

September 7th, 2025
23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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— LUKE 14:28 —



THIS WEEK:

Monday, September 8th

No Scheduled Events

Tuesday, September 9th

8:00 a.m. Mass

5:00 p.m. Environment Committee

Wednesday, September 10th

8:00 a.m. Mass

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

6:00 p.m. CGS

Thursday, September 11th

8:00 a.m. Mass

Friday, September 12th

8:00 a.m. Mass

Saturday, September 13th

9:00 a.m. Serra Club Mass & Meeting

4:30 p.m. Mass

Sunday, September 14th

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

8:30 a.m. - Noon KC Breakfast

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

September 7, 2025
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Luke 14:25-33

One hot Arizona summer afternoon my car ran out of gas. I phoned the parish office and begged for help. My secretary came and helped me fill the gas tank. She chided me, "If you can't manage getting your car from A to B, how can we expect you to guide the parish where it needs to go?" Point taken, Julie. I vowed to always make sure I have plenty of gas in my car.

The Lord Jesus chides us in this week's Gospel, too. He uses the two images of a man building a tower and a king marching soldiers into war to make this single point: acquire what is needed to follow him or look ridiculous. We rightly mock the builder who lacks money for his tower and the king with a short-handed army. But our mocking boomerangs back on us. How do we expect to follow Jesus to the end with insufficient detachment from our possessions and divided hearts?

The good news is, there is still time. Jesus is building a great tower to heaven—his own body. So we renounce all and give ourselves to him as his precious stones. Jesus is waging a battle against our enemy. So we forsake all and swear allegiance and march under his banner. In this way, we will finish what has begun in our discipleship. Or better put, our Lord will have the stones and soldiers required to see his great work through.

— Father John Muir

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 31, 2025

Sunday: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Grandparents' Day
Monday: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tuesday: St. Peter Claver, Priest
Thursday: Patriot Day
Friday: The Most Holy Name of Mary
Saturday: St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

MASS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH

+Mary Bartsch by Diane Wittmayer

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH

+Dorothea Howey by David & Linda Aleshire

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH

+Sabastian Roll by Jerome & Karen Hager

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH

+Roger Sand by David & Barb Johnson

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH

Amanda Brewer by Deacon Jonathan & Annette

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH

8:30 a.m. For the Parish

10:00 a.m. +Mitchell Watne by Suzanne Watne

+Indicates Deceased

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Monday-Thursday 8:30AM-3PM

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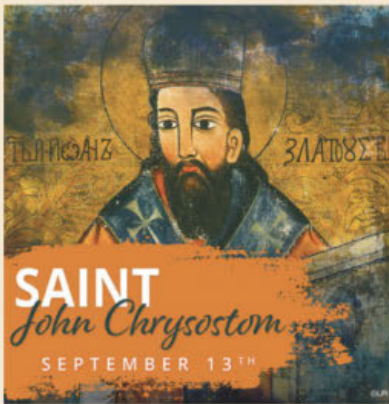
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Saint John Chrysostom | September 13

Born in Antioch in the 4th century, and raised by his widowed mother, Saint John received a rigorous classical education. He was first called to the ascetic life, even spending time as an anchorite living in a cave near Antioch.

However, this life of extreme mortification was hard on his physical body, and he eventually returned to the city to recover.

Saint John was ordained in 298. He spent the next 12 years preaching in the Cathedral of Antioch, and it was most likely during this time that he earned the name Chrysostom which means "golden-mouthed." In 397 or 398 he was made archbishop of Constantinople against his will. This post placed Saint John in the midst of imperial politics. But he would not be drawn in. He kept a modest household without extravagance and refused to serve the sumptuous suppers for political supplicants that predecessors in the position had. He preached against corruption and decadence and fought for the reform of clergy even deposing corrupt bishops. Unfortunately, this high moral stance made enemies of powerful people at court and in the Church. They conspired against him and eventually Saint John was exiled to Armenia. He died in exile in 407. He was made a Father of the Church at the Council of Chalcedon in 451 and declared a Doctor of the Church in 1568.

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Are you or someone you know struggling in a marriage? The diocesan program for troubled marriages called Corazon (Spanish for heart) is available the weekend of Sept. 26-28. Couples who may be in a marriage in crisis are encouraged to attend a weekend. All confidences are kept and privacy for anyone inquiring about or attending a Corazon weekend is a priority. For questions, contact Amanda at 204-7205. For couple registration or additional information, visit bismarckdiocese.com/corazon.

MASS MINISTRY SCHEDULES FOR SEPTEMBER 13 & 14

	Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Sunday 8:30 a.m.	Sunday 10 a.m.
Rosary	Janet Murphy	Karen McDonald	Alice Leonard
Greeters	Sue Peterson Paula Sidener	Clarence & Amy Aberle	Bonnie Brunner
Altar Servers	Dan Christen	Jeff Murtaugh David White	Kirstin Brunner Maizey Brunner Dane Brunner
Lector	Diane Zander	Cindy Neuharth	Jaimie Brunner
Eucharistic Minister	Jon Vennes	Carolyn Johnson	Deacon Young
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DAILY MASS AND SUNDAY 8:30AM MASS BROADCAST ON YOUTUBE

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

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Breakfast at Little Flower

Sunday, September 14th
8:30 a.m. to Noon

MENU:

French toast, scrambled eggs, sausage, biscuits & gravy, muffins, fruit, coffee & juice

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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MESSAGE

In today's Gospel, Jesus lays out the demands of following him, the great cost of discipleship. The Mission Statement of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul states: "Vincentians witness God's love by embracing all works of charity and justice...the Society makes no distinction in those served because, in them, Vincentians see the face of Christ."

Have you considered answering the call to help serve the poor by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul? 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.

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.

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.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS MEETING

Catholic Daughters will meet on Tuesday, September 9 at 5:30 PM at Our Lady of Grace Church. Lunch will be served during the meeting. Mass will begin at 7:00 PM following the meeting. To celebrate the end of the summer season, wear something Hawaiian, if you have it available. All members are encouraged to attend the meetings and new members are welcome to join at any time.

Basic Catholic Beliefs Class

Presented by Fr. Kenneth Phillips

Beginning Sunday, September 21, 2025 at 1pm

Little Flower Activity Center

- Who created God?
- Do we become angels after we die?
- Is the happiness of heaven the same for everyone?
- Do pets go to heaven?
- Are divorced Catholics excommunicated?
- How can a loving God send someone to hell?
- Is the use of ouija boards, tarot cards, or the consultation of mediums sinful?
- Why do I need to confess my sins to a priest?

These and many other questions will be answered. These classes, for Catholics and non-Catholics, will give participants an opportunity to learn more about God, the basic beliefs of the Catholic faith and the application of God's teachings to daily living.

Don't worry if you're unable to attend every class. Previous lessons are reviewed at the beginning of each class period. In addition, PowerPoint video presentations are available to watch online at our parish website.

What is the cost of the class? It's FREE!!!!

If you would like to participate, please register by completing the form below and returning it to the parish office or the weekly collection basket. You may also register on our website, by email, or calling the parish office with registration information.

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Name: _____

(If both husband & wife are attending, just one registration form with both names is needed.)

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