



THE BASILICA of ST. JAMES

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St. Mathias St. Michael

Windsor

Pingree

St. Margaret's

Buchanan

1st Sunday of Advent

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THE VOICE

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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:

"To you, O Lord, I lift my soul."

Bible Study for Men:

Every Thursday morning, Parish Center, 7am-7:45am.

Advent Reconciliation Services at the Basilica:

6:30pm Monday, November 30, 2009 (1st Reconciliation and family, friends & parishioners)

6:30pm December 14, 2009 (People from all parishes are invited)

Advent Reconciliation Services - Deanery 7

Oriska Tri-Parish

November 28, 6:30pm, Sacred Heart, Sanborn

December 10, 6:00pm, St. Agatha, Hope

December 12, 6:30pm, St. Bernard, Oriska

December 13, 7:00pm, Sacred Heart, Carrington

December 13, 1:30pm, St. Elizabeth, Sykeston

December 20, 7:00pm, St. Catherine, Valley City

The Advent Giving Tree is available in the west foyer entrance. Please prayerfully consider blessing others as God has generously blessed us. St. James Basilica invites you to be grateful stewards by selecting a snowflake from the angel tree.

"The Winter Rose"

Saturday, December 5, 2009 - 7:00pm

Presented by St. James Basilica Choir

And Children's Basilica Choir

This Christmas Cantata is a beautiful setting centered around the rose as it first appears in the Garden, as the Christmas Rose – baby Jesus, to the thorns on Jesus' crown.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Refreshments following in Parish Center

Benefit planned for

Former Jamestown College employee and parishioners of St. James Basilica

His wife Angela worked in the St. John's Academy Hot Lunch until recently.

The John and Angie Awender family benefit spaghetti dinner and silent auction will be held from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, Dec. 9** at the **KC Hall** in Jamestown. Tickets are \$5 per person or \$10 for a family.

John Awender worked at the Jamestown College physical plant for several years prior to serving a tour of duty in Iraq in 2007-08. Upon returning, he was unable to continue working due to injuries.

Jamestown College employees Cathy Lutz and Roger Parsons are co-chairs for the benefit. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans is helping to sponsor the event.

For more information, call 269-9337 or 320-5204.

A benefit account has also been established at Unison Bank.

This Week's Liturgies - November 30 - December 6, 2009

MON 12:10pm † Martha Geroux by Sally & Darwin Lind
TUE 12:10pm † Leonard Bitz by Fr. Al Bitz
 12:15pm † *Linda McCleery* by Rev. Dennis Skonseng
Eucharist @ North Dakota State Hospital
(SE Corner of La Haug Building)
WED 10:00am † William and Lorraine Wright @ Ave Maria Village
 12:10pm † *Victor VanErem* (Benefactor)
THU 12:10pm(L) Vickie Williams by NW Neighborhood
 12:40pm Adoration
 3:30pm **Communion Service @ Rock of Ages**
 5:00pm Benediction
 7:00pm **Eucharist @ James River Correctional Center**
FRI 10:00am (L) David Boyle by Dave & Barb Hogan
@ Hi-Acres Manor
 12:10pm † *Vernon Lidstrand* by Family
 8:00pm **All-night Adoration concludes at 7:45am Saturday**
SAT 8:00am Living & Deceased Members of Knights of Columbus
 4:30pm † *Don McCommon* by Pat McCommon
SUN 8:30am † Mary Pat Everson by Larry & Darlene Kropp
 10:30am † *John Dardis* by Pat, Tim & Megan Dardis
 6:00pm (L) *Jerry Cichos* by NW Neighborhood
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	Jer. 33;14-16(3C)
	2nd	1Thess. 3:12-4:2
	Gospel	Luke 21:25-28,34-36
Mon	1st	Rom. 10:9-18
	Gospel	Mt. 4:18-22
Tue	1st	Is. 11:1-10
	Gospel	Luke 10:21-24
Wed	1st	Is. 25:6-10a
	Gospel	Mt. 15:29-37
Thu	1st	Is. 26:1-6
	Gospel	Mt. 7:21,24-27
Fri	1st	Is. 29:17-24
	Gospel	Mt. 9:27-31
Sat	1st	Is 30:19-21,23-26
	Gospel	Mt. 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sun	1st	Bar. 5:1-9 (6C)
	2nd	Phil. 1:4-6,8-11
	Gospel	Luke 3:1-6

Assisted Hearing Units are available in the Sacristy of St. James.

