

St. Mary's Catholic Church
October 27, 2014
Bulletin



This weekend (October 25th and 26th) at St. Mary's is Adoration Weekend. Thank you to the members of St. Mary's Parish Family who do commit an hour each week to adoration at St. Anne's. For those of you who haven't taken that step please prayerfully consider signing up to spend one hour of your time each week with Jesus at St. Anne's Chapel.

TOP TALENT WINNERS PERFORMING AT SR. HIGH YOUTH CELEBRATION

CYAC (Catholic Youth Advisory Council) invites all Sr. High Students in grades 9 through 12 to the Sr. High Youth Celebration being held at Harvey High School on Saturday, November 22, from 9:30am to 9:00pm. The top Sr. High talent winners from NCYC (National Catholic Youth Conference) will be our guest speakers this year & they will be incorporating into their performances our theme "Are you joy-full?" They will share how they keep their souls & their lives filled with the joy of the Holy Spirit in their performances & their daily lives! The day also includes workshops, reconciliation, adoration, Mass & a great dance dj'd by nationally known Bill Lage! Cost for the day is \$35/student & \$15/chaperone. We ask that one chaperone for every eight students be present during the day! Registration deadline is November 5 to parishes. Packets with advertising & registration forms will go out to parishes in the very near future! For information, contact Kathy Loney at 701-356-7902/work & 701-866-5945/cell.

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



(Found in chapter 15 – Page #93) (You can find this book at the GF Library. "SAINT MARY'S AND SAINT TIMOTHY'S AND THEIR ECUMENICAL PIONEER PASTOR" (by Rt. Rev. Msgr. M.J. Fletcher)

In the early days of the parish, Miss Anna Fraser was counsellor to the young ladies of "Our Lady of Lourdes Sodality" and had great devotion to the Blessed Virgin. It was she and the young ladies of the Sodality who donated the next memorial St. Mary's received, a statue of the Blessed Mother. Although Miss. Fraser was badly crippled and suffered pain with each step, no power on earth could keep her from walking four pain-filled blocks to attend daily Mass and communion. She was a wonderful seamstress of unseen stitches and kept the church linens and priests' vestments laundered and in good repair, asking nothing but God's

blessing on her work in return. When God called Anna home in 1938, she left her few worldly possessions to St. Mary's. From the proceeds of the sale of these possessions, plus a bit from Father's pocket, Father bought what he considered a most fitting memorial to her—a beautiful oak vestment press and dedicated it to Anna's memory for her many years of unflinching devotion in performing her labor of love.

After the donation of the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mrs. Nick Simmer gave the statue of the Sacred Heart and also one of St. Joseph. And Mrs. C. P. Trepanier donated the statue of St. Anthony. Both women were tireless workers for the church and daily communicants. Mrs. Trepanier was the Altar Society's first secretary and treasurer, being elected to office at the organizational meeting October 11, 1914 and was elected its president in 1915. These latter two donations were followed a few years later by the donation of the "Little Flower" – St. Theresa – statue by Dr. and Mrs. M. W. Murray, another pioneer couple who took an active part in the newly established parish.

Other memorials did not come until many years later, when the economic times and conditions of the parish were better. In one of these later years, J. F. T. O'Connor, better known to his friends as Frank, or "Jefty", then Comptroller of Currency in Washington, D. C., returned to his hometown of Grand Forks to attend a funeral and visit his sister, Mrs. C. P. Trepanier. Father had breakfast with him that morning and "Jefty" commented on the hardness of the kneelers in St. Mary's and the softness of those in the church he attended in Washington, and expressed the thought his sister and the people of St. Mary's should have something similar on which to kneel. Father kidded him about bureaucrats and bureaucracy and said that much as he would like to see his parishioners kneeling in comfort, there was still a big debt to be paid off in his old hometown parish and he was afraid padded kneelers would have to be postponed awhile. Frank's reply was "order them and sent the bill to me" – thus St. Mary's was the first church in Grand Forks, whose parishioners had the comfort of padded kneelers.

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