



St. Mary's Bulletin Insert **December 14, 2014**

Third Sunday of Advent: *“Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” – 1 Thessalonians 5:16 – 18*

This scripture reading sums up Stewardship. “Rejoice always” means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. “Pray constantly” means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. “Give thanks in all circumstances” means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations.

Full-Time Sustained Giving Officer

St. Paul's Catholic Newman Center on the NDSU campus, Fargo, ND is seeking a Sustained Giving Officer to build relationships with individuals who have the capacity to give anywhere from \$50 - \$250/month. This position will be expected to increase the monthly giving program anywhere from \$650 - \$900 each month. Along with managing the monthly giving program, the Giving Officer will work side by side with our Campus Missions team to assist them in building up the student campus account through parish talks and all large scale conference fundraising initiatives. Additional responsibilities will include: working with and overseeing all aspects of the newly formed Newman Alumni Board to make connections through alumni socials and gift solicitations. Candidates must have excellent written and verbal communication skills and a desire to grow in understanding of the fund development field. Must be able to work as an effective team member and be results orientated. Compensation will commensurate with experience and qualifications. Please send a cover letter, resume and three references to: bisoncatholic@gmail.com Visit: www.bisonCatholic.org Position open until filled.

Life in the Spirit Retreat: Deepen your relationship with the third person of the Blessed Trinity and to awaken the gifts of the Holy Spirit in your life. January 16-18, 2015 (registration begins at 6pm, seminar begins at 7pm on Friday and finishes at 3pm on Sunday) St. Cecilia's Catholic Church, Harvey, ND. Cost: free will offering. Pre-registration appreciated by Jan 12. Register at raxtman@gondtc.com or call 701-324-2706 or the parish office at 324-2144; Housing: Cobblestone Inn 701-635-2222 - R & R Motel - 701-324-2271; Artos Motel 701-324-4602 No cost housing available in Social Center or in private homes. Please contact Rosalie prior to the weekend for arrangements.

(Found in Chapter 16 – Page #97) (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)

Another pride and joy of Father’s were the three choirs of St. Mary’s. The children’s choir who sang during the 8:00 .M. Mass consisted of the children of the school and was directed by one of the nuns, with either the music teacher or one of the children enrolled in her class as organist. (At one time the organist for this choir was the now Reverend Charles Hughes of the Diocese of Fargo.) The members of the second choir blended their voices for the 9:15 Mass, and was made up of the high school students of the parish who were members of the Young Ladies Sodality, and were directed by one of its members, of which Elaine Von Ruden, Sylvia Larson, Petronella Hastings and Rose Mary Schiele were a few who come to mind. And last, but far from least, the senior choir, consisting of the men and women of the parish who volunteered their services. Through the years there had been many excellent choirs in St. Mary’s that Father had been proud of and these three were no exception, but the senior choir, who sang the High Mass at 10:30 A.M. under the direction of Helen deLisle Evans, with Mrs. G. D. Gertson as their organist, was outstanding and was considered, at the time, to be the best church choir in Grand Forks and surrounding territory. When Bishop Muench pontificated for Father’s Silver Jubilee and later congratulated Father on the wonderful choir that had taken part in the ceremony—asking where they had been obtained, Father had a very hard time convincing the Bishop it was the regular St. Mary’s senior choir and not one that had been employed for the occasion as the Bishop thought. It was only when he stated that “no matter how good or how bad” a choir was, he would never bring another one in to take its place for special occasion and added “if a choir is good enough for me during the year, they’re good enough for anything that goes on in the church” did the Bishop actually believe him.

“He who does little, but in a state to which God calls him, does more than he who labors much, but in a state which he has thoughtlessly chosen: a cripple limping in the right way is better than a racer out of it.” *Augustine of Hippo*

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

