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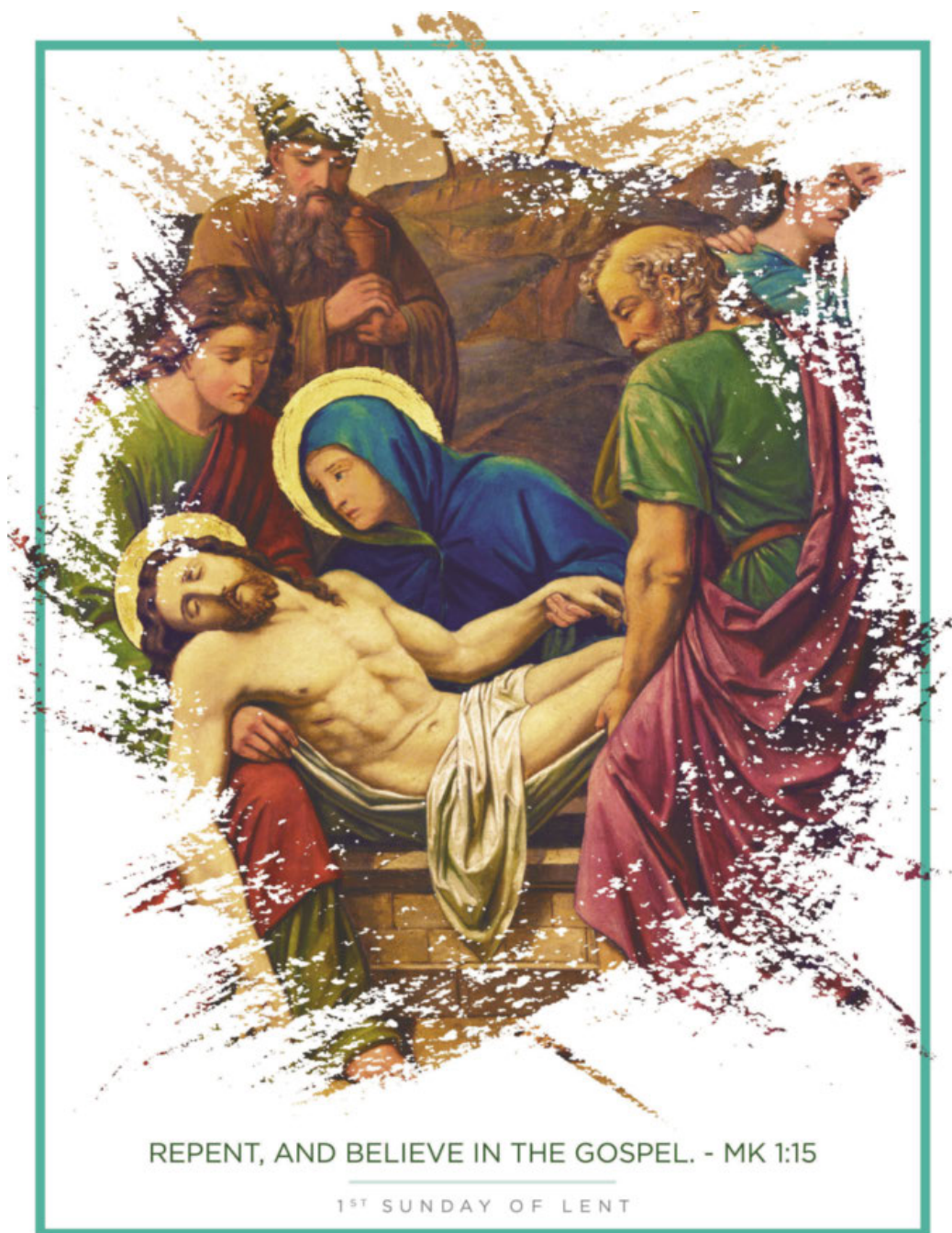
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1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

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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: 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 7:00 p.m.

