



THE BASILICA of ST. JAMES

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St. Mathias St. Michael

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6th Sunday of Easter

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THE VOICE

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Fr. Bitz wants this to be an event that promotes pastoral and religious leadership in our churches such as priests, pastors, deacons, sisters and lay Church Ministers. Thus we encourage you to bring your youngsters to the celebration.

INVITATION

All parishioners (*Entire families and friends*)
of St. James, St. Margaret, St. Mathias and St. Michael
are invited to attend both the Eucharist and Dinner commemorating

Fr. Bitz's 40th Anniversary

If attending Dinner, please RSVP by May 29

*email Bonnie at parish@csicable.net
or call 701-252-0119 or Peggy at 701-252-2434*

*St. James Basilica
Sunday, the 7th of June, 2009
at 3:30 pm.*

Dinner/Program afterwards at the Civic Center

An Open Letter To Our High School Graduates

Graduating from High School is a big moment. Psychologically it says to many that you are now an adult and are expected to shoulder that joy.

We at St. James, St. Mathias, St. Margaret, and St. Michael also happily accept you as an adult Catholic member. Thus upon your graduation, you will have your own individual census file at St. James, St. Mathias, St. Margaret, and St. Michael and all the other privileges that come in being a registered member of a Catholic Parish.

Whenever you move into the boundaries of another parish, please inform the parish, where you are registered, of your move. Then stop in at the office of your new parish, register, get acquainted and volunteer some of your time, treasure and talent. If you get involved you will soon develop new and deep caring relationships with faith-filled people.

You will have a sense of belonging, of being at home. We hope and pray that you will never forget your Catholic Faith Family, your Church, no matter where you might move. With Ruth from the Old Testament, we say: "Wherever you go, I shall go. Wherever you live, I will live. Your people shall be my people and your God, my God." (Ruth 1:16)

If you should move away from home and go to school, we suggest that you stop in and register as a Parishioner at the Newman Center, usually located on or near the Campus. Please notify us when you do this so that you will not be registered in two places. You will be very happy in your new parish if you volunteer yourself and get involved in the activities and life of that faith community.

Congratulations on your graduation into a new life!
Peace be your journey,

Father Al Bitz

This Week's Liturgies - May 25-31, 2009

MON 12:10pm † *Wanda Marston* by Judy & Willis Branning
 5:15pm † *Ray & Beryl Ginsbach* by Nancy Wolf

TUE 7:00am † *Evelyn Nitschke* by Gary & Carole Steidl
 12:10pm † *Ryan Williams* by Alice & Warren Williams
 12:15pm † *Linda McCleery* by Fr. Dennis Skonseng
@ North Dakota State Hospital (SE Corner of La Haug Building)

WED 10:00am † *Gen Pruess* by Aileen Astrup **@ Ave Maria Village**
 12:10pm † *Henry Boyle* by Don & Marie Boyle
 5:15pm (L) *Mark Steven Wagner* by Florence Maurer

THU 7:00am † *Joan & Neal Floyd* by Delphine Prodzinski
 12:10pm † *Marie Nielsen & Lucille Reynolds* by Family
 12:40pm Adoration
 3:30pm **Communion Service @ Rock of Ages**
 5:00pm **Benediction**

FRI 10:00am † *Sally Clemens* by Dorothy Wikstrom **@ Hi-Acres Manor**
 12:10pm † *William S. Wright* by Lorraine Wright
 5:15pm (L) *Simone Asmael*

SAT 8:00am † *Larry Grode* by Mary & Gary Fox
 4:30pm † *Leona Rettig* by Ella Rettig

SUN 8:30am † *Lorene Wanzek* by Ron and Family
 10:30am *Intention for the People of the Basilica and Outlying Parishes*
 6:00pm † *Leo & David Prodzinski* by Delphine Prodzinski

Reconciliation ½ hour before daily Eucharists Saturdays 3:30pm
 Scripture Readings: look on the websites: <http://www.nccbuscc.org/nab/http://www.lectorprep.org>
 Good for Proclaimers' preparation)

This Week's Readings		
Sun	1st	Acts 1:1-11 (58B)
	2nd	Eph. 1:17-23
	Gospel	Mark 16:15-20
Mon	1st	Acts 19:1-8
	Gospel	John 16:29-33
Tue	1st	Acts 20:17-27
	Gospel	John 17:1-11a
Wed	1st	Acts 20:28-38
	2nd	John 17:11b-19
Thu	1st	Acts 22:30;23:6-11
	Gospel	John 17:20-26
Fri	1st	Acts 25:13b-21
	Gospel	John 21:15-19
Sat	1st	Acts 28:15-20, 30-31
	Gospel	John 21:20-25
Sun	1st	Acts 2:1-11(63B)
	2nd	1 Cor. 12:3b-7, 12-13
	Gospel	John 20:19-23

