



September 2019

Our Lady's Messenger

Life - A God Given Gift

There perhaps has never been a more urgent time in our country for us to stand strong in protecting the unborn, the elderly, the handicapped, and the terminally ill.

"Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness." These three rights are strongly defended and loved by the American people. In fact, we have fought wars and risked lives to protect them. Should life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness be denied to our unborn babies?

The Catholic Church proclaims that human life is sacred and that the dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society. We believe that every person is precious, that people are more important than things. Life is important!

At Our Lady of Grace Parish and community there are many opportunities to be involved with Respect Life/Culture of Life Activities.

Our Lady of Grace has a Respect Life Committee which coordinates many parish Respect-Life activities. A Respect Life Fair is held in October, during the months of May and October Rosary is prayed each day at 6:30 p.m. in Mary's Garden,



Pro-life Leaders, Leo and Ruth Schaeffer

Photo submitted by Ruth Schaeffer

Spiritual Adoption Program, 40 Days for Life in conjunction with October Rosary, and in January Sanctity of Human Life Sunday is recognized which commemorates the anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision. Pro-Life Rosary is prayed each weekend before the Saturday 4:00 p.m. Mass and the Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass. Rosary is also prayed before the daily 9:00 a.m. Mass.

Minot Right to Life provides roses for the Respect Life Committee to ell after Masses on Mother's Day to church members to give to their wives and mothers for Mother's Day.

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HOW CAN I SERVE MY PARISH AND GIVE GLORY TO GOD?

If you haven't already, please take some time today to complete our annual stewardship form. It includes many ways to give of your time, talent and treasure.

TIME: What are you passionate about? Could you join our Music Ministry? Is it hard for you to get out? Would you be a prayer partner from home?

TALENT: Are you a plumber? Do you like to plan events? Could you share your faith with children? Let our parish reap the benefits of your natural talents.

TREASURE: The money you contribute pays for parish operations and makes ministry happen. Thank you for your generosity and the difference you are making in the lives of many!



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Our Mission:

Our Lady of Grace Parish is a community of faith that encourages stewardship through word, sacrament and service.

Celebrating 60 Years as a Parish!

A celebration to remember

We celebrated the 60th anniversary of our church with an anniversary Mass on Wednesday, Aug. 14, the eve of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Then Our Lady of Grace parishioners and friends packed the Columbian Club in north Minot for a delicious dinner and celebration.



"I am so grateful to all who helped make this successful," Fr. Bruce Krebs said after the event. "It took a lot of people and a lot of hours" of work to plan and carry it out.

Bishop David Kagan came from Bismarck to celebrate the anniversary Mass.



Fr. Bruce Krebs, Fr. Corey Nelson, Fr. Peter Scharpe, Deacon Steve Streitz, Fr. David Richter, Bishop David Kagan, Fr. Charlie Heidt, Fr. Ryan Boyle, Fr. Bill Cosgrove, and Fr. Joe Senger. (Msgr. Gene Lindemann behind Bishop Kagan.)



"I thought the liturgy went very nicely," Fr. Bruce said. "The music was sensational. It was nice to see a good number of priests come despite it being a holy day." He said many lay people came to the Mass, as well, even though the 5:00 p.m. Mass was on a work day and it might have been difficult for some to get away.

As a priest, Fr. Bruce said he feels "really blessed to be here at this parish. I especially give credit to those who have gone before me and prepared and worked with the people, bringing them to the stage they are at in this parish, and certainly our good staff."

Larry Louser, who served as emcee for the dinner, pointed out that parishioner Mildred Newman, who will be 100 years old in October, was present for the celebration.

Bishop Kagan offered "a word of thanks to all of you for your magnificent faith and your good works." He said Our Lady of Grace parish is noted "for your great and willing charity for all in need."

The bishop also noted that the anniversary celebration "presents to the world the truth of Jesus Christ as our Divine Head . . . and the proof again, if we need proof, of his promise to remain with us until the end of time."

(at right) Bishop David Kagan



As people watched the historic pictures flashing across the TV screens during the dinner, they saw some changes through the years, Bishop Kagan said. "What doesn't change is your firm faith and your fervent hope and your lively charity . . . What you do now is a living gift and legacy that the Church has handed on since that first Pentecost."

A parish "isn't about buildings," the bishop concluded. "It's about our faith lived every moment in everyday life."

