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Sunday of Easter



ST. THERESE

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Sunday, May 14th, 2023

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Gospel Meditation

My dad was adopted as a baby. It's a big part of my family's story. His birth mother placed him in a Catholic orphanage not long after birth. A young couple longing for a baby strolled among the bassinets. My father, then only a few months old, looked at the husband and smiled. The man said, "That's my son." They took him home and the family grew. This moment of adoption was a wonderful truth they celebrated even when my dad was a young boy. They told him, "You're even more special than the other children, because we chose you to be our son." My dad's eyes well up with tears of gratitude whenever he tells the story, even eighty-three years later.

What is your story? Do we think or act like unwanted orphans? Who do we believe ourselves to be? As we continue to ponder Jesus' resurrection, we hear him say to us this Sunday, "I will not leave you orphans." God doesn't leave us alone like spiritual orphans. The power that raised Jesus from the dead is the Holy Spirit, who is also called the Spirit of Adoption. He chooses us to be His children, to share God's life forever. He gives us a future filled with hope.

We are not orphans anymore! This Easter, that's the story we should share with others. It's the true story we are living right now.

– Father John Muir ©LPi



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OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Thursday:
8:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

Deadline for content in the weekly bulletin is noon on Mondays

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: Vigil Mass 4:30 p.m.

(Confession 3:15 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.)

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

(Confession 7:30 a.m.-8:15 a.m. & 9:35 a.m.-9:50 a.m.)

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday –Friday: **Mass 8:00 a.m.**

(Confession 7:30 a.m. - 7:50 a.m.)

Confession can be heard anytime outside of listed times by appointment

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesdays after 8:00 a.m.

Mass until 4:00 p.m.

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Daily Mass and Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass are broadcast on our YouTube channel. Go to our parish website homepage to find the direct link.

The Week Ahead

Monday, May 15th

Tuesday, May 16th

8:00 a.m. Mass: † Dan Harvey by Agnes Brandt

6:00 p.m. Finance Council

Wednesday, May 17th

8:00 a.m. Mass: † Hank & Grayce Roswick by Family

8:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday, May 18th

8:00 a.m. Mass: †Ann Brossart by Barb & Dave Johnson

Friday, May 19th

8:00 a.m. Mass: †Harvey Wittmayer by Jill & Jerry Aarseth

Saturday, May 20th

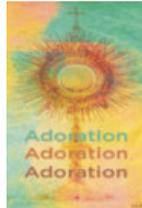
4:30 p.m. Mass: †David Douglass by Deb Brothers

Sunday, May 21st

8:30 a.m. Mass: †Judy Cunningham by Father Pat Cunningham

10:00 a.m. Mass: For the Parish

†: Indicates deceased



SUMMER EUCHARISTIC ADORATION HOURS:

Wednesdays 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Observances for the week of May 14th

Sunday: 6th Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day

Monday: St. Isidore

Thursday: The Ascension of the Lord; St. John I, Pope and Martyr

Saturday: St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest; Armed Forces Day

Next Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord; 7th Sunday of Easter; World Communications Day

Mass Ministry Schedule for May 20th & 21st

	Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Sunday 8:30 a.m.	Sunday 10:00 a.m.
Rosary Leader	Joe Palkovick	Dione Bohl	Barb Johnson
Greeter	Bryan & Cindy Obenchain	Jeff Murtaugh Karen McDonald	Bob & Jennifer Feller
Altar Servers	Dakota Johnson Dauntae Schiff	Curt Saari Hadley Duchscherer	Emmy Schaefer Hannah Schaefer
Lector	Joe Palkovick	Debby Brothers	Ann Balk
Eucharistic Minister	Cindy Obenchain	Karen McDonald	
In-Home Ministry	Deacon Stephen Young	Deacon Tom Magnuson	
Scrip Sales	Katy Larcombe	Curt & Michelle Saari	Katy Schaefer



AN INVITATION FROM SEMINARIAN ERIC ARTZ

Hello. I hope that you all have been well. This is Bismarck Seminarian, Eric Artz. I wanted to inform you that I will be ordained to the Transitional Diaconate at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit in Bismarck, N.D. on Wednesday May 24th at 2:00pm. All are welcome to attend this Ordination Mass (no RSVP necessary). (Live stream will be available on Bismarck Diocese Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/BismarckDiocese/>)

I also want to let you know that I will be preaching my first homily during Mass the following day (May 25th) at Little Flower Catholic Church in Minot, ND at 12:15 p.m. Please RSVP to brendamaeartz@gmail.com if you plan to attend the lunch following Mass at Little Flower Catholic Church (if you have not already done so).