Liturgies at Outlying Parishes

Next Sunday at

St. Mathias, Windsor

8:30am † Leonard Wanzek
by Family

Next Sunday at

St. Margaret, Buchanan

10:30am † David Miska by
Nieland Families

Annual Eucharist at Sacred Heart, Fried, Cemetery, Saturday May 30, 2009 at 11am. Followed by a potluck lunch.

This week our expressed thanks my health, Jesus, family, friends, water is going down, my children, life, God's animals, for the national guard, for sand bags, dry home, weather, Christianity, prayers answered.

Celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage always involves the entire church. The following couple is making this explicit by inviting all to participate in their celebration:

Elizabeth Ganser & Nolen Peterson

Saturday, May 30, 2009 6:15pm, Basilica

The church invites you to make your prayer scriptural.

A good way to begin would be to use each week's Sunday Psalm Response at regular daily intervals.

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

We welcome into our Faith Community newly baptized

Payton Faye, Gavin Cole and Dalton Craig Marsh, triplets of Nicole and Brad whose grandparents are Frank & Jeannette Redlin, Jamestown, ND and Rick & Kathie Marsh, Littleton, CO.

Assisted Hearing Units are available in the Sacristy. Jim Carlascio says they work fantastically.

\$10,000 Raffle ticket report: Congratulations

We missed 2 people for the \$100.00 Winners:

Jim & Sharon Neva and Bernie Wojick

We missed 1 Raffle Ticket Seller:

Fr. Al Bitz sold 98 tickets.

Memorial Day observed Monday May 25, 2009, throughout our nation, a day to remember the many who sacrificed their lives for our nation and our freedom.

There will be a memorial service at 9:00am at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Everyone is welcome. A short service, with laying of wreaths, will take place immediately after the community service at various cemeteries around Jamestown.

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What a joy it was to get up in the morning, turn on Prairie Public Radio and hear that Sara Gullickson is coming home from the hospital and is doing just great. Her father said that he sees her as a miracle. It is a privilege for us in this area to experience God's blessing and presence in this area. We pray she will be a further instrument of God's healing love for many in the days and years to come.

Our city continues to struggle with the high water. However, the sun is shining, the grass is greening, the flowers are blooming, people are briskly walking and enjoying the outdoors with all of its finery. For most of us this is what we presently know and live. Yet the officials and media keep telling us that we have "hidden" problems. They are underground. We don't see them and it is very easy to go blissfully on. The reality is that our sanitary system is under great stress and could collapse at any time or 2 months from now since the river water level continues to be high. The Anne Carlsen School is still at our Zebedee Center for at least a month and maybe more.

So it also goes with our moral lives, our happiness. Outwardly everything seems to be going extremely

well. We give that impression. Yet there are probably some of those underground struggles going on in our lives. We hurt. We deny our moral affliction, sins or wrongs. We find it hard to let go and forgive or accept forgiveness. We find it hard to hope or love. There is a lot of negative infiltration into our very being. We are under siege.

This spiritual condition also has to be confronted and addressed. If we don't, we will find neither happiness nor love. It is love that is the underground, the footing of our lives. We hunger for Love. As St. John says in the gospel: "God is love." We hunger for God. When we let God-Love infiltrate our lives, then our footing, our infrastructure is rebuilt.

May our high water experience bless us in this way.

Many of our soldiers, family and friends were blessed with the well-built infrastructure of Love. May we all be blessed as we remember those who served our country, especially those who gave their lives for all of us out of Love.

Pentecost (wear red) will be observed Sunday, May 31, a feast that observes the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the followers of the Lord. You are invited to wear "red," if possible, to extend the color of this day. It recalls the witness of Christians to the risen Lord, and the tongues of fire that gave the disciples courage and fortitude to live and die for Christ.

St. James Basilica Pastoral Staff visit 58 homebound residents on the 1st Friday of every month.

The Foundation for Advancement of Christian Education (FACE) is seeking a part time (20 hours per week) office manager. As St. John's Academy's endowment fund, this job position will be responsible for all office work, including the receipt and acknowledgement of donor contributions. Working hours are very flexible. Limited summer hours would be considered with a more formal work schedule once school resumes in the fall. Please send resume to Joan Morris, FACE Board President, 632 7th Street Loop NW, Jamestown, ND 58401. For more information on this position, please call Joan at 701-952-6441.