By Tanya Watterud



Charter Members that attended Mass:

Back Row: Jim Schweyen, Frank Schaefer, George Lach, Robert Heinze

Middle Row: Leonard Schaan, Betty Schall, Ed Schall, Carol Mitzel, Joe Mitzel

Front Row: Katherine Klein, Cris Woiwode, Sharon Boppre, Blanche Schaan, Edith Schall, Deanna Bartsch, Tony Bartsch, Virginia Slavick

Logo by Diane Horpestead

Jubilee Parish Mission in October

We have been celebrating, in a variety of ways, 60 years of God's graces upon our parish. But our jubilee is not yet over. This fall Father Joseph Evinger from Killdeer will be in our parish to conduct a parish mission. The theme is Mary since she is our parish patroness. Father will be speaking at all the Masses the weekend of October 5 and 6. Then we will kick off the mission with Adoration and a talk at 4:00 pm with confessions being heard during the hour. His talk will address "The biblical foundations for understanding Mary's role in the kingdom of God." The hour will be followed by refreshments and fellowship at

5:00 pm in the parish dining room. Monday is the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. We will have Adoration and a talk including a rosary 6:30-7:30 pm followed by refreshments and fellowship in the dining room. That talk will cover "Approaching God with Mary's help and why we need Mary." The parish mission will conclude with the 7:00 pm Tuesday Mass with Father preaching. His homily will address "Mary the mother of the new evangelization." After Mass we will celebrate with root-beer floats in the parish dining room. Please come to grow spiritually and to enjoy fellowship with fellow parishioners.



IMPORTANT DATES

September

- 2** - Labor Day, Parish Office Closed
- 7** - New Parishioner Welcome
- 7** - 5:00 - 5:30 pm Tours of the Rectory
- 8** - 8:30 am - 12:00 Noon New Parishioner Welcome and Knights of Columbus Breakfast
- 8** - 9:30 am - 12:30 pm Tours of the Rectory
- 8** - 4:00 - 6:00 pm Family Day
- 8** - 6:00 pm MJM7 Concert
- 11** - 9:40 am Wednesday Coffee and Donut Social
- 11** - 7:00 - 8:30 pm Confirmation Class for 2nd Year Students
- 13** - 2:00 pm Bingo Social
- 15** - 3:00 pm Spanish Mass followed by fellowship
- 15** - 2:00 - 4:00 pm CGS Teacher and Aide meeting
- 16** - 5:30 pm Dakota Hope Clinic Banquet at ND State Fairgrounds with Catholic Pro-Life Apologist Trent Horn
- 18** - 7:00 - 8:30 pm Confirmation Class for 2nd Year Students
- 22** - 1:30 - 3:30 pm Confirmation Orientation for students & parents
- 22** - 9:20—10:20 am First Sunday Class: CGS/Faith Formation, gr. K-5
- 25** - FIRST CLASS: CGS/Faith Formation, gr. K-5 and Dare to Be a Disciple
- 25** - FIRST CLASS: gr.6-8 Faith Formation
- 26** - 6:30 -8:30 pm Make-up Confirmation Orientation for students & parents
- 28/29** - Confirmation - Rite of Enrollment—at each Mass
- 29** - 1:30 -4:30 pm Confirmation Class

October

- 2** - 7:00 -8:15 pm Middle School Youth Group
- 4** - Blessing of Pets (South Parking Lot of the Church)
- 5-8** - Jubilee Parish Mission
*See page 3 for more information
- 6** - 8:30 am - 12:00 Noon Knights of Columbus Respect Life Breakfast
- 6** - Respect Life Fair

Unsung Hero

In 1985 the country band Alabama, released a hit called “40 Hour Week.” It begins with the words, “There are people in this country who work hard every day not for fame or fortune do they strive, but the fruits of their labor are worth more than their pay and it’s time a few of them were recognized.” The song gives recognition to a variety of groups who work hard to serve the needs of people and never get their names in the lights but without whom our way of life would be much diminished.



In thinking of Fr. Charles Heidt, known by many as Fr. Charlie, I see a dedicated priest, for 60 years now. Yes, he was ordained the year Our Lady became a parish. Fr. Charlie is now 87 years old. He is one of the most humble people I know. Fr. Charlie served as pastor here at OLG. When invited to speak at our celebration on August 14, he was not eager to promote himself in any way because he is just that way, never one to “blow his own horn.”

I believe Our Lady of Grace is one of the top parishes in our diocese for its welcoming atmosphere and involvement of its parishioners. There are always many factors that enter into bringing forth success but I want to acknowledge a man who I believe played a huge part in our parish being the great parish it is.

Fr. Charlie was pastor of OLG just after the Second Vatican Council when the church was opening the windows to some change. One of the major changes was to invite more lay involvement in the church. Fr. Charlie worked tirelessly to empower the laity of the parish to take on a variety of roles and ministries. Our Lady of Grace really came to life under his leadership. Many committees and councils were established under his supervision. Every fall he would conduct a day-long visioning workshop for parish leaders. A goal the parish set under his leadership was to be welcoming in every respect. At that time fellowship began after the Sunday morning Masses.



