# **NEWS/HAPPENINGS/RETREATS**

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**Diocese of Fargo SEARCH** For Christian maturity Retreats for youth and young adults, 16+

When:

March 1-3, 2024 (Deadline to register February 12, 2024)

April 26-28, 2024 (Deadline to register April 8, 2024)

See JoAnne if you are interested.

St. Stephen's website: Check out our website. It has information pertaining to our church, you can also access the bulletin there. If anyone is unable to come to church and does not have access to a computer and would like a bulletin please call the office and leave a message with your name and address and a bulletin will be mailed to you. https:/ larimoreststephens.weebly.com

# "Fearfully and Wonderfully Made"

A retreat experience for women Beloved Daughter Retreat: Feb15th-17th, 2024 Beloved Sister Retreat: May 2nd—4th, 2024 Beloved Spouse Retreat: Aug 8th—10th, 2024 Beloved Mother Retreat: Oct 3rd—5th, 2024 Registration: \$50 Cost: \$200-250 Place: Maryvale, Valley City, ND To Register go to www.Maryvalend.org See the bulletin board for more information.

# **Miryam Dinner** (For women ages 16-30)

Thursday, April 18, @5:30 pm Bishop Folda's home, Fargo

For more information please contact Fr Kyle Metzger, vocations director, at vocations@fargodiocese.org or 701-356-7957



# What is flocknote?

We are using flocknote.com to help register our members, gather feedback & send out information via email, txt message, phone & more. All from one, easy place.

Register today.... and join the

Mardi Gras at St. Mary's Catholic **Church** in Park River Tuesday, February 13th, 11 am to 1 pm. Soup & Sandwich Lunch & bake sale too! Free-will offering! Sponsored by St. Mary's Altar Society

Worldwide Marriage Encounter will be offing marriage retreats at: , Valley City (March 22-24). Live your best life in love! For more information, call Rob & Angie at (701) 347-1998 or apply at wwme.org.

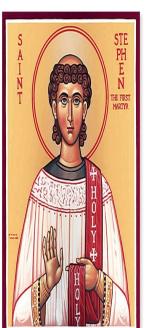
> Operation Andrew Dinner ( For men ages 16-30)

Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at 5:30 at Bishop Folda's Home.

If you are interested and want to learn more please see Fr. Casey

Pilgrimage to the National Eucharistic Congress July 16-2024 The Diocese of Fargo will offer a pilgrimage to the Congress in Indianapolis, IN. The Congress will include five days of talks, Mass Eucharistic procession, Adoration and much more. The pilgrimage begins on July 16, 2024 and includes an overnight stop in Mundelein, IL at Our Lady of the Lake Retreat Center and a visit to the shrine of Maximillian Kolbe. There are only 100spots available for the pilgrimage route to the Congress. Registration: fargodiocese.org/congresspilgrimage. Early bird registration before Dec 31 \$1125 based on double. After Dec 31 \$1225 based on double. Also limited discounted tickets available for the Congress and/or hotel without the bus pilgrimage. Please see registration page. Call 701-356-7909 or email:

Mary.hanbury@fargodiocese.org



ST. STEPHEN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

FEBRUARY 11, 2024

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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# **SCHEDULE OF MASSES**

Date:	<u>Time:</u>	Place:	Mass Intention
12 Monday 13 Tuesday 14 Wednesday 15 Thursday 16 Friday 17 Saturday 18 Sunday	No Public Mass 5:30 pm Mass 5:30 pm Mass 9:00 am Mass 9:00 am Mass 5:00 pm Vigil 9:00 am Mass	St. Stephen's " " " St. Stephen's	Those battling cancer Intentions of Meg Farrell †Stewart Hofer Pro Populo †Jerry Lempe Jr †Ron Engel
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Stations of the cross will be led by the KC's starting Friday 16th. Will be every Friday during Lent starting with rosary at 5:30 pm followed by Stations of the Cross at 6:00



Ashes will be distributed on February 14th at the 5:30 pm. Mass

# Mardi Gras Luncheon

You are invited to a Mardi Gras luncheon on Tuesday February 13th from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm for soup and sandwich here at St. Stephen's. Bring your friends and neighbors. I look forward to seeing you.

Fr. Casey



Women of St. Stephen's there will be an Altar society meeting on Sunday 18th of February after the 9:00 am Mass.

Coffee Time after 9am Mass. Signup sheet for treats is on the bulletin board. Coffee will be provided. Due to classes in the basement we will meet in the narthex. See you there!

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DATE TIME:	<b>FEB 10</b> 5:00 pm	<b>FEB 11</b> 9:00 am	<b>FEB 17</b> 5:00 pm	<b>FEB 18</b> 9:00 am
Mass	†Louis	†Francis &	Pro	† Ron
Intention	Jacobs	Dorothy Hofer	Populo	Engel
EMHC/	Brian	Jenny	Teresa	Jenny
LECTOR:	Brian	Jenny	Teresa	Jenny
Music:	Bob	Karen &	Bob	Karen &
	Greene	Paulette	Greene	Paulette

**Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation:** Every Saturday and Sunday 30 minutes before Mass or by appointment.

