



SUNDAY LITURGIES

SATURDAY, Dec 2 4:00 PM +Helen Hoffert
 SUNDAY, Dec 3 8:30 AM For Parishioners
 10:30 AM +Bernice Larson

WEEKDAY LITURGIES

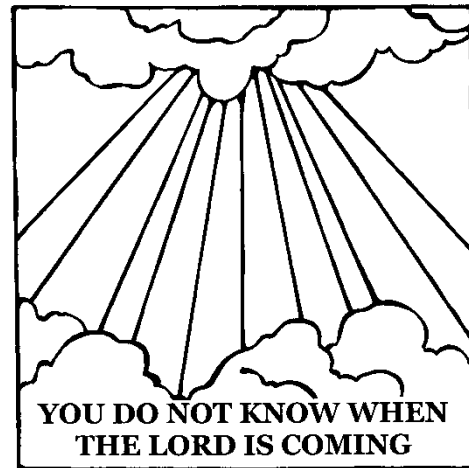
MONDAY, Dec 4 7:15 AM Mass
 9:00 AM Word/Communion Service
 Mary Jantzer
 5:30 PM Santo Rosario
 TUESDAY, Dec 5 7:00 PM +Deceased Members of Kraft
 & Heinze families
 WEDNESDAY, Dec 6 9:00 AM +Tony Prough
 THURSDAY, Dec 7 9:00 AM +Deacon Ralph Stockert
Holyday Eve Mass 7:00 PM
 FRIDAY, Dec 8 9:00 AM +Bart Hamilton

Holyday Mass

SUNDAY LITURGIES

SATURDAY, Dec 9 4:00 PM +Alvin & +Lorraine Ahmann
 SUNDAY, Dec 10 8:30 AM For Parishioners
 10:30 AM +Reed, Harold, Dorothy Gordon

**1st Sunday of Advent
 December 3, 2017**



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My dear sisters and brothers,

Please note that this coming Friday is a Holy Day of Obligation for all Catholics. There are two Masses scheduled: an anticipated Mass at 7:00 pm Thursday and a 9:00 am Mass Friday. Please check with other local parishes if these times do not work for you.

This weekend we are recognizing those who are interested in becoming Catholic or in completing their sacraments of initiation in our Catholic faith. In this Rite of Acceptance of the RCIA, we commit ourselves to praying for them along this spiritual journey that will culminate at the Easter vigil. It is so encouraging to see how God is continuing to work in the hearts of people and is leading them to the truth of the Catholic faith. Many of us were baptized Catholic as infants easily take for granted what others struggle to find.

Have a fruitful Advent week!

Love, Fr Bruce

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED on Thursday, December 8, for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception

VOCATION VIEWS

Tending the needs of others is a gift of service to God as well as those in need. What do you think about choosing to serve God as a priest, brother or sister?

**Liturgical Ministers
 2nd Sunday of Advent
 December 9-10, 2017**

4:00 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
Altar Server Marquart, Petey Huighe, Thurston Schaeffer, Griffin	Altar Server Kuntz, Sam Bosch, Matthew	Altar Server Lundeen, Berkley Lundeen, Jaeger Lundeen, Jett Harvey, Miyah
Commentator Mongeon, Bob	Commentator Schoch, Terrie	Commentator Coleman, Ali
Eucharistic Minister Mongeon, LaVone Foltz, Rochelle Foltz, Marley Huighe, Heather Hoff, Dorothy Hoffart, Ann Johnson, Sharon	Eucharistic Minister Heidt, Doris Beeter, McKenna Bischof, Mary Kenney, Marie Lavik, Val	Eucharistic Minister Levadney, Marilyn Muus, Dick Schmidt, Shannon Simonson, Susan Slavick, Virginia Stach, Annette Streitz, Kayla
Lector Foltz, Scott	Lector Schoch, Dave	Lector Coleman, Fred
Usher Captain Petz, Mark	Usher Captain Merck, Jim	Usher Captain Leier, Terry
Usher/Greeter Petz, Mary Cloe Petz, Shelly Underdahl, Jan	Usher/Greeter Merck, Marjorie Bosch, Kevin Bosch, Susan	Usher/Greeter Leier, Debbie Leier, Alexis Keys, Jamie

