

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.

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. James Basilica, Jamestown **May 7th at 6:00 pm**. Where Msgr. Schlesselmann and diaconate formation team will share information on the permanent diaconate. Please RVSP by **April 19th**. 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>

New Ministry for adult Children of Divorce

No matter the circumstances, divorce always represents broken dreams and broken hearts. While much of the attention goes to the men and women trying to navigate the tidal wave of loss and hurt, often left in the wake are the children whose sense of security and identity have also been shattered. This can be true even for those who were already adults when their parents' relationship ended. Life-Giving Wounds is a new ministry within the Diocese of Fargo to help adults who have experienced the breakdown of their parents' relationship, no matter at what age it happened and to allow Christ to bring new life through those very wounds. The Life-Giving Wounds Retreat will take place on **April 19-21 at Maryvale Retreat Center**. Spaces are very limited for this retreat, and it is expected to fill early. Find out more information or register by visiting www.fargodiocese.org/lgw

Join us for an unforgettable evening of gratitude and joyful celebration at the **Canticle of Praise Banquet and Mass** with His Eminence Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke and Dr. Gianna Emanuela Molla on Tuesday April 16th in Grand Forks. For more information and to purchase tickets check out our website: sgpmollahome.com/20th-anniversary

This is not a fundraising event. No additional request for donations will be made that evening
Deadline to purchase a ticket is April 2nd

The Diocese of Fargo is offering pilgrimages for the year 2024 and 2025.

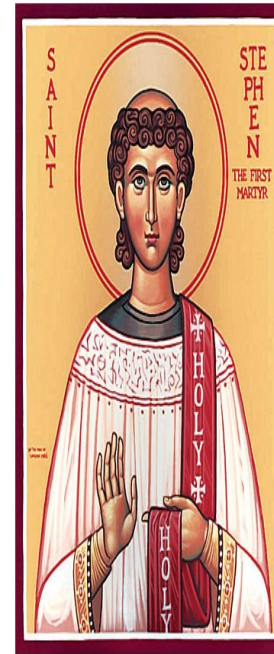
Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis, IN. July 16-22. Marian Pilgrimage, Oct 21-Oct 31 2024 to Fatima, Spain and Lourdes. Italy, October 28th- Nov 6th 2025. For more information and to sign up go to: www.fargodiosese.org/pilgrimages.

Is God calling you?

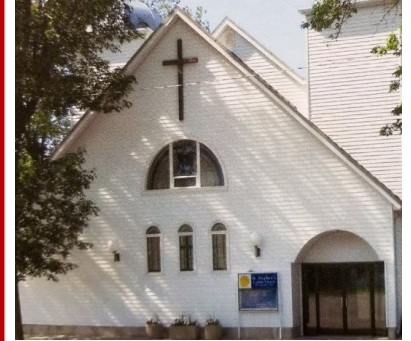
Spaghetti Dinner at Holy Family

Catholic Church, Grand Forks
Sunday March 24th from 11AM—5PM

Free will offering, Dine-in or takeout
Proceeds benefit the Human Needs Committee and Chimbote Relief



ST. STEPHEN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
MARCH 24, 2024
PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



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SCHEDULE OF MASSES

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Time:</u>	<u>Place:</u>	<u>Mass Intention</u>
25 Monday	No Public Mass		†Fr. Gerald Meyers
26 Tuesday	5:30 pm Mass	St. Stephen's	† Francis & Dorothy Hofer
27 Wednesday	5:30 pm Mass	"	Pro Populo
28 Thursday	7:00 pm Mass	"	†Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Hofer
29 Friday	3:00 pm Service	"	
30 Saturday	7:00 pm Vigil	"	†Colleen Barendt
31 Sunday	9:00 am Mass	St. Stephen's	†Howard Drewlo



Modern Day Simon of Cyrene

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week. As we walk with Jesus this week, we remember the countless women children and men who carry heavy crosses even today: crosses of hunger, of vulnerability to climate change, or of a lack of resources. How, like Simon of Cyrene can you help to carry the crosses of our sisters and brothers in your local community and around the world? Visit crsricebowl.org/holy-week to learn more.

Please return your rice bowl by Sunday, 31st of March

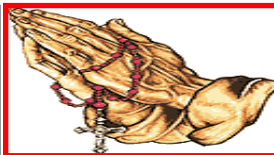
Holy Week Schedule

Holy Thursday March 28th 7:00 PM
Good Friday: March 29th 3:00 PM
Holy Saturday: March 30th 7:00 PM
Easter Sunday: March 31st 9:00 AM

Look for sign up sheets for Holy Week we need Lectors, Eucharistic ministers and altar servers.

Lenten penance service will be Sunday March 24th at 6:00 pm. There will be two other priest besides Fr. Casey to hear confessions.