Food Pantry in back entry before addition to building.

Ushers at Mass were replaced by greeters. The piano and other instruments were brought into the liturgy. To extend himself, Fr. Charlie would hire sisters and lay people to assist him in teaching and leading various groups.

A major innovation during his tenure here was the establishment of the OLG Food Pantry. Fr. Charlie saw the need to care for the less fortunate in our area. Today our food pantry feeds approximately 500 families a month. Fr. Charlie also purchased a bus for the parish to transport parish children to Bishop Ryan.

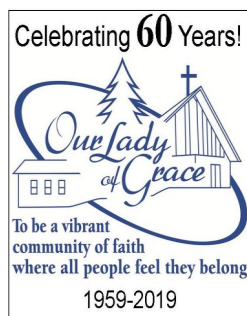
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Our Lady of Grace Church History

Continuing with the history of Our Lady of Grace, there was not a lot documented between 1984 and 1990. I did not forget that time frame but will share what I have found. In 1985, the Bismarck Diocese celebrated its seventy-fifth Anniversary under the direction of Bishop Kinney. Father Charles Heidt who was the fourth pastor of our parish completed his tenure with us in 1987.

The fifth priest to come to Our Lady of Grace was Father Kenneth Wald who served here for a short duration from 1987-1991. In second grade, Father Kenneth Wald fell in love with the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. He graduated from St. Mary's in Bismarck, St. John's University in Collegeville, MN, and St. Paul's Seminary in MN. He was ordained in 1957 and had the privilege of meeting four popes throughout his service to our Lord. He also established the Father and Friends Scholarship at Bishop Ryan. He was inducted in the Bishop Ryan Hall of Fame in 2009. Father Kenneth died in March of 2015.

In the early 1990s the Food Pantry at Our Lady of Grace was started and served 222 households. The loose change from the weekly collection plate helped to buy food for the pantry. A fact I found that was intriguing to me was that, in 1992, the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament was only from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Thursday. Hours have since been increased for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Adoration currently runs on Thursday in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel from 9:30 a.m. through the night to 9:00 a.m. on Friday.



In 1991-1998, our Church was led by our sixth priest, Father Bob Kipley. Father Bob attended NDSU in Fargo and Mount Saint Mary's Seminary in Maryland. He was ordained in 1983 in Bismarck. Shortly after he arrived, he realized a need

for more room as our church had grown by leaps and bounds since its first Mass in 1959. They looked at updating the bathrooms to make them handicap accessible and improving the building to better serve the people of the parish.



*Father Kipley helps Ron Hanson break ground for Parish Activity Center.
Archived Photo*

After much consideration and discussion with the parish community, in April 1993, PACE (Parish Activity Center Expansion) was set up to fund the huge project to better serve over 900 families. This was a fund where each parish member was asked to contribute financially to this huge undertaking. The pledges exceeded \$800,000. During the time of construction, the parish squeezed into the basement to participate in liturgy. The groundbreaking was in 1993 and the construction was completed in 1994.

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6 - 2:00—4:00 pm First Reconciliation Retreat

9 - 9:40 am Wednesday Coffee and Donut Social

10 - 6:30—8:30 pm First Reconciliation Make-up Retreat

11 - 2:00 pm Bingo Social

12/13 - First Reconciliation Rite of Enrollment during Masses

13 - 2:00 Confirmation Mass followed by reception

16 - No Faith Formation Classes

20 - No Faith Formation Classes

20 - 3:00 pm Spanish Mass followed by fellowship

25 - **27** Diocese of Bismarck Thirst Conference 2019

26 Diocese of Bismarck Youth Conference

31 - 5:30 pm - All Saints' Day Vigil Mass

November

1 - 9:00 am - All Saints' Day Mass

1 - Parish Office Closed

1 - **3** - CGS Teacher Training

3 - Knights of Columbus Breakfast for Home on the Range and Special Olympics

3 - Saint Fair by Confirmation Students

8 - 2:00 pm Bingo Social

10 - No Faith Formation Classes

13 - 9:40 am Wednesday Coffee and Donut Social

17 - 3:00 pm Spanish Mass followed by fellowship

22 - Deacon Ordination—Bismarck, ND Cathedral of the Holy Spirit

23 - Dakota Hope Clinic Festival of Trees at the ND State Fair Center

27 - No Faith Formation Classes

28 - 9:00 am Thanksgiving Day Mass

28 - **29** Parish Office Closed

1 (Dec) - No Faith Formation Classes



Altar Server training is Oct. 6 and 9

There is no better way to learn about the Mass than to participate in it, especially at the altar! Children in 4th grade and older may be Altar Servers after receiving training and committing to a Mass time so they can be scheduled for particular Masses.