Liturgies at Outlying Parishes

8:30am Next Sunday at

St. Mathias, Windsor

† *Ervin Eissing* by his Family

10:30am Next Sunday at

St. Michael's, Pingree

People of the Basilica and Outlying Parishes by Fr. Bitz

This week our expressed thanks

are: friends, family, life, nice weather, extended family, my health, salvation, good medical report, freedom, each day, God's grace, support groups in the community.

Congratulations to St. Mathias Church at Windsor for achieving 146% of their God's Gift Goal. The church at Dickey also made 146%. the church at Rock Lake was No 1 having made 157% of their goal. Buchanan made 128%; Pingree 105% and Jamestown 89%. Thanks to all the participants in the God's Gift Campaign.

FACE Fact: To all of our donors, thank you for your gifts to FACE!

Doing the work of Justice is hard work. We do not go looking for it. Usually it begs us with glaring eyes.

We welcome into our Faith Community newly baptized:

Jaeger Dominic Slade Dreher, son of Brian & Tonia, brother of Blaine and Paxton whose grandparents are Robert Dreher & Carol Kennedy, Westcliffe, Colorado; Margaret Dreher, Alberta, Canada and Linda Ebel, Jamestown, ND.

Youth celebrating Baptismal Anniversaries this week

Alyssa Bergman

Austin Geigle

Jacob Gross

Isaac Henne

Michael Mahoney

Alex Moran

Gage Orr

Madelyn Orr

Caden Price

Cassandra Rowell

Jessa Selchert

Trista Steele

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

BitsofBitz

While I was on retreat recently, I asked Archbishop Carlson of St. Louis—he has been quite successful in vocations work—what qualities he looks for when he asks someone to consider the priesthood. He said: generosity, an attitude of service and faith expression. That gives all of us some guidance and encouragement in asking someone to prayerfully consider the possibility of a calling to be a priest.

I find the chapel at Maryvale in Valley City to be very meditative and communitarian. The crucifix is carved out of wood which mutes the rawness of death. At the same time, it spoke to me not only of the crucifixion but also the resurrection because of its dignity and strength—something that is not easy to do in a piece of art. In this cross, the crossbeam is longer than the vertical beam. This suggests to me Christ's blessing and service to the world and its people. Blessed Pope John XXIII, who called the second Vatican Council, looked at

the cross from his deathbed and said to the people around him: "The outstretched arms of Christ on the cross are the heart of my ministry. My arms have been open also to all the people." The cross (not a crucifix) on top of the tabernacle has a short crossbeam and a long vertical beam which suggest the resurrection. Thus the Eucharist is a celebration of and participation in the Pascal Mystery—the death, resurrection and ascension into heaven of Christ. The front of the tabernacle and the sanctuary lamp stand both have a touch of green—the color of hope! The ambo is granite, but at the same time one can see through it and see the Proclaimer in whom the Word is enfleshed. I knew the architect of Maryvale and the strength of his quiet faith. I am delighted that the Sisters have appreciated the original intent and design. It would be interesting to study how this art has quietly formed the spirituality of the Sisters of Maryvale.

Advent is Here! In addition to the insert you will find in today's bulletin, Advent devotional materials can be found at all entrances to the church. We hope you will find these helpful for your Advent prayer.

Other Advent Resources can be found on-line. These are some of Shirley's favorites:

At Loyola Press

<http://www.loyolapress.com>

click on Advent Retreat or 3 Minute Retreat or Daily Inspiration

At Good Ground Press

http://www.goodgroundpress.com/advent_2009.aspx

At Creighton University

<http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/daily.html> (and)

<http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMInistry/Advent>

Advent/Christmas Environment ... If you would like to donate toward the environment for the Advent/Christmas season in memory of a deceased loved one or in remembrance of someone special in your life, please complete the form below, include it in your offering, and drop in the collection basket. Thank you.

Your Name: _____

Parish: _____

Deceased: _____

Living: _____

Amount donated: _____

St. John's Academy News:

Saint John's Academy Kids' Kingdom Preschool has openings for students **ages 3 and up**. Students must be toilet trained. For more information, please call 252-3397. Kids' Kingdom Preschool is a state licensed program.

PTO is in need of someone to organize the Catholic Schools week SJA Carnival. Please consider if you can donate time for this event. Contact Tonya at 269-1381 for more information. Thanks.

Our sympathy and remember in prayer the families of those who died recently, Alvin Wagner, brother-in-law of Ken (Judy) Anderson.

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

Ryan Carroll
Rob Falk
Scott Gainsforth
Tyrel Gion
Caron Isakson
Fr. Jack Herron

Nick Kluck
Joseph Nasset
Leah Nasset
Christopher Olsen
Michael Pommerer
Philip Pommerer

Daniel Shealy
Mark Sjostrom
Abby Tews
Jerod Tufte
Blaine Williams

(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.