**The 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.**

THIS WEEK

Monday, February 19th

Tuesday, February 20th

8:00 a.m. Mass: †Pat Limke by Diane Wittmayer

6:00 p.m. Finance Council

Wednesday, February 21st

8:00 a.m. Mass: †Harold & Kay Stroklund by your Family

8:30 a.m.—7 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

6:00 p.m. Rosary Club

6:00 p.m. Youth Religious Education

Thursday, February 22nd

8:00 a.m. Mass: †Nathan Artz by Your Family

Friday, February 23rd

8:00 a.m. Mass: Julie Gayzur by Jeanette Mapes

6:00 p.m. Soup & Sandwich Supper

6:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday, February 24th

4:30 p.m. Mass: †Gerry Dutton by Jeanette Mapes

Sunday, February 25th—Second Sunday of Lent

8:30 a.m. Mass: †Greg Sauber by JoAnn Randall

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

1 p.m.—3 p.m. Basic Catholic Beliefs Class

†: Indicates deceased

Gospel Meditation

**February 18, 2024
1st Sunday of Lent**

When I feel down, I sometimes watch the famous “Double Rainbow” video on YouTube to feel better. It’s hilarious. A young man camping in Yosemite Park sees two rainbows stretching across the sky. He bursts into a kind of ecstasy.

“Double rainbow, all the way! Oh my God!” he announces. Then he starts to weep. He cries out, “What does it mean?” Beneath the humor of his glorious overreaction is the deep intuition we all have, I think, when we see the colorful bow in the sky. This Sunday, God sends a rainbow to Noah, and to us. What does it mean?

Long before YouTube had the double rainbow, Dante’s medieval poem *The Divine Comedy* featured one in his image of paradise. Seeing two rainbows, he muses that one is born of the other. The bow is God’s promise of peace. For Dante, it’s even more: nature’s encrypted image of the Trinitarian God. One visible rainbow (God the Son) is begotten of another usually invisible one (God the Father) united by invisible light between them (God the Spirit). Like invisible light, Trinitarian glory surrounds us in every moment — but Jesus has made it visible in his glorious body.

Lenten challenge: This might seem silly, but this Lent I invite you to find a rainbow and meditate on it. You might have to make one yourself, like this current desert-dweller will. Gaze on it. See there a natural gift from the Creator, saying to you, “Here I am! I will love and protect you, surrounding you in My glory.” This Lent let’s embrace that with confidence, rain, or shine.

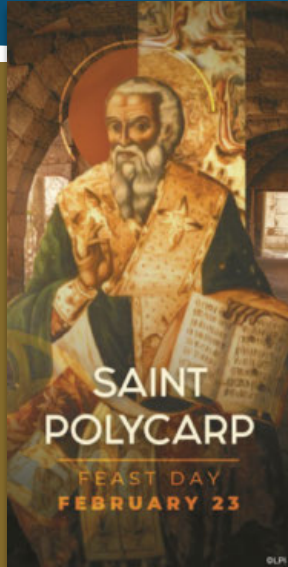
— Father John Muir ©LPi



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Saint of the Week

As a disciple of St. John, the Evangelist, St. Polycarp was able to hear about Jesus' life, death, and resurrection directly from those who witnessed it. Because Polycarp was ordained as Bishop of Smyrna by St. John, he is one of three chief Apostolic Fathers, along with Clement of Rome and Ignatius of Antioch.



During his life Polycarp defended the Church against heresies. His important writing, the Letter to the Philippians, quoted the Gospels and Acts of the Apostles, stressing Paul's authority in the Church and setting out clear arguments against the gnostic heresy that denied Christ's divinity.

The early period of the Church was a dangerous time to be a Christian and like many, St. Polycarp was martyred. He was captured by Romans and sentenced to burn at the stake. However, the fire did not touch him, instead rising up like sails around him. Seeing that the flames would not injure Polycarp, the Romans stabbed him instead. The Martyrdom of Polycarp is perhaps the earliest fully preserved account of a Christian martyr.

