

Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church

707 16TH AVE SW, MINOT, ND 58701

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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 12, 2021

WHO DO YOU SAY

I AM?



Dear Parishioners,

I pray everyone is having a good week. This last week I got to meet all of the young men and women that are to be Confirmed this year, and we had a great evening. It was a "last class," so to speak, before their Confirmation on October 10th. We delved into what it means to be pro-life, what relativism is, and that there is, in fact, objective truth. These are important matters for one who is about to say, "Yes, I believe what the Catholic Church teaches in its entirety", and is about to say, "Yes, I want to receive this strengthening of the gifts of the Holy Spirit received in Baptism in this Sacrament of Confirmation, so God will lead me in Christian maturity."

Let us all pray for our Confirmation candidates, and also for those who will spend this year preparing for Confirmation. It is a big deal. The gifts our Lord gives in this Sacrament help us in living faithful and fruitful lives in right relationship with Him. As Jesus says, "without me, you can do nothing (Jn 15:5)."

Fr. Maus

Vocation Views "Who do you say that I am?" The One who calls is the Messiah, the Son of the living God. Are you called to follow Him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister? If yes, contact Fr. Jordan Dosch, the Diocese of Bismarck Vocation Director – by calling him at 701-223-1033 or by email at jdosch@bismarckdiocese.com.

KC Council



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New

Parishioner

Welcome Breakfast

Serving:

French Toast & Pancakes
Sausage & Scrambled Eggs
Fruit
Juice & Coffee

Freewill Offering
Supports Council Activities

Sunday, September 12

8:30 am to 12:00 noon

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Knights of Columbus Council 4894 monthly meeting will be held Monday, September 13th starting with the rosary at 6:30 PM and followed by the meeting starting at 7:00 PM. **Have you ever considered becoming a Knight?** We are blest with a very active Knights of Columbus council here in our parish. **For more information or regarding questions about joining, contact Jeff Schmidt 701-721-1850 or one of the Knights at the breakfast this weekend.**

PARISH OFFICE

Monday-Friday..... 9:00 AM – Noon
 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM
 Phone 839-6834 or 852-3002
 Fax..... 837-1080
 Email Address..... church@olgminot.org
 Website..... olgminot.org
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PASTORAL STAFF

Fr. Adam Maus Pastor
 Fr. Jacob Degele Parochial Vicar
 Deacon Steve Streitz Parish Manager
 Deacon Mohn Koble
 Sharon Donamaria..... Parish Secretary
 Tanya Watterud Faith Formation Coordinator
 Christine Aberle Faith Formation Assistant
 Todd Kaylor Youth Minister
 Bill Mosser Grounds & Maintenance
 Angie Goldade Housekeeper

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Prior to baptism, parents are required to participate in baptism preparation program. Call the parish office to make arrangements.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Arrangements are to be made at least 9 months in advance. Call the parish office for more information.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

Anyone interested in joining the Catholic faith may contact Deacon Steve at 839-7766.

ROSARY FOR LIFE

Sundays 8:05 AM (Led by the Knights of Columbus Council 4894).

BISHOP RYAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL: For information, contact Jamie Brunner at 838-3355.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays from 2:45-3:30 PM and 5:30-6:00 PM, daily before Mass, and by appointment.

FOOD PANTRY

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
 1:00-PM to 4:00 PM
 Phone 839-5520

PREGNANCY HOTLINE NUMBERS

1-701-852-4673, 1-855-394-4673, 1-800-550-4900.

Mass Schedule & Intention

SUNDAY LITURGIES

SATURDAY, SEPT. 11 4:00 PM +Earl Phillips
SUNDAY, SEPT. 12 8:30 AM +Walter & +Rosina Vannatta
 10:30 AM +Pat Lenertz
 5:30 PM OLG Parishioners

WEEKDAY LITURGIES

MONDAY, SEPT. 13 7:15 AM Mass
 9:00 AM Communion Service
 (Tanya Watterud)
TUESDAY, SEPT. 14 7:00 PM Living and Deceased Members
 of the Catholic Daughters
WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 15 9:00 AM +Dorothy Tuchscherer
THURSDAY, SEPT. 16 9:00 AM +Betty Troite
FRIDAY, SEPT. 17 9:00 AM +Donald Keller