Glory Ebertz (NE Central Dakota Neighborhood)
Leaders:
Carol Kachel and Loretta Jung

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

Dale Lende (SW Buffalo Neighborhood) Leaders:
Cheryl Lende and Lisa Barnick

The Year of Priests

Pray for the following priests (November 29-December 5, 2009)

November 29

Fr. Paul Schuster
Bottineau - Westhope



November 30

Fr. Roger Snell
Edgeley - Manor



December 1

Fr. William Sherman
Retired



December 2

Fr. Gerard Braun
Grand Forks - St.
Michael



December 3

Fr. John Kleinschmidt
Minto - Warsaw



December 4

Fr. John Ejike
Rugby - Knox



December 5

Fr. Robert Smith
Lidgerwood - Geneseo - Cayuga



A Prayer for Priests

Lord Jesus, you have chosen your priests from among us and sent them out to proclaim your word and act in your name. For so great a gift to your Church, we give you praise and thanksgiving. We ask you to fill them with the fire of your love, that their ministry may reveal your presence in the Church. Since they are earthen vessels, we pray that your power shine out through their weakness.

In their afflictions let them never be crushed; in their doubts never despair; in temptation never be destroyed; in persecution never abandoned. Inspire them

through prayer to live each day, that mystery of your dying and rising. In times of weakness send them your Spirit and help them to praise your heavenly Father and pray for the poor sinners.

By the same Holy Spirit, put your word on their lips and your love in their hearts, to bring good news to the poor and healing to the broken-hearted. And may the gift of Mary, your mother, to the disciple whom you loved, be your gift to every priest. Grant that she who formed you in her human image may form them in your Divine image, by the power of your Spirit to the glory of God the Father.
Amen

Join the Church Volleyball League...A fun-filled time of socializing and exercise. Early Sunday afternoons from January 3-March 28. Can play as a team member or as a substitute. All teams are chosen by random drawing with families/couples remaining on the same team.

Open to all members of St. James Basilica and past/present parents of St. John's Academy students.

Sign up in the Basilica's entryway or call Ed & Linda Levin 252-0452.

Search Weekend-December 11-13, 2009 (For those 16 and older). Search weekends are located at Maryvale Convent, Valley City.

Search is a peer-to-peer ministry, allowing youth to minister to youth. Young people will share bits and pieces of themselves; their joys and struggles in everyday life. They will share how Christ fits into their busy

schedules and why it is important to have Christ as a part of your life. The weekend begins at 5:30 p.m. on Friday and concludes around 4:30 p.m. on Sunday.

There is time for prayer, Eucharist, fellowship, and fun.

For more information or to pick up an application, please contact the Faith Formation office at 252-0478 or e-mail faithformation@csicable.net.

First Sunday of Advent - November 29, 2009

Jeremiah 33: 14-16, 1 Thessalonians 3: 12-4:2, Luke 21: 25-28, 34-36 - *Be on guard!*

Question for Children: What helps you to grow in your faith? Who helps you?

Question for Youth: Advent is the Church season when we prepare for Christ's birth at Christmas. What is one thing you can do to prepare yourself spiritually for Christmas?

Question for Adults: Paul exhorts us to "make greater progress" in our spiritual lives. What one step could you take to make greater progress in your own life?

Saint of the Week: Catherine Labouré, Religious

Zoe Labouré was born in southern France. Her mother died when she was eight years old. Following her mother's funeral, she went into her bedroom, picked up a statue of the Blessed Mother and said, "Now, dear Lady, you are to be my mother." She eventually joined the Daughters of Charity and she often would see ap-

paritions of Saint Vincent de Paul and Jesus. She once saw an apparition of Mary standing on a globe with rays streaming from her hands towards the globe. This would become the Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception Medal. Within a few years, millions of medals had been made and were found to be miraculous. It was near Zoe's death that she revealed her visions.