Fr. Bruce and Deacon Steve will lead Altar Server training on Sunday, Oct. 6, after the 8:30 a.m. Mass (around 9:40 a.m.) and Wednesday, Oct. 9, during the 4:00 and 5:30 p.m. Faith Formation classes, with training in the main church. If your child is already an Altar Server but wants a refresher course, we'd love to have them join in the training, too.

If you have questions or if these times do not work for your child, please contact Deacon Steve at 701-839-6834 or admin@olgminot.org.

Our Faith Formation Classes at a Glance

Each year around 300 students participate in our Faith Formation and Youth programs at Our Lady of Grace. Sometimes more than 20 different classes take place in our church within one week! Here is a look at the classes that are available and the many volunteers who make them possible.

Preschool

We offer preschool classes to a limited number of children during the 10:30 a.m. Mass beginning in October. The older students (ages 4 and 5) participate in Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, a Montessori-style hands-on way to learn about the faith. The three-year-old students and four-year-olds who can't get into the CGS class participate in a simple preschool Catholic curriculum and spend time playing together. We like to have five to six volunteers every day that preschool classes take place. (*Younger children, ages six weeks through three years, may be in our St. Gianna Nursery during the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Many Nursery volunteers are needed to keep this ministry going, with at least one adult as well as student helpers each Sunday.*)

Grades K-5

Families with children in kindergarten through fifth grade choose between three options for classes: Wednesdays at 4:00 or 5:30 p.m. or Sundays at 9:20 a.m. At least 15 teachers and the same number of classroom aides are needed to serve these children. Each session also has volunteers who help at the Prayer Station, monitor the halls and do other duties to ensure the best learning environment for our children. The kindergarten and first grade students build a relationship with our Lord in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd atriums. Our second grade and older students who have not yet received the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist focus on the sacraments. Our students in grades three through five who have already received the sacraments use materials and activities to learn about the faith at their levels.



Grades 6-8

Our middle school Faith Formation classes are held about two Wednesdays a month from 7:00-8:30 p.m. The opposite Wednesdays, unless it's a school holiday, we usually have Middle School Youth Group. We have at least six classrooms for this group, so six teachers are needed and the same number of aides, if possible. We also bring in people to speak about certain topics. Prayer Station volunteers and hall monitors help us with the extra needs of the evenings.

Grade 9-12

Our Confirmation preparation program, taught by Fr. Bruce, is open to any high school student who hasn't yet received the sacrament of Confirmation. Classes are usually about once per month during the school year and parents attend the orientation meeting and take turns serving as table leaders and bringing snacks. Each student's Sponsor is involved in the April class as well as personal meetings with the student to help them discern their readiness for the sacrament. These students also attend Cor Christi Institute at the University of Mary in Bismarck in July. The Confirmation students take four tests during the year. Do you want to see if you're as smart as a Confirmation student? Go to the Faith Formation page of our website and look for the links to the study guide and tests!

Will you volunteer? Please contact Tanya at educaton1@olgminot.org or 701-839-6834. Thank you!

Extra! Extra!

Read all about the Extras for our Children and Youth!

Besides the regular Faith Formation classes, here are some other things for children and youth at Our Lady of Grace.

Dare to be a Disciple: This is like a youth group for elementary age children. It meets from 5:00-5:30 p.m. Wednesdays (between our 4:00 and 5:30 p.m. classes). Children learn about their faith through art, stories, movies, presentations, games and more. Plus, Dare to be a Disciple gives parents flexibility to have their children at the church for 90 minutes rather than an hour. It's a win-win for both parents and children! Will you volunteer to help with one or more Dare to be a Disciple sessions this year?

Middle School Youth Group: Students in middle school eat, talk, learn, play games and go places, growing in friendship and faith. This youth group meets at 7:00 p.m. on the Wednesdays that we don't have middle school classes.

High School Youth Group: We're gathering student ideas on how they'd like this group to function and when they'd like to meet. Watch for announcements of events and more!

Prayer Station: At the Prayer Station, our students in kindergarten through 8th grade practice memorized prayers and receive a prize or say a "prayer for the poor" where they place a donated coin into a jar for the poor. Our prayers for the poor benefit our food pantry. Parents, please practice prayers with your children at home. The prayer sheet is on the Faith Formation page of our website – olgminot.org – and printed copies can be found in the classroom hallway. Donations of coins for this ministry are welcome and appreciated!



