

August 17th, 2025
20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

CHURCH OF ST. THERESE, THE LITTLE FLOWER

Minot, North Dakota



TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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— LUKE 12:49 —



THIS WEEK:

Monday, August 18th
No Scheduled Events

Tuesday, August 19th
8:00 a.m. Mass

Wednesday, August 20th
8:00 a.m. Mass
8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Adoration
5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Parish Picnic at
Oak Park Shelter #7

Thursday, August 21st
8:00 a.m. Mass

Friday, August 22nd
8:00 a.m. & 5:30 p.m. Mass

Saturday, August 23rd
4:30 p.m. Mass

Sunday, August 24th
Mass: 8:30 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

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

August 17, 2025
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Luke 12:49-53

During my baseball career, my best coach often said, "You shouldn't be worried if I yell at you. Be worried if I don't. If I stop pushing you, it means I don't think you have any more potential." He demanded a lot, and I knew it meant he saw that I could be something special on the baseball field.

Jesus says some demanding words to us this week. "Do you think I have come to establish peace on the earth?" he asks, "No, tell you, but rather division" (Luke 12:51). He wants you and me—in fact, all the earth—to participate in the luminous glory of God. That's why he speaks of himself as a divine arsonist. Divine fire is like a good coach: it demands the removal of all that obstructs the achievement of the lofty goal.

How is your life demanding right now? That inconvenient family situation, the unfair boss at work, the kids who reject their parents' wishes, the nagging health issue? Maybe things would be more peaceful devoid of these seemingly arbitrary difficulties. But for us who believe in the one who comes to set the earth of fire, we should be much more worried if he stops demanding so much from us. In fact, let's thank him for it. He sees how glorious we can become.

— Father John Muir

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 17, 2025

Sunday: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:
Tuesday: St. John Eudes, Priest
Wednesday: St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church
Thursday: St. Pius X, Pope
Friday: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Saturday: St. Rose of Lima, Virgin
Next Sunday: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19TH

+Stephen Vandal by Dan & Tracy Christen

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20TH

+Roger Sand by Memorials

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21ST

+Harvey Wittmayer by Suzanne Watne

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22ND

+Isabell Klein by Judy Stein

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23RD

+David Garcia by Bea Grasmoen

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24TH

8:30 a.m. For the Parish

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

+Indicates Deceased

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Feast Of the Assumption Online Giving Fund Activation: 8/1/2025 – 8/31/2025

Basic Catholic Beliefs Class will be held starting Sunday September 21st at 1:00 p.m. and run through November 23rd.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday-Thursday 8:30AM-3PM

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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. Volunteers are needed, it takes a lot of hours to set up and run this event.

If you can help, please contact Kristie at 701-561-8244 or kurness@catholiccharitiesnd.org. Thank you very much for your support of our local moms! If you have any questions or want to learn more, please visit our website at: www.CatholicCharitiesND.org or call 701-852-2854.

DAKOTA HOPE "WORTHY" FUNDRAISING BANQUETS

Join Dakota Hope Clinic for a free "WORTHY" Fundraising Banquet and hear inspiring stories of lives changed by love and support. Dates:

- Minot – Mon, Sept 15
- Tioga – Tues, Sept 16
- Bottineau – Mon, Sept 22

Doors open at 5:30 PM | Dinner at 6:30 PM
Adults only. No assigned seating. Reserve by Sept 5 at dakotahope.org/events or call 701-852-4675. Let's stand for life together!



KC Council 9906

Breakfast

Sunday, August 24

8:30 AM to 12:30 PM

St. Leo's Catholic Church

218 1st St. SE, Minot

Serving:

Pancakes

Sausage & Scrambled Eggs

Biscuits and Sausage Gravy

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MASS MINISTRY SCHEDULES FOR AUGUST 23 & 24

	Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Sunday 8:30 a.m.	Sunday 10 a.m.
Rosary	Cindy Obenchain	Carolyn Johnson	Paula Wahl
Greeters	Bob & Christine Greene	Karen McDonald Debby Brothers	Volunteers Needed
Altar Servers	Camden Lee	Calvin Olson Dexter Olson	Danica Stolba Luke Bacor
Lector	Amy Lee	Perry Olson	Barb Johnson
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DAILY MASS AND SUNDAY
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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

Now Hiring! Bishop Ryan Catholic School is currently accepting applications for an **Instructional Aide** for the 2025-2026 school year. For more information on this position, including how to apply, please visit bishopryan.com/employment.

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Prayer for School

May God bless, guide, and protect those in our community returning to school this week.

May He grant students peaceful spaces to study, learn, and grow.

May He grant teachers joy, patience, and inspiration.