FACE Fact: St. John's Academy's endowment fund, the Foundation for Advancement of Christian Education (FACE) provided 43 students with tuition assistance during the 2007-2008 academic year for a total of \$59,346.00

This space is for bulletin Ads!!!!

LAST CHANCE TO HAVE YOUR PICTURE TAKEN FOR THE PICTORIAL DIRECTORY!!

PLEASE HELP US FILL OUR PHOTOGRAPHY TIMES!

We need at least 200 households to be photographed to meet our goal - share your smile!

There are 147 times available to have your picture taken, only 31 households are signed up for this last week of May. There are 5 days available. You are **not required** to buy any pictures but will receive a free 8x10 and pictorial directory for your time.

If you would like to use your picture from the last pictorial directory you need to bring that picture into the parish office with copyright permission from Life Touch. You can call Life Touch at 1-800-521-4611 to get a release form.

You may submit any recent picture, if it was taken by a professional, you need to get a release form from them.

Photography Dates:

May 27-29 (Wed. - Fri.) from 3:00 - 9:30pm

May 30 (Saturday) from 10:00am - 5:00pm

You can sign up by calling

1-800-866-2263

Our sympathy and remember in prayer the families of those who died recently, Roseanne "Gengler" Arlington, sister of Joanne (Don) Lorenz; Anton Kunz; Deacon Ignatz Zach.

In your prayers please remember our friends and relatives who are deployed in Iraq and overseas: (*new names are in parentheses and Italics*)

Jeffery Andersen

Kevin Andersen

Fr. Jack Herron

Nick Kluck

Jake McClean

Leah Nasset

Mark Sad

Blaine Williams

Tony Wolf

(If you know of new people, please let us know).

In your prayers please remember our sick: (*new names are in parentheses and italics*) To make things more personal, we include names for two weeks. Behind each name is the neighborhood or outlying parish with which they are connected. Thus we ask the neighborhood or outlying parish to continue praying for them. If you don't remember your neighborhood you can check the map at the church west entrance.

Marcus Jensen (SE McElroy), Leaders: Agnes Jensen & Elaine Falck

Ruth & Brenden Short

This Week Around the Parish

Sun. 2:30pm Jamestown High School Graduation	Civic Center
Mon. Memorial Day, Parish Offices closed	
Mon. 12:45-2pm Adult Bible Study, Holy Spirit Room	Parish Center
Mon. 8:00pm Rosary & Devotion	Basilica
Tue. Potluck following 5:15pm Eucharist, with Fr. Jack Davis and his choir as guests	Parish Center
Tue. 8:00pm Rosary & Devotion	Basilica
Wed. 3:00-9:30pm Photo Sessions for Pictorial Directory	Parish Center
Wed. 7:00pm Basilica Choir Rehearsal,	Basilica
Thu. 3:00-5:30pm priest's deanery, Conference Room	Zebedee Center
Thu. 3:00-9:30pm Photo Sessions for Pictorial Directory	Parish Center
Thu. 7:00-8:30pm Youth Choir Rehearsal	Basilica
Fri. 3:00-9:30pm Photo Sessions for Pictorial Directory	Parish Center
Fri. 6:30pm Wedding Rehearsal: Elizabeth Ganser & Nolan Peterson	Basilica
Fri. 8:00pm Rosary & Devotion	Basilica
Sat. 8:00am Vacation Bible School Set-up	Zebedee Center
Sat. 10:00am-5:00pm Photo Sessions for Pictorial Directory	Parish Center
Sat. 6:15pm Wedding: Elizabeth Ganser & Nolan Peterson	Basilica

Who's the Faster Pastor? We say it's Father Joe. Fr. Joe is representing St. James in the Faster Pastor Walk at the Walk/Run for Christ on June 20. Fr. Joe is raising funds for our Faith Formation and Youth Ministry Mission and Service projects.

How do I help? –Pledges will be taken at church entrances the weekend of June 13 and 14 Fr. Joe. Donations will be credited to your neighborhood.

Neighborhood Challenge – Last year's neighborhood winners were 1st place: SW Hill, 2nd place: NE Bloom and 3rd place: NE Fried. We look forward to another exciting challenge this year!

Join the fun! – You don't have to run or walk – just come out to the Jamestown Reservoir and cheer on the runners and walkers and join us for free food and Christian music with "Cosmotion". (Our own St. James Christian Music Group)

Bring your neighborhood and join the fun.

