

**NEWS/HAPPENINGS/RETREATS**

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

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

See JoAnne if you are interested.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter** will be offering 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](http://wwme.org).

**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 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](http://www.Maryvalend.org)  
 See the bulletin board for more information.

**Diaconate Formation Class**

A new formation cohort for the permanent diaconate will begin **August 2025** If you are interested on the permanent diaconate you and your wife are invited to a dinner at St. Michael's Church on Tuesday, April 2, 2024 at 6:00 pm. Where Msgr. Schlesselmann and diaconate formation team will share information on the permanent diaconate. Please RVSP by March 8. For more information, including age requirements and RSVP link, available at <https://www.fargodiocese.org/permanentdeacons>

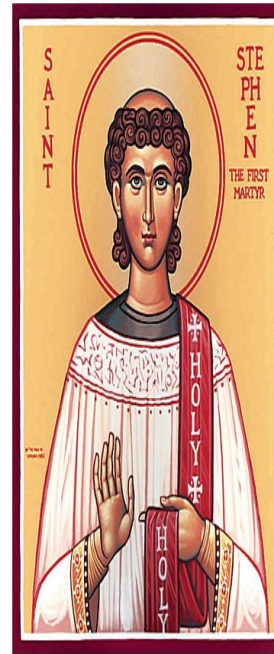
**Camp Summit: Middle School Camp**

July 14-18 at Red Willow Bible Camp in Binford, ND. For all youth going into grades 7-9 in the fall of 2024. Cost \$325.00 if registered before March 22nd; \$375.00 after March 22nd. To register, visit : <https://www.fargodiocese.org/campsummit>

**Lenten Pro Life Mission**

All are welcome to attend a parish mission March 10-12th held at St. Stanislaus Catholic Church in Warsaw, ND. Each evening the mission will begin at 5:15 pm with a simple meal (free will offering), confessions at 6 pm, and a talk at 6:30. Fr. Greg Haman will speak on Sunday, Fr. Joseph Christensen,

**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/congress-pilgrimage](http://fargodiocese.org/congress-pilgrimage). 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](mailto:Mary.hanbury@fargodiocese.org)



**ST. STEPHEN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**FEBRUARY 25, 2024**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

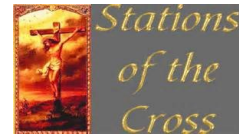
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**SCHEDULE OF MASSES**

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Time:</u>	<u>Place:</u>	<u>Mass Intention</u>
26 Monday	No Public Mass		†Fr. Armond Brooks
27 Tuesday	5:30 pm Mass	St. Stephen's	Fr. Mullvaney
28 Wednesday	5:30 pm Mass	"	†Francis & Dorothy Hofer
29 Thursday	9:00 am Mass	"	†Colleen Barendt
01 Friday	9:00 am Mass	"	Pro Populo
02 Saturday	5:00 pm Vigil	"	†James J. Lempe
03 Sunday	9:00 am Mass	St. Stephen's	†Howard Drewlo



**Stations of the Cross** Please join the Knights of Columbus for rosary and Stations of the Cross starting at 5:30 every Friday during Lent.

**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!



**Eucharistic Adoration**

We will have Eucharistic Adoration on Friday March 1st from 9:30pm to 10:30 pm. And on March 6th from 4:30pm -5:30 pm During adoration Fr. Casey will hear confessions.

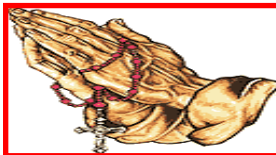
**Why Eucharistic Adoration?**

Because Jesus invites you. "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened. Come to me and I will refresh you". So Schedule some time to spend with Jesus.



