

MAY 3RD, 2026  
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Minot, North Dakota



5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, then you will also know my Father." - Jn 14:6-7

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## THIS WEEK:

### Monday, May 4th

No Scheduled Events

### Tuesday, May 5th

8:00 a.m. Mass  
6:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus  
Adoration, Rosary, and Meeting

### Wednesday, May 6th

8:00 a.m. Mass  
8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Adoration

### Thursday, May 7th

8:00 a.m. Mass

### Friday, May 8th

8:00 a.m. Mass

### Saturday, May 9th

9:00 a.m. Serra Club Mass & Meeting  
4:30 p.m. Mass

### Sunday, May 10th

Mass: 8:30 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.  
8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. KC Muffins for  
Mother's Day

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

May 3, 2026  
5th Sunday of Easter  
John 14:1-12

We generally approach life with the question, "What can this do for me?" We try a new workout, a low-carb diet, intermittent fasting, or a new career path, hoping it will make us healthier, stronger, happier. The assumption is that if I invest in this, I'll eventually reap some benefit, or I won't do it.

It is easy to think of faith the same way: if I really practice my faith, what will it do for me? Will it make me calmer, more moral, more successful?

But in today's Gospel, Jesus says something astonishing. He doesn't present himself as a teacher who shows us the way to life. He says, "**I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life.**" (John 14:6) He is not merely a guide toward some higher benefit. He is the benefit itself. To know him is to know Life. Thomas Aquinas explains that every desire in the human heart — love, joy, meaning, all of our restless cravings — is really an indirect cry for life. Even despair testifies to this longing: people despair precisely because they feel they are not, and might never be, fully alive.

The good news is that Jesus is not simply the means to a better life; He is Life itself. To believe in him is to share in God's own eternal vitality. Not simply later but even now. Faith is not a transaction that produces results — it is a union that fills us with joy. To be in communion with Christ is to be truly, fully alive.

— Father John Muir

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## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 3, 2026

Sunday: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter  
Tuesday: Cinco de Mayo  
Thursday: National Day of Prayer  
Next Sunday: 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day

## MASS INTENTIONS

### TUESDAY, MAY 5TH

+Roberta Douglass by Debby Brothers

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 6TH

Geer & Phillips Families Memory of Tiffany Geer  
by John & Mary Russell

### THURSDAY, MAY 7TH

+Mike Brunner by Bonnie Brunner

### FRIDAY, MAY 8TH

Rintoul Family by Molly Koble

### SATURDAY, MAY 9TH

Elizabeth Dixon by Elaine Jundt

### SUNDAY, MAY 10TH

8:30 a.m. +Carolle Bartsch by Karen Leifson

10:00 a.m. For the Parishioners

+Indicates Deceased



Please pray for the repose of the soul of **John Sladik**, who recently passed away. The funeral was April 28th.

Please also pray for the repose of the soul of **Kevin Neuharth** of our parish, who recently passed away. His funeral was held at Little Flower on May 2nd.

May the Souls of the faithfully departed rest in peace. Amen.



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.**

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday-Thursday 8:30AM-3PM

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(701) 838.3355; [mselek@brhs.com](mailto:mselek@brhs.com)



## FLOWERS NEEDED

Requesting tulip and daffodil bulbs!  
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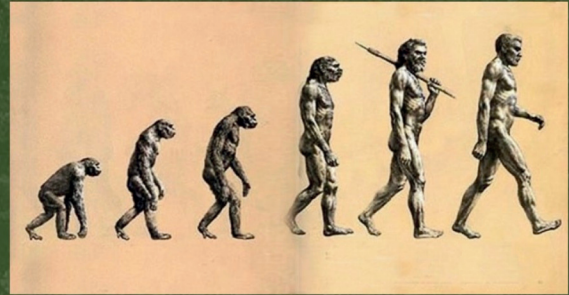
## 31 ROSARY CLUB

**Are you willing to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life?** The Serra Club of North Central North Dakota is again coordinating the prayer initiative entitled "31 Rosary Club" in each parish in the Bismarck Dioceses. We are requesting parishioner to sign up to pray the rosary for vocations on a selected day of each month for one year. The parish has 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.

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MESSAGE

In the Gospel today, Jesus says "...whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father. Through your almsgiving you are performing a good work; far greater than you think. The money given to St. Vincent de Paul brings Christ's love and compassion to the poor. *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.*

## Minot Area Catholic Adults *Spirits and Truth*

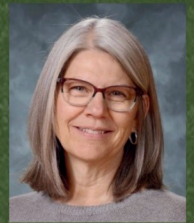


## A Catholic Understanding of Evolution

Thursday, May 7th, 2026

-Food and Fellowship @6:00pm  
-Talk by Mrs. Julia Koble @6:45pm  
(Biology Teacher at Bishop Ryan)

Location: Mi Mexico  
3816 S Broadway  
Minot, ND



## ATTENTION MASS MINISTERS:

Summer is a busy time for families. The office is currently putting together Mass ministry schedules for June, July, and August and would greatly appreciate advance notice of dates you will not be available. Please be safe out there and enjoy God's beautiful creation!

