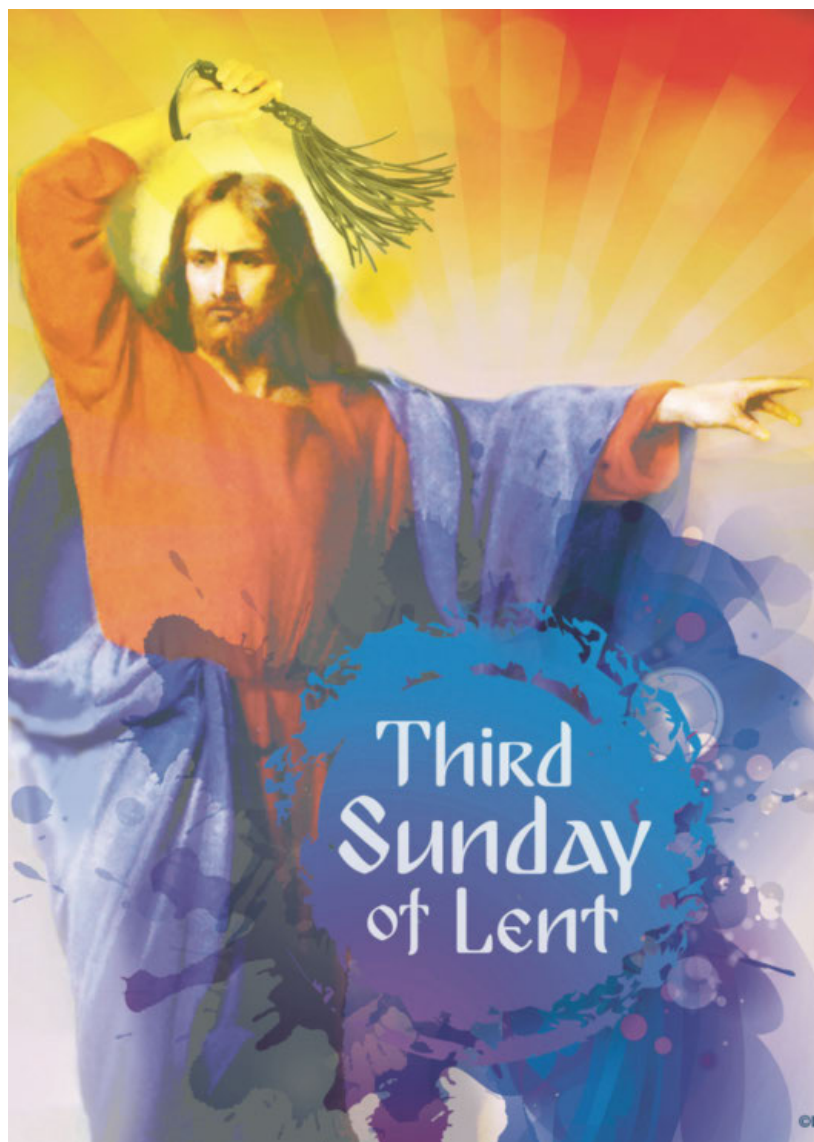


March 23rd, 2025  
3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

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## THIS WEEK:

**Monday, March 24th**

Nothing Scheduled

**Tuesday, March 25th**

*The Annunciation of the Lord*

8:00 a.m.: Mass

**Wednesday, March 26th**

8:00 a.m.: Mass

**No Eucharistic Adoration**

6:00 p.m.: Youth Religious Education

**No Rosary**

**Thursday, March 27th**

8:00 a.m.: Mass

**Friday, March 28th**

8:00 a.m.: Mass

**No Soup & Sandwich Supper  
and Stations of the Cross**  
(Our Lady of Grace Fish Fry)

**Saturday, March 29th**

Mass: 4:30 p.m.

**Sunday, March 30th**

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

1:00 p.m.: Basic Catholic Beliefs Class

DAILY MASS: TUES-FRI 8AM

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS: 4:30PM

SUNDAY MASS: 8:30AM & 10AM

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: WEDNESDAYS 8:30AM-6:30PM

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# GOSPEL MEDITATION

March 23, 2025  
3rd Sunday of Lent  
John 4:5-42

My childhood best friend was Xander Price. He was the fastest runner in school, an excellent baseball player and Jewish. Though his family wasn't intensely religious, I felt totally at home with them despite our religious differences. Everything about their Judaism seemed to undergird and strengthen my own experience of being a Catholic. I knew they didn't believe in Jesus like my family did, but I intuited somehow that Jesus was "hiding" in their religion. Like a cat moving under a blanket, ready to emerge at any moment, the Lord was hidden there in a special way.

In the Gospel for this third Sunday of Lent, Jesus says, "For if you had believed Moses, you would have believed me, for he wrote of me" (John 5:46). Stunning words, those. Moses wrote about Jesus. The way therefore that we come to know and believe in Jesus is to discover him lurking in Moses' writings. The Hebrew Scripture is the wonderful womb in which Jesus gestates within a host of images: Adam, Isaac, David, Melchizedek, the Temple, sacrificed lambs, prophets and so on. Right now, in your parish's OCIA program, soon-to-be baptized people are carefully studying where Jesus is in the writings of Moses, so that they may believe in him. This works for all of us, too, who wish to deepen our knowledge and love of Jesus.

