

NEWS/HAPPENINGS/RETREATS

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>

Attention Catholic women!

You are invited to join us on Saturday, April 6th for a time of faith and fellowship! There will be a short presentation on the Our Lady of Sorrows Chaplet. We meet at St. Anne's Living Center (524 N. 17th St.) It begins with Rosary at 8:30 am, Holy Mass at 9 am followed by the presentation. Please join us for this time of fellowship to grow together as Catholic women!

Prayer & Spiritual Direction program

The University of Mary's graduate certificate program in prayer and spiritual direction, consisting of three courses with the Triune God. Under the mentorship of Monsignor James Shea, Monsignor Thomas J. Richter, and Father Wayne Sattler, you'll explore the Catholic spiritual and mystical tradition attune your mind and heart to the spirit's voice, and prepare to meet the Church's and the world's need for faithful, joyful witnesses to Christ's redeeming love.

Classes meet Tuesday and Thursday evenings, starting May 7. Certificate recipients can easily stack their earned credits into a master's degree plan. Reserve your place or learn more at umary.edu/Prayer

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.

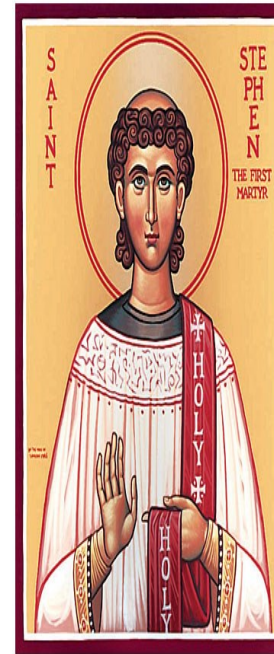
Is God calling you?

Tim Mosser, Director of the Fargo Diocese

Respect Life Office, will lead a retreat entitled **Theology of the Body and the Culture of Life** on **May 9-11, 2024** at Maryvale Retreat Center in Valley City. The Retreat will focus on St John Paul II's teaching on the human person known as the "Theology of the Body" and its connection to the Church's teaching on such issues as marriage, contraception, abortion, euthanasia, artificial reproduction, gender and the Eucharist. There will also be Mass, Confessions, Adoration, Praise and Worship music and time for prayer and reflection. You can register as a married couple, single person or as a parent with a teen at least 16 years old. Come learn the "why" behind the "what" of all these important issues and how to share it with others! For more information and to register go to maryvalend.org or contact Tim Mosser at tim.mosser@fargodiocese.org

"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
See the bulletin board for more information.



ST. STEPHEN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

MARCH 31, 2024

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



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SCHEDULE OF MASSES

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Time:</u>	<u>Place:</u>	<u>Mass Intention</u>
01 Monday	No Public Mass		†Fr. Gerald Meyers
02 Tuesday	5:30 pm Mass	St. Stephen's	† Rose & Bill Murphy
03 Wednesday	5:30 pm Mass	"	Better health for Francine Hile
04 Thursday	9:00 am Mass	"	Connie Doak for healing
05 Friday	9:00 am Mass	"	Maria Uchytel for Good Health
06 Saturday	5:00 pm Vigil	"	Carol Lee Anderson for Good Health
07 Sunday	9:00 am Mass	St. Stephen's	†Howard Drewlo



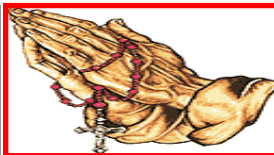
Eucharistic Adoration

We will have Eucharistic Adoration on April 5th from 9:30 –10:30 am
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.

DATE	MAR 30	MAR 31	APR 06	APR 07
TIME:	7:00 pm	9:00 am	5:00 pm	9:00 am
Mass INTENTION	† Colleen Barendt	† Howard Drewlo	Carol Lee Anderson	Pro Populo
EMHC/LECTOR:	John John	Rose Mary Rose Mary	Sarah Sarah	Volunteer Volunteer
MUSIC:	Karen & Paulette	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

“Think of what is above, not of what is on earth.” ~ COLOSSIANS 3:2

On this day we thank God for His Son, Jesus, who died, rose and opened the gates of heaven for us. We celebrate and sing “Alleluia.” Let's try to keep the joy of this Easter season in our hearts throughout the year! Pray daily and listen for how God is calling each of us to joyfully use our gifts to fulfill His salvation plan.

Gifts to Altar Mar. 23rd - Mar. 24th

Envelopes: \$ 1717.00
Plate: \$ 71.00

Stained Glass Window Project:
\$ 0.00

Our Stewardship Status 2024

Budget	Received Adult
Adult \$ 105,000.00	\$ 18,357.00
Plate: \$ 7,000.00	\$ 1,042.00

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

Dear Sisters and Brothers ,

“Jesus is risen! He has risen from the tomb!” Alleluia is our song! This proclamation resounds in the Church throughout the world, “Jesus is risen from the dead. He is alive forever in our midst.” This Joyful News of His resurrection has lit up like a new flame in the Holy Night of the Vigil, in the night of a world facing crucial challenges, because of the world crisis, natural calamity, chaos in the society, war “in and out” and because of all the tests that hinder the life of humanity.

It's my hope and prayer that the fruit of this resurrection becomes the source of our commitment of faith, a faith put into action. No more fear, no more hesitation, the Good News is here!!! Jesus has risen! He is alive in our midst! It is time to return home, it is time to overcome our fear, it is time to begin to enjoy sacramental life and participate fully in the pastoral works and activities of our parish.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to all the volunteers who decorated the altar, ushers, lectors, cantors, extraordinary ministers, sacristans, altar servers and musicians. Thank you and God bless your hard work, dedication, and commitment to St. Stephen's.

Fr. Casey



Please keep these students in your prayers as they receive the sacraments of Holy communion and confirmation April 7th at St. Stephen's:

Max Beckel, Ava Dietzler, Charlie Gravidahl, Autumn Pollert, Carolyn Sather, and Rya Triplett.

Come Holy Spirit and fill their hearts with the fire of your love!

Easter Duty: In order to emphasize that the Eucharist is the most important institution and reality of our faith, the Catholic Church actually requires the faithful to receive Communion during the Easter Season.

This practice is called the “Easter Duty” and is considered one of the five precepts of the Church: “You shall humbly receive your creator in Holy Communion at least during the Easter season.”. (Catechism, 2041-2043)

In an age where people receive the Eucharist frequently, this may not seem like a “duty” as such, but it is connected with another equally important precept: You shall confess your sins at least once a year. Thus, every year the Church reminds each of us to keep our spiritual priorities in the proper order.

Happy Easter!



As our CRS Rice Bowl journey comes to an end, may the eucharist continue to transform our lives and help us respond to God's call to serve our global family. Let us commit to sharing the joy of the Resurrection with people in our local community and around the world.

Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl or donate online at crsricebowl.org/donate

God's Gift Appeal 2024

Thanks to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2024 God's Gift Appeal. St. Stephen's is 55% towards our goal of **\$26,273.00**. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please fill out a commitment card located in the narthex. Please participate in the support of our diocesan church.