Day's Events for June 21, 2009

8:00 – Registration

9:00 – 5 K Run 10 K run

10:00 - Faster Pastor walk, 5K family walk, 5K Walk race Individual walk

11:00 – 1:00 Meal served by the Knights of Columbus

12:00 – Kid's ¼ mile race

12:15 – Race Awards

12:30 – Music by "Cosmotion"

1:00-3:00 Enjoy Fellowship

St. John's Academy News:

Kids' Kingdom: Jill Mahoney and Laurie Witzig are the long time teachers of our wonderful pre-school program. This program is 2 or 3 half days a week. It takes children from ages 3 and 4. There still is room. Call 252-3397 or Email st.john@sendit.nodak.edu.

Exciting New Program—Accredited Pre-K

Saint John's Academy is proud to announce an exciting new pre-kindergarten program starting the fall of 2009. This program will be accredited by the state of

North Dakota and taught by a teacher with a B.S. degree in elementary education and a minor in early childhood education. This program will meet 5 days a week, half-days, to create the consistency of a school routine and help children adjust to the school community. This program is for all children who will enter kindergarten in the fall of 2010. Please call Saint John's Academy at 252-3397 for more information or email alysa.enger@sendit.nodak.edu or pamela.hansen@sendit.nodak.edu

Faith Formation News:

Question of the Week

Ascension - Week of May 24, 2009

Acts 1: 1-11, Ephesians 4: 1-13, Mark 16: 15-20

We are sent, and Christ is with us

Question for Children: Jesus helps us be brave when we need to be. When do you need to be brave?

Question for Youth: Even after Jesus ascended into heaven, he worked through the disciples to spread the Gospel. We are Jesus' disciples today. How can you open yourself up more to let Jesus work through you to be Good News in the world today?

Question for Adults: How do you experience the divine power of Christ-among-us in your daily life?

Vacation Bible School is fast approaching!! Join us for an exciting adventure as we travel to Ancient Rome to see Paul and the Underground Church on May 31-June 4. Children ages 4-5 & through completion of 5th

grade are invited to participate. Experience what it was like to live during early Christian times. You don't want to miss it!! Contact the Faith Formation office for more information.

BIBLE STUDY

Acts of the Apostles - continues to meet on Mondays at 12:45-2:00 pm at the Parish Center. We will meet through June 8.

Romans – An adult bible study on the book of Romans will be offered on the evenings of Vacation Bible School. (June 1-4) We will be using the book Amazing Grace, a study of the Book of Romans by Kevin Perrotta. If you are interested in joining this group, contact Shirley at the Faith Formation Office 252-0478. faithformation@csicable.net. Books are available through the Faith Formation Office.

“Young People United in a Single Friendship”, Fr. Jack Davis’s award winning choir from Chimbote, Peru is coming to St. James Basilica on **Tuesday, May 26, 2009**. The choir, formed to “encourage the parish community to celebrate through song dedicated exclusively to God”, will have a concert at 7:30 p.m. Join with Fr. Jack Davis, the choir and others for Eucharist at 5:15 p.m. followed by a potluck meal around 6:15 p.m. in the Parish Center. The concert will follow the meal. For more information, please call Shirley Wallace at the Faith Formation Office at 252-0478.

Taken from Jamestown Sun - August 1987 - by James Smorada

Priest seeks small miracles

Summers are for reunions.

Families regroup. Classes gather and old friends and former associates use the occasion to check in. There are always some surprises: The long lost friend of 20 years ago shows up and it doesn't just seem like old times, it IS old times. With visits like this the renewal of memories makes youth seem not so long ago.

And there are reunions that cause a nagging uneasiness not because they are unpleasant but because they remind a person that personal comfort may not be life's highest calling.

A reunion like that happened last week with a friend who took youth's good intentions and plugged them in to adult life. Father John E. Davis, a priest from the diocese of Fargo and an old friend, stopped by on business. The priest is a member of the St. James Society, an organization of missionary priests that is only 30 years old. Fr. Davis has spent 12 years in the society and is currently working with a parish in Chimbote Peru.

Jack and I were students together at St. John's University, Collegeville, Minn. Jack was in the seminary and, as such, was forbidden to talk to the rest of us who were not. Like so many things that made little sense to him, Jack ignored the prohibition; we were friends.

Jack was one of those rare human beings who has a job to do—obviously one assigned by some higher authority—and is consistent about seeing it done. He was not satisfied with the safe haven of parishes in eastern North Dakota. He sought the bishop's permission to go to South America. The bishop permitted it and Jack threw himself at problems that stagger the mind.