**Lenten challenge:** Take some time to prayerfully study one of the images of Jesus listed above in the Old Testament. Identify which one you find compelling and consider why this is so. If you don't know where to start, begin with the prophet Jeremiah as an image of Jesus.

— Father John Muir

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## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 23RD, 2025

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Lent  
Tuesday: The Annunciation of the Lord  
Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent

## MASS INTENTIONS

### TUESDAY, MARCH 25TH

8:00 a.m. +Wayne Ferderer by Jerome & Karen Hager

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26TH

8:00 a.m. +Harold & Kay Stroklund by Your Family

### THURSDAY, MARCH 27TH

8:00 a.m. +John Bearman by Dione & Kevin Bohl

### FRIDAY, MARCH 28TH

8:00 a.m. +Leo & Rosette Metzger by Sally Ault

### SATURDAY, MARCH 29TH

4:30 p.m. +Donald Rey by Paul & Wanda Kalamaha

### SUNDAY, MARCH 30TH

8:30 a.m. For the Parish

10:00 am +Mitchell Watne by +Greg & Marie Keller

+Indicates Deceased



Please keep in your prayers the family of  
**Francis Bartsch.**

Francis, who was a longtime parishioner, recently passed away and his funeral will be held at Little Flower this week. May the souls of the faithfully departed rest in peace. Amen



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## LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT OLG

Seventh grade students, assisted by older students and adults, will perform the Living Stations of the Cross on Wednesday, April 9th and Palm Sunday, April 13th. Performance starts both days at 7:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church. During this moving enactment of the passion and death of Jesus, students act out a still scene for each of the 14 Stations of the Cross, while the story is told through songs and narration. There is no cost to attend. A free will offering will be taken. Refreshments will be served in the dining room following both performances.



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## MASS MINISTRY SCHEDULES FOR MARCH 29TH & 30TH

	Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Sunday 8:30 a.m.	Sunday 10:00 a.m.
<b>Rosary</b>		Karen McDonald	Suzanne Watne
<b>Greeters</b>	Lou Ann Fleck	Carolyn Johnson Diane Wittmayer	Bob & Jennifer Feller
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Camden Lee	David White Jeff Murtaugh	Hannah Schaefer Emmie Schaefer
<b>Lector</b>	Dan Christen	Debby Brothers	Grant Wentz
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Amy Lee	Lisa Krogman	
<b>In-Home Ministry</b>	Cathy Haarstad		
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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  
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# BISHOP RYAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

**Now Hiring!** Bishop Ryan Catholic School is currently accepting applications for the following positions for the 2024-2025 school year: **Middle School/High School Music Instructor, Varsity Volleyball Coach, and High School English Teacher, and Elementary Teacher.** For more information on these positions, including how to apply, please visit [bishopryan.com/employment](http://bishopryan.com/employment).



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## FEBRUARY 2025 OFFERTORY

	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Adult Collections	\$15,953	\$17,917
Student Envelopes	\$0	\$0
Loose Collection	\$2,060	\$1,917
Holy Day Collection	\$72	\$1,000
ACH/Online Giving	\$6,618	\$6,667

<b>February Totals</b>	<b>\$24,703</b>	<b>\$27,500</b>
<b>February Shortage</b>	<b>(\$2,797)</b>	

## UPCOMING ONLINE GIVING FUNDS:

**Easter Flower Fund:** activation April 7 – April 30, 2025  
**Good Friday – Holy Land Fund:** activation April 12 – April 27, 2025

## NEW CHURCH PHOTO DIRECTORY

The four Minot parish pastors have determined it is time for new parish pictorial church directories.

**Little Flower photography dates:**  
**APRIL 3, 4, 7, 8: 2PM-8:30PM**  
**APRIL 5: 10AM-4:30PM**



We need help to sign up families and host/hostess the photography sessions. There is no cost to our parishioners to have your photos taken. You will be offered an opportunity to purchase your pictures. Contact the parish office at 838-1520 or by email at [LittleFlowerMinot@gmail.com](mailto:LittleFlowerMinot@gmail.com) to volunteer or for more information.

## CGS LEVEL I TRAINING

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level I training will take place this summer and next summer at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church. Part A is July 14-19, 2025, and Part B is July 13-18, 2026. For more information, contact Diane Huck at 701-204-7206 or [dhuck@bismarckdiocese.com](mailto:dhuck@bismarckdiocese.com).



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## KC BREAKFAST AT ST. LEO THE GREAT

Breakfast is served at St. Leo the Great church basement on Sunday, March 23rd from 8:30AM-12:30PM. On the menu: biscuits & sausage gravy, pancakes, scrambled eggs, juice, and coffee. Free will donations will benefit Home on the Range.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BLOOD DRIVE

The KC Blood Drive will take place on Tuesday, April 6th from 1PM-6PM in the St. Leo's church basement. To schedule your lifesaving donation, call Jim at (701) 837-6200.