SUNDAY LITURGIES

SATURDAY, SEPT. 18 4:00 PM +Tom Jundt
SUNDAY, SEPT. 19 8:30 AM +Cathie Savelkoul
 10:30 AM +Tony & +Ann Nitsch
Spanish Mass 3:00 PM Mass
 5:30 PM OLG Parishioners

Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure

“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.” MARK 8:34

Do you know that living a stewardship lifestyle means not only being responsible for my own life but for the lives of others as well? We realize that our gifts are not intended for ourselves; rather they are meant to be shared with others. At Our Lady of Grace, members of the Caring Hands Ministry take turns preparing a meal and taking it to the family after mom and baby come home from the hospital. We would like to thank them for their gifts of time and talents for the meals they have shared.



Adult.....\$ 10,003.00
 Children.....\$87.25
 Loose.....\$ 777.00
 Offering Cards.....14

Volunteers are Needed at the Our Lady of Grace Food Pantry – please call the parish office if you are able to help – 852-3002.

Please submit information for next week’s bulletin by 1:00 pm on Tuesday. Thank you.

New Parishioners and Address, Phone, or E-mail Changes

Please fill out this section and drop in collection basket or mail it to the parish office.

Name(s) _____ Phone(s) _____

Street _____ City _____ () New Parishioner

E-mail Address _____ () Updated Information

Liturgical Ministers

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Sept. 18 & 19, 2021

4:00 PM 8:30 AM 10:30 AM

Altar Servers

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| Morgan Leshovsky | Sabryn Ronning | Michael Nwankwo |
| Liam Hulm | Sienna Ronning | Michelle Nwankwo |
| | | Rachel Nwankwo |

Commentators

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| Laura Miller | Janae Ronning | Julia Koble |
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Lectors

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| Mary Eide | Mary Geyer | Jereomy Ova |
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Eucharistic Ministers

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| Fr. Maus | Fr. Maus | Fr. Maus |
| Fr. Degele | Fr. Degele | Fr. Degele |
| Deacon Steve | Deacon Steve | Deacon Steve |
| Dorothy Hoff | | Virginia Slavick |

Usher Captains

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| Rich Matteson | Rick Schilken | Jeremy Finley |
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Ushers/Greeters

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| Barb Matteson | Carla Schilken | Seth Finley |
| Connie Mehring | Edwin Pfeifer | Debbie Leier |
| Dave Woiwode | Patty Pfeifer | Alexis Leier |

8:05 am Rosary Leader for Sept. 19 Les Smith

September 19 Liturgical Ministers for 5:30 pm

Altar Servers

Minister Needed Minister Needed

Commentator

Lector

Minister Needed Minister Needed

Eucharistic Ministers

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| Fr. Maus | Fr. Degele | Deacon Steve |
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Usher Captain

Minister Needed

Ushers/Greeters

Minister Needed Minister Needed Minister Needed

Sunday, September 19 – Fellowship Servers

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| 8:30 AM Mass | 10:30 AM Mass |
| Carla Bruns | Virginia Slavick |
| Jen Merck | Dennis & Deb Mittlieder |



Eucharistic ministers: We had hoped we would be able to start beginning September 1 to distribute the Blood of Christ during Communion, but that has not happened yet. Please look in our bulletin each week to see who is scheduled to help as Eucharistic minister to distribute the Body of Christ. If you have any questions, please let me know. Thank you for your willingness to help in this very important ministry! Deacon Steve



In sympathy we remember **Edward Mosser**, husband of Brenda Mosser, brother of Theresa (Gary) Deibert and Bill (Susan) Mosser; **Dale Humphreys**, father of Mike (Kim) Humphreys. We pray for their family and friends who grieve their loss. May the fullness of life be theirs. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Catholic Daughters of the America's will meet on Tuesday, September 14, at Our Lady of Grace Church following the 7:00 PM Mass. All members are urged to attend this first meeting of the year and meet our new court chaplain. The meeting will begin at 7:30 PM with lunch served. New members are welcome to attend.

