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THE VOICE

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***Congratulations
Fr. Al M. Bitz
for 40 years of service
to the church as a
Priest of Fargo!***

Eucharist 3:30pm at St. James Basilica. Reception and Program will follow at the Civic Center.

Yes, those attending the 3:30pm Eucharist are fulfilling their Sunday Obligation.

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.

Blessed the people the Lord has chosen, chosen to be his own.



Pledge Fr. Joe Next Weekend!

Fr. Joe will be representing St. James Basilica on June 20th in the Faster Pastor Race at the WalkRun with Christ. Next weekend we will be taking pledges for Fr. Joe after all weekend Eucharists. All amounts are accepted and there is no limit on the amount of any donation. Last year Fr. Joe raised over \$5000. Stop by the west entrance to the church and help him do even better this year!

Neighborhood Challenge

The neighborhood challenge is to raise the most dollars of sponsorship for Father Joe. Neighborhood leaders (or another representative) are invited to contact members and ask for pledges so Father Joe can win the Faster Pastor walk! The neighborhood that raises the most dollars in pledges wins a cook out with Donn and Velma Yatskis for the entire neighborhood. All supplies provided!

St. John's Academy recruiting students: 1st grade teacher, Meghan Braun, will be contacting parents of Pre-K through 1st grade students by letter and phone. Hopefully she will be able to meet with you in your home. Meghan will be able to tell you the educational opportunities of St. John's Academy. Please welcome her.

There will be an open house for Marna Falk celebrating her 75th birthday, Sunday, June 7th from 2-4pm at the Lakeview Meadow Resort (8280 31st Street SE Jamestown). No gifts please.

60th Wedding Anniversary...Melvin and Agnes Wegner will celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary with an Open House in their honor on Sunday, June 14 from 2-4pm at their home 1121 15th St SW. All friends and relatives are invited to help them celebrate. No gifts please.

Thank you to Deb and Arnie Falk for the donation of flowers and for the parish grounds.

This Week's Liturgies - June 8-14, 2009

MON 12:10pm (L) Bob & Ginny Moran (51st Wedding Anniversary) by
 Glory Ebertz
8:30pm Eucharist @ Stutsman County Correction Center

TUE 12:10pm † Ryan Williams by Alice & Warren Williams
12:15pm Eucharist @ North Dakota State Hospital
(SE Corner of La Haug Building)

WED 10:00am † Rose & Arlene Pfarr by Jeanette Fettig
@ Ave Maria Village
12:10pm (L) Mike Williams by NW Neighborhood

THU 12:10pm † Anna & Alfred Martell by Loretta Cornell
12:40pm Adoration
3:30pm SW Buffalo Neighborhood by Lisa Barnick & Cheryl Lende
@ Rock of Ages
5:00pm Benediction

FRI 10:00am † Sally Clemens by Dorothy Wikstrom
@ Hi-Acres Manor
12:10pm † Eleanor Torrey by Jerry & Judy Cichos

SAT 8:00am Living & Deceased members of the Knights of Columbus
4:30pm † Myles Boyle by Don & Marie Boyle

SUN 8:30am † Jackie Kainz by Leo Kainz Family
10:30am (L) Melvin & Agnes Wegner (60th Wedding Anniversary)
 by Family
6:00pm † Rick Sandness by Jim & Pat Drong

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	Deut.4:32-34,39-40 (165B)
	2nd	Romans 8:14-17
	Gospel	Mt. 28:16-20
Mon	1st	2 Cor 1:1-7
	Gospel	Matthew 5:1-12
Tue	1st	2 Cor 1:18-22
	Gospel	Matthew 5:13-16
Wed	1st	2 Cor 3:4-11
	Gospel	Matthew 5:17-19
Thu	1st	Acts 11:21b-26:13:1-3
	Gospel	Matthew 5:20-26
Fri	1st	2 Cor 4:7-15
	Gospel	Matthew 5:27-32
Sat	1st	2 Cor 5:14-21
	Gospel	Matthew 5:33-37
Sun	1st	Job 38:1-,8-11 (958)
	2nd	2 Cor. 5:14-1
	Gospel	Mark 4:35-41

Liturgies at Outlying Parishes

Next Sunday at

St. Mathias, Windsor

8:30am Priest Intention

Next Sunday at

St. Margaret, Buchanan

10:30am † Walter Reiland

by St. Michael's Parish

Vocation Fact: Career studies have shown that the occupational choice of young people are largely traceable to the influence of home, family and parents. How do you encourage your child to make their vocational choice in the context of their faith?

'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.

This week our expressed thanks Wife and family, priests, nice weather, God's grace and mercy, neighbors, care of engineers in National Guard, safety God gives us, family, sunshine, faith, God's gifts.

Youth celebrating Baptismal Anniversaries this week

Amanda Anderson

Tony Anderson

Josie Gerber

Mckade Kleinknecht

Olivia Maulding

Maggie Anderson

Andrew Gerling

Carlos Jimenez

Luke LeFevre

Erica McCoy

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.