Sacramental Retreats: If your child is in second grade or higher and wants to prepare for the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist, there are required parent/child retreats for each sacrament. Contact the parish soon for details.

Christmas Program and Children's

Christmas Choir: All children in kindergarten through fifth grade are invited to participate in our Christmas program and Children's Christmas Choir. Watch for announcements of rehearsals and other details.

Family Faith Night Amazing Race: Mark your calendar for this annual event which will be on Wednesday, Jan. 29! There is a free meal and activities. We're still planning. Details will be shared as soon as possible.

Singing during 10:30 a.m. Mass: Our grade 2-5 Faith Formation students sing after communion during the 10:30 a.m. Epiphany Mass on Jan. 5. Our preschool, kindergarten and grade 1 students will sing during the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Feb. 23.

Mass in Class: Our Wednesday Faith Formation students participate in Mass in Class once per year, with fifth grade students serving as lectors, gift bearers and in other ministries. These Masses are open to parents and all who would like to come. Mass in Class will be Wednesday, Feb. 19, at 4:00 and 5:30 p.m.

May Crowning: We'll honor Mary, the mother of Jesus, May 3 when we crown a statue of Mary and carry flowers to lay at her feet during the final song of the 8:30 a.m. Mass. All parish children in kindergarten through grade 5 are invited to participate.

Graduates' Mass: 2020 graduates from high school and college, please mark your calendars for Sunday, May 17, when we'll congratulate you during the 10:30 a.m. Mass and celebrate with cake afterwards.

There's much more going on for children and youth, but it won't all fit in one newsletter! Read the bulletin, follow us on Facebook and Instagram, check our website, watch for posters and mailings, and listen for announcements during Mass to take advantage of the many faith experiences your children may participate in!

Our Parish Family

July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019

New Parishioners and Families:

Ramon and Ednalina Balane; Jesus Centeno; William Christen; Stephanie Deutsch and Derek Robinson and Daysun; Zack and Jess Donamaria, Zoey, Benno and Jemma; Ethan and Lacey Eckman and Brody; Miranda Fenner; Garrett and Crisanta Furniss, CrisAnne and Leia; Olga Gamboa and Geneve and Sebastian; Dennis and Jeannie Gendreau; Marie Harris; Michael and Casey Heinz, Kaylie and Vanessa; Noe Hernandez-Rio and Patty Sarabia, Jasmin, Janise, Jayden, Noe Jr. and Jordon; Jordan Hubbard; Janet Jensen; Brian Kellebrew, Michael and Jennifer Marx, Shannon and Amanda; George MBuru, Grace and James; Terry and Faye McCarty, David and Danielle Merwitz and Marie; Brett Mindt-Newman and Kayla Halstead, Camdan and Hadley; Melissa Mosser and Alex; Brandon Mosbrucker; Chintelu Nnabuenti; Roger and Lynda Opp; Jesus and Veronica Rodriguez, Michael and Anthony; Evelyn Probst; Melissa Roller; Matthew and Theresa Rudnick; Travis and Kristin Singleton, Sadie and Mason; Jessi Bushnell and Tanner Tuttle and Brinley; Luke and Courtney Uran, Claire and Saul; Jose Vasquez and Luisa Mireles and Valentina; Alberto and Lourdes Vega and Josue; Josephine Vernah and Edward Karveep; Ace and Lori Acevedo; Nanette Barnes; Whitney Boehm, Sophie and Ellie; Lew and Alvina Brezden; Kaari Burbach; Jackson Pieper; Celicia Crisostomo, Aguaon; Griselda Enriquez, Alex, Alen, and Ayden; Shannon Ernst; Cesar & Sujei Gil, Emmanuel and Cesar; Maria del Carmen Gonzalez, Perla, Wendy Miguel and Victoria; Tony and Linda Hackman; Richard and Virginia Haman; Ray and Patricia Hennessy; Shawn Kessler, Jessie Baier, Caylee and Carter; Penny Knutson; Douglas & Kelly Lenz, Kinsley and Brynlee; Craig Lundgren and Jennifer Rostad, Lola and Jack; Erika Macario, Emily, Jimena, and Randall; Amee Mardikian, Simon; Liam and Marisa McConville, Bridget, Brendan, and David; Melissa Mosser, Alex; Glen and Debbie Mosser; Amanda Mosser, Matt Garbel, Staley and Aynslee; Alisha Nichols, Hunter; Victor Nyakundi and Lilian Nyangoto, Natasha and Sheena; Carlie Olsen, Teagan and Zoey;



Edwin and Patricia Pfeifer, Mariah; David and Karalyn Pitner, Lydia; Martin Quezada, Erisel Tanabe, Alejandro, Dominic, and Martin; Evelyn Martinez, Daniel Ramirez, Rebeka and Israel; Kelli Reiter; Fernando and Wendy Sandoval, Iker, Jordy, and Isaac; Richard Sandoval, Margaret Howling Wolf, Richard Jr.; Ryan and Kristi Schepp, Mallory and Brody; Giles Snyder; Richard and Lucinda Sorensen; John and June-Marie von Osinski; and Clemence and Irene Wolf.