May He grant all who support education grace, peace, and blessing.

In Your name we pray, Amen.

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.

ST. HILDEGARD CHURCH FALL DINNER – SEPT. 7

St. Hildegard's Church in Menoken, ND will be hosting their annual Fall dinner on Sunday, Sept 7 from 11 AM – 1:30 PM. The homemade dinner will feature their traditional sausage, roast beef, pies, buns and all the trimmings! There will be fun for all ages including games, bingo, and sale of home baked goods, and fresh garden produce. The cost of the meal will be \$15 for adults; \$8 for children 4 – 10 years; free for children 3 and under. Raffle tickets available for \$5 each, or 5 for \$20, (with over \$10,000 in prizes!) Winners will be drawn at 4 PM. Join us for an afternoon of fellowship and fun for all ages! St. Hildegard's church is located at 17200 Highway 10, Menoken, ND (10 miles east of Bismarck).



CHRISTIAN MUSIC FESTIVAL

Gospel PraiSing Festival

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24 **ND STATE CAPITOL GROUNDS**
11:30am-7:30pm

SPECIAL GUEST ARTISTS:

SARAH HART

Sarah Hart of Nashville, TN has been a singer, songwriter, music producer, retreat author and keynote speaker for over 25 years. Her heart for parish missions and itinerant ministry has taken her all over the US and abroad. She has performed for countless conventions and events, and for Pope Francis at St. Peter's Square.

Gospel PraiSing Ministries * Erhardt Country Band
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Alice & Friends Gospel Music * Ascension Music Ministry

FOOD VENDORS ALL DAY (11:30AM-6:30PM)
Hensley's Tasty Truck * FOMO 10/40 Creamery * Holy Crepe
Baking with Beatitude * Just Desserts by Jessie * Auntie Jade's Catering
The World of Macarons * LoriLynn's Nibbles and Nosh

EVENT IS FREE TO ATTEND. FREE-WILL DONATIONS ACCEPTED THROUGHOUT THE DAY FOR MINISTRY ON THE MARGINS AND STEPPING STONE MINISTRIES.

***In case of inclement weather, event will be at the Bismarck Eagles, 313 N 26th St

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FROM THE UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS:

History was recently made when Planned Parenthood and other big abortion businesses were banned from receiving federal Medicaid dollars for one year. Planned Parenthood immediately sued in a federal court and the judge swiftly granted part of a preliminary injunction, requiring the abortion giant's taxpayer funding to continue. Otherwise, children's lives could be saved every day. Americans should not be forced to pay for the killing of preborn children or fund the clinics that kill them. The USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities is inviting Catholics to join a focused effort of prayer to stop taxpayer funding of the abortion industry. In particular, we will invoke the intercession of St. Joseph, Defender of Life with this prayer:

Dearest St. Joseph, at the word of an angel, you lovingly took Mary into your home. As God's humble servant, you guided the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem, welcomed Jesus as your own son in the shelter of a manger, and fled far from your homeland for the safety of both Mother and Child. We praise God that as their faithful protector, you never hesitated to sacrifice for those entrusted to you. May your example inspire us also to welcome, cherish, and safeguard God's most precious gift of life. Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life —especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things. Amen.

We ask Catholics to offer this prayer daily, from now until October 1, the beginning of Respect Life Month. Free online and print versions of the prayer can be found at www.respectlife.org/prayer-to-st-joseph. Thank you for responding to this invitation to pray and for your support in protecting innocent children and their vulnerable mothers from the evil of abortion. St. Joseph, Defender of Life, pray for us!



DEAR PRO-LIFE FRIENDS:

Mark your school calendars for the Holy Hour for Life and the ND March for Life Mass, March and Rally!

October 9, 2025

7:00 pm: Holy Hour for Life at Cathedral of the Holy Spirit 519 Raymond St, Bismarck
Led by Bishop David D. Kagan

October 10, 2025

10:30 am: Mass at the Bismarck Event Center arena (NEW THIS YEAR! We are growing and needed a bigger space!)

11:30 am or immediately following Mass: March to ND State Capitol

12:30 pm: Rally on capital lawn

More information and the registration link will be sent soon - we are so excited to see you there!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MESSAGE

In today's Gospel Jesus said to his disciples: "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing! There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it be accomplished! Your gift to the Society to assist those suffering in poverty will help set the earth on fire with the of God's love.

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.

JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL LITTLE FLOWER

Parish Picnic

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20
5:30PM-8PM
OAK PARK SHELTER #7

Join us for food and fellowship at our annual parish picnic.

Burgers and brats will be provided.

Optional to bring: your own beverages (alcohol permitted), folding chairs, and yard games.

Parish Donations are Requested:

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