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PBS radio recently had a report on people losing their houses. This report focused on the hardships it created for the various members of the family. This particular family with one child moved into a 2 bedroom apartment. The young child didn't like the new place because her room was filled with toys and she couldn't move around her room.

The amount of toys that our children have seemingly has become a challenge for parents and for children. How many times have you seen a child opening gifts at Christmas time and they get tired of it before all the toys (given by various family members who really want to see the child open their gift and get a big smile and thank you from the child) are opened. At a certain point the child often picks out a particular box and starts playing with it.

They often pick the box because they get so frustrated with the variety of possible choices that they just give up. I read one study about this phenomenon. The study did find that having too many toys for children is not good. They have too many choices. It is hard—even in picking paint colors often we adults say there are just too many choices. Thus children end up simply frustrated and pick something completely different, such as a box.

Having so many choices is not only a challenge for our children, but it is also a challenge for us adults. We recall the first beatitude: "Blessed are the poor in spirit" as well as the other beatitudes and "It is more blessed to give than to receive." It seems we are created for a simple life-style. Simplicity offers happiness. Detachment from things offers us relationships with people. We are called to a life-style that is "simple in things but elegant in unity."

Another exciting time was had at this year's Vacation Bible School. From May 31-June 4, seventy-four children and fifty-eight volunteers traveled to Ancient Rome where we visited Paul and the Underground Church. We experienced what it was like to be an Early Christian in the Church, and we gave "extollo" or praise to our God through songs and actions. We also raised money for Heifer International, an organization which buys animals for families in third world countries in an effort to improve their lives. We wish to thank all those who donated food items for our Vacation Bible School and for those who prayed for us during this time of growing in our faith. We look forward to next summer when we will go on a new Vacation Bible School adventure. Hope to see you there!!

EXCITING WEB SITE ENHANCEMENT: St. James Basilica has added a "link" to the Basilica's website that connects to the Diocese of Fargo Planned Giving web page. This Planned Giving link provides you with vast charitable giving resources. Check it out! Learn about wills, life insurance, gift annuities, estate planning and much more. Go to our website www.stjamesbasilica.org, click on Planned Giving Opportunities on the 1st and 2nd pages. We are very grateful for this diocesan resource – provided to us at no cost - that assists parishioners with making their philanthropic or charitable giving dreams come true. This unified effort will help us enhance our ministries and continue Catholic educational opportunities.

Parishioners of St. Mathias, Windsor and St. Margaret, Buchanan:

Come and help celebrate life with us!

Bryan and Gloria Jones will be hosting their annual celebration of life backyard picnic on Saturday, June 13th, 2009 from 2:00PM – 10:00PM. This year they will honor Agnes Greenshields in celebrating her 80th Birthday. We welcome all family and friends to join us for food and fun. No gifts please.

FACE Fact: In 1977, due to increased enrollment at St. John's Academy, the Foundation for Advancement of Christian Education (FACE) purchased 34 desks for the first and fourth grade classrooms. This was FACE's first project for the Academy. \$14 million dollars in gifts later, FACE, St. John's Academy's endowment fund, is still providing support to St. John's Academy.

This space is for bulletin Ads!!!!

Our sympathy and remember in prayer the families of those who died recently, *Patricia Falck* sister of Mark (Jean) Wanzek and Raymond (Annette) Wanzek; *Alicia Stratford*, daughter of Jacquelynn (Christopher) Stratford, granddaughter of Mirt Brown and niece of Richard (Deidra) Brown.

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

Kevin Andersen
Ryan Carroll
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.

Muriel Haut (NE Gussner Neighborhood) Leader:
Chuck and Marlene Axtman

Larry Palmer (NE High School Neighborhood)
Leader: Darlene Heintz

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

Women's Evening Bible Study will be meeting Wednesday June 17, 7:00 PM. Please join us for an evening to share and grow in your Catholic faith. Call Leann Ripplinger, 952-1750, for more info.

Brides and Bridal Gowns: Brides have said it is hard to find a modest bridal gown or bridal attendant gowns. One of our parishioners, Cil Jarrett (701-489-3543) does a wonderful job of sewing original gowns. You can also take a look at the following web sites to get some ideas for a modest gown.

<http://beautifullymodest.com>
<http://dressofalifetime.com/>

<http://aformalchoice.com/>
<http://simplyelegantforyou.com/>

This Week Around the Parish

Sun. 3:30pm Eucharist celebrating Fr. Al Bitz's 40 years in the priesthood	Basilica
Sun. Following 3:30pm Eucharist, dinner and program	Civic Center
Mon. 12:45-2pm Adult Bible Study	Parish Center
Mon. 8:00pm Rosary & Devotion	Basilica
Tue. 7:00pm Baptism Preparation Session, Shirley's Office	Zebedee Center
Tue. 8:00pm Rosary & Devotion	Basilica
Wed. 4:45pm Rosary & Devotion	Basilica
Thu. 8:00pm Rosary & Devotion	Basilica
Fri. 9:30am-1:00pm ND Catholic Conference	Parish Center
Fri. 8:00pm Rosary & Devotion, Holy Spirit Room	Parish Center
Sat. 4:00-9:00pm 4th Degree Knights of Columbus Meeting	Parish Center

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252-9276

Our business of the week. Please support them and all who advertise in our bulletin.