Baptisms: Jordyn Denson, Macy Ferderer, Sadie Menahan, Iris Bice, Brinley Tuttle, Brody Eckmann, Makai DeLorme, Marie Merwitz, Beckham Kary, Camila Rodriguez, Camdan Mindt-Newman, Hazel O'Farrell, Jemma Donamaria, Max Bias, Wells Walker, Atticus Zander, Miko Lawton, Hazel Schilken, Lydia Pitner, Jack Lundgren, Lola Lundgren, Krew Larson, Emaline Mertz, Liam Standish, Ridge Standish, Harrison Schiele, Dominic Quezada, Mia Schmidt, Roland Noel, Hannah Lundeen, Richard Sandoval Jr, Elsie Schriock, Violet Winkels, Cora Huighe, Alexander Simon, Sophie Klabo, Davidjohn Ferrell, Hadley Zietz, Anna Black, Nora Kiggins, Kolton Grina, Hazel Koelzer, Allen Zayas, Burke Fornshell, Nolan Whitehead, Brittyn Oswill, Braelyn Oswill, Lucille Carpenter.



Deaths: Luella Lukach, Francis Schaan, Lenhart Korgel, Boyd Shaw, Terry Brekke, Dale Knutson, Patricia Korgel, Dennis Aberle, Joseph Kraft, Pauline Holwegner, Ronald Parizek, Connie Moran, Delores Routledge, Kenneth Keyes, Betty Renfandt, Cindy Volk, Jimmie Goldade, Donald Streitz, Joy Paetz, Regina Guffey, Edward Ziegler, Rose Marie Spicer, Patricia O'Grady, Justin Walter, David Larson, Peggy Keller, Terrence Ahern, Jerome Vilandre, Courtney DeGree, Mark Vickerman, Justine Lubrich, Wayne Witty, Chester Kupfer, Anne Brodell, Renata Lucier, Clarence Tryhus, Marvin Welsch, William Watson.



OUR LADY OF GRACE PARISH ANNUAL REPORT

As is our custom, we present our Annual Report. Currently 1,252 households (about 3,762 individuals) are registered in our parish family. We have been a stewardship parish for about 14½ years now. We are now having our Stewardship Renewal when we recommit ourselves to be good stewards of our time, talent and treasure. God continues to bless us individually and as a parish. May we continue to share those blessings!

Fr. Bruce Krebs, Pastor
Deacon Steve Streitz, Parish Manager

Stewardship of Time and Talent

Sacramental Life

Baptisms	49
Funerals	39
Confirmations	56
Weddings	14
First Communions	54

Ministries and Activities

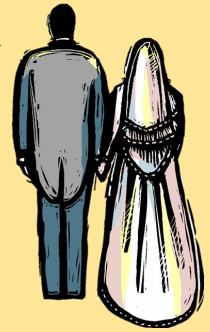
Bible Study and Faith-Sharing Group Participants	305
Eucharistic Adorers	32
Liturgical Ministers, including Musicians	235 families
Members, Councils and Committees	58
Outreach (Homebound/Nursing Home Ministers, Transportation)	73
Prayer Chains (Telephone and Email)	125



Weddings: Jereomy Ova and Randie Meyers, Anthony Battle and Amber Anderson, Jacob Edwards and

Anna Petz, Kolton Larson and Jayden Moum, Joshua Ogle and Megan Limke, Derek Robinson and Stephanie Deutsch, Mason Lautenschlager

and Hannah Strube, Gerald Sennett and Garnetta Schultz, Glen Mosser and Debra Kirchofner, McCrae Danks and Alaina Adams, Patrick Butz and Sandra Sime, Caleb Grindy and Adrianna Helle, William Schriock and Brittany Satra, James Probst and Evelyn Olesen.



Life - A God Given Gift, continued

This past Father's Day the Respect Life Committee handed out prayer cards with a prayer to St. Joseph to all fathers after Mass. Some years carnations are sold for wives to give to their husbands and fathers.

Our Lady of Grace Parish participates in the annual Baby Bottle Campaign to raise funds for Dakota Hope Clinic.



