



ST. MARY'S Additional News

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March 1st was the kickoff date for **St. Joseph's Annual March Campaign**. In the past year, St. Joseph's has served 13,248 households with 413, 488 pounds of food. We are asking for your support in assisting those in need in our community. Monetary donations received go towards purchasing items for the food pantry. Through use of the Minnesota Food Share, we are able to purchase food for \$0.16 per pound, but that means \$25.00 would buy 400 pounds of food. Individuals using the food pantry typically do not make enough income to cover basic needs. Low wages without benefits, child care expenses, skyrocketing housing and energy costs, and out-of-pocket medical expenses make working families vulnerable to hunger and food insecurity. Thank you for your continued support during this year's March Campaign and throughout the year.

Save the Date for the best dinner in town!! **St. Mary's Annual Palm Sunday Dinner** will be Sunday, April 13th from 11:30 to 2:30. Menu includes ham, scalloped potatoes, scalloped corn, polish sausage & sauerkraut, green beans, salads, desserts & more. Children 4 & under eat free, ages 5-12 \$5.00 & us older folks \$10.00.

Information for the 2014 **St. Mary's Altar Society's Annual Scholarship Program** has been mailed to all the graduating Seniors of St. Mary's parish. If you are a senior and did not get the information, please contact Mary at 772-6947.

Battle Ready Rally Tour with Doug Barry, founder of Radix Ministries. A time to inspire hearts and change lives. Combining prayer, sacraments and inspirational talks. Jesus Christ calls us to prayer and action. The time is now! Be prepared for the fight. Come to a Battle Ready Rally near you. Cost: free-will offering.
www.battlereadystrong.com— **March 9th Grand Forks – St. Thomas Aquinas Newman Center, UND 5pm Potluck, 6:00pm Rally:** March 10th Valley City – St. Catherine's Church, 6:30pm: March 11th Napoleon – St. Phillip Neri's Church, 7:00pm Mass, Rally to follow.

Lenten Ignatian Retreats to be held in Hankinson: The Respect Life Office is hosting 2 Ignatian Retreats this Lent; **Men's Retreat, Mar. 13-16**, & a **Women's Retreat, Mar. 27-30**. Retreatants will be introduced to St. Ignatius Loyola's methods of encountering Jesus Christ. Daily conferences touch on topics as Ignatian methods of prayer, the necessity of silence, & the Rules of Discernment of Spirits. Both retreats will be directed by Fr. Andrew Jasinski & held at the St. Francis Convent & Retreat Center, Hankinson. Retreatants will be required to observe silence throughout the weekend. Cost: \$250. Registration deadline: Mar. 10 for the Men's Retreat & Mar. 24 for the Women's Retreat. For information & a registration form, visit www.fargodiocese.org/retreatregistration or contact Rachelle at 701-356-7910 or e-mail: rachelle.sauvageau@fargodiocese.org

Leah Darrow is a young woman who seemed to be living the American dream, debuting on America's Next Top Model which launched a modeling career. However, what she thought would make her happy left her feeling lost and empty. She is now an international speaker who dares her audience to live a life according to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. She will be speaking Tuesday April 22nd at 2 pm at Sacred Heart Church in East Grand Forks MN and 7 pm at St. Michael's Church in Grand Forks. She will also be in Grafton, ND at 7:00 pm on Wednesday April 23rd at St. John's Catholic Church.

Called & Gifted Workshop: April 11th & 12th, 2014 (Fri:7:30pm – 9:30pm and Sat:9:00am-4:00pm) Sponsored by the Diocese of Fargo - All are Welcome to Come. Location: Sts. Anne & Joachim Church; 5202 25th St. S; Fargo, ND. Cost: free-will offering. Deadline to register: April 2nd (registration required) To register contact Katie.dubas@fargodiocese.org or 701.356.7908. **The Called & Gifted™** Discernment Process is a program developed by the **Catherine of Siena Institute** in 1993. **Called & Gifted** is a three-part discernment process intended to help ordinary lay Catholics in the average parish discern their charisms. Charisms, or spiritual gifts, are special abilities given to all baptized Christians by the Holy Spirit to give them the power both to represent Christ and to be a channel of God's goodness for people (see *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 798-801). The Called & Gifted process presumes no knowledge of the gifts or background in discernment.