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Faith Formation News:

Question of the Week - *The Holy Trinity/Trinity Sunday – June 7, 2009*

Deuteronomy 4: 32-34, 39-40, Romans 8: 14-17, Matthew 28:16-20 - *The Trinity*

Question for Children: Why do you think Catholics make "The Sign of the Cross" when we pray?

Question for Youth: How often do you think about God as Trinity? How do you relate to each member of the Trinity?

Question for Adults: As each of us is called and sent by Christ, how have you incorporated this into your own life, whether married, single, in religious life, or ordained?

Saint of the Week

Philip Neri, Priest and Doctor — 1515 – 1595

Philip Neri was born at Florence Italy, the son of a minor government official. As a young man, Philip was sent off to pursue a career as a businessman, but he gave this up almost immediately for the religious life. After three years of studying philosophy and theology in Rome, Philip discarded, for the time being, the idea of being ordained. Instead, he began preaching in the streets and markets of Rome as a layman.

Philip had a large circle of friends from all walks of life. His sermons were marked by cheerfulness and good humor, which was in sharp contrast to the type of preaching which people usually heard at that time. Philip also became an influential leader in the Counter-Reformation.

With his confessor, Fr. Persiano Rossa, Philip founded the Confraternity of the Most Holy Trinity in 1548. This was a group of laymen who banded together to minister to needy pilgrims. At the urging of Fr. Rossa, Philip was ordained in 1551. He was successful in encouraging many priests to conduct conferences for the pilgrims, who sought spiritual guidance and solace. This group, in time, became known as Oratorians because of their custom of inviting groups to their oratory (room) for prayer and consultation.

Philip Neri became known as "the Apostle of Rome." He was sought after by popes and bishops, rich and

poor, rulers and common people. The whole College of Cardinals came to him for counsel and spiritual guidance. Visitors to Rome from other parts of the world sought appointments with him.

Philip's remarkable success in converting the influential people in the church to holiness rests in his engaging personality, but also in his light-hearted manner. He believed that there was no conflict between spirituality and having a good laugh. "I will have no sad spirits in my house," he said. "Cheerful people are more easily led to perfection." St. Philip Neri belies the idea that sanctity requires putting on a long face. Indeed, while this saint has not been declared a patron saint, he might very well join St. Vitus as a patron of comedians.

Philip Neri died in Rome on May 26, 1595 and was canonized in 1622 by Pope Gregory XV. He was later declared a Doctor of the Church. His memorial is celebrated on May 26.

Philip's Message Today: It is said that Philip Neri prayed, "Let me get through the day, and I shall not fear tomorrow." With that prayer, and a sense of humor, Philip was ready to face the trials that we all encounter in our day-to-day lives.

Do you sometimes take yourself too seriously? Remember that God, too, has a sense of humor and wants us to be joyful.

OUTSIDE THE PARISH

RELAY FOR LIFE on Friday June 12 at the Jamestown College Track, starting at 6pm. The 4th Degree Knights will lead the survivors on their first lap. Activities planned through the whole night including: items for sale. On behalf of the Relay for Life Committee thank you for anything you may have done to help this great event. If you would like to help with this evening or need more information contact Connie Haas @ 269-2855.

Are You Divorced or Widowed? Did you know that there is a program specifically for you, sponsored by the Catholic Church? "Beginning Experience" (B.E.) is open to people of all churches or no church, but it is sponsored by the Catholic Church, and the Diocese of Fargo. "Level One" of B.E. meets one night a week for 10 weeks, and focuses on the grieving process. Confidentiality is stressed at all times.

Beginning Experience of Jamestown will be offering

the ten-week course starting Thursday, June 18 at south the entrance of Trinity Lutheran Church, 523 4th Ave SE.

Registration is at 7pm and classes begin at 7:30pm. For more information contact Jay Wagner @ 252-0525.

NEW WINE, a youth music and drama troupe based at Zion Lutheran Church in Cloquet, MN will be presenting "Kingdom Tales" at Trinity Lutheran Church, 523 4th Ave SE at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, June 19, 2009. NEW WINE is a group of 44 9th through 12th graders from 6 different high schools and 12 different churches of many denominations from Cloquet and surrounding communities, and is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year. Our 2009 production, "Kingdom Tales," is a lively retelling of several parables, cleverly intertwining the lives of the characters in the play with the lives of those in the Bible stories.