Ladies of the parish if your last name begins with A through F you may be called and asked to donate baked goods for a funeral luncheon or other tabernacle events or to help serve a funeral luncheon. **Assigned Circle for December is Holy Mary.**

This Week Around the Parish

Mon. 12:45pm Brown Bag Bible Study, Holy Spirit Room	Parish Center
Mon 6:30pm 1st Reconciliation	Basilica
Tue. 6:30pm Finance Committee, Conference Room	Zebedee Center
Tue. 7:00pm Pastoral Council meeting, Conference Room,	Zebedee Center
Wed. 6:00pm Basilica and Children's Choir Rehearsal	Basilica
Wed. 6:30pm Reconciliation Parent Meeting	Zebedee Center
Wed. 6:30pm K-6 Faith Formation	Zebedee Center
Wed. 6:30-7:45pm, Middle School	Zebedee Center
Wed. 7:00pm RCIA Inquiry Sessions, Shirley's Office	Zebedee Center
Wed. 7:45-9:00pm, High School	Zebedee Center
Thu. 7:00am Men's Bible Study	Parish Center
Thu. 1:30pm Parish Staff Meeting, Conference Room	Zebedee Center
Thu. 3:00pm Deanery Meeting, Conference Room	Zebedee Center
Thu. 7:00pm Youth Choir Rehearsal	Basilica
Fri. 1st Friday, Homebound visits by Pastoral Staff	
Fri. 8:00-11:30am St. John Academy Rehearsal for Christmas Pageant, Parish Center	Basilica
Fri. 5:30-8pm Basilica & Children's Choir Dress Rehearsal,	Basilica
Sat. 9:00am-3:00pm Long Range Planning	Parish Center
Sat. 9:00am-11pm NET Ministries Retreat	Zebedee Center
Sat. 7:00pm Basilica Choir Christmas Cantata	Basilica

**Shady's Restaurant - located in the Gladstone
252-2057**

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

**Bulletin can be found on
Basilica Website:
www.stjamesbasilica.org**

Great News ~ Extension of IRA Charitable Rollover!

A great opportunity for renewed giving!

The **Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008** extends the IRA rollover gift provisions of the Pension Protection Act of 2006. These provisions are applicable to gifts made in 2008 and 2009.

What does this mean for you? You can use your IRA for charitable contributions to St. James Basilica or St. John's Academy.

You may contribute up to \$100,000 in IRA funds if:

- ★You are 70 ½ or older at the time of your contribution.
- ★The transaction is completed by December 31st, 2009.
- ★You transfer the funds directly to the charity.

(Excluded are gifts made to charitable trusts, donor advised funds and supporting organizations)

~ The gift generates neither taxable income nor a tax deduction.

Remember your gift must be a direct transfer from your IRA to St. James Basilica or St. John's Academy.

God Bless you in your heartfelt giving!

Please feel free to contact Peggy Etzold in Development at 252-2434 or email development@csicable.net if you have any questions.



Listen to "A CD a Week for Advent." Pick up an Advent Bundle (4/\$10) at the Lighthouse display.

Week 1: *Mary: Handmaid of the Lord* by Blessed Mother Teresa

Week 3: *The True Meaning of Christmas* by Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

Week 2: *Becoming the Best Version of Yourself* by Matthew Kelly or *God's Family and Ours: The Church and The Trinity* by Dr. Scott Hahn

Week 4: *Prepare the Way of the King: Making the Most of Advent* by Dr. Scott Hahn

Outside the Parish

Mothers and Mothers-to-be: La Leche League

Planning to breastfeed? Then you'll want the information and encouragement that La Leche League provides. Leaders are experienced breastfeeding mothers, accredited by La Leche League International. Whether you are pregnant or already nursing LLL has something for you-tips and techniques shared by mothers who have enjoyed a successful breastfeeding relationship. Services available include

monthly information meetings, lending library, and phone/email help for breastfeeding problems or questions. All mothers-to-be, mothers and babies are welcome.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 1st, 2009 at 6:30pm. Meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month at the James River Family YMCA. For information contact Lindsey at (701)320-3889 or lindscramer@yahoo.com.

North Dakota launches online organ registry

North Dakotans now can register online to be organ and tissue donors. Go to web site: www.donor.nd.gov. The new registry is in memory of Alexa Kersting, a 15 year-old West Fargo girl who died while waiting for a lung transplant in 2004.

Help is out there! Does someone you know drink too much or have a drug problem? **Help IS available** by calling your local telephone information number and asking for the number of the local Alcoholics Anonymous meeting or Narcotics Anonymous meeting, also the number for the local family support groups call Al-Anon/Alateen and Nar-Anon. Also...a free prayer book: "Prayers for Addicted persons and their loved ones," also free "Serenity Prayer Bookmarks," also a

free pamphlet: "Spirituality and Recovery from Addictions" and also a free pamphlet: "When They won't (Or can't) Quit Alcohol or Drugs" are available by contacting the National Catholic Council on Alcoholism and Related Drug Problems - Write, email or call the NCCA at: NCCA, 1501 Jolsyn Rd., Lake Orion, MI, 48360; email: ncca@guesthouse.org or Tel - (800)-626-6910-Ext.1200 (or check out the NCCA Website at: www.nccatoday.org.)