Catholic Moms of Minot will meet on **Thursday, September 16 from 9:30 am to 11 am** in the **Our Lady of Grace Church dining room**. All Catholic moms, all ages and stages of life, including small children, are invited to join. We discuss our faith, build friendships, and share fellowship including food. Please invite other Moms. Meeting days are the first and third of each month. The theme this year will be **“Walking with Moms in Need: Pray for Moms,”** a program through the USCCB (United States Catholic Conference of Bishops) Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities. If you have questions, please call Monique at 1-570-561-8431.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Q: Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic faith and possibly joining the Church?

Q: Are you an Adult Catholic who would like to receive the Sacraments of Eucharist and/or Confirmation?

Q: Are you an Adult Catholic who would like to learn more about the Catholic Faith or refresh your memories?

A: The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) might be for you.

The RCIA sessions will be held on Thursday evenings from 7:00-8:30 pm beginning in October. For more information or to sign up, contact Deacon Steve at 839-6834.

Catholic Home Missions Appeal

Thank you for your generous support of last week’s Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Your gifts will help strengthen the Church at home and ensure that the Gospel is spread across the United States. If you missed the appeal, it’s not too late to give! Just visit www.usccb.org/home-missions.

Cathedral in Bismarck Hosting Special Masses

Red Mass Oct. 4 The public is invited to the Red Mass on Monday, Oct. 4 at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit at 5:30 p.m. This Mass celebrates with those involved in the administration of justice—judges, attorneys, law professors, law students and government officials.

White Mass Oct. 18 The public is invited to attend the Bismarck Diocese’s annual White Mass, which will be held on Monday, Oct. 18 at 5:30 p.m. at Cathedral of the Holy Spirit in Bismarck. The special Mass honors physicians and those involved in the medical field.

Prayer and Reflection

Prayer for Confirmation Candidates

Lord, You send out Your Spirit to touch the hearts of all people so that they may believe in You and in Jesus whom You sent. Look kindly on all candidates for Confirmation as they listen to Your voice. Open their hearts to Your Spirit and bring to fulfilment the good work that You have begun in them. Teach us to appreciate what is holy in others, and to be patient with what we do not understand. Deepen our faith in the Gospel and help us to pass it on by our example. We pray that You will continue to guide us and sustain us. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

In today’s Gospel Jesus says “Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.” The cross of Jesus and the crosses of his members can evangelize us: the sick, who bear illness with courage; the grieving, who hope against hope; the dying, who clearly trust in the resurrection; the suffering of our poor brothers and sisters who are hungry and homeless, but who still trust in God’s love.

Is there a neighbor or friend of yours who is in temporary need because of a loss of a job or an illness? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul...we want to help! 833-1269

Next Week’s Gospel: Mark 9:30-37
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 19, 2021

Gospel Reflection
 When people suspect that something bad is about to happen, fear sometimes causes them to stick their heads in the sand and pretend that everything will remain the same. When Jesus tried to tell his disciples about how he would soon suffer and die, they were afraid to ask him any questions. They acted as though everything would stay the same. They even argued about who was the greatest among them. So Jesus corrected them by saying that whoever wanted to be the greatest would have to be the servant of all.

Embracing a small child, Jesus told the disciples, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me." He wanted the disciples to understand that they were to be willing servants with the childlike qualities of innocence, honesty, and lack of pretension. Jesus identified himself with the innocent child who is completely dependent on God.

Discussion Questions for Gospel
 What qualities of small children do you admire? How do you know how Jesus felt about children? Why is it important for all of us to protect and care for children? Name one way you will practice a childlike trust in God.