Jack, by his own admission, is no easy student of language. It took him years to master Spanish, difficult years, and now he preaches with sufficient command hold a crowd on Sunday.

The priest works with the poor and very poor in Chimbote, a huge, smelly fishing town where it

rains once every 40 years and where the ground water is so salty it kills rather than nourishes.

Jack turns aside questions about why he would want to do something like this; he could have had a safer life. He has been robbed at gunpoint, robbed at knife point, been beaten for money, been terrorized and vandalized—in some categories more than once.

Jack turns that aside and talks about people deserving a humane government that recognizes human rights to peace, respect, health and dignity.

These are no theoretical concerns. Fr. Davis is no academic philosopher or theologian. He is concerned with the needs of Christ's people who need to be paid daily to buy enough food to eat sufficiently to regain enough strength to work another day. He is concerned with an open sewer in a parish that is the chief reason the babies he baptizes die of diarrhea and young get sick and can't work.

Just what does Fr. John Davis, priest from Devils Lake, think he is accomplishing? “just a little bit,” he says, his eyebrows leveling over intense brown eyes that never light on one thing for very long. He admits there was a time when he was sure that his sermons would draw hundreds, maybe thousand to his parish. They come but not in fantasy numbers—real numbers, with real needs and seldom with needs Davis expected. He is not disappointed; he knows the numbers game better now.

Davis has spent nearly three months back in North America. He is recruiting help: more priests, an engineer to build a sewer system, medical help, teachers. He is not calling anyone to an easy life. But then, neither did the one who gave him his assignment.

For Jack Davis, this is the kind of commitment characterized in the theology of liberation.

'Are you walking the journey of a Christian Steward'

What is stewardship: "A Christian Steward is one who receives God's gifts gratefully, cherishes and cares for those gifts in a responsible and accountable manner, shares them in justice and love with others, and returns them with increase to the Lord."

This definition is from A Disciple's Response, from the National Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Development office at St. James Basilica and St. John's Academy

"And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it". (Matthew 16:18)

The Catholic Church has existed for over 2000 years. Christ has given us our faith foundation. He truly is our strength.

Let us embrace the life of Christ by reaching out to each other and furthering the mission of Christ. May your stewardship actions broaden that mission. Consider leaving a portion of your blessings to the St. James Basilica or St. John's Academy (FACE) endowments or designating a gift in your estate plans.

If you've already designated a gift in your will, please let us know. We'd love to thank you! Please call Peggy in the development office at 701-252-2434 or email development@csicable.net.

Youth celebrating Baptismal Anniversaries this week

Kaden Anderson
Sarah Azure
Arron Benson
Ryan Benson
Carter Boyd

Jayda Boyd
Anabelle Cramer
Madeline Elseth
Halee Frey
Alexandra Grenz

Joseph Jensen
Keith Levin
Aaron Mack
Kaylee Olson
Tate Orr

Noah Ripplinger
Sawyer Suko

Next Baptism Preparation Session will be held on **Tuesday, June 9** at 7:00 pm at the Zebedee Center. Please call 252-0478 to register.

OUTSIDE THE PARISH

La Leche League of Jamestown

La Leche League is an international organization committed to offering breastfeeding information and support to mothers. Monthly meetings discuss advantages of breastfeeding, childbirth and the new baby at home, the art of breastfeeding and avoiding difficulties, nutrition and weaning.

Meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month at the James River Family YMCA. Our next meeting will be held Tuesday, June 2nd at 6:30pm. All mothers-to-be, mothers, and babies are welcome! For breastfeeding and/or meeting information contact Lindsey at (701)252-1274 or lindscramer@yahoo.com.

I remember one of our sisters, who had just graduated from the university. She came from a well-to-do family that lived outside of India.

According to our rule, the very next day after joining our society, the postulants must go to the home for the dying destitute in Calcutta. Before this sister went, I told her, "You saw the priest during the Mass, with what love, with what delicate care he touched the body of Christ. Make sure you do the same thing when you get to the home, because Jesus is there in a distressing disguise."

So she went, and after three hours, she came back. That girl from the university, who had seen and understood so many things, came to my room with such a beautiful smile on her face. She said, "For three hours I've been touching the body of Christ!"

And I said, "What did you do? What happened?" She said, "They brought a man from the street who had fallen into a drain and had been there for some time. He was covered with maggots and dirt and wounds. And though I found it very difficult, I cleaned him, and I knew I was touching the body of Christ!"

Mother Teresa

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