FIRST WEEK OF LENT

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 18, 2024

Sunday: 1st Sunday of Lent
 Monday: Presidents' Day
 Wednesday: St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
 Thursday: The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle
 Friday: St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr
 Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Lent

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH:

- Robert & Christina Norman and their children, Russell, Clara and Malcom
- Ty & Jenna Grove and their children, Ilia and Callum
 - Clarine Sandstrom
 - Janene Lee

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MESSAGE

In today's Gospel, Jesus overcomes the temptations to wealth, power and esteem. As we begin Lent, may we open our hearts to the grace of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist many families, providing them with food or assistance with utility, rent and other bills or needs. God Bless You! St. Vincent de Paul meetings are held in the St. Leo's Church basement on the 1st & 3rd Mondays of the month, beginning with a rosary at 5:10 and the meeting following at 5:30. 701-833-1269

Mass Ministry Schedule for February 24th & 25th

	Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Sunday 8:30 a.m.	Sunday 10:00 a.m.
Rosary Leader	Cindy Obenchain	Carolyn Johnson	Paula Wahl
Greeter	Rose Bjelland Varden Lang	Bruce & Louise Bogenrief	Bob & Jennifer Feller
Altar Servers	Dan Christen	Hadley Duchscherer Curt Saari	Danica Stolba
Lector	David Garcia	Kevin Neuharth	Barb Johnson
Eucharistic Minister	Cindy Obenchain	Korie Huettl	
In-Home Ministry	Deb Mellum		
Scrip Sales	Tracy Christen	Michelle Saari	Kathy Wentz

Ministry schedules can be found on our parish website under the **Office/Ministries** tab. If you are unable to serve on your assigned day, please find a replacement and contact the parish office.

We always welcome new Mass Ministry volunteers! Contact Jill in the parish office or fill out the form on our website by clicking the sign-up form link above the ministry schedules.

Stations of the Cross:

Every Friday during Lent at 6:30 p.m.

Soup & Sandwich Supper:

Each Friday prior to Stations of the Cross at 6:00 p.m.

WOMEN'S MINI-LENTEN RETREAT MARCH 2ND

The Cathedral of the Holy Spirit in Bismarck is hosting a Women's Mini Lenten Retreat on Saturday, March 2 in the Cathedral lower level. The retreat begins with Mass at 8:00 AM, followed by brunch, a talk by Fr. Jordan Dosch, adoration, and confession. Fr. Dosch will speak on the topic of "Practical Prayer: Prayer & Relationship with God." There is no registration fee. For an accurate count for brunch, please RSVP at cathedralparish.com/women or call the Cathedral parish office at 223-1033.

CURSILLO WEEKENDS COMING UP

You're invited to participate in a Cursillo Weekend, "A Little Lesson in Christian Living". The Men's Weekend is February 29th -March 3rd. The Spiritual Director is Fr. John Paul Gardner. The Women's Weekend is March 14th-March 17th. The Spiritual Director is Fr. Brandon Wolf. Both weekends are held at Trinity High School in Dickinson. Early Registration is required and available online at <http://bismarckcursillo.com>. A sponsor is required on the application. The sponsor could be someone you know who has previously attended Cursillo or your parish priest. If you have questions or would like more information call Bob Sauter at 701.460.0668 or Rosemarie Kuntz at 701.426.7944.

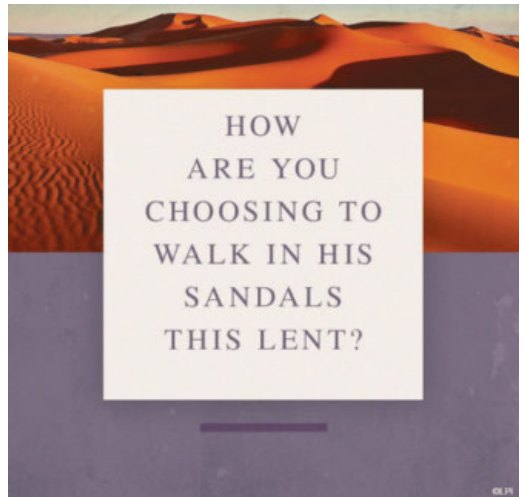
CRS RICE BOWL: FIRST WEEK OF LENT

A SEASON FOR REFLECTION

During this holy time, we are called to pause and pay closer attention to our relationship with God and our neighbors.



Reflect on how the Lenten pillars of prayer, fasting and almsgiving can guide your journey and how the Eucharist helps us to live in solidarity with our sisters and brothers around the world. Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more and read this week's Story of Hope.