**Baptism Preparation:** If you need to have your child baptized, please call Fr. Casey for an appointment. A pre-baptism class and a meeting with the priest is required.

**Matrimony:** To be married at St Stephen's, one or both persons of the engaged couple must be a practicing Catholic. St Stephen's must be contacted 6 months prior to the wedding.

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**: If you are interested in joining the Catholic Church please contact the parish office or Father Casey.

**You are invited to offer your Mass** intentions at St. Stephen's. There are Mass Intention envelopes in the front and both side entrances of the church. Make checks payable to St. Stephen's and indicate if the person is deceased.

The work has begun to refurbish the stained glass windows. We are still accepting donations for the project. In the narthex you will find envelopes for your donation.

# **Stewardship Moment**

**Stained Glass Window project** 

"Brothers and sisters, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God." - 1 CORINTHIANS 10:31

Do a quick check of your priorities. Where does God rank in that list? If he's not first, you have some work to do. Putting God first in everything helps us from putting other "gods" (like our pride, ego, money and possessions) before God. Before making a decision, ask yourself, "Am I doing this for the glory of God or for the glory of me?"

### Gifts to Altar Feb. 03rd - Feb. 04th **Our Stewardship Status 2024** Budget Received Adult Envelopes: 2197.00 Adult \$ 105,000.00 6,942.00 Plate: 136.00 Plate: \$ 7,000.00 542.00 Stained Glass Window Project: Cost of Project Received 500.00 \$ 59,107.00 \$43,766.30



The Rosary starts 30 min before Mass. This month's rosary will be led by the

**Knights** 

# Prayer intentions for February

## Pope Francis' intention

For the terminally ill and their families always receive the necessary medical and human care and assistance.

During the upcoming Lenten season, people may experience a deeper conversion to Christ and all that he has accomplished for us.



Prayer is for every season. Worthy participation in Holy Mass is the source and summit of our Catholic tradition. Perhaps going to daily Mass. Mass during the week can bring a greater appreciation to our experience of Sunday Mass. The Rosary or some other devotional prayer(s) such as the Divine Mercy Chaplet or the Stations of the Cross can aid our meditation on Christ's life, death, and Resurrection.

Fasting, there are any number of other mortifications that can help strengthen us against selfishness. The Lenten Fast prescribed by Church law is now only two days – Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. It applies to Catholics 18 to 59 years old, who are in sufficient good health. On Fast days there is only one full meal and two lesser meals. Eating between meals is not permitted. On these two days, and on all Fridays during Lent, Catholics who are 14 and older also must abstain from meat.

Almsgiving usually refers to giving some portion of our worldly goods to the poor. This is a great work of generosity. Stewardship, as taught in the Sacred Scriptures, means to give back to God a tithe (often regarded as one tenth). We ought to give back to God the first and the best of the good things He has given us. This sharing of our material blessings can be directed to the support of the Church and her works, or to others in need



# **Lent Is Coming!**

Join our faith community in a transformative Lenten journey through CRS Rice Bowl to meet people in Uganda, El Salvador and Indonesia who are working hard to overcome the challenges of hun-

ger and the impact of climate change. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on our connectedness as one family in Christ and work together to ensure our sisters and brothers worldwide can thrive. Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

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# **Guides For Prayer**

Because of Mary's singular cooperation with the action of the Holy Spirit, the Church loves to pray in communion with the Virgin Mary, to magnify with her the great things the Lord has done for her, and to entrust sup plications and praises to her. CCC 2682

The Christian family is the first place of education in prayer. Based on the sacrament of marriage, the family is the "domestic church" where God's children learn to pray "as the Church" and family prayer is the first witness of the Church's living memory as awakened patiently by the Holy spirit. CCC2685

**February 11 is** *World Day of the Sick*, an observation introduced by Pope John Paul II as a way for believers to offer prayers for those suffering from illnesses.

Let us remember this central truth in life: we came into the world because someone welcomed us; we were made for love; and we are called to communion and fraternity. This aspect of our lives is what sustains us, above all at times of illness and vulnerability. It is also the first therapy that we must all adopt in order to heal the diseases of the society in which we live. Pope Francis

Fr. Casey will be offering anointing of the sick during this weekends Masses.

According to the *Code of Canon Law*, blessed items are to be treated with respect and reverence and not discarded in the trash. At Mass, **palm branches were blessed by a priest and became a "sacramental," which is an object that is meant to draw us closer to God.** These sacred signs bear a resemblance to the sacraments (cf. #1171). Throwing them in the trash overlooks their sacred purpose and treats them like any other object we no longer need. Bury them is the proper way to dispose of the palms. There will be a basket in the entry of the church for any blessed palms. These will be turned into ashes for next year.

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