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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| Danny Alford | Warren Anderson | Pedro Avitua |
| Alice Bachmeier | Donna Baker | Susan Becker |
| Paul Bergren | Louise Berry | Barbara Bost |
| Agnes Brandt | Becky Briggs | Jeri Ann Carroll |
| Evelyn DeGree | Reuben Dorr | Ava Dufner |
| Ramona Ehli | Kathy Ell | Betty Fedorchak |
| Benedict Feist | Kristel Ficek | Wally Fields |
| Pat Finken | Geri Flaten | Maurice Foley |
| Bill Grieve | Melodee Groninger | Kyle Hardy |
| Marie Harris | Fr. Charles Heidt | Diane Heidt |
| Marge Hogoboom | Sofia Huus | Tracey Jackson |
| Mark Jacobson | Arleen Johnson | Kiana Keller |
| Joyce Keyes | Alisha Klabo | Cindy Kramer |
| Theresa Krebs | Connie Lafferty | Annie Lebrun |
| Kote Lider | Faith Malsom | Josie Mathern |
| Bonnie Murphy | Shirley Murphy | Harris Olafson |
| Kevin Peery | Michaela Red Eagle | Jana S. |
| John S. | Anna Salvay | Roger Sand |
| Alex Sandoval | Dennis Schaen | Betty Schall |
| Ed Schall | Jon Schestler | Sharon Schestler |
| Leo Schaeffer | Carla Schilken | Danny Schatz |
| Jo-Ahn Schmaltz | Tyler Singleton | Kevin Snodgrass |
| John Stack | Colleen 'Pinky' Stein | Betty Steinberger |
| Irene Stevenson | Joan Thompson | Roger Wendt |
| Ray & Rita Wendt | Rita Wentz | Lee Wieland |

For the people and special intentions on our parish prayer chain.



Bishop Ryan Catholic School

We're Hiring: There are amazing things going on in the hallways and classrooms of Bishop Ryan Catholic School! Are you called to be part of Catholic education? Bishop Ryan may be the place for you! We are currently seeking a Drama Advisor, a Varsity Fastpitch Softball Coach, and a Varsity Baseball Coach for the 2021-2022 school year. For more information or to apply, please contact secondary principal Chase Lee at 701-838-3355.



SCRIP: Use Scrip gift cards as gifts and to pay for your purchases. Scrip is available after the weekend Masses, in the parish office and at Bishop Ryan. Using Scrip gift cards helps support Bishop Ryan Catholic School and families for their tuition. Scrip is available for Amazon orders, groceries, gas, dining out, household supplies, clothing, furniture, vehicles, tires & accessories, eye care, bikes, and more.

Respect Life

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

The Office of Family Ministry, in conjunction with the Diocese of Rapid City, S.D., is offering an upcoming Rachel's Vineyard retreat. The retreat is for anyone who is suffering from the pain of abortion. Forgiveness, healing and hope are awaiting retreatants on the next retreat scheduled for Oct. 1-3. For more information, contact the national office at 877-467-3463 or www.rachelsvineyard.org. Contact Carol Kling for local retreat information at 605-374-5639 or ckling@sdplains.com.

Dakota Hope Clinic, a life-affirming pregnancy help center in Minot, is holding their 10th Annual Fundraising Banquet on Monday, Sept. 20, at the State Fair Center. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. The keynote speaker is Pam Stenzel, who tackles today's tough issues of sex with candor, insight, humor, and the challenge for young people to make the healthiest choice and save sex for marriage. For information on attending the banquet, call 701-852-4675 or reserve your seat online at www.dakotahope.org, click *Partner With Us*, then *Events*.

Blood Donors are Vital! The Knights of Columbus are excited to host a Fall Blood Drive on Monday, September 13th from 1 to 6 pm at St. Leo's Church. Please call Jim at 837-6200 to schedule an appointment or for more information.

Area Happenings

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Unified Holy Hours for the Priests

St John Vianney said: The priest holds the key to the treasures of heaven: it is he who opens the door....The priest is not a priest for himself, he is a priest for you."



Beginning on Monday evening, September 6 (Labor Day), and continuing weekly on Mondays from 7-8 pm at St Leo's, the Catholic community of Minot is invited to join in a **Holy Hour of unified prayer for all Priests**. We will pray a group Rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, litanies, hymns and other readings and prayers during the Holy Hour as a way to multiply our heartfelt prayers in Our Lord's Presence.

We are taught by St Louis DeMontfort "Somebody who says his Rosary alone only gains the merit of one Rosary, but if he says it together with thirty other people, he gains the merit of thirty Rosaries. This is the law of public prayer."

Please join us if you can. Your prayers matter!

Basic Catholic Beliefs Class - starts Sept. 12th

Our **Basic Catholic Beliefs Class**, taught by Father Kenneth Phillips, will begin on Sunday, September 12th, at the **Little Flower Activity Center** from 1-3 pm. This informative and frequently entertaining class teaches what we believe as Catholics and the reasons for those beliefs through a series of PowerPoint presentations. It covers the Articles of the Apostles' Creed, the Ten Commandments, and the seven sacraments, as well as many other topics. Participants are allowed and encouraged to ask questions. The class is **FREE** of charge. Register online, drop the completed registration form in the offertory basket at Mass, or stop by the parish office. A calendar of class dates and video and class note link information will be distributed at the first class. This class is open to the public for Catholics and non-Catholics alike!