Valley Memorial Homes 10th Annual "Down in the Valley" Sunday, March 16th @ 2 PM. Darlene Shea from Shea's Nursery & Landscaping will share her talents & gardening expertise "Gardening Trends for 2014". Also piano & vocal talents by Garth Rydland. This will be hosted by Sharon Lutheran Church (1720 20th St. S.). Refreshments will be served. There will be a free will for offering for Valley Memorial Homes Chaplaincy Ministry.

What is Long term Care and What Should I Know? Who will need long term care? How much will it cost for long term care: Monday, March 24th at 4:00 – 5:00 PM. At 4000 Valley Square (4000 24th Ave. S) Free of charge. Refreshments will be served. Sponsored by Valley Memorial Foundation. Questions? Call Sue @ 701-787-7984.

Widow/Widower Support Group: To help with grief and to help make changes and adjustments in their lives. The group is spiritually centered, interdenominational, led by clergy and lay leaders. It is open to anyone in the area, for any age, who has experienced the death of a spouse. There is no fee. You may attend as many of the sessions as possible. Sessions begin Monday, March 17th for 8 weeks @ 7 – 9 PM at Calvary Lutheran church (1405 S 9th St.) for information call Phyllis @ 701-775-7444.

Catholic Daughters meeting Sunday, March 16th starting at 2:00 at St. Mary's. It will be their Lenten Program.



Are You Called to Serve this Summer? Is God calling you to be a Young Disciple?

In 2001, the Diocese of Fargo, North Dakota began a volunteer ministry to meet the needs of the youth in our rural parishes. This ministry is called the Young Disciples Teams. Through their witness marked by the joy and hope of Faith, the Young Disciples' Teams seek to challenge others to love Jesus Christ and to embrace the life of His Church. Young Disciples camps include daily mass, lessons, crafts, games, songs that centered on Scripture and Catechism. It is the Young Disciples' goal and mission to teach the younger generations the beauty and depth of the Catholic faith.

Summer Missionaries Needed: We are looking for missionaries (men and women), between ages 18 to 30 who love Jesus and the Church and yearn to grow in their faith. The summer teams spend ten weeks running vacation Bible schools. The term is 10 weeks this summer, May 15th-July 29th. Team members will have a break from June 28th-July 4th. **All team members will receive a stipend of \$1000** plus the opportunity to raise sponsorship funds on top of that. Potentially a team member could end the summer with more money in pocket than working a typical summer job.

The Grand Forks Teens For Life will hold a meeting on March 11th at the St. Michael's School at 7:00 PM. The meeting will be located in the Youth Room on the Fourth floor of the School. The South entrance will be open (the side facing M&H). Teens For Life is open to people of all denominations. Questions? Call: (701)-775-5832.

Holy Family Knights of Columbus Council 7176 will be serving a French toast, sausage and has brown breakfast after all Masses on Sunday, March 16th. Free will offering. Proceeds go towards vocations, Holy Family/St. Mary's School and youth activities.

The Knights of Columbus Columbian Club at 601 University Ave will be serving: Wednesday from 5:30 – 7:00 pm Chef's Surprise; Friday from 5:30 – 7:00 pm Walleye, Jumbo Shrimp or Steak with all the trimmings; Saturday from Noon – 2:00 pm Hamburger, Cheeseburger, Bacon Cheeseburger and Chicken Strip Baskets.

Soup in the Studio, a fundraiser benefiting Global Friends Coalition will be held on Thursday, March 13th at the Muddy Waters Clay Center (2014 13th Avenue North) from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. Global Friends Coalition is a nonprofit organization committed to serving former refugees in the Greater Grand Forks community. Enjoy a bowl of soup for a suggested donation of \$10.00 or purchase a locally handmade ceramic bowl AND a bowl of soup for \$25.00.