The Knights of Columbus supports life with many Respect Life/Culture of Life programs. One of the most effective ways they have helped thousands of women save their children is through its Ultrasound Initiative. The Supreme Council shares the cost of the ultrasound machines with local councils. Minot's Dakota Hope Clinic, through the efforts of Our Lady of Grace Knights of Columbus Council 4894, received their ultrasound Machine through this initiative. The council also holds a breakfast with proceeds going to St. Gianna's Maternity Home in Warsaw, ND. The State Knights of Columbus has organized a Perpetual Rosary for Respect Life, and are supporters for young people attending the March for Life in Washington, DC.

The pro-life movement needs many hands. Involvement is crucial and only works when people are willing to help through their actions and prayers, since the innocent preborn cannot speak up for themselves. There are many opportunities for us to get involved.

A couple in Our lady of Grace Parish who have devoted so much of themselves to pro-life activities are Leo and Ruth Schaeffer. They have both headed many programs, prayer groups, activities and events with Minot Right to Life, Knights of Columbus pro-life programs as well as parish pro-life events. They have truly defended the sanctity of human life.

Our Lady of Grace Parish commends Leo and Ruth for their many years of leadership in all their pro-life as well as the many other programs and activities they have been involved in. They have reached out to others through their actions, prayers, listening and words. Thank you, Leo and Ruth.

By Edith Schall

Our Lady of Grace Parish - Annual Statement

July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019

Stewardship of Treasure

Financial Statement

Your good stewardship provides not only for our parish needs but extends beyond Our Lady of Grace Parish to our diocese, our community and beyond.

Income:		2017-2018	2018-2019
Contributions	Adult Envelopes - Sundays and Holy Days	791,403.55	816,743.39
	Youth and Children's Envelopes	6,768.77	7,899.68
	Loose Currency	68,196.60	67,560.50
Investment Income		115.06	138.79
Transfer from Savings for BRCS Foundation Payment		0.00	46,200.00
Committees/Councils		2,926.01	2,650.59
Activities/Ministries	(Weddings, Funerals, Sanctuary, Facility Usage)	16,837.50	26,094.48
Education	(Adult Educ., RE Tuition, Grant, VBS, Camp)	20,492.84	21,742.89
Other Donations and Misc Income		58,293.78	48,719.67
Income (excluding Dedicated Accounts)		965,034.11	1,037,749.99
Expense:			
Staff Expense	(Salaries/Taxes/Insurance, Clergy Expense, Mileage)	345,155.29	328,374.94
Facilities/Utilities	(including improvements)	201,462.91	135,444.72
Committees/Councils		5,104.08	7,143.47
Education Exp.	(Adult Educ., Religious Education Books and Supplies; Youth Camp; VBS; Bishop Ryan Catholic Schools Subsidy, BRCS Campaign and BRCS Stewardship Cost of Education)	312,182.76	342,271.75
Activities/Ministries	(Weddings, Funerals, Sanctuary, Facility Usage)	32,483.48	34,884.50
Office	(Postage, Telephone, Supplies, Printing, Equipment)	58,302.08	67,170.63
Transfer to Savings Accounts		0.00	55,000.00
Other Expense	(liturgy, flowers, etc.)	10,296.98	20,003.05
Expense (excluding Dedicated Accounts)		964,987.58	990,293.06
Income - Expense		46.53	47,456.93
Receipts - Dedicated Accounts:			
God's Share, African Mission, Holy Land, Rice Bowl, Memorials, Tuition Assistance Program, St. Gianna's Home		188,920.45	150,052.16
Expenditures - Dedicated Accounts:			
God's Share, African Mission, Holy Land, Rice Bowl, Memorials, Tuition Assistance Program, St. Gianna's Home		186,546.63	166,849.73
YTD Change in Dedicated Accounts		2,373.82	-16,797.57

Cash Balance 7/1/18	68,518.65
Income	989,578.99
Expenses	-935,923.06
Transfer from Savings	46,200.00
Transfer to Diocesan Expansion Fund Account	-55,000.00
Net Change Dedicated Accounts	-16,797.57
Payroll Liabilities	4,969.26
Cash balance 6/30/19	102,175.68



Our Lady of Grace Food Pantry

July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019



	2017-2018	2018-2019
Income:		
Pantry Income OLG Parishioners	39,010.88	31,003.04
Pantry Interest Earned	0.00	0.00
Pantry Income Grants	20,079.26	20,287.57
Pantry Income Non-OLG	59,982.54	47,220.63
Total Income:	<u>119,072.68</u>	<u>98,511.24</u>
Expenses:		
Food:	85,051.59	61,803.41
Medical/Housing/Rent Assistance:	0.00	0.00
Facility and Administrative Expense:	22,419.73	20,621.28
Equipment (Used Forklift), Maintenance/Repair:	573.98	6,135.87
Total Expenses:	<u>108,045.30</u>	<u>88,560.56</u>
Income-Expenses:	<u>11,027.38</u>	<u>9,950.68</u>
Food Distributed:		
Food Donated to Pantry, in pounds:	170,645	148,171
Food Purchased, in pounds:	200,332	216,723
Pantry Volunteers:	125	120
Monthly Average People Served:		
Households:	491	504
Individuals:	1,624	1,258
Children:	696	475
Senior Citizens:	93	112