Gift Bearers: Dec. 9-10

4:00 pm: Josie Mathern, Ann Hoffart
8:30 am: John, Kathy & Talon Hebert
10:30 am: Doug & Patti Bengson

ROSARY LEADER—DEC 10: LES SMITH

**STEWARDSHIP OF
TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE**

“Thank you” to everyone who helped on Tuesday evening, November 28, after Mass to change out the old missalettes and put in the new missalettes for the new church year in the blue plastic covers in our church pews. We also took out the prayer sheets and put in new prayer sheets in the inside of the front cover. It went quickly because of the help from parishioners and youth. This is just one example of the many ways you help out in our parish and make large jobs go quickly. We are very grateful to God for each of you.



Celebrating Our Blessings

Adult \$7,725.00
 Loose \$875.00
 Children \$96.25
 Offering Cards 13

Stewardship Thought: Whatever time we have is a gift from God, and we are asked to use it to serve God and others.

ALL LADIES OF OUR LADY OF GRACE: Please join us for the Altar Society Christmas Potluck Gathering on December 9 from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm in the church dining room. Bring a dish to share and enjoy good company and entertainment.

THANK YOU for all your contributions to our Thanksgiving Basket Project. You helped several families from our parish to have a great Thanksgiving and who were so grateful. Pastoral Care Committee



“LIFT THESE PEOPLE TO OUR LORD IN PRAYER”

To add or remove names from our Prayer list, please call our Parish Office at 839-6834.

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| Penny Bertsch | Barbara Bost |
| Thresa Brekke | Pam Breeding |
| Linda Lea Brunner | Glen & Esther Dove |
| Ramona Ehli | Cheryl Eshenko |
| Benedict Feist | Lorraine Gimble |
| Edna Hansegard | Kelly Haugen |
| Richard Heidt | Corey Hjelden |
| Marge Hogoboom | Kenneth Hopkins |
| Len Korgel | Theresa Krebs |
| Kote Lider | James Lochtowe |
| Faith Malsom | Mort Pierson |
| Frank & Ramona Schaan | Lisa Schriock |
| Kevin Snodgrass | Eric Wald |
| Lee Wieland | Don Ziegler |
| | Ed Ziegler |



We remember **Gary Froseth**, brother of Carol Christianson. We pray for his family and friends who grieve his loss. May the fullness of life be his.



IN REMEMBRANCE

We remember those who passed away one year ago in December: **Theresa Greeman, Cleo Morrison, Lawrence Doyle, and Sebastian “Bud” Schiele.**

POINSETTIAS FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Christmas flowers (or donations for flowers) for Our Lady of Grace may be given by parishioners in memory of deceased loved ones or in honor of the living. Plants may be brought to the church office between December 11th and 17th. Please make sure we have your information if you wish to have your name published in the bulletin.

In memory of _____
 or
 In honor of _____
 From _____

JOB OPENING: Mary Jantzer, our present Administrative Assistant, has announced her retirement. We are seeking a **full-time Administrative Assistant** for the parish office. This 8:00 am - 5:00 pm Monday through Friday position includes benefits such as 401K, medical insurance, vacation and time off for holidays and Catholic holy days. The candidate must have strong telephone, interpersonal and organizational skills, exceptional knowledge of Microsoft Office Suite software, the aptitude to quickly learn other software specific to the parish, and a love for the Catholic faith. A more complete job description is available on our website: <http://olgminot.weconnect.com/>. Please contact Deacon Steve Streitz at 701-839-7766 or admin@olgminot.org for more information.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST

The Knights of Columbus Council #4894, assisted by Parish Youth, will be hosting a breakfast at Our Lady of Grace Church in the parish dining room on Sunday, December 3, from 8:30 am to 12:00 noon. Menu will be sausage, French toast, eggs, pancakes, fruit, coffee and juice. Free will offering. Proceeds to Our Lady of Grace Food Pantry.

FELLOWSHIP SERVERS: December-10
8:30: Emily Hieb, Alayne Okland, Darlene Varberg
10:30: Heather Huighe, Jean Hennessy

Please submit articles for our bulletin by 2:00 pm on Tuesday. Thank you!