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Holy Day Collection	\$1,024	\$833
ACH/Online Giving	\$7,022	\$7,083
January Totals	\$30,269	\$26,666
January Overage	\$3,603	

ONLINE GIVING

The Ash Wednesday online giving fund will be active through March 4th. To give online, go to our parish website and click on the GIVING tab.

2024 AFRICAN MISSION APPEAL

Bishop David D. Kagan has announced March 2-3 as the 2024 African Mission Appeal weekend in our diocese. This special appeal gives you the opportunity to join our Mission Team in ministering to our brothers and sisters in Africa by making a generous gift in two weeks. Fr. David Morman, along with Wes and Kathy Pepple, our missionaries, are currently living and working on our behalf in Kisii, Kenya, East Africa. You are invited to read the exciting articles in our Kenya Connection newsletter which is found inside the Dakota Catholic Action magazine. It contains interesting news and pictures of our mission in action. You are also encouraged to follow our missionaries in action at: <https://www.facebook.com/BismarckCatholicMission>

ST. JOHN'S KC BREAKFAST

St. Johns KC's will be serving breakfast after both 8 and 10:30 Masses on Sunday, February 18th in the parish hall. The menu includes French toast, Gluten Free French toast, pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, juice, coffee and milk. A free will offering will be taken with proceeds to help support Real Presence Radio and Minot Men's Winter Refuge.

ST. LEO'S KC BREAKFAST

Knights of Columbus Council 9906 will serve a breakfast on Sunday, February 25 in the St. Leo's Church Basement from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. Menu: Biscuits and gravy, French toast, sausage, scrambled eggs, coffee, and juice. Free will offering will support Home on the Range. Everyone is welcome!

OUR LADY OF GRACE KC BREAKFAST

Knights of Columbus Council 4894 will serve a breakfast on Sunday, March 3 in the OLG dining room from 8:30 am to 12:00 pm. Menu: pancakes, French toast, sausage, scrambled eggs, fruit, coffee, and juice. Free will offering will support Vocations. Everyone is welcome!



LENTEN FISH FRY

Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Fish Fry will take place on Friday, March 1, at Our Lady of Grace Dining Room from 5:00 to 7:30 pm. Serving cod, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetable, coleslaw, dinner rolls and dessert.

Cost is \$16 for 13 years and older; \$8 for 5-12 years. Join us for a great Lenten meal!

Bishop Ryan Catholic School News

Get Your BR Fund Raffle Tickets Now! This year's Bishop Ryan Fund Raffle features 22 great prizes including cash and a grand prize 2023 CFMoto CForce 4x4! Tickets are \$20 each and the drawing will take place during SpringFest in the Den on April 12th. Get your tickets from any Bishop Ryan family or after weekend Masses!

Substitute Teachers: Are you looking for more opportunities in the classroom? We are always accepting substitute teachers for our list at Bishop Ryan! To share your name and credentials, please contact our administration office staff at (701) 838-3355. Please note that our substitute teacher list runs independently of lists for surrounding schools, so please contact us directly.

Hiring: Bishop Ryan Catholic School is hiring an **Instructional Aide**. Qualified candidates must be dedicated to the Mission of Catholic education. Duties include providing supplemental educational support to the classroom teacher, assisting either the teacher or students in carrying out the educational process. For more information or to apply for this position, please contact school principal, Tanya Steckler (701) 838-3355 or tsteckler@brhs.com.

SCRIP NEWS: Welcome to The Meat Company (formerly Valley Meats) as our newest participant in the Scrip Program offering \$25 cards with a 5% rebate. Remember to use Scrip gift cards for gifts, and to pay for your purchases. Scrip Gift Cards are available after the weekend Masses, in the parish office, and at Bishop Ryan, and you can use them for Amazon orders, groceries, gas, dining out, household supplies, clothing, furniture, vehicles, tires and accessories, building & remodeling, eye care, bikes, and more. The more Scrip gift cards you use, the more support goes towards Catholic education in Minot, so continue using Scrip gift cards as gifts and to pay for your purchases. We are so grateful for your support!





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