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DATE	FEB 24	FEB 25	MAR 02	MAR 03
TIME:	5:00 pm	9:00 am	5:00 pm	9:00 am
Mass INTENTION	†Henry & Carol Tretter	†Howard Drewlo	†James J. Lempe	† Howard Drewlo
EMHC/LECTOR:	Teresa Teresa	Jenny Jenny	John John	Volunteer Volunteer
MUSIC:	Bob Greene	Karen & Paulette	Bob Greene	Karen & Paulette



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.

**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.

By making an offering, the faithful, by parting with something that is their own, associate themselves more intimately with Christ who offers himself in the sacred Host, and obtain thereby more abundant fruits (See Pope Paul VI's letter "Firmiter in Traditione" of June 13, 1974.)

**Stewardship Moment**

*"Here I am!" he answered.* - GENESIS 22:11

It is easy to say, "Here I am, Lord," when we are kneeling in church. But how easy is it to say "Here I am, Lord," when a neighbor needs our help, or when we are invited to join a parish ministry, or when we are asked to provide financial support? Often times we are called when it's not convenient for us. Discipleship is not easy, most of the time it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable.

**Gifts to Altar Feb. 17th - Feb. 18th**

Envelopes: \$ 1408.00  
Plate: \$ 69.00

Stained Glass Window Project:  
\$ 600.00

**Our Stewardship Status 2024**

Budget	Received Adult
Adult \$ 105,000.00	\$ 9,015.00
Plate: \$ 7,000.00	\$ 636.00

Cost of Project	Received
\$ 59,107.00	\$44,366.30

**Safe Haven Sunday:** Inspired by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) formal statement, *Create in Me a Clean Heart: A Pastoral Response to Pornography*, Safe Haven Sunday is a weekend set aside within the liturgical calendar by dioceses and parishes to directly address the societal harms of pornography.

"This is my beloved Son. Listen to him."

When we encounter Jesus Christ, we encounter ourselves—ourselves, that is, not as we are but as we are to become. Jesus, in revealing his own glory, reveals also the glory that is to be ours....

The apostles, privileged to witness the Transfiguration, certainly, knew our Lord better as a result. The human veil over his divinity was for a moment lifted, and they beheld his heavenly splendor...Saint Augustine says that the transfigured Christ reveals what his Body is to become. We are to be transfigured as well. The purpose of everything in our faith-of all doctrines and sacraments-is to change us from one degree of glory to another (2 Cor 3:18)... We are to hear the words of the Father applied to ourselves: This is my beloved Son... The entire Christian life can be understood as the progressive knowing of ourselves as the Father's beloved children. The project of the Christian life is to train our ears to hear these words and our hearts to accept them....

Reflection on today's gospel  
By Father Paul Scalia



**Overcoming Hunger**

In Awkwangagwel, Uganda, the climate is very hot and dry. Farmers in this region depend heavily on the rainy season for a successful harvest. But lately—due to the changing climate—the rain has been coming later than it used to and is more inconsistent. Sometimes, when it does rain, it causes flooding and ruins the crops. Learn how Adolf and Florence have taken the matter into their own hands implementing new farming techniques they learned from a Catholic Relief Services program to improve their farm and fight against hunger in their community.



**God's Gift Appeal 2024**

This weekend is Commitment Weekend for the 2024 God's Gift Appeal. Our parish goal is **\$26,273.00**. Please complete your pledge card, indicating your gift or pledge to our diocesan church. If you do not have a card, please fill out a commitment card located in the Narthex. It is important for all of us to participate in order to support our diocesan church.

**Cor Christi (The Heart of Christ)** invites high school students to a living encounter with Jesus and the foundational teachings and practices of the Catholic faith. This initiative was born from the desire of a group of young priests and other dedicated believers to offer a new generation through an intensive summer experience the basics of the adventure of faith.

The summer program is one week. There are two sessions: July 8-12, & July 15-19.

If interested please see Fr. Casey.

**Stained Glass Window project**

**The work to refurbish the stained glass windows is done. If you still would like to contribute towards the windows There are envelopes in the narthex for your donation.**