Next Week's Gospel: John 1:6-8; 19-28

Gospel Reflection: This Gospel reading is about the importance of giving witness. The role of John the Baptist was to testify to the light that is Christ. John the Baptist said he was not the Messiah. His baptism and his preaching were to prepare for the Messiah, one far greater than himself. It is the coming of the Messiah that the entire world awaits. Waiting requires patience on our part and becoming prepared for the one who is coming. How are we preparing to celebrate Jesus' coming this Christmas as the Messiah? What kindness can we give to others this week to show that we are ready?

Discussion Points for Gospel: What does John say that he is not? What does John say that he is? Do you think John is clear about what his work is? How can we prepare for the one who is coming?

CHRISTMAS MASS SINGING OPPORTUNITIES

1) Adults, teenagers, and students in grades 3-8 are invited to sing in the choir for the **4:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass**. Rehearsals focused on Christmas carols for the younger children (gr. 3-5) are from 3:00-3:30 pm in the Nursery on three Saturdays – Dec. 2, 9 and 16. Rehearsals for adults and students in grades 6-8 are the same Saturdays -- Dec. 2, 9 and 16 -- beginning at 3:15 pm in Classroom 3. The grades 6-8 students and adults who come to these December rehearsals are also invited to sing at the 4:00 pm Mass on those afternoons.

2) Adults, Yes Lord! members and other students in grades 6-12 are invited to sing for the **9:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass**. Rehearsals for students will be during our regular Yes Lord rehearsals (Nov. 29 and Dec. 6 at 6:30 PM). Additional rehearsals will be announced soon.

3) Anyone in grade 6 through adults who will be attending **10:00 AM Christmas Day Mass** is invited to join the choir. Rehearsals are at 7:00 PM on these Thursday evenings: Dec. 7, 14 and 21.

There will be a volunteer sign-up sheet on the classroom bulletin board and in the gathering space, or just come to rehearsal to volunteer to sing!

HELP NEEDED – CHRISTMAS DECORATING

Help is needed to decorate our church for Christmas on Sunday, December 17, at 1:00 pm. Families are welcome to come! Please let Deacon Steve know at 839-6834 if you can help.

JOB OPENING: We are seeking a **part-time Music Director** for our active Catholic parish of 1,200+ families. This position with a negotiable regular weekly schedule involves planning, coordinating and directing music for weekend and special liturgies, recruiting and training vocalists and musicians, working closely with accompanists, meeting regularly with the pastor, and ensuring music resources are ordered and available as needed. The candidate must have musical training and experience with directing choirs, a professional demeanor, and an understanding of liturgical music and the unique musical needs of a church. A more complete job description is available on our website: <http://olgminot.weconnect.com/>. Please contact Deacon Steve Streitz at 701-839-7766 or admin@olgminot.org for more information.

**ADVENT CARING TREE**

The Pastoral Care Committee of Our Lady of Grace invites you to participate in our Caring Tree Project. The children helped by this effort are often the most needy and neglected. A Caring Tree decorated with paper ornaments will be placed in the sanctuary from November 24 through December 20.

Dark Blue Ornaments benefit the children of the Fort Yates Indian Mission.

Pink Ornaments benefit the Adolescent Mental Health Unit of Trinity - St Joseph's Medical Center for buying mittens, socks, etc. for young patients.

White Ornaments benefit children who are victims of domestic violence.

Violet Ornaments benefit God's Child Project in Guatemala (Director is Pat Atkinson of Bismarck).

Light Blue Ornaments benefit Camp ReCreation for the developmentally disabled at Richardton, ND.

Please take an ornament of your choice, place it in an envelope with your monetary gift, and put it in one of the Sunday collections. Thank you. By the way, your gifts are tax deductible!

Faith Formation

QUESTIONS? Please contact Tanya at 839-6834 or education1@olgminot.org or text 701-219-3194.

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS: Our Lady's Youth Group will meet Wednesday, December 6, at 7:15 pm in the dining room. Please bring a non-perishable food item for the Food Pantry if you can and come celebrate Advent with us with food and fun!