## MINOT AREA CATHOLIC ADULTS

Father Eric Artz will present part two of his Eucharistic Series on Thursday, April 3rd at Mi Mexico. Food and fellowship will begin at 6PM, followed by the talk at 6:45PM. Part two will be focused on the Mystery Sacrifice and Communion. This is open to anyone 21+. Mi Mexico is located on South Broadway next to Walmart.

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## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC THE PATIENT GARDENER

I have garden beds on the side of my house that I don't deserve.

When we bought the property, this was one of the features that was highlighted in the listing. "Professional landscaping! Tri-level garden beds that bask in the southern exposure!"

But I'm so terrible at weeding these garden beds — they become overgrown quickly, and I shudder to imagine what the previous owners would think of me if they drove by. I'm afraid they would write me off as lazy or disinterested, when really I'm just exhausted and busy. Every time I try to garden, one of my little assistant gardeners runs near the road and I must abandon the project to save them.

So, my husband, bless his heart, is the savior of these garden beds. He goes out there in the cool of the evening to pluck up the weeds that threaten to overtake this beautiful little garden. Patiently and tenderly, he restores it to a presentable state. Without him, they would be lost.

Perhaps I love these garden beds so much because I identify with them. If I were a garden, I would also be a mess, and people who have no time for messes would write me off as hopeless. We all need a savior to stick up for us, to come and quietly prune the unsightly growths that have taken root in our souls and turn the soil that has sat undisturbed for too long.

What I love most about our Savior is that he didn't — doesn't — give up on us. "Give me more time," he says to the Master. "I can still fix this one."

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman ©LPi



### DEVOTIONS, EXPLAINED! *The Angelus*

The Angelus is an ancient devotion whose practice developed over the course of several centuries. It is composed of three antiphons that tell the story of the annunciation, each followed by a Hail Mary. It is usually said daily at noon.

### Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I want to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your generous contributions to our 36th Annual African Mission Appeal which was held in our parishes on March 1st and 2nd.

Your generous donation helped make this year's appeal a tremendous success. Because of your remarkable generosity, we will be able to continue our expanded programs and services that are making an incredible impact on the lives of the orphans and vulnerable children we are assisting.

The money collected for the African Mission Appeal supports our missionary activity in Kisii, Kenya, East Africa. You can be very proud of all the missionary work that we are able to accomplish because of your generosity. On behalf of our poor brothers and sisters and all the orphaned children you will be helping this year, I offer my heartfelt thank you.

I hope you get a chance to read the Dakota Catholic Action magazine about the exciting ministry that Fr. David Morman and the many others who play a necessary role in the Bismarck African Mission are accomplishing because of your support. The moving articles describe the wonderful work and ministry made possible by your contributions and offers an excellent introduction to these individuals as well. More information can also be found on our diocesan website and Fr. Morman's blog.

Once again, I thank each and every one of you who supported our African Mission Appeal. You are faithful and generous stewards.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend David D. Kagan  
Bishop of Bismarck



## ANOINTING OF THE SICK AT OUR LADY OF GRACE MARCH 27TH

**Are you in need of the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick?** You are invited to Mass with Anointing on Thursday, March 27th, 9 a.m., at Our Lady of Grace.

**For who?** The sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is a wonderful experience of healing and strengthening for Baptized Catholics above the age of reason. It should not be looked at as something that is to be celebrated only right before death but for anyone who is elderly, has a serious health condition, is having surgery, or whose health has or is deteriorating. Elderly people may be anointed if they have become notably weakened even though no serious illness is present. One must decide with reasonable prudence and be prepared to receive the sacrament by celebrating reconciliation beforehand, so that one is in a state of grace at the reception of the sacrament.

**What does the Sacrament do?** Our God through his church wants to show his compassion and offers us his grace in this beautiful sacrament of healing and strength. This sacrament gives the grace of the Holy Spirit to those who are sick; and by this grace the whole person is helped and saved, sustained by trust in God, and strengthened against the temptations of the Evil One and against anxiety over death.

It is important to also see that many times the healing that occurs is not physical but spiritual and relational, which Christ and the Church tells us is even more important than physical healing. This sacrament is to be seen as a consecration of one's life to God not only in good times but even in difficult times. It is offering our pain and difficulty to God that we may share in his salvific suffering. If we do not give God the permission to use our sufferings from illness or old age for his plan of salvation, it is simply suffering. He will not force His way upon us. But on the other hand if we offer it to Him to use, it becomes a source of salvation for us and others.

**How is the Sacrament administered?** In the sacrament there is the laying on of hands, anointing with oil, and prayer for the person. A person, with their illness, is invited to consecrate their life to God, through a spiritual offering, sharing with him their suffering, and to receive his healing power.

**For this Mass on March 27th there will be a number of concelebrating priests, and opportunity for confession from 8:30-8:50 am.**

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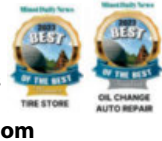
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