Unsung Hero, continued

He taught religion classes at Bishop Ryan and served as chairman of the religion department. Fr. Charlie is a man of vision but at the same time has been willing to work to make that vision a reality. He has been a man of great energy, spending himself tirelessly in God's service.

In 2003 I replaced Fr. Charlie at St. Mary's Parish in Bismarck. That is when he retired from active ministry if you want to call it retirement. That is when he began to fill in for the priests of our diocese who wanted to do a 3-month sabbatical for education and renewal. He knew how hard it can be to find a priest able and willing to fill in for a 3 month stretch of time. Fr. Charlie at age 87 is still out helping in parishes as he recently filled in for me in July when I was gone on vacation.



Fr. Charlie Heidt and Fr. Bruce Krebs at the 60th Jubilee dinner.

Photo submitted by Harrison Foltz

Church History, continued

For those of you who have joined our parish in the last 20 years: Can you imagine our church without the classrooms, gathering space or the Blessed Sacrament Chapel? These are a few of the improvements made to the building. The gathering space was designed to encourage people to intermingle in a church family environment. Sharing our lives outside the liturgical setting emphasizes how we carry God's presence to one another.



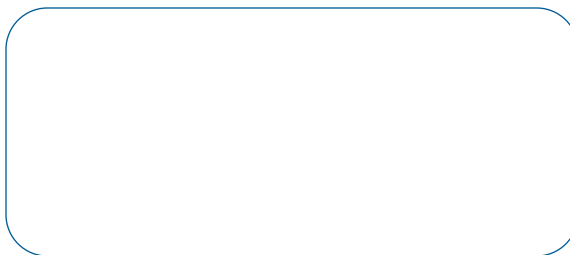
The Blessed Sacrament Chapel is suited for private prayer to honor our Lord outside of Mass. Devotion to the Blessed Sacrament is a long-standing tradition of our Catholic Faith. Devotional Prayer is a private encounter between the individual and Christ. Administrative offices and five classrooms were included in the new addition. Prior to this the office was in the basement of the rectory. Look at the church calendar sometime and you'll notice it is busy all the time. The classrooms are used for many functions and meetings that involve the church ministries. I thank God for the beautiful church facilities and the wonderful church community at Our Lady of Grace. I am very fortunate to call Our Lady of Grace my church home.

by Kim Hunt 11

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Diocesan Youth Rally is Oct. 26!

Both middle school and high school students are invited to the Diocesan Youth Conference on Saturday, Oct. 26! Held in conjunction with the Thirst Conference, the rally will take place at the Events Center in Bismarck from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The event includes Fr. Leo Patalinghug and Bishop David Kagan as speakers, a concert by Popple and a break-out session for high schoolers with Avera Maria Santo.

We are hoping to fill a bus of students from the four Catholic parishes in Minot. The conference is free but participants must be registered because numbers are needed for the lunch. Eucharistic Adoration, confession and much more will take place during this inspiring day for youth!

You may register online at bismarckdiocese.com/youthconference or sign up on the bulletin board in the classroom hallway or contact Tanya in the Faith Formation office at 701-839-6834 or education1@olgminot.org.

You're Never Too Old to Share Faith

I first met Victor Nyakundi, his wife Lilian, and two children, Natasha and Sheena, at the New Parishioners Breakfast in February 2019. Meeting new people has always been something I am interested in doing. I welcomed the Nyakundi family to our parish and mentioned that our Church welcomes everyone.

A few months later, I was approached by Victor and he asked if I remembered him. I certainly did not forget our visiting at the breakfast. It was quite a surprise when he asked if Ali and I would be Godparents to his son, Aiden. It was said that we are too old to assume a

role such as this, but God sometimes seeks wisdom over youth.

Ali and I prayed about this new adventure and asked God if we were doing the right thing. His answer was a resounding YES. Once we accepted that His will be done, we agreed to be the Godparents to this wonderful miracle created by God. I have learned at this late age, you are never too old to be used by Our Heavenly Father. I know that God is with us and will lead us in sharing our love of God and the Church with our wonderful Godson, Aiden.

By Fred Coleman