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS: Have you checked out **High School Youth Group** yet? We're meeting this Sunday this Sunday, December 3, and next Sunday, December 10. You'll find us in the kitchen and youth room starting at 7:00 pm. Please contact David Bice, youth minister, at youth@olgminot.org or call or text 701-500-7268 with questions.

ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, we have rehearsal for **Yes Lord! musical group** at 6:30 pm in the choir area. We'll be working on Christmas Eve Mass songs. Adults and students who are not regularly in Yes Lord! are invited to come to rehearsal, too, to prepare for the Christmas Eve Masses.

IT'S TIME TO START PLANNING FOR SUMMER! Each summer youth from Minot travel together to the **Stebenville Conference in Rochester, Minnesota.** It's a dynamic conference just for youth with music, Mass, engaging speakers, and much more. This summer, we'll depart on Thursday, July 12, and return on Monday, July 16. Information is posted on parish bulletin boards. In addition, a brief **informational meeting for youth and parents** will be held on Sunday, December 3, at 11:45 am (right after the 10:30 am Mass) in Classroom 2. Why so early? We'll get the lowest registration fee if we register by January 17. Pick up some information, come to the information meeting and learn more about this great opportunity! Fundraising opportunities and financial assistance are available so that everyone will have the chance to go. Please contact David Bice at youth@olgminot.org or call or text 701-500-7268.

STUDENTS IN GRADES K-5 are invited to be actors and actresses (and cows and donkeys and more!) in the Sunday, December 17, 11:45 am **Christmas program.** Practices are from 2:00-3:00 pm on these Saturdays -- December 2, 9 and 16, and are followed by rehearsal for the 4:00 pm **Christmas Eve Mass choir** (see notice with choir details elsewhere in this bulletin). To sign up to participate in the Christmas program, contact Tanya or write your child's name on the sheet on the classroom hallway bulletin board.

STUDENTS IN GRADES 2-5 will be singing a song during the 10:30 am January 7 Epiphany Mass. Rehearsals will be during Faith Formation classes with a full-group rehearsal for Wednesday and Sunday Faith Formation students at 10:05 am in the Nursery on January 7. The students will then sit together during the Mass before singing after communion.

FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH CALENDAR

Sun., 12/3: 9:20am gr. K-5 classes; 10:30am Preschool classes; 11:45am Stebenville Youth Pilgrimage parent/student informational meeting 7:00 pm High School Youth Group.

Wed., 12/6: 4:00pm gr. K-5 classes including gr. 2-5 Epiphany Mass singing rehearsal; 5:00pm Dare to be a Disciple; 5:30pm gr. K-5 classes including gr. 2-5 Epiphany Mass singing rehearsal; 6:30pm Yes Lord! rehearsal; 7:15pm Our Lady's Youth Group (gr 6-8).

Sat., 12/9: 2:00pm Christmas program practice; 3:00pm Christmas Eve Choir practice for gr. 3-5 in the Nursery (for the 4:00pm Christmas Eve Mass); students in gr. 6-8 may practice with the adult group at 3:15 pm in Classroom 3

Sun., 12/10: 9:20am gr. K-5 classes including confessions and Prayer Station for gr. 4-5 class; 10:30am Preschool classes; 1:30pm Confirmation class; 7:00pm High School Youth Group

Wed., 12/13: 4:00pm gr. K-5 classes gr. 2-5 Epiphany Mass singing rehearsal; 5:00pm Dare to be a Disciple; 5:30pm gr. K-5 classes including gr. 2-5 Epiphany Mass singing rehearsal; 7:00pm gr. 6-8 classes

Respect Life News

Included in this week's bulletin are the materials for the Spiritual Adoption Program. This program was originated by Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen to encourage prayer for the unborn, in response to the great assault being waged on the sanctity of human life in our world. In the US alone, *almost 1 million babies are destroyed each year (over 2500 daily!)* by abortion. Please take a moment to look over these materials. Then, will you please make the commitment to pray the 10-second prayer daily for one unborn child who is in danger of being aborted? As a sign of this commitment, you may place the small pledge card (with the name you have chosen for your spiritually adopted baby) in the white basket near the baptismal font. We hope that with the help of your prayers, your spiritually adopted baby will be carried to term, safely delivered, and receive the blessings of baptism, so to experience the fullness of life as God intends. Your prayers CAN make a difference between whether a baby will be born...or aborted. Our prayers can also be a form of spiritual support for both birth parents. Please share the love of life given to you by the Lord of all life by spiritually adopting a baby today.