DATE	MAR 23	MAR 24	MAR 30	MAR 31
TIME:	5:00 pm	9:00 am	5:00 pm	9:00 am
Mass INTENTION	Pro Populo	†Leonard & Betty Landman	† Colleen Barendt	†Howard Drewlo
EMHC/LECTOR:	Brian Brian	Bob Bob	John John	Bob Bob.
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 **Altar Society**

Prayer intentions for March

Pope Francis' intentions

“For those around the world who risk their lives for the Gospel, to inspire the Church with their courage and missionary zeal.”

“That we experience the Sacrament of Reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the forgiveness and infinite mercy of God. Remember this: In the heart of God, we come before our mistakes”

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.

“We have loved them during life; let us not abandon them in death, until we have conducted them by our prayers into the house of the Lord.” St. Ambrose

Stewardship Moment

“Pilate again said to them, ‘Then what shall I do with the man whom you call the King of the Jews?’ and they cried out again, ‘Crucify him.’” ~ MARK 15:12-13

Jesus told us “Whatever you do for the least of my brothers, you do for me.” Every day we are presented opportunities to help someone. Every day we have the opportunity to see the face of Jesus in others and be the face of Jesus to others. Every day we pass by someone in need. Pray for the strength and courage to be the answer to someone's prayer.

Gifts to Altar Mar. 16th - Mar. 17th

Envelopes: \$ 1330.00
Plate: \$ 88.00

Stained Glass Window Project:
\$ 50.00

Our Stewardship Status 2024

Budget	Received Adult
Adult \$ 105,000.00	\$ 16,640.00
Plate: \$ 7,000.00	\$ 971.00

Cost of Project	Received
\$ 59,107.00	\$44,416.30

Holy Week is the most significant week in Catholicism.

Spanning from Palm Sunday to Holy Saturday, it marks the final stretch before Easter Sunday, the celebration of Jesus' Resurrection. During this sacred week Catholics pray and reflect on the profound journey of Jesus' suffering, sacrifice, and victory over death. It starts on Palm Sunday, a day that commemorates Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. Holy Thursday celebrates the Last Supper and the institution of the Eucharist while Good Friday reflects on Jesus' death by crucifixion. Throughout this week, Catholics reflect on the emotional intensity of Jesus' Passion, contemplate His boundless love and mercy, and anticipate the joyous hope of His Resurrection. An intentional Holy Week can serve as a spiritual pilgrimage that deepens our faith.

Palm Sunday, a week before Easter, commemorates Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Catholics carry blessed palm branches into church, symbolizing the crowd's welcoming gesture. The Gospel readings recount the story of Jesus' death and Passion, evoking reflection on His sacrificial love and the profound significance of Holy Week.

After attending Mass it's common to display the palm branch you received at Mass! Some place it behind a crucifix, some take several palm branches and weave them together to create a palm cross. Since palm branches are a blessed item, they should not be thrown in the trash. If you do not want to keep your branch you can return it to the church where it will be burned for ashes the following Ash Wednesday.

It's also common to deep clean your home on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday. This tradition arises from the Jewish custom of preparing the home for Passover. Holy Week is also a great time to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation - many churches have increased opportunities for Confession during this time.

Many dioceses celebrate the Chrism Mass on Tuesday, Wednesday, or the morning of Holy Thursday. *Chrism* refers to one of the oils used during different Sacraments. During the Chrism Mass, the Oil of the Sick (used during the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick), the Oil of Catechumens (used during the Sacrament of Baptism), and the Chrism oil are consecrated by the Bishop. Large vessels of oil are carried to the altar for the blessings and consecration of Chrism, which is a mixture of oil and balsam. After Mass, oils are distributed to representatives of each parish. The oils are taken back to parishes and used for Sacraments throughout the year.

There is also a renewal of priestly promises during the Chrism Mass. Traditionally every priest within a diocese attends this Mass. The Bishop also requests that the laity of the diocese pray for him and the priests of the diocese.

Holy Thursday is the first day of the Easter Triduum, the most sacred days of the Catholic faith. It begins with the Mass of the Lord's Supper, commemorating the Last Supper celebrated by Jesus and his disciples on the Jewish holiday of Passover. It's not a Holy Day of Obligation, but many Catholics attend Mass. During this Mass, the priest washes the feet of some members of the parish in memory of Jesus washing the feet of his disciples. It was during the Last Supper that Jesus taught his disciples that the Eucharist is truly His Body and Blood. Jesus' disciples were the first Catholic priests. So, during the Last Supper, he taught them the importance of the Eucharist, and why priests celebrate Jesus' sacrifice during every Mass. Because of this, the Last Supper is also significant because it was the beginning of the priesthood.

There are many traditions that surround Holy Thursday. Some people use it as a day to go on a local pilgrimage and visit as many churches in their area as they can. Walk around and observe the beauty and symbolism found in each church, then take some time to pray for our priests. Holy Thursday is a celebration of the institution of the Eucharist, so it's a great day to spend some time in Adoration. It's also highly recommended to attend the Mass of the Last Supper held Thursday evening.



Your Help is needed to prepare the church and altar for the Easter vigil. We will meet at 9:30 AM, on Saturday March 30th.