## MASS MINISTRY SCHEDULES FOR MAY 9 & 10

	Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Sunday 8:30 a.m.	Sunday 10 a.m.
<b>Rosary</b>	Alice Leonard	Karen McDonald	Paula Wahl
<b>Greeters</b>	Paula Sidener Sue Peterson	Gary Levi Jeff Murtaugh	David & Brenda Feller
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Camden LEE	Curt Saari Hadley Duchscherer Tucker Duchscherer	Danica Stolba
<b>Lector</b>	Diane Zander	Michelle Ssari	Paula Rudser-Stolba
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Chase Lee	Carolyn Johnson	Deacon Stephen Young
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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.

**Are You Called to be Part of Something Special in Catholic Education?** There are amazing things going on in our hallways and classrooms, and Bishop Ryan may be the place for you! We are accepting applications for the following faculty positions for the 2026-2027 school year: **Elementary Music Instructor, Food Services Assistant, Bus Custodian, and After-School Strings Instructor (Part-Time Position)**. For more information or to apply for these positions, please contact Principal Tanya Steckler at (701) 838-3355 or tsteckler@brhs.com.

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## MAKE PLANS TO JOIN US!



All children currently in Grades K-4 are invited to join us for Vacation Bible School at Bishop Ryan Catholic School

**JUNE 15<sup>TH</sup>-18<sup>TH</sup>**  
**5<sup>30</sup> PM-8<sup>30</sup> PM EACH EVENING**

Registration: \$50 per child  
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Spots are limited. Registration closes when all spots are reserved or May 8th, whichever comes first.

**REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN AT**  
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## LISTEN, TEACH, SEND REGIONAL WORKSHOP

University of Mary  
Saturday, June 27, 2026  
9:00am-3:00pm

All parents, youth ministry leaders, young adult ministry leaders, catechists, directors of religious education, pastors, Catholic scouting leaders, educators, family life directors, and volunteers are invited to join us for a one-day dynamic workshop. The workshop will take place at the University of Mary on Saturday, June 27 from 9:00am-3:00pm. It will include time for prayer, community, and formation with Dominic Lombardi and Maria Parker from the Secretariat of Laity, Marriage, Family Life, and Youth at the USCCB.

Registration is free for all to attend. We look forward to collaborating with all of you to better serve our young people and families in the life of the Church. See you there! FMI contact dhuck@bismarckdiocese.com or register at [www.bismarckdiocese.com/catechsis-youth](http://www.bismarckdiocese.com/catechsis-youth)

**WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH!**

**Mrs. Summer Lee Rolon**

**Michael & April Bacor and children Matthew, Luke, and Gabriel**

**Brenna Kurokawa**

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# Mother's Day MUFFINS

Sunday, May 10th following the  
8:30 a.m. Mass until 11:30 am.

Our Little Flower Knights of Columbus will be serving a variety of fresh muffins, coffee and juice. Muffins will be wrapped and ready to go, or stay and enjoy at the parish!



## CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS MEETING

Catholic Daughters will meet on Tuesday, May 12 at 5:30 PM at Our Lady of Grace Church. This meeting is our traditional baby shower month meeting. All members are asked to bring an appropriate item for a baby (baby clothes, blankets, diapers, wipes, lotions, bottles, etc.). The items will be donated to Dakota Hope Clinic or Catholic Charities following the meeting. Lunch will be served during the meeting. Mass will begin at 7:00 PM for anyone interested in attending. All members are encouraged to attend the meeting, and new and interested members are always welcome.

## BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

The annual Dakota Hope Clinic Baby Bottle Campaign is coming to Little Flower on Mother's Day: Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>. Be on the lookout for bottles at the entrances to fill with loose change, cash, or a check to help support the mission of DHC. Collection will be on Father's Day, June 21st.

## JOB OPENING:

St. Leo the Great Catholic Church is seeking a dedicated and faith-filled individual to serve as our Director of Religious Education & Sacrament Coordinator. This important role leads and supports our parish's faith formation and sacramental preparation programs, working closely with families, volunteers, and parish staff to nurture spiritual growth within our church community. Responsibilities include: Coordinating and overseeing religious education programs for youth; Organizing and managing sacramental preparation (e.g., First Reconciliation, First Communion, Confirmation); Recruiting, training, and supporting catechists and volunteers; Collaborating with parish staff and clergy; Communicating effectively with families and parish members; Maintaining program schedules, records, and materials; Fostering a welcoming, faith-centered environment for children and families. If you feel called to serve in this role, please submit your resume and cover letter to Erica Brewer at [office@stleothegreat.church](mailto:office@stleothegreat.church).

# God's Share Appeal May 2-3

Today is our parish's God's Share Appeal. Christian stewards recognize Christ as the giver of all our many gifts. We are grateful for these many gifts and are eager to give back and return some of these gifts in appreciation to show our love for Christ and one another. All of us share as Christ's disciples in the mission of the Bismarck Diocese. Only together, can we accomplish God's work. Please prayerfully consider a very generous gift to this year's appeal. Our parish goal is 100% participation and with your gift we can do it. Remember, no gift is too large nor too small.

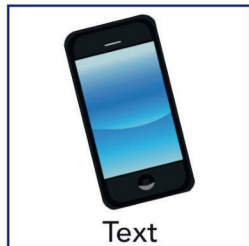
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Appeal

# Ways to Give



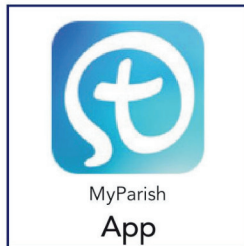
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