Bishop Ryan Catholic School

LOT-O-DOUGH CALENDARS are available for purchase for \$25. Calendars make excellent Christmas gifts and are available after the weekend Masses and in our parish offices. Also, scrip gift cards make great gifts or pay for Christmas gifts.

BISHOP RYAN hosts our Santa Shop as a fundraiser to benefit a local charity. We're looking for donations of new or gently-used items. **Please drop them off in the Bishop Ryan office before December 8th.**

Area Happenings

ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE is having an **Advent Mission** December 10, 11 & 12 at 7:00 pm with **Msgr. Thomas Richter** speaking on the power and beauty of Eucharistic Adoration. It is a time of preparation for Christmas and an opportunity to experience the healing of our Savior Jesus Christ. All are welcome.

THANK YOU to all who made the turkey dinner benefit for the Men's Winter Refuge such a great success. May God bless you! Men's Winter Refuge

THE LITTLE FLOWER KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will be serving breakfast from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm on Sunday, December 10. Proceeds will go to local organizations including our Food Pantry.

This Week in our Parish

Sunday, Dec 3	Knights of Columbus Breakfast	8:30 am – 12:00 noon	Dining Room
	Faith Formation Classes – Grades K-5	9:15-10:15 am	Classrooms
	Preschool Classes	10:30-11:30 am	Classrooms
	Steubenville Youth Pilgrimage Informational Mtg	11:45 am – 12:15 pm	Classroom 2
	Grace Within Retreat	1:00-4:00 pm	Classroom 2-3
	Youth Group (Gr 9-12)	7:00-8:30 pm	Youth Room/Kitchen
Monday, Dec 4			
Tuesday, Dec 5	Stewardship Council Meeting	7:30 pm	Parish Office
Wednesday, Dec 6	Theology of the Body Session	9:45 am	Dining Room
	Faith Formation Classes – Gr K-5	4:00 & 5:30 pm	Classrooms/DR/Church
	Dare to be a Disciple	5:00 pm	Classrooms/DR/Church
	Worship Committee Meeting	5:00 pm	Parish Office
	"Yes, Lord" rehearsal	6:30-7:15 pm	Main Church
	Our Lady's Youth Group	7:15-8:15 pm	Dining Room
Thursday, Dec 7	Catholic Mothers' Coffee Group	9:00-11:00 am	Dining Room
	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	9:30 am – 12:00 am	Blessed Sacrament Chapel
	8:30 am Choir Practice	7:00-8:30 pm	Main Church
	Women's Ultreya Group	7:30-8:30 pm	Classroom 4
Friday, Dec 8	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	12:01-7:30 am	Blessed Sacrament Chapel
	Bingo Social	2:00-3:45 pm	Dining Room
Saturday, Dec 9	Men's Group	7:15-8:45 am	Dining Room
	Rosary for Peace	9:00 am	Blessed Sacrament Chapel
	Altar Society Christmas Party	11:00 am – 1:00 pm	Dining Room
	Christmas Program Rehearsal	2:00-3:00 pm	Dining Room
	Children's Christmas Choir Rehearsal	3:00-3:30 pm	Classroom 2-3
	Hispanic Group Prayer & Talk	5:00-8:00 pm	Dining Room/Nursery
Sunday, Dec 10	Faith Formation Classes – Grades K-5	9:15-10:15 am	Classrooms
	Preschool Classes	10:30-11:30 am	Classrooms
	Confirmation/High School Faith Formation	1:30-4:30 pm	Dining Room
	Youth Group (Gr 9-12)	7:00-8:30 pm	Youth Room/Kitchen

The Breaking Bread missalettes and our bulletins are provided by Thompson Larson Funeral Home. Thank you!