Overall, I want to say thank you for all the prayers and support that I have received from you in the past. I am very grateful for the many ways that God has blessed me and reached me through your kindness, generosity, and witness of faith. I truly say thank you! I am overwhelmed thinking back of the many ways that God has come to me in prayer and through the many friends that he has put in my life. I have come to the profound realization that my vocation was not given to me alone. God relentlessly desires to bless his Church through an abundance of vocations and laborers in his vineyard. Although unworthy, it has been made abundantly clear to me that this is what I am being called to; I have earnestly come to desire to serve Jesus and his bride, the Church, in this way.

I ask for your continued prayers as my Ordination gets closer. I desire to be a good and holy Deacon who may conform and imitate the very charity of Jesus Christ as I prepare for Ordination to the Priesthood next year.

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“At ordination, a man comes forward to the bishop and, in a vulnerability secured by formation, opens his conscience to be seared with grace. This grace impinges upon his whole being and establishes within him a new communion with the servant mysteries of Christ; a communion that is permanent, personal, and powerful.

The Deacon is called to contemplate him whose blood he consumes and distributes. This contemplation leads him to pray that Christ’s own charity will fill his conscience, and in turn, the mystery of this charity fires his presence at the altar of daily work, commitment, and sacrifice. The deacon holds the blood, consumes the blood, and then publicly confesses that he lives by the blood that is given to him in the Spirit - the Spirit who broods over the sacrifice of the Eucharist”

(Deacon James Keating, The Character of the Deacon)



Congratulations to Paul Nason & Lisa Krogman, who recently graduated from the University of Mary.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

Servant of God Mari-Rose Juliette Toussaint, was originally born into slavery in Haiti and later freed in New York City as a young adult. Along with her husband, Venerable Pierre Toussaint, she is remembered for her incredible charity work inside and outside of the Church.

PRAYER

Lord God, source of love and compassion, we praise and honor You for the virtuous and charitable life of our sister in Christ, Servant of God Mari-Rose Juliette Toussaint.

Inspired by the example of our Lord Jesus, Juliette worshipped You with love and served Your people with generosity. She attended Mass daily and responded to the practical and spiritual needs of friends and strangers, of the rich and the poor, the sick and the homeless of 19th century, New York.

If it is Your will, let the name of Mari-Rose Juliette Toussaint be officially raised to the rank of saint, so that the world may know this Haitian New Yorker who refused to hate and be bitter, but instead lived to the full commandments of heaven and the divine law of love – love for God and for neighbor.

By following her example and asking for her prayer, may we, too, be counted among the blessed in heaven.

We ask for this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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DAKOTA HOPE CLINIC BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

Little Flower's Annual Baby Bottle Campaign for Dakota Hope Clinic is underway. Women and men in our community who face an unintended pregnancy often experience overwhelming pressure and fear. The education, encouragement and support provided by Dakota Hope Clinic in Minot helps them make a life-affirming choice. In addition, any woman or man who has had an abortion experience, no matter how long ago, is offered help to find forgiveness and healing. Our parish is one of many that hosts a Baby Bottle Campaign to raise funds to help pay the rent at the Clinic. It is simple... just take one or more bottles home and begin filling them with loose change, cash, or checks. Each family member from the youngest to the oldest can add their contribution. Remember, a little change ...can change lives.

Please return the bottles to the church by Father's Day, June 18th.

NOTICE: The Environment Committee is looking for someone to head up the committee. Anyone interested can contact the church office 701-838-1520



EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS JUNE 2ND

The diocese is hosting "Source and Summit: A Eucharistic Congress" on Friday, June 2 at the Bismarck Event Center. All are invited to delve deeper into their relationship with Jesus Christ and His Real

Presence in the Eucharist. The Bismarck Diocese event will feature both clergy and lay speakers—Monsignor James Shea, Father Brian Gross and Shelly Preszler. Go to bismarckdiocese.com/eucharisticcongress for more information. This event is part of the diocesan phase of the National Eucharistic Revival called for by the bishops of the United States from 2022 through 2025.