The **Real Presence Radio Network 16th Annual Fall Live Drive** for the is almost here! Tune in on Wednesday, September 15 through Friday September 17 from 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM CT to hear inspiring stories of faith and hope from across the RPR Network.

RPR is 100% listener supported and your generosity has helped us reach 5 states, 10 diocese and a listening area of 2.5 million people!

Call in or donate online to help us reach our \$560,000 goal and to continue to bring you great Catholic content! Donate and you will also be registered to win one of our great daily prize drawings!

2021 Thirst Conference – Register Now

Diocese of Bismarck **Eucharistic Conference “Thirst 2021”** will be **Saturday, October 30** in Bismarck.

Keynote speakers are Dr. Ben Akers, Matt Fradd, and Dr. Ray Guarendi. The event will also include the Diocesan Youth

Conference (grades 6-12) and a special Vacation Bible School (ages 3 through grade 5).



Thirst Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteer registration is now available for those interested in volunteering at the upcoming Thirst Eucharistic Conference scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 30 at the Bismarck Event Center.

Volunteer opportunities include serving youth at the Vocation Bible School and Diocesan Youth Conference, welcoming attendees as they arrive for the conference and more! For more information and to register or volunteer, visit bismarckdiocese.com/thirst.

St. Cecilia Fall Supper, Velva, ND is Sunday, Sept. 26 4:00 -7:00PM. Serving Swiss Steak, Mashed potatoes, corn, coleslaw, and apple and pumpkin pie.

13 yrs & older - \$12, 6 to 12 yrs - \$5, and 2 to 5 yrs - \$3 A Farmer’s Market with Baked Goods and Garden Produce will also be held. Everyone welcome!

St. Leo’s Bible Study If you’re looking for a way to enrich or enhance your spiritual life, St. Leo’s will be hosting a **Bible Study based on the Gospel of Luke**, sometimes described as the most beautiful book ever written. This next liturgical year, starting in Advent, takes nearly all of its Gospel readings from St. Luke, so it’s a very fitting time for this study. The course uses a series of video lectures given by Sharon Doran and is offered through *Seeking Truth*. Sessions will be held at Bishop Ryan, Wednesday evenings starting at 6:00 and lasting about an hour. It begins September 22. For more information or to sign up, contact Tammy at the parish office, 838-1026, or email: dre.stleos@midconetwork.com

This Week in our Parish

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| Saturday, Sept. 11 | <i>Rosary</i> | 9:00 AM | Main Church |
| Sunday, Sept. 12 | New Parishioner Welcome | At all Masses | Main Church |
| | Knights of Columbus Breakfast | 8:30 AM to Noon | Dining Room |
| | CGS Catechist/Aide Meeting | 2:00 - 4:00 PM | St. Gianna’s Room |
| | Confirmation Orientation (Students & Parents) | 7:00 - 8:00 PM | Dining Room |
| Monday, Sept. 13 | <i>Santo Rosario</i> - Spanish Rosary | 5:30 PM | Main Church |
| | 10:30 Choir Practice | 7:00 PM | Main Church |
| | Knights of Columbus Meeting | 7:00 PM | SS Anne & Joachim (CR 2-3) |
| Tuesday, Sept. 14 | Parish Staff Meeting – Office Closed | 12:30 - 2:00 PM | |
| | Confirmation Orientation Meal & Orientation | 5:30 - 6:50 PM | Dining Room |
| | Catholic Daughters Meeting | 7:30 PM | Dining Room |
| | Parish Council | 7:30 PM | Office |
| Wednesday, Sept. 15 | Amazing Race Meal and Instructions | 5:30 - 6:30 PM | Dining Room |
| | Amazing Race | 5:45 - 6:45 PM | Dining Room |
| Thursday, Sept. 16 | Catholic Mothers' Coffee | 9:00 - 11:00 AM | Dining Room |
| | <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i> | 9:30 AM - 12:00 AM | Main Church |
| | Women’s Cursillo Grouping | 7:00 - 8:30 PM | St. Gabriel’s Room (CR 4) |
| | Choir Practice | 7:00 PM | SS Anne & Joachim (CR 2-3) |
| Friday, Sept. 17 | <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i> | 12:00 AM - 8:20 AM | Main Church |
| | Wedding Rehearsal | 5:30 - 6:45 PM | Main Church |
| | <i>Adoración Eucarística</i> | 7:30 PM | Main Church |
| Saturday, Sept. 18 | <i>Rosary</i> | 9:00 AM | Main Church |
| | Wedding – Kelsey Schiele and Bryan Phillips | 1:30 - 2:30 PM | Main Church |
| | <i>el estudio Bíblico en Español</i> | 5:30 - 7:00 PM | Dining Room |
| Sunday, Sept. 19 | <i>Misa Española (Spanish Mass) & Fellowship</i> | 3:00 PM | Main Church |