GOD'S SHARE APPEAL

Your prayers for the success of the God's Share Appeal and the ministries it supports are still needed, as are pledges and gifts. Each gift is important to the mission of the diocese; it takes many people to form the Body of Christ. If you have not yet had the opportunity, please return a pledge envelope with your response today. Our parish goal is 100% participation. Together with your support we can accomplish many beautiful works of faith, hope and charity.

Heavenly Father,
from the beginning you have chosen to entrust
the human person to mothers in a special way.
We thank and praise you for the gift of mothers;
for their tenderness, care, and compassion,
for their intuition and encouragement,
for commitment and sacrifice.
Bless all mothers this day.
Keep, strengthen, and refresh them
in your loving care.
May they be blessed by our open-hearted
love and gratitude.
Amen.



The Minot Right to Life Chapter will be selling roses on Mother's Day following each Mass. Please consider a donation of \$3 per rose. Stop by and pick some up to help support Right to Life's mission in Minot!



Pat & Sandi Galvin

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MESSAGE

In the Gospel today, Jesus says to us: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments...Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father and I will love him and reveal myself to him. When we give to the poor, God indeed pours his love, peace and joy into our hearts, into our lives and through us into the hearts of those who are poor. This month we are in particular need of canned meats like Spam, or meat-based foods like stew, instant potatoes, instant rice and most especially gas stamps. 701-833-1269



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9th Annual
**Seminarian Scholarship
Golf Tournament**
Monday, June 19
Prairie West Golf Course, Mandan



Pictured are the 2022 winning team Ben Wilson, Abby Schmidt, Fr. Thomas Grafsgaard and Alex Wilson with some of our seminarians (in red shirts) and Fr. Jordan Dosch, diocesan vocations director.

Check-in at Noon-1 p.m.
Shotgun start at 1 p.m.

Team registration
deadline June 15.

Cost \$520/team,
\$130/person,
lunch and dinner
are provided.



For more information
and to register go to
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or contact

Ron Schatz at 701-204-7202 or
Mike Bichler at 701-471-0985

**ARE YOU WILLING TO PRAY FOR
VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND
RELIGIOUS LIFE?**

The Serra Club of North Central North Dakota is coordinating an initiative entitled the "31 Rosary Club" in each parish in the Bismarck Diocese. We are requesting parishioners to sign-up to pray the rosary on a selected day of each month for vocations. Each parish has a coordinator with a sign-up sheet and prayer cards for those willing to participate. We can only imagine the fruits that may be realized in the Bismarck Diocese with active participation in this prayer initiative. If we persevere, Mary will prevail. The sign up sheet is available in our parish office or you can sign up by email at serraclub.ncnd@gmail.com. There has been a positive response but we need more people to sign up to pray for vocations as we need more priests!

**MAKING YOUR SUMMER VACATION
PLANS?**

If your summer travels take you out of town, consider signing up for ACH Giving! Your weekly offertory giving is automatically withdrawn from your bank account. The offertory helps pay the bills at our parish, and ACH makes it easy for you to give. Contact the parish office to set it up!



BISHOP RYAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

Are you raising inspired minds, faithful hearts and lives of virtue? 2023-2024 Registration for select Little Lions Preschool classes and grades 1-12 at Bishop Ryan is now open to families in our Minot Catholic parishes. Our parents count on a safe and faith-filled environment built on a foundation of strong virtue; our teachers not only encourage learning and achievement, they also help our students to know Jesus and His love in their lives. For more information, please call Jaimie Brunner at (701) 838-3355 or email jbrunner@brhs.com.

Are you looking for a great summer job? Lions Learning and Fun Summer Care and Camp at Bishop Ryan Catholic School is now hiring for our summer team! If you're looking for a fun job, done by 5:30 each weekday with NO WEEKENDS, consider joining our LLAFF crew. We supervise students during weekday activities like field trips, indoor and outdoor playtime, creative projects, hands-on activities, and lots of fun! For more information, please contact LLAFF Coordinator Bethany Meyer at (701) 838-3355 or bmeyer@brhs.com.