Weekend and Daily Mass times are listed inside the front cover of the bulletin.

Rosary - Saturday at 3:35 PM, Sunday at 8:05 AM, Monday - Wednesday and Friday at 3:00 PM

Rosary also prayed before daily Masses.

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

Faith Formation and Youth

Please contact Tanya at the parish, or email education1@olgminot.org, or text 701-219-3194 with questions. Thanks!

Have you registered for classes or youth group? We are excited to welcome your children and grandchildren to our Faith Formation and Youth programs this school year! An online registration form may be found on the Faith Formation page of our website -- olgminot.org – and on our parish app. Registration forms are also available on the bulletin board in the classroom hallway. **Please note a few changes on the forms compared to last year:** **1)** Preschoolers (ages 3-5) may attend class on Sundays from 9:20-10:20AM, together with children in Kindergarten through grade 5. There is no preschool during the 10:30AM Mass this year. **2)** 10 minutes have been added to the Wednesday gr. K-5 classes. **3)** Confirmation classes are now on Sunday evenings rather than afternoons.

Bishop Ryan Catholic School families:

If your child is in grade 2 or higher and has not received the sacraments of **First Reconciliation** (confession) and **First Eucharist** (communion), please register only on the “Sacramental Preparation” part of the registration form. Your children will attend retreats, rehearsal, etc., but they do not need to attend Faith Formation classes. There is no fee. If your child is in grade 9 or higher and has not received the sacrament of Confirmation, please register for “**Confirmation**” on the Faith Formation form. Bishop Ryan students have limited requirements for Confirmation, which will be explained at the Orientation meeting on Sept. 12.

Confirmation Orientation for NEW Confirmation students and parents: The required Orientation meeting for parents and students who wish to prepare for the sacrament of Confirmation at Our Lady of Grace is **Sunday, Sept. 12**, following the 5:30PM Mass. There will be a simple meal at 6:30PM, then the Orientation meeting from 7:00-8:00PM. If you are unable to attend, the Make-up Orientation with a simple meal is from 5:30-6:50PM on Tuesday, Sept. 14 (before the 7:00PM Mass). This Orientation is required for all students from public school, home school and Bishop Ryan who want to prepare for Confirmation (as well as at least one parent). They prepare throughout this school year (2021-2022) then are confirmed in October 2022.

2nd-year Confirmation students: You have your interview with Fr. Maus or Fr. Degele on September 22. Please check the schedule you received at our September 1 class.

Please volunteer to assist in some way with our Faith Formation and Youth Group programs. Many of our past volunteers did not have children in the classes, but wanted to help the children and youth of our parish. We have a volunteer form on the classroom hallway bulletin board or you may volunteer by contacting Tanya in the Faith Formation office. Those who volunteer on a consistent basis may receive free tuition for their children or grandchildren. In past bulletins, we have been asking for teachers and aides, but this bulletin shows some of the other opportunities available, as well. Please consider volunteering for:

- Grade 5 Teacher and gr. 4 or 5 Aide at 5:30PM on Wednesdays
- Preschool Aide at 9:20AM on Sundays
- Aide or Hallway Monitor for 7:00PM Wednesdays (about twice a month)
- Be present for class-time Adoration on select Sundays and Wednesdays to be with Jesus during transitions (Sign up on the classroom hallway bulletin board)
- Be an adult helper for Middle School Youth Group (meets about 7 times a year on Wednesdays at 7PM)
- Serve as a driver or chaperone for one or more Youth Group events (such as Youth Rally in Bismarck or outings to local places)
- Bring, make and/or serve food (or donate to purchase pizza or other food) for High School Youth Group or Confirmation class meals
- Provide contemporary music (play/sing) for the 5:30PM Mass about once a month; or lead a middle/high school youth choir for that Mass
- Pray for students from home or at church
- Lead Children’s Liturgy during the 10:30AM Sunday Mass
- Donate to help with Faith Formation tuition for a family in need

Thank you! Our students appreciate all you do!

Is your child **preparing for First Reconciliation (confession) or First Eucharist** (communion) this year? At Our Lady of Grace, we prepare for First Reconciliation in the first half of the school year and First Eucharist beginning in JANUARY. There are two options for the required First Reconciliation Retreat for parents and students: Thursday, Oct. 14, at 6:00PM OR Sunday, Oct. 17, at 1:00PM. Please mark your calendars. The retreats are required for all participants, including Bishop Ryan students who wish to receive the sacraments here.

Class and Youth Group Calendars may be found on the Faith Formation page of our website, and on the classroom hallway bulletin board. They are also mailed to those who register.

The Amazing Race!

Wednesday, September 15
5:30 - 7:00 pm

Free Meal
Taco-in-a-bag
5:30 - 6:30 pm



Meet the Saints of Patience!

Youth Masses are times when we encourage middle and high school students, especially those preparing for Confirmation, to volunteer to do some of the ministries during the Mass. We have **10:30AM Youth Masses** on Sunday, Sept. 26, and Sunday, Oct. 17. We need readers and usher/greeters for these Masses. Please volunteer with Tanya. In addition, all **5:30PM Sunday Masses** are considered Youth Masses and students are asked to volunteer. The primary ministries are readers and usher/greeters, but you may also be an altar server, choir member or gift bearer. Please volunteer with Tanya or with Deacon Steve. An adult will help you know what to do in your ministry. Thank you!

Faith Formation Students! We are adding first names of children who attend classes and youth groups to the bulletin board in the dining room. Check it out to see if your child can find his or her name!

Faith Formation/Youth Calendar

9/12: 6:30PM Meal & 7:00-8:00PM **Orientation for NEW Confirmation students and parents**

9/14: 5:30pm Meal & 5:50-6:50pm **Make-up Orientation for NEW Confirmation students and parents**

9/15: 5:30-7:00PM **Amazing Race (All are invited)**

9/22: 4:00 & 5:30PM **Gr. K-5 classes (first class of the year); 7:00PM interviews for 2nd-year Confirmation students**

9/26: 9:20AM **Preschool-gr. 5 classes (first class of the year)**

9/29: 4:00 & 5:30PM **Gr. K-5 classes; 7:00PM Gr. 6-8 classes (first middle school class of the year)**

10/3: 9:20 AM **Preschool-gr. 5 classes; 5:30PM Rite of Enrollment** for 1st-year Confirmation students during 5:30PM Mass; 6:30PM **Confirmation meal and class**

10/6: 4:00 & 5:30PM **Gr. K-5 classes; 5:45PM Alternate rehearsal for Confirmation Mass** followed by confessions; 7:00PM **Middle School Youth Group**

10/9: 1:30PM **Main Rehearsal for Confirmation Mass** followed by confessions

10/10: 9:20AM **Preschool-gr. 5 classes; 12:45PM 2nd-year Confirmation students & sponsors** arrive for pictures and preparation; 2:00PM **Confirmation Mass** with Bishop Kagan followed by a reception

10/13: 4:00 & 5:30PM **Gr. K-5 classes w/ Adoration** and confessions for grades 4 & 5; 7:00PM **gr. 6-8 classes with Adoration** and confessions for grade 8

10/14: 6:00PM **Option 1 required First Reconciliation Retreat** for students and parents

10/17: 9:20AM **Preschool-gr. 5 classes w/ gr. 3-5 Adoration & confessions; 10:30AM Youth Mass** (have you volunteered?); 1:00PM **Option 2 required First Reconciliation Retreat** for students and parents