Bishop Ryan Catholic School Graduation will be held on Friday, May 19th, 2023 at 7:00PM in the school gym.

Are You Called to be Part of Something Special in Catholic Education? There are amazing things going on in the hallways and classrooms of Bishop Ryan Catholic School, and our faculty and staff have distinct opportunities to instill virtue and celebrate faith while encouraging our students to achieve academically and socially. Bishop Ryan may be the place for you! We are currently seeking applications for: **Varsity Wrestling Coach, After-School Strings Instructor (Part-Time Position), Foreign Language Instructor.** For more information or to apply for these positions, please contact Principal Tanya Steckler at (701) 838-3355 or tsteckler@brhs.com.

SCRIP: Use Scrip gift cards as gifts and to pay for your purchases. Scrip is available after the weekend Masses, in the parish office and at Bishop Ryan. Using Scrip gift cards helps support Bishop Ryan Catholic School and families for their tuition. Scrip is available for Amazon orders, groceries, gas, dining out, household supplies, clothing, furniture, vehicles, tires & accessories, building & remodeling, eye care, bikes, and more.



Breakfast

AT

LITTLE FLOWER

SUNDAY, MAY 14TH, 2023

8:30 A.M. TO NOON

MENU: FRENCH TOAST, SCRAMBLED EGGS, SAUSAGE, BISCUITS & GRAVY, MUFFINS, COFFEE & ORANGE JUICE

ALL ARE WELCOME!

A FREE WILL OFFERING WILL BE ACCEPTED TO BENEFIT OUR CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD PROGRAM AT LITTLE FLOWER

BREAKFAST SERVED UP BY THE LITTLE FLOWER KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 9839

LITTLE FLOWER KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MONTHLY AWARDS

Server of the Month: Sara Haarstad, who we want to thank for all her hard work and dedication in serving the Mass and also for the love she has and shows for her faith, we are blessed to have her in our church.

Knight of the Month: Mylan Sand, who plays a major role in our group and brings life and fun into our council. He is always there to help, whether it's lending a helping hand when needed to keeping our meetings running smoothly, and also making the best French toast at our fundraiser breakfasts. Aside from being with the knights, he also is a big help in our parish life and we are truly grateful for all he does.

Family of the Month: Hans & Julie Gayzur, who we are very thankful to have in our parish. Hans, or I should say Deacon Hans, has been a major part in our parish. Being a deacon for many years and endlessly helping out in our church, he is always one to turn to for advice and help. Alongside him, Han's equal, is his wife Julie who is very supportive and always around the parish helping out with the Mass and other tasks. We are truly blessed to have them in are parish.

Luke Audet, Grand Knight of Little Flower Council #9839

ST. LEO'S KC BREAKFAST ON MAY 21

Knights of Columbus Council 9906 will serve a breakfast on Sunday, May 21 from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. Menu: Biscuits and gravy, pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, fresh baked cinnamon rolls, coffee, and juice. Free will offering will support the St. Leo's Thursday Evening Community Supper.

YOU'RE INVITED!

Join Catholic Charities North Dakota this summer as we celebrate 100 years of service.

6/6/2023: Dakota Zoo in Bismarck
Open all day to the public

6/7/2023: Roosevelt Zoo in Minot
Open all day to the public

6/20/2023: Bonanzaville in Fargo
5:30 to 8:30

6/21/2023: The Myra in Grand Forks
5:30 to 8:30

Join the Celebration!

Scan for more info!

Before birth the LORD called me, from my mother's womb he gave me my name.

- ISAIAH 49:1

Prayer

Jesus, help me to love you enough to do all that you ask.

Mission for the Week

Make cards for the sick. Remind them how much Jesus loves them.

Sharing the Gospel

If you love Jesus, you will do what he asks. If someone hurts your feelings, Jesus asks you to forgive. If someone is hard to get along with, Jesus asks you to show love. If someone is sick, Jesus asks you to pray. Learn from Jesus. Follow his example. Love all people like God does.

Now color the picture